

Sport, Race and Ethnicity: Building a Global Understanding

A conference to be staged by the School of Leisure, Sport and Tourism, University of Technology Sydney, 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2008*

On 26 Dec 1908 in Sydney, Australia, the African-American boxer Jack Johnson (USA) defeated 'white' title holder Tommy Burns (Canada), claiming the world heavy-weight championship and effectively breaking the 'colour bar' in American boxing. One hundred years later, in the same city where this momentous event took place, delegates are invited to discuss ways in which notions of 'race' and ethnicity have shaped world sport, and continue to do so. These areas of focus are conceived broadly, and may thus encompass interrelated themes such as indigeneity and cultural and linguistic diversity. Attendees from every part of the globe and any social background will be made equally welcome.



Themes for discussion include:

- Patterns of change in terms of race and ethnicity in sport
- Inclusion or exclusion from sport on the basis of race or ethnicity
- Policy innovations with respect to race and ethnicity in sport
- Assumptions of athletic ability according to race or ethnicity
- Media representations of race and ethnicity in sport
- Sport for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
- Career opportunities in and around sport for CALD communities
- Sports stars as role models for CALD communities
- Sport and gender differences in CALD communities



Keynote speakers

- Prof John Hoberman, Univ of Texas at Austin, USA
- Prof John Sugden, Univ of Brighton, UK
- Dr Kevin Hylton, Leeds Metrop Univ, UK



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