

The Center for African Studies

With support from the Institute of European Studies and the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of California, Berkeley

Presents a Research Workshop

African Athletes & Migration to the European Union – Beyond Men’s Football

May 9-10, 2017

Location: 223 Moses, University of California, Berkeley

There is a growing body of scholarly work on migration related to sport. With respect to Africa, this research has mainly focused on male footballers leaving Africa for Europe. What of women footballers and of athletes in other sports? What of EU-based coaches, agents and medical personnel working in sports in Africa? With funding from the European Union-funded Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley, this workshop will look beyond men's football to explore other aspects of sport-related migration between Africa and the European Union.

Goals of the workshop include:

- To assess whether and how what we have learned about men’s football (soccer) migration is applicable in other arenas;
- To assess progress in knowledge production around women’s football and Africa-EU migration;
- To map out promising and innovative areas of research, especially in sports other than football;
- To consider theories, methods and data sources for pursuing this research;
- To consider various ways of disseminating knowledge and promoting discussion, including through journalism, graphic novels, and other media;
- To generate new research questions;
- To connect with the Sport Migration Network based at Aarhus University in Denmark (<http://sportmigration.au.dk/>);
- To introduce this topic to scholars and students at UC Berkeley and in the Bay Area.

The day and a half workshop includes panels, a round-table and a summary session. The first panel will cover an assessment of the current state of theory, methods, data, research and knowledge on the migration of African footballers, male and female, to Europe. Subsequent panels will turn to other sports, especially basketball and athletics. In all panels, gender will be a key frame for analysis. In the roundtable, participants will focus on the practicalities of conducting such research. The final session will summarize critical next steps for theorizing and conducting research on migration and African athletes.

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Schedule Overview

Tuesday, May 9

11:00 -11:10 AM	Introductions
11:10 -1:10 PM	Panel Session 1
1:10 - 2:00 PM	Lunch break
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Panel Session 2
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Panel Session 3



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Wednesday, May 10



Gambian wrestler 'Mille Franc'
Ali Mbenqu, d. Nov 10, 2016

9:30 - 11:30 AM	Panel Session 4
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Roundtable on practicalities of research
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Final Session: The Way Forward Critical Next Steps
3:00 - 4:45 PM	Workshop Reception, Workshop End

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5:00 - 7:00 PM	Critical Theory Program Lecture by Mahmood Mamdani, Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall, Townsend Center
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Detailed Schedule

Tuesday, May 9

11:00 - 11:10 AM Introduction to each other and the Workshop

11:10 - 1:10 PM Panel 1: Framing the topic – What can we learn from Football Migration?

An assessment of the current state of theory, methods, data, research and knowledge on the migration of African footballers, male and female, to Europe

Presenters

- Sine Agergaard, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Mari Haugaa Engh, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Discussant

- Sam Dubal, Harvard & University of California, Berkeley, USA

1:10 - 2:00 PM Lunch Break

2:00 - 4:00 PM Panel 2: Track & Field and Migration

Presenters

- Teresa Krug, freelance journalist, formerly with Al Jazeera, USA
- Wycliffe Njororai Simiyu, University of Texas at Tyler, USA

Discussant

- Derek Van Rheenen, University of California, Berkeley, USA

4:00 - 4:15 PM Break

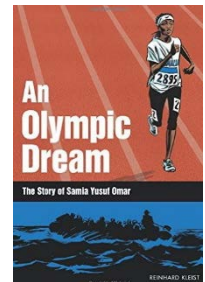
4:15 - 5:00 PM Panel 3: Sport and Physical Education Experiences of Migrants in Europe

Presenter

- Kristin Walseth, Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway

Discussant

- Dania Cabello, Futbol Artist and Sport Liberation Educator, Oakland, CA USA



Wednesday, May 10

9:30 AM -11:30 PM Basketball and Migration

Presenters

- Gerard Akindes, Josoor Institute, Qatar
- Martha Saavedra, University of California, Berkeley, USA

Discussant

- Beth Packer, École Des Hautes Études En Sciences Sociales, France



Senegalese Women's and Nigerian Men's Teams, 2015 Afrobasket Champions

11:30-12:30 Lunch break

12:30 - 2:00 PM Roundtable: Practicalities of conducting this research: Methods and Data

Moderator: Martha Saavedra

2:00 - 3:00 PM Final Session: The way forward: Critical next steps for theorizing and conducting research on migration and African athletes.

3:00 - 4:45 PM Reception

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End of Workshop

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5:00 PM International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs
Lecture

"Between the Scholar and the Public Intellectual: The University in the Contemporary African Context," Mahmood Mamdani, Herbert Lehman Professor of Government at Columbia University and Director of the Makerere Institute for Social Research in Uganda. Geballe Room, 220 Stephens, Townsend Center.

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