

Copenhagen Summer School 2012
First Announcement



**Physical Activity and Sport: Current topics and emerging issues
from a human and social science perspective.**

Historical, Sociological, Psychological and Pedagogical approaches.

International Summer School for Young Researchers – Course for PhD Students.

Date: 20 – 25 of August, 2012

Place: Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Aims and topic

The Copenhagen Summer School 2012 will have the topic *Physical Activity and Sport: Current topics and emerging issues from a human and social science perspective*. This topic covers a broad area which allows experts and students to share experiences and expertise in their respective fields of research and to address relevant discourses and practices in various societies.

Since the last decades, physical activities and sport play an increasing role in the public discourses, at least in Western countries. Sport for all and elite sport are in the centre of public attention, both promising benefits for individuals and societies. Health and well being, education and social integration, entertainment, national presentation and identity are some of the assets which are currently discussed in connection with physical activities and sport. However, it is an open question if and under which conditions sport can meet these expectations. Here, it has to be taken into consideration that sport has many faces and that sport cultures differ dependent on traditions and current political, economic and social situations in the various countries and regions.

There has been conducted a considerable amount of research on those topics which provides an excellent basis for the discussion of the approaches and studies as well as the research and results of the experts and the students.

The Summer School provides a space to exchange ideas and knowledge about these and other current tendencies in the multiple areas of physical activities and sports.

The lectures will be based on current discourses, but there will be room for further questions and discussions which will open to new perspectives. The course will provide an excellent opportunity for students and lecturers to exchange knowledge about current

and emerging issues in their respective country. The Summer School will provide a forum which enables communication, networks and cooperation among the participants, students as well as lecturers.

The course is addressed to PhD students, Postdocs and young researchers and intends to support them in their scientific work. It offers them the opportunity of acquiring knowledge about the state of the art in the area of theories and methods, of presenting their research, of discussing problems, of obtaining advice from experts and of building up a network. It is hoped to help young researchers to become integrated into the scientific community.

Organisation

In keynote lectures the experts will address important questions, new approaches and results, problems and strategies of research, current trends and major issues in the area of sport ideologies, practices and realities. The students will have the opportunity of asking questions and discussing with the experts. In addition, there will be workshops and panel discussions. All students will have the opportunity to present their own projects and get a feedback from experts and other students. Papers with the main outlines of these projects must be submitted before the Summer School begins. In addition, the experts are available for individual supervision.

Credits

The students can obtain 5 ECTS points, by presenting and discussing their project in a workshop and write an assignment on topics of the Summer School. The assignment will be evaluated by the experts.

Experts

Scholars of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences (to be confirmed)

Guest lecturers (to be confirmed)

Dorothee Alfermann, Universität Leipzig, Germany

Gerald Gems, North Central College, USA

Ken Green, University of Chester, UK (has to be confirmed)

Joseph Maguire, Loughborough University, UK

Jennifer Smith Maguire, University of Leicester, UK

Patricia Vertinsky, University of British Columbia, Canada

Susanna Hedenborg, Malmö University, Sweden

and others

Selection of the students

The Summer School will take place in collaboration with the International Societies for Sport History (ISHPES) and Sport Sociology (ISSA), the European Association of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC) and the International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW).

Participants are expected to be PhD students, Postdocs or young researchers (e.g. planning a PhD or working on their PhD). The participants may work in different disciplines from pedagogy to history.

Participants will be selected according to the following criteria: relevance of the topic and quality of the project. Note that Danish and international PhD students have first priority to this course. The number of students will be 25 to 30 and the Summer School aims to include participants from as many countries as possible.

The participation in the Summer School is free of charge.

Travel and accommodation have to be covered by the participants. The Summer School has in advance booked accommodation at a youth hostel in the centre of Copenhagen.

Call for applications

Please, fill in the online application form at www.ifi.ku.dk/summerschool and e-mail your CV to phdsummerschool@ifi.ku.dk no later than April 27th 2012.

Applicants will be informed of their acceptance in mid May.