



EBERHARD KARLS  
UNIVERSITÄT  
TÜBINGEN



## **9207 CULTURE, SPORT AND SOCIETY**

### **An elective course in the PhD program in Culture Studies**

A University College of Southeast Norway (HSN) – Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen joint production

Sport is an increasingly vibrant and important area of social and cultural life, and is therefore a key subject for study in its own right. The study of sport enables us to gain a much deeper understanding of culture, particularly with respect to cultural production and cultural politics.

#### **Academic content in course**

The PhD course will give 10 credits (ECTS) and the reading list is approximately 1,000 pages (see below). Proposed course content will include the following themes and issues:

- Sport, cultural politics and cultural identities; how can we compare sport politics, conflicts, symbols and identities with other cultural spheres?
- Sport and globalization; how can we compare, for example, sport mega-events, or sport and development projects, in different cultural contexts?
- Sport, economy and media in different cultural contexts
- Sport, the body and the environment in different cultural contexts
- Sport and socio-cultural 'problems' e.g. doping, violence, exclusion
- Research methods for studying sport

The course will feature one major overarching theme (e.g. sport and globalization), with a variety of sub-themes (e.g. sport and gender, sport and the body, sport and the environment).



EBERHARD KARLS  
UNIVERSITÄT  
TÜBINGEN



*Pedagogical Organization:*

Course participants will spend five working days together. The course will consist of lectures, paper presentations, discussion and supervision. Students will be required to submit a scientific essay; a diploma will be issued once the essay has been assessed and graded as a 'pass.'

**Required prerequisite knowledge**

A completed master level education within a relevant discipline.

**Learning outcomes**

*Knowledge:*

On completion of the course, students should have a good knowledge of: the key research themes and debates on the social and cultural dimensions of sport, such as on social divisions, identity, and global processes; and, how these themes and debates relate to culture, cultural production, and cultural politics. Students should know about the main theories and methods, and key substantive and empirical studies, within these fields of research.

*Skills:*

After completing the course, students should be able to apply their knowledge and skills from the course in order to identify, explore and solve new problems and issues in sport and to culture. These skills may involve the use of creative, logical and intuitive thinking, or may be more practical, in terms of using particular methods and tools of research.

*Competence:*



EBERHARD KARLS  
UNIVERSITÄT  
TÜBINGEN



In EQF competence is defined in terms of responsibility and autonomy. It is of particular importance that PhD students will have an improved scholarly ability to carry out their own research projects and take part in public and academic debates. The course is particularly intended to stimulate innovative and creative perspectives on sport and culture.

### Learning activities

The main teaching component of the course will consist of a full five days of lectures, by academic staff from participating universities, and seminars, to be attended by course registrants.

The international academic staff from participating universities includes

#### *University College of Southeast Norway:*

Nils Asle Bergsgard

Richard Giulianotti (Loughborough University, UK as well as HSN)

Hans Hognestad

Tommy Langseth

#### *Denmark and Sweden:*

Lone Friis Thing, Copenhagen University, Denmark

Tor Söderström, Umea University, Sweden

#### *Switzerland:*

Siegfried Nagel, University of Bern

#### *Germany:*

Ansgar Thiel, Tübingen University

Michael Mutz, Justus Liebig University Gießen

Ulrike Burrmann, TU Dortmund University

Torsten Schlesinger, Chemnitz University

The Academic Coordinator is Hans Hognestad, [hans.k.hognestad@usn.no](mailto:hans.k.hognestad@usn.no).

The Administrative Coordinator is Jeanne Schoenwandt, [jeanne.m.schoenwandt@usn.no](mailto:jeanne.m.schoenwandt@usn.no). Please contact Jeanne if you have questions concerning course registration, deadlines for submitting essays etc.

The Venue Coordinator is Alexia Schnell, [alexia.schnell@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:alexia.schnell@uni-tuebingen.de). Please contact Alexia if you have questions concerning accommodation. **\*Please note that if you wish to stay at the Youth Hostel you will need to let Alexia know latest 31 January. You will need to pay for this accommodation latest 31 January.\***

### Participation/Compulsory work requirements

Workshops will enable students to discuss their projects with lecturers and fellow students. Every PhD student should present a paper for discussion and participate actively in seminar discussions. Academic staff will primarily be the supervisors of the PhD students, and will be responsible for assessing the students' final essays. Students will also receive practical advice and guidance on writing up their projects, and on how to write for publication in academic books, journals and other media.

The course seeks to provide the basis for the development of long-term international research networks involving PhD students and more established scholars and researchers in the field of sport science.

### *Schedule and Venue:*

The course will feature one teaching session, which will take place between Monday 9 and Friday 13 April 2018 at Eberhard Karls Tübingen University, Germany. See schedule posted separately on the HSN and Tübingen websites.

### Forms of assessment

An essay of approximately 6,000 words is to be submitted by 1 June 2018.

### Course costs

Participants must cover their own costs for attending the course, that is travel, accommodation and evening meals. There are no registration or course fees.

The cost of lunch and snacks during the course will be covered by the course organizers, as will the dinner organized for Tuesday, April 10 in the evening and the social program.

### **Course registration**

The course is primarily open to PhD students, but if there is space, we will consider opening registration to qualified Masters students as well as post-doctoral fellows. Please complete the registration form on the HSN site and return it to [Jeanne.m.schoenwandt@usn.no](mailto:Jeanne.m.schoenwandt@usn.no).

Please be sure to include a 1 page project description along with your application. For students \*not\* enrolled at the University College of Southeast Norway, you will also need to include proof of registration in a PhD program.

If you wish to 'audit' the course, that is take the course without receiving credit, please contact the Academic Coordinator, Hans Hognestad, [hans.k.hognestad@usn.no](mailto:hans.k.hognestad@usn.no).