

1st POLIS-Workshop in Cologne at October 4th and 5th 2017: Summary minutes on results and perspectives

Dear colleagues,

we are glad to inform you that the first network-meeting of **POLIS – Policy and politics In Sport** has successfully taken place in Cologne. POLIS aims at a closer cooperation of academics who work in the emerging field of sport politics or who deal with political issues related to sport.

It was the objective of the workshop to explore further perspectives in this field. In addition to disciplinary, methodological and theoretical aspects particular attention has been given to comparative studies in sport politics.

The workshop has not just produced inspiring discussions but also provoked concrete activities that will be carried out in the next months. These summary minutes offer you an overview on results and perspectives. We would like to draw your attention above all to the workshops that have been planned for 2018. A POLIS website and mailing list, hosted provisionally at German Sport University, will be set up stepwise in the next few weeks in order to spread information and to offer the network a framework for communication and representation.

We appreciate your participation in these activities. And we are looking forward to critical comments, questions and – in particular – to your support.

All the best

Jeroen, Jürgen, Till and Ninja



Participants of the 1st POLIS-Workshop in Cologne: Thiago Santos, Till Müller-Schoell, Fernando Mezzadri, Ralf Kleinfeld, Jürgen Mittag, Susanna Soler, Torsten Wojciechowski, Jeroen Scheerder, Stefan Scholl, Remco Hoekman, Karen Petry, Søren Bennike, Ninja Putzmann, Quentin Tonerre, Alcion Alves (from left to right; not on the photo: Ilse Hartmann-Tews)

Starting Points



General Outcomes

Content: discussions and exchange

- >> Conceptual and theoretical approaches
- >> Definitions of sport politics
- >> Role of the state, the market, the third sector
- >> 'Classic' sport policies: grassroots sport (welfare logic) and elite sport (competitive logic)
- >> Case studies and empirical results
- >> Different levels, different competences, different federalism
- >> Impact of sport politics (positive and negative)
- >> Comparison over time and context in time
- >> Data and methods: extension and adaption to existing data; categories and indicators



Outputs: ideas and future plans

- >> Joint publications
- >> Conferences and POLIS-panels
- >> Networking
- >> Funding

Follow-up-activities

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
Scientific meetings	
EASS conference at University of Bordeaux (23-26 May 2018)	Special session: "Sport policy and sport politics from a European perspective: a promising academic field" <i>More detailed ideas welcome (fixed)</i>
Sport&EU conference at Edge Hill University (03-04 July 2018)	Panel <i>Individual contributions welcome (optional)</i>
Reis conference at German Sport University Cologne (14-16 July 2018)	Panel <i>Individual contributions welcome (optional)</i>
Regular POLIS-meetings (date and venue open)	<i>Offers for hosting welcome (optional)</i>
Contacts and panels at political sciences conferences (e.g. CES, ECRP)	Extension of the network into mother disciplines <i>More detailed ideas welcome (optional)</i>
Funding:	
ERASMUS+	<i>Initiatives welcome</i>
ERASMUS+ sport	<i>Initiatives welcome</i>
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions - Individual Fellowship	<i>Initiatives welcome</i>
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions - Initial Training Network (ITN)	<i>Initiatives welcome</i>
Publications:	
Special issue: open call	- ejss >> Ansgar Thiel - IJSP >> Karen Petry <i>Ideas/ proposals welcome</i>
Edited volume	- Springer - Routledge - Palgrave <i>Ideas/ proposals welcome</i>
Journals for political sciences	<i>Ideas/ proposals welcome</i>
Two/small n-country comparisons	<i>Ideas/ proposals welcome</i>
Joint articles	<i>Ideas/ proposals welcome</i>
Working paper series	'Internal' publications on website <i>Submissions/ proposals welcome</i>
Communication:	
POLIS-homepage hosted at IESF (Institute of European Sport Development and Leisure Studies)/ GSU (German Sport University)	In Progress (administered by IESF) <i>Participating institutions can be represented with their logos</i>
POLIS-Mailing list on JiscMail	In Progress (administered by IESF)
Occasional newsletter	In Progress (administered by IESF)
Facebook-account	<i>Ideas/ proposals/administration welcome</i>



Day 1 (04/10/17)	Hoersaal 5 (Guest House)
10:30	Welcome at German Sport University
10:45-13:00	Introduction: short presentations [chair: Jürgen Mittag] - Personal background - Current research projects and activities - Network interests
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Section 1: conceptual and theoretical approaches [chair: Till Müller-Schoell] Inputs: - Jeroen Scheerder - Jürgen Mittag - Further input and discussion
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:15	Section 2: comparative sport politics: theoretical experiences and empirical results [chair: Till Müller-Schoell] Inputs: - Ralf Kleinfeld - Ninja Putzmann - Further input and discussion
17:15-17:30	Coffee break
17:30-19:00	Section 3: case studies of sport politics: theoretical experiences and empirical results [chair: Till Müller-Schoell] Inputs: - Søren Bennike - Torsten Wojciechowski - Further input and discussion
20:00	Dinner/ casual get together (19:40 Foyer) <i>Distinto Restaurant: Kirchweg 8, 50858 Köln</i>
Day 2 (05/10/17)	Senatssaal 2 (Institute Building II)
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:30	Section 4: data and methods [chair: Jeroen Scheerder] Inputs: - Remco Hoekman - Fernando Mezzadri, Thiago Santos and Alcion Alves - Stefan Scholl and Quentin Tonnerre - Further input and discussion
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:15	Section 5: follow-up activities [chair: Jeroen Scheerder and Ninja Putzmann] - Ideas for collaboration - Joint panels at conferences - Publications - Edited volumes - Joint applications for external funding
12:15-12:30	Reflections and Goodbye
12:30-13:30	Lunch
	<i>Time for individual talks/meetings</i>