

Propositions

Who Can Represent the Nation?

Migration, citizenship and nationhood in the Olympic Games

1. Mass-mediated international sporting events reproduce a taken-for-granted bordered world.
2. Sporting competitions have not become ‘astonishingly’ more migratory.
3. Nationhood narratives are inherently distinct, shifting, contradictory and contingent.
4. Strategic uses of citizenship do not imply its marketisation per se.
5. The microcosm of sport should figure centrally in sociological research.
6. Approximately 160 years after Massimo d’Arzeglio famously announced «Abbiamo fatto l’Italia. Ora si tratta di fare gli italiani», ‘Italianness’ is still in the making.
7. From every SWOT Analysis of the social sciences, in particular of their methodologies, it follows that tech-capitalism is a major threat to their *raison d’être*.
8. Spending fewer hours behind desks and strolling aimlessly around the city more not only increases (academic) productivity, but also improves mental and physical health.
9. The academic travel culture contributes significantly to climate change and exacerbates social inequalities.
10. “The worst thing about this job is that nobody says thank you.” (Detachment, 2011)
11. Die wetenschap vermeerdert, vermeerdert smart.