



Announcement

Sports in Africa and Asia between Identity Politics, Body Cultures and Secular Ritual

Workshop from 14/11/2008 until 16/11/2008 at the ZMO

Venue

Zentrum Moderner Orient
Kirchweg 33

14129 Berlin

The programme will be announced in November.

Sports and related body cultures have in recent years increasingly been explored in terms of their social, cultural and intellectual implications. Using them as a lens to investigate social processes, forms of representation, sets of symbols but also counter-discourses has gained increasing scholarly attention. While the last two decades witnessed a rise in relevant works on Africa and Asia, they are still outnumbered by the extensive research on Europe and North America. Furthermore, the majority of studies on sports in the Global South are focused on team sports or collective categories of athletes, thus, neglecting the individual aspect of physical culture.

It is the aim of this ZMO workshop to contribute to the debate about the interplay between body cultures and the world system of sports, which is based on globalised standards, such as the charter of the International Olympic Committee. A particular interest of this workshop, which feeds into the larger ZMO research programme on "Muslim worlds - world of Islam?", is to explore social fields of tension concerning participation and self-presentation of athletes in conformity with Islamic principles while fully endorsing the rules of competition.

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The convenors, PD Dr. Birgit Krawietz and Dr. Katrin Bromber, are currently working in a joint research project "A Contest between Worlds of Sport: Competing Patterns of Order and Forms of Representation in Body Cultures in Africa and Asia"