



December 2021 #2

Words from the eass president

Dear EASS members,

This is my first Newsletter words as President for EASS and I'm really looking forward to be setting the scene for the next two years together with a very competent board. I really appreciate the way the EASS board is organized with the past-president and the president-elect. It gives the new presidents the best basis with knowledge from the past-president Remco Hoekman (Netherlands) and the rest of the board. Furthermore, it gives the president-elect Hanna Vehmas (Finland) the best start with two years being working closely with me as the president and at the same time she can support me. I also want to welcome the rest of the team Anna Vilanova

(Spain) as a new secretary-general, the very experienced treasurer Torsten Schlesinger (Germany) and the Chief Editor of our journal EJSS Adam Evans (Denmark).

We also elected members to the Extended Board representing quite a lot of different countries; Åsa Strandbu (Norway), Jesús Fernandez Gavira (Spain), Loredana Tallarita (Italy), Magnus Ferry (Sweden), Michal Lenartowich (Polen) and Perényi Szilvia (Hungary). Hereby our work will can be diffused to as many researchers as possible. I'm looking forward to work together with all of you in the years to come.

As a new president, I think I have to give a short presentation of my vision and myself for EASS. I'm from Denmark and I'm an associate professor in sports-sociology at University of Copenhagen at the department for Nutrition, Exercise and Sport where I'm the head of the section for all research and teaching in the social and –humanity sciences and I'm heavily involved as a vice-president in our Centre for Team Sport and Health.

My vision for EASS is it off course to continue the excellent work that the former presidents and boards have been doing to promote sports-sociology (social science and social research in sport) in Europe and to get members from all the European countries. EASS is a very successful and heathy organisation. It is a democratic NGO and this is important to protect and remember in all our work. Close connected to democracy is transparency that is important to be aware of and always have on the agenda of our board and the work we do. All the members can read the Newsletters on our homepage and follow our work. Europe is a diverse part of the world with many countries and a lot of different languages and (sport) cultures. This gives us a special task by being inclusive, tolerant towards the different sports traditions, and even more tolerant of the different languages. In EASS, we have chosen British English as our common language in all our activities but we do have to use English in a respectful manner. No one has to be perfect when writing in our newsletter (I know I'm not), attending our meetings or presenting papers at our annual conferences. Nevertheless, we all have to try to talk English and we all have to accept that not everyone speak as a native British citizen. Otherwise, we will not be able to work together and expand the sports-sociology in Europe.

For me the European perspective are of significance for all our work and this are e.g. being expressed in the YRA (Young Researcher Award). Where we in 2022 have stressed that, the papers have to have a focus on Europe

(empirical data) or at least a comparative perspective between Europe and other countries. Please make your PhD students aware of this possibility.

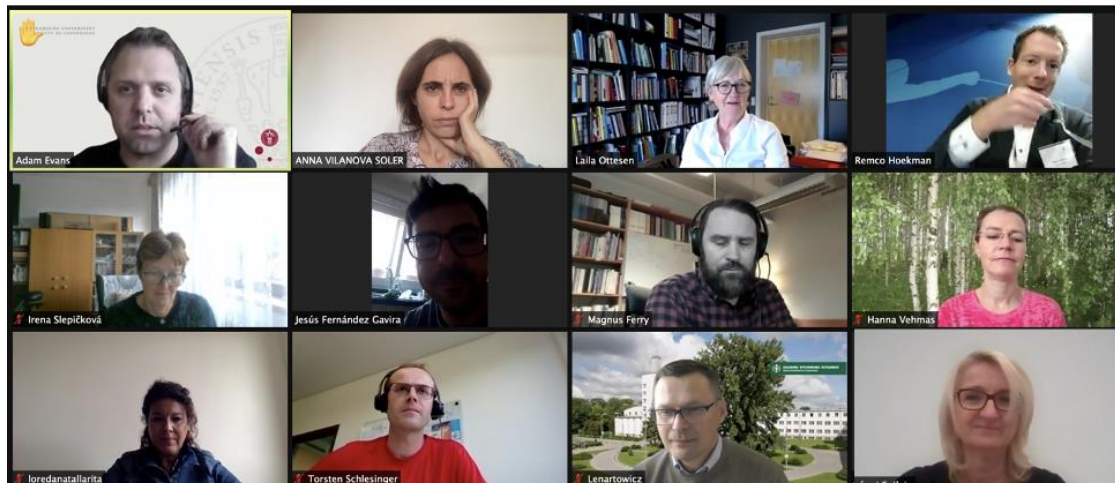
The European perspective is also important to stress in the next years EASS conference, which is a joint conference with ISSA in Tübingen in Germany. We are very grateful to ISSA and Ansgar Thiel for taking on the hard job to organize a joint conference in 2022. ISSA are currently in the final preparations for the conference website. As soon as the abstract and registration portal are open, we will send you some additional information via the EASS newsletter. We hope that you all will help us to promote the conference to colleagues and PhD students.

Last year the past-president wrote in this newsletter that:

"It is over a year ago that we first learned of the COVID-19 virus. Who could imagine that this pandemic would be a burden to the world for so long? It has impacted all parts of society and it will do so for quite some time in the future." It is hard to be a fortuneteller but as you all know by now, we are still hit by the COVID-19 virus and this also made an impact for the EASS conference in 2021 that had to be a conference. The successful organizing committee of the EASS2013 conference in Cordoba agreed to take up the responsibility to organize the EASS2021 online conference in a partnership of Universidad de Sevilla, University of Cordoba and Pablo de Olavide University. Everything at the conference worked well and I here want to give David Moscoso, Álvaro Rodríguez Díaz and Jesús Fernández Gavira many thanks from the board. We really appreciated all your hard work and your skills in handling an online conference.

The board and I are looking forward to meet you all in Tübingen in June 7.-10. 2022, the title is: *Why interdisciplinary sports research works*. The conference looks really well organized with a very busy program!

Let us hope that the COVID-19 has stopped and disappeared in the year to come so we can have a nice conference in Germany. All the best to all of you and stay healthy!



New eass board

A new board was elected in the General Assembly on September 9th.

[Laila Ottesen](#) (University of Copenhagen) took her stand as the President
[Hanna Vehmas](#) (University of Jyväskylä) was elected as the President elect
[Remco Hoekman](#) (Mulier Institute) took his stand as Past President
[Anna Vilanova](#) (National Institute of Physical Education of Catalonia) was elected as Secretary General
[Torsten Schlesinger](#) (Ruhr University Bochum) was re-elected as Treasurer
[Adam B. Evans](#) (University of Copenhagen) continues as ejsj Chief Editor

Other re-elect or new board members for the two-year period are:

- [Michal Lenartowich](#) (Poland)
- [Åse Strandbu](#) (Norway)
- [Irena Slepičková](#) (Czech Republic)
- [Jesús Fernandez Gavira](#) (Spain)
- [Loredana Tallarita](#) (Italy)
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European Sociology meets in Andalusia to analyse the situation of sport in the wake of the epidemiological crisis

Between 7 and 10 September, the 17th Congress of the European Association for Sociology of Sport (EASS) was held in Andalusia, entitled "Sports in the face of the global health crisis of COVID-19. Great social challenges".

The current critical situation of sport requires an in-depth analysis to address the various difficulties it is facing as a result of this epidemiological crisis.

172 sociologists and sports scientists from 70 universities and scientific research centres from Japan, China, Brazil, Argentina, New Zealand, as well as a large part of the countries of the European Union, with 28 nationalities represented, took part in the congress.

Coinciding with the hosting of the European Year of Sport in Andalusia, the autonomous community hosted the 17th EASS Congress "Sports in the face of the global health crisis of COVID-19. Great social challenges", the official congress of the European Association for Sociology of Sport (EASS). An event that has finally been organised telematically, due to the epidemiological crisis. This is the first time in the history of this European association that its official annual congress has been held for the second time in the same country, with Andalusia as the congress venue on both occasions.

Different universities have participated in the organisation of the Congress, with the University of Cordoba and the University of Seville as the central management bodies, and it had the support and collaboration of the Regional Ministry of Education and Sport, the Andalusian Institute of Sport, the Andalusian Studies Centre Public Foundation of the Andalusian Regional Government, and the Sociology of Sport Research Committee of the Spanish Federation of Sociology.

The congress was attended by 172 sociologists and PhDs in sport sciences from around 30 European, Asian and South American countries, belonging to 70 universities and scientific research centres. During the event, 17 conference panels and 112 framework papers on sport policies, management, media, youth, health and well-being, discrimination and violence, gender and sexuality, among many other topics, were held. In addition, presentations were given. There was also a workshop for young researchers on how to submit research project proposals within the framework of the European Commission.

The invited speakers, were Mark Doidge (University of Brighton, United Kingdom), Kari Fasting (Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Norway), Ramón Spaaij (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), Belinda Weaton (University of Waikato, New Zealand) and Raúl Sánchez (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain), who gave lectures on solutions to sport management in the context of the epidemiological crisis, the democratisation of sport from a gender perspective, a critical view of the main conflicts in football in the European context and the emergence of new outdoor sports such as hiking and mountain biking.

For more information, please contact Jesús Fernández jesusfgavira@us.es and **David Moscoso** dmoscoso@uco.es. **Conference Presidents**

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2022 EASS & ISSA
WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT
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EASS & ISSA World Congress of Sociology of Sport

The local organising committee of the *2022 World Congress of Sociology of Sport* is inviting you to attend the first joint ISSA and eass conference from June 7 to 10, 2022 in Tübingen, Germany. The conference theme is “Why does sociology matter?”.

For early career researchers (i.e. PhD and Master students) we will host a pre-conference workshop on June 6, 2022.

Keynotes:

Prof. Jeremy Freese (Stanford University)

Prof. Cassie Phoenix (Durham University)

Registration and abstract submission are now open.

Early bird registration closes on March 15, 2022

The deadline for [abstract submission](#):

January, 17, 2022.

We are looking forward to see you in Tübingen next year!



New Young Researcher Award – European focus

Call for Papers 2022

The European Association for Sociology of Sport is proud to announce the 14th Eass Young Researcher Award. From this year, **all submitted papers must be related to the European context as either the empirical bases or the thematic focus for the study.**

The aim of the award is to facilitate the integration of outstanding graduate students and early career researchers into the European community of sociology of sport scholars. The award will be granted to a scholarly paper authored by an early-career researcher, which is deemed by a panel of judges to be of highest quality. The winning author will be invited to receive the award and present the paper at the Annual [Conference of the Eass](#). The winning paper may be considered for publication in the [European Journal for Sport and Society](#).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 31st January 2022

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European Journal for Sport and Society (EJSS): November 2021 Editorial Update

As part of the updated newsletter of the European Association for the Sociology of Sport. The intention is to provide a brief overview of progress at the Journal.

Aims and scope

The journal continues to make good progress, with an ever-increasing number of submissions made. In conjunction, the Editorial board has updated the aims and scope of the journal to more succinctly highlight the central focus of the journal on the sociology of sport. The updated aims and scope is available on the journal home page.

Changes in the Editorial Board

The board has seen several changes over the past twelve months, and we are delighted to welcome Prof. Dr. Pamela Wicker of Bielefeld University to the Editorial board. Previously a member of the Scientific Board, Pamela's expertise in quantitative methods, economics and organizational studies (amongst other things) is a valuable addition to the board.

We also welcome two new Editorial Assistants, Laura Wilcock (University of Copenhagen and Leeds Beckett University) and Georgia Clay (University of Copenhagen and Lincoln University). We thank Joanna Blackwell and

Gareth McNarry for their great contributions over the past two years, and wish them all the best for the future.

Latest Issue

Finally, we are delighted to invite readers to immerse themselves in Vol 18(3) of EJSS, which takes the form of a special issue focused upon Sport, Race/ethnicity in the wake of the black lives matter. For this issue, we welcome guest editors Prof. Kevin Hylton (Sussex University), Dr. Paul Ian Campbell (University of Leicester), Dr. Sine Agergaard and Dr. Verena Lenneis (both Aalborg University), who together aided in selection and editing of the papers included. The issue contains the following papers:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ress20/18/3>

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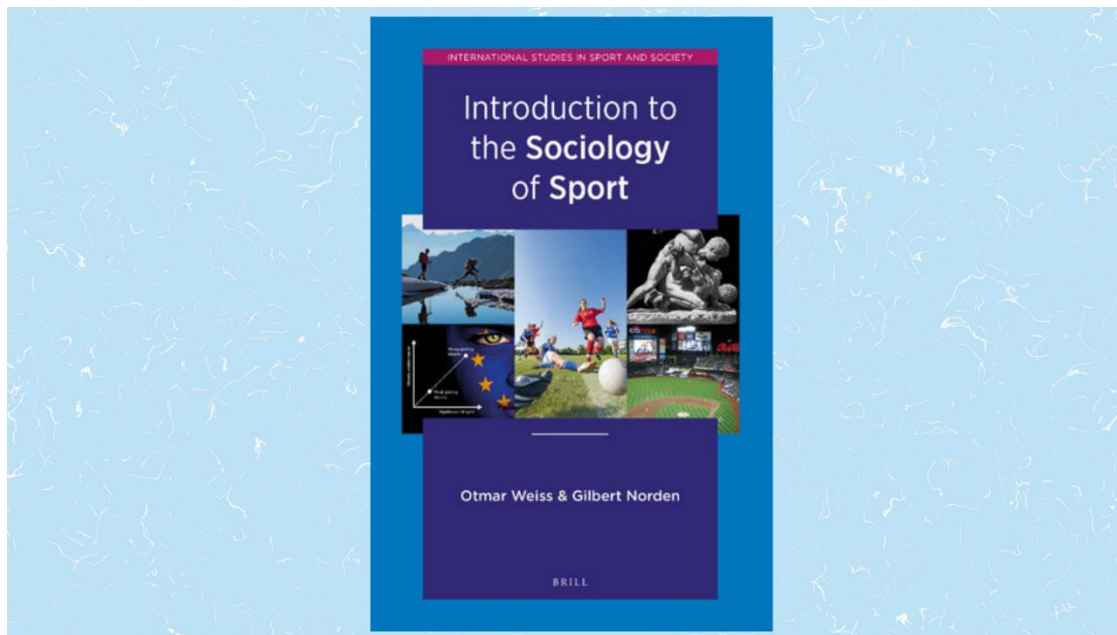
We are pleased to inform you that the next student application round is starting 5th of January 2022.

If you want to know more about the programme, come and join us for the Webinars:

Information about the webinars [here](#)

Feel free to circulate the information and for further queries you can email respo@jyu.fi.

[Further information about admission criteria and content](#)



Introduction to the Sociology of Sport

Authors: [Otmar Weiss](#) and [Gilbert Norden](#)

The sociology of sport is a relatively new scientific discipline, which has spread rapidly and developed in different directions across the world. It investigates social behavior, social processes, and social structures in sport, as well as the relationship between sport and society. The book *Introduction to the Sociology of Sport* aims to give its readers a comprehensive overview of this fascinating topic. For this purpose, it shows the interrelations between sport and identity, social class, gender, socialization, social groups, (mass) communication, the

economy, and politics. In addition, the book introduces a new, innovative theory that helps readers understand the social specificity and worldwide popularity of sport.

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We would like to thank Otmar Weiss, Davide Sterchele, Jesús Fernandez Gavira, Torsten Schlesinger, Adam B. Evans, Hanna Vehmas, Laila Susanne Ottesen for their collaboration in the preparation of this newsletter and we invite you to send us any information you consider to be of interest to other eass members for the next newsletter.



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