

**19th CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
FOR SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT  
“TRANSITIONING SPORT – TRANSITIONING EUROPEAN  
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The 2023 EASS conference was held in the picturesque city of Budapest and at the Hungarian University of Sport Science with over 120 participants and 110 conference papers. Presentations in 32 parallel sessions, with more than a hundred contributions from delegates, focused on a range of different topics, with an emphasis on diversity and health. Several sessions focused on specific social groups, analysis of sport and gender, and many presentations yet explored and assessed the effects of Covid-19 on various aspects of sport.

Two keynote speakers presented recent findings on social media and the mediatization of doping. On Wednesday, we heard Prof. Dunja Antunović from the University of Minnesota present “What is Still ‘New’ about Social Media? The Importance of Sociology of Sport in Research on Mediatization.” The other keynote was by Prof. Andrea Petroczi, who brought a critical and interdisciplinary perspective to her own research in the field of doping, outlining how this very problem arises from the modern sports landscape, where a wide range of factors and stakeholders in elite sports keep the solution to the doping problem opaque. At the end of the week, the Young Researcher Award was given to Federico Genovesi from Ulster University for his paper entitled “Spaces of football and belonging for people seeking asylum: Resisting policy-imposed liminality in Italy”. There was also an honourable mention for the paper “Listening to boxing hearts and beats: Analysing boxing (through) soundscapes” by Kristina Orszaghova.

While the days were filled with presentations and talks, the afternoons were spent in social activities. A wide range of cultural activities provided opportunities to relax, connect with colleagues, and learn about the history of Budapest and Hungary.

To summarize, it is clear that new interdisciplinary and multimodal thinking is needed to address a problem that is so embedded and entrenched in the sports system. In line with this message, we are looking forward to the next EASS conference in Spain, hosted by the European University of Madrid.

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## 19. KONFERENCA EVROPSKEGA ZDRUŽENJA ZA SOCIOLOGIJO ŠPORTA (EASS) »ŠPORT NA PREHODU – EVROPSKE DRUŽBE NA PREHODU«

Budimpešta, Madžarska, 29. maj–2. junij 2023

Konferenca EASS 2023 je potekala v slikoviti Budimpešti in na madžarski univerzi za vede o športu. Sodelovalo je več kot 120 udeležencev, ki so predstavili 110 konferenčnih prispevkov. Predstavitve so potekale v 32 vzporednih sekcijah, udeleženci pa so v prispevkih obravnavali različne teme s poudarkom na raznolikosti in zdravju. Več sekcij je bilo posvečenih posebnim družbenim skupinam, analizi športa in spola, številni prispevki pa so še vedno predstavljali raziskave o covidu-19 in učinkih tega na šport.

Na dveh plenarnih predstavitev smo se seznanili z najnovejšimi ugotovitvami o družbenih medijih in mediatizaciji dopinga. V sredo smo prisluhnili profesorici Dunji Antunović z univerze v Minnesoti, ki je predstavila prispevek Kaj je še »novega« v družbenih medijih? Pomen sociologije športa pri raziskovanju mediatizacije. Drugo predavanje je imela prof. Andrea Petroczi, ki je v predstavitvi svojega področja raziskovanja vnesla kritično in interdisciplinarno perspektivo problema dopinga v sodobnem športnem okolju, kjer zaradi številnih dejavnikov in deležnikov v vrhunskem športu, rešitev problema še vedno ostaja nerazjasnjena.

Ob koncu tedna je nagrado za mlade raziskovalce prejel Federico Genovesi z univerze Ulster za prispevek Prostori nogometa in pripadnosti v Italiji: odpor prosilcev za azil proti liminaliteti z udeležbo v solidarnostnem množičnem športu (nogometu). Častno pohvalo je prejel tudi prispevek Kristine Orszaghove Poslušanje src in utripov boksa: Analiza boksa (skozi) zvočne pokrajine.

Medtem ko so bili dnevi napolnjeni s predstavitvami in predavanji, so bili popoldnevi in večeri namenjeni družabnim dejavnostim. Številne kulturne prireditve so ponudile priložnosti za sprostitev, povezovanje s kolegi ter spoznavanje zgodovine Budimpešte in Madžarske.

Če povzamem, je jasno, da bo v prihodnje potrebno interdisciplinarno in multimodalno razmišljanje za reševanje problemov, ki so tako močno zasidrani in zakoreninjeni v športnem sistemu. Zato se tudi veselimo naslednje konferenice EASS v Španiji, ki jo bo gostila evropska univerza v Madridu.

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