

Call for Papers

Sports and the city: competition, cultures, identities and urban life since 1880

The University of Westminster

24-25 April, 2012

Aimed at academics working on sport in metropolitan areas across the world, our conference focuses upon the nature and significance of sports and sporting arenas in the life of great cities. We hope to encourage a wide variety of contributors working on the following key themes:

Class and social control; ethnicity and sport; gender; sportswear, performance and the body; sporting arenas and facilities; sports and town planning issues; cities in relation to national and regional sports; international sporting events and urban regeneration; sports, spectacle and the place marketing of cities; sports and individual and collective identities; archives for sporting history and sports studies.

Our scope is global: we hope to receive proposals not only on Britain but on Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia. We are particularly interested in work being undertaken from the later nineteenth century to the present. Academics from a wide range of disciplines, including history, sociology, geography, cultural studies, town planning, and architecture and the built environment, are welcome to send abstracts to:

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Deadline for abstracts of 300-400 words: 25 November, 2011

The conference will be held in the Fyvie Hall, in the historic 309 Regent Street building, at the University of Westminster, London.