



Though football increasingly attracts the attention of cultural historians, sociologists and social scientists more generally, research to date has focused largely on the elite professional game. Those who participate at lower levels – from non-elite amateur level to street football – have been largely neglected.



Against this backdrop, the workshop will bring together experts from various European countries with a mutual interest in grass-roots football. The intention is to establish a framework of discussion that will facilitate and encourage international and interdisciplinary co-operation and innovative approach more generally.

The workshop is open to academics, students and people generally interested.

Venue: German Sport University

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Arrival:

The GSU is located in Cologne-Müngersdorf, directly next to the Sportpark Müngersdorf and the RheinEnergieStadion.

Public transportation: Take the tram No. 1 (from Cologne-Deutz or Cologne-Neumarkt until the station Junkersdorf (direction Weiden)).

Car: You reach GSU via motorway driving A1, exit Köln-Lövenich. Follow the signposts to RheinEnergieStadion until GSU .



Academics in Charge:

Dr. Kristian Naglo (Giessen)

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mittag (Cologne)

Prof. Dr. Dilwyn Porter (Leicester)

„Small Worlds“

Football at the grass roots in a comparative European and global perspective



September 12th & 13th 2015
German Sport University
Cologne
Senatsaal

Workshop



Participants are invited to meet on [September 11th at 7 pm](#) for a social dinner in the guest house of German Sport University Col.

Saturday, September 12th 2015

12.00 pm - 13.00 pm

Welcome Lunch

1.00 pm - 1.15 pm

Jürgen Mittag (Cologne/Host)

Framework and organisation

Kristian Naglo (Giessen)

Introduction, Rationale, and Objectives

Dilwyn Porter (De Montfort University)

Welcome and Opening



Session 1:

Concepts and Case studies

1.15 pm - 4.35 pm

Darius Zifonun (Berlin)

Football as „social world“: conceptual considerations and a case study

Paul Campell (Wolverhampton)

That black boy's a different class! Race, class and local football in Leicester c.1982-2010

Oliver Fürtjes (Siegen)

Club rivalries and local communities - derbies and the interplay of figurations

Chair: Dilwyn Porter

4.35 pm - 5.00 pm

Coffee Break

Session 2:

Experiencing grass roots football

5.00 pm - 7.30 pm

John Williams (Leicester)

Community and identity in English „non-league“ football: Barwell FC - case study

Nina Degele (Freiburg)

Talking football - intersectional perspectives

Jürgen Mittag (Cologne)

Football as a Social Movement? Theoretical considerations and empirical studies

Chair: Kristian Naglo

07.30 pm

Social Dinner

Sunday, September 13th 2015

Session 3:

Perspectives on amateurism

9.30 pm - 12.45 pm

Dilwyn Porter (De Montfort University)

Scoring goals for fun: but where's the history?

Christoph Wagner (De Montfort University)

Experiencing football at the grass roots in England, France and Germany

Conor Curran (Dublin)

The regional infrastructure of grass-roots football in Ireland: a historical and contemporary assessment, 1945-2010

Kristian Naglo (Giessen)

Glocal Football-Imaginations. The '2014 FIFA World Cup Winner's Trophy' and 'Real Madrid' visit to German towns

Chair: Jürgen Mittag

12.30 pm

Kristian Naglo / Dilwyn Porter / Jürgen Mittag

Conclusions and Perspectives

