

SPORTS

theory vs. praxis?



Roosh vs. Rodríguez-Vega, WC 2013 Moscow
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CALL FOR PAPERS

In our time, the importance of sports is probably undisputed and obvious. Sport's benefits and virtues related to health, the care of the self, mental hygiene, the friendship are well known for most. Over the time, sport has developed into a gigantic and profitable industry that is now a relevant part of both national and global economies. However there seems to be a latent prejudice against sports regarding the use of time, giving it a sort of minority role, a secondary and dismissible part of our lives.

In the present pandemic days, we witness silhouettes of panic and irrationality that remind us the need of courage in hard times and sharing light in dark days. When health and surviving has become the center of our lives, many scholars discuss the value of action, specifically sports, in a scenario of a catastrophe. It seems that situations of emergency tend to bring forth the most important things, what really matters. Therefore, we are bound to recognize the value of things that usually are disregarded. In this case we want to focus on the vital importance of sports. On the other hand, it is obvious that we are all connected, we are all in the same boat. Under these circumstances the social phenomena like sports are the bonds that unite us.

However, what does not seem so accepted are the relations between thought and sports, or the combination of theory and praxis in general. It seems that theory has become a distanced outcast while praxis emerges only as a single and independent event. In the obsession for results that consigned the processes to oblivion where their importance can now be rediscovered, we invite all interested to meet in Coimbra University to discuss theory and praxis of sport. We would like to revisit the Kantian provocation "*that might be right in theory but it won't work in practice*" and mediate the complex relationship between theory and practice in today's sporting world. The goal of our event is simple and daring: we want to challenge thinking about the thorny relation theory and praxis in the various fields of sport, theoretical or practical, deductive or inductive, or a perspective combining different views. We are looking for contributions that open new theoretical

perspectives to sport as a contemporary and historical concept and human practice in context of the philosophy of sport.

The subjects that intend to promote interdisciplinarity, might include, but are not limited, to the following topics:

- Sport and body
- Sport and time
- Sport and movement
- Sport and rhythm
- Sport and beauty
- Sport and values
- Sport and strength
- Sport, care and health
- Sport and performance
- Sport and academic disciplines
- Sport in the first person: from autobiography to Political History
- Sports and Politics
- Sport and contemporary dilemmas: nature, identity, future and mission
- Special section: “*Vida vivida, Vida Pensada / Life lived, life thought*”. Tribute to Professor Sílvio Lima and to Professor Moniz Pereira
- Special section: Philosophy of Sport in the Portuguese speaking world. Rethinking main paradigms.

The conference aims to be a national and international landmark in the relationship between philosophy and sport but also in the dialogue with different approaches and academic disciplines or practices. One of the main focuses, beyond the structuring dichotomy between theory and practice, will be the question of ethics and care.

With the support of the *Portuguese Foundation for Sports / Fundação do Desporto* the conference will be awarding two travel awards (350 euros each), and two student essay prizes (150 euros each).

Has announced above, we are happy to celebrate and to honor the memory of two of the most brilliant Portuguese minds related to sports in a special section called “*vida vivida, vida pensada*”, a celebration and evocation of Professor Sílvio Lima and his reflections on sport celebrating his connection to philosophical thought, but also Professor Moniz Pereira in his absolutely unique life and teachings.

We would like to invite all the academic community, athletes, coaches, teachers, students, media, and the general public, to be with us in Coimbra to share ideas and knowledge, to promote reflection and build bridges across cultures and origins.

Advisory Board:

Mário Santiago Carvalho (*IEF*)

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José Lima (*PNED*)

Carlos Gonçalves, (*UC*)

António Figueiredo (*UC*)

Confirmed Keynote Speakers :

Manuel Sérgio, Faculdade de Motricidade Humana, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa

https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuel_S%C3%A9rgio

Alfredo Teixeira, Universidade Católica

<https://ft.ucp.pt/person/alfredo-teixeira>

Inaugural Speech:

António Figueiredo, Vice-Reitor UC, <https://www.uc.pt/governo/reitoria/antoniofigueiredo>

Invited speakers:

José Lima, Pned <http://www.pned.pt/o-pned/equipa-coordenadora.aspx>

João Capela, Referee https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jo%C3%A3o_Capela

Tomás Moraes, Former Rugby national team coach <http://www.tomazmoraes.pt/>

João Tiago Lima, Évora University <https://uevora.academia.edu/JoaoTiagoLima>

Abstracts should be sent to this email address: constantinomar@gmail.com or matti.tainio@iki.fi .

They must not exceed 500 words with a small biographical note, and may be submitted in Portuguese or English. Presentations will be 20 minutes in Portuguese or English. Conference proceedings will be published in a book sponsored by the Fundação do Desporto. Participation and attendance is free.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission: until 30 July 2020

Notification of the decision: 1 September 2020

Organization:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcGLsRH5xv8>

<https://www.uc.pt/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPUvHAYvWRw>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coimbra>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Con%C3%ADmbriga>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gBqFWAjMJ0>

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