



First Announcement – Call for Applications

Body Cultures and Health Discourses Historical, Sociological, Psychological and Pedagogical Approaches

International Summer School for Young Researchers Course for PhD Students

Date: August 12 – 18, 2008

Place: Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences,
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Aims and Concept

Currently, in all Western countries body cultures and health are in various ways in the centre of public attention. Physicians, politicians and scientists, parents and teachers, a considerable part of the population is either involved in the production or propagation of knowledge about the interdependencies between body, weight, health and physical activity or addressed by the messages and recipes which are everywhere, in the mass media, in the programs of municipalities or in the teaching materials of schools. In addition, health is an important issue in the current doping crisis which challenges the sport system as a whole. Moreover, health, sport and the body are increasingly used as means of social distinction and as symbolic capital. Health and appearance are no longer determined by destiny, but they are products of work and money. Various body cultures (and sub cultures) are promising certain images, are used for enactments and are part of identities. Various disciplines with different theoretical approaches, questions and methods are dealing with body

cultures and health, and there has been conducted a considerable amount of research.

This summer school will deal with various topics connected with body cultures and health. The teaching will be based on available knowledge, but there will be room for further questions and discussions which open new perspectives. The course will provide an excellent opportunity for students and lecturers to exchange knowledge about the specific sport systems, the body cultures, the health discourses (including practices) in various scientific disciplines and in various countries. It will also lead to communication, networks and cooperation among the participants.

The summer school is addressed to PhD students and young researchers and intends to support them in their scientific work. It offers them the opportunity of acquiring knowledge about the state of the art in the area of theories and methods, of presenting their research, of discussing problems, of obtaining advice from experts and of building up a network. It is hoped to help young researchers to become integrated into the scientific community.

The involvement of internationally renowned experts will guarantee that knowledge and advice as well as the evaluation of students' papers will contribute decisively to research of high quality and relevance.

Experts

- Associate professor Laila Ottesen, Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Professor Gertrud Pfister, Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Professor Gerald Gems, North Central College, Naperville, USA
- Dr. Elizabeth Pike, School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences, University of Chichester, England
- Professor Andrew Sparkes, Exeter University, England (has to be confirmed)
- Professor Annette Hofmann, University College of Education, Ludwigsburg, Germany

and others.

Organisation

In keynote lectures the experts will address important questions, new approaches and results, problems and strategies of research, current trends and main issues in the area of sport, education and socialisation. The students will have the opportunity of asking questions and discussing with the experts. In addition, all students will give a report of their own projects. Papers with the main outlines of these projects must be submitted before the summer school begins. There will be an in-depth discussion of each research project in working groups. In addition, the experts are available for individual supervision.

Selection of the students

The summer school will take place in collaboration with the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport (ISHPES), The International Sport Sociological Association (ISSA) and the European Association of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC) and the International Association for Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW).

Participants should be young researchers (either planning a PhD, working on their PhD or post docs). Participants will be selected according to the following criteria: topic, state of research, quality of the project. The participants may work in different disciplines from pedagogy to history.

The number of participants will be between 20 and 25; it is aimed to include students from as many countries as possible.

The participation in the Summer School is free. Travel and accommodation has to be covered by the participants. There is the opportunity to sleep in a youth hostel in the centre of Copenhagen. We have applied for funding and may be able to provide free lunches.

Call for applications

Please fill out application form and forward it by e-mail to Christina Christensen: phdsummerschool@ifi.ku.dk

Deadline: May 16, 2008.

Further information

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