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Sport for Peace? Critical Sociological Insights on the Problems and the Possibilities

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The field of 'sport and peace' has featured substantial activity and debate across a wide range of actors, notably governmental bodies, corporations, sport organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), campaign groups, and academics, at transnational, national, and community levels.

Drawing on extensive international research, this conference explores this complex and multi-layered field with respect to three interrelated themes. First, we probe the diverse meanings and manifestations of peace – particularly with reference to contemporary globalization processes – and their implications for sport-related activity. Second, we explore the global 'Sport for Development and Peace' (SDP) sector in which diverse actors utilize sport to pursue varying models or visions of peace in different contexts. Third, we examine how leading actors – such as nation-states, intergovernmental organizations, and international sport federations – seek to operate in the sport/peace field to enhance their 'soft power'.

In considering these issues, the discussion also explores the relationships of peace to social justice and human rights; and the question of what roles should be played by independent academic researchers in the sport/peace sphere and in the wider domains of politics and civil society.

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