Dear colleagues,

Call for papers for a special issue of Sport in Society on ‘Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Sport, Leisure and Management’. Guest editors Dr Thomas Fletcher and Dr Kate Dashper, Leeds Metropolitan University.

When even an Old Etonian Conservative Prime Minister makes public statements condemning racism in British football, as David Cameron did in February 2012, the most sceptical of us can see both the importance of sport in everyday lives, and the inequity of modern sport itself. Despite the mythology of sport bringing people together and encouraging everyone to work together to success, modern sport remains a site of exclusionary practices that operate on a number of levels. Although sports participation is, in some cases at least, becoming more open and meritocratic, at the management level it remains very homogenous; dominated by western, white, middle-aged, able-bodied men. This has implications both for how sport develops and how it is experienced by participants, from the grassroots level right up to elite athletes.

This special edition invites manuscripts exploring a diversity of sport, leisure and management practices, at all levels. Papers should promote a critical (re) evaluation of existing cultures, structures and practices, which develop our understanding of current diversity, equity and inclusion issues in sport, leisure and management. Empirical and conceptual papers from researchers at all stages in their careers are encouraged.

Submissions are welcome from a range of topics, which explore issues broadly related to diversity, equity and inclusion in sport, leisure and management, including, but not limited to:

- Sex/gender
- ‘Race’/ethnicity
- Whiteness
- Class
- Sexuality
- Age
- Disability
- Religion
- Intersectionality
- Presentation of self
- Power and politics
- Policy
- Discrimination
- Organisational cultures
- Research methodology
- Coaching
- Strategy
• Public relations
• Human resource management
• Conflict

Expressions of interest in the form of a 300 word (maximum) abstract and author biography should be directed to the editors by 30 April, 2012. A selection of authors will be contacted by 31 May, 2012 and invited to submit full papers by 30 November, 2012. All papers will be subject to peer review process.

Papers should be submitted directly to the editors via email and/or post. Email submissions should be in the form of an MS Word file.

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We really look forward to your submissions.

Regards,
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