Special Issue: Sociology of Sport Journal
A Critical Examination of Race and Antiracism in the Sport for Development Field: Reimagining and Recreating Spaces for True Racial Inclusion and Equity

The Sport for Development (SfD) field is centered on the role of sport in facilitating positive developmental and social change outcomes. In recent years, there have been important critical analyses of racism and antiracism in the SfD field (e.g., Anderson et al., in press; Darnell, 2007, 2010, 2014; Forde, 2015; Gardam et al., 2017; Hartmann, 2016; Hayhurst, 2016; Hayhurst et al., 2016; Nicholls et al., 2011; Nols et al., 2019). This writing has examined, inter alia, the ways in which SfD is built upon race and racism, and the processes by which SfD perpetuates racist hierarchies particularly through knowledge production, development expertise, and/or encounters with difference in place. However, the lack of comprehensive critical research and writing on the broader practices and experiences of racialization and antiracism in and through the SfD field is alarming and requires timely intervention.

This special issue seeks critical examinations of research, policy, and practice that highlight, describe, and challenge racism, racist practices, and racial hierarchies in the SfD field, and in doing so, move closer to improving experiences and outcomes for racial groups facing intersecting oppressions. In this special issue, race and racism are conceptualized as socially constructed systems of oppression grounded in political and economic domination on the basis of phenotypical and cultural identities and backgrounds. Relatedly, this special issue will explore a range of intersecting oppressions, including but not limited to post-colonial and settler colonialism relations, anti-Black racism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Indigenous racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism, ableism, classism, ageism, heterosexism, and transphobia.

The special issue welcomes theoretical, empirical, and conceptual submissions from a broad range of disciplines, along with a range of theoretical sub-disciplines in sociology (e.g., critical race theory, post-colonialism, critical whiteness studies). Given the intersection between race and racism with other social locations (e.g., gender, class, ethnicity, sexuality, geography), we certainly welcome intersectional analyses between antiracism and feminism, queer theory, neo-Marxism, and beyond. However, this special issue is particularly interested in manuscripts with an explicit centering of race and anti-racism analyses. Different stakeholders such as researchers, educators, practitioners, policymakers, and participants are encouraged to submit manuscripts, with the hope of cultivating antiracist communities of practice. Potential topics include, but not limited to:

- The racialized experiences of Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and multiracial/multicultural researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and participants in SfD
spaces.
- The history of race, racism, and intersectionality in SfD practice, policy, and research.
- The existence, structure, functioning, and impact of SfD in diverse spaces and across global contexts, with a particular focus on programs led by those who belong to racial groups subjected to intersecting oppressions.
- Practices for igniting positive change in SfD practice, policy, and research through antiracism beliefs, systems, structures, policies, practices, and outcomes.
- Methodological approaches, paradigms, and ideologies (in research, policy, and practice) that are problematic as it concerns race and antiracism in SfD
- Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary insights into ways in which SfD can be more equitable, inclusive, and just field.

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