Courses in English
Course Description

Department: 13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title: Sports are political!
Hours per week (SWS): 2
Number of ECTS credits: 2

Course objective: We will examine some clear evidence of politics’ role in big-league sports events of the past and then look for indications of what has been going on more recently. After the course, students should have a clearer understanding of how politics infiltrates our leisure passions and entertainment rather than being just about government and elections. Students should be able to refresh and develop English skills via readings, listening, and discussing.

Prerequisites: As this is an active participation course, and in order to participate, it is necessary to be present, regular attendance is vital.

Recommended reading: Readings will be taken from print and net media, and video may be included. A list of some readings will be given at the start of the course, but others will be assigned later due to current events or student wish to investigate an additional topic.

Teaching methods: There will be some lecture but also a great deal of student involvement. Every week some reading or other preparation will be assigned, and students are expected to do this preparation and then actively participate in discussion. Though the major part of the mark is based on the end-of-semester exam, regular and informed discussion contribution will influence the mark as well. Further, if a student chooses to do a presentation or lead a particular topic, and does it well, the mark will rise by two to three places.

Assessment methods: written exam
Language of instruction: English
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Course content:
– Germany paid a huge bribe to get the WM in 2006?
– Many gymnasts at the Beijing Olympics were under 16?
– Russian athletes will be banned from the next Olympics for past doping?
How is it possible that so many vital discoveries in sports come so late?
We all know that politics plays a huge role in enabling the Mafia and similar organizations to continue their illegal business. But are politics at play in allowing national and international sports organizations to act illegally and then cover up their actions? Are politics responsible for the fact that some things never change, whether soccer/football is headed by Blatter or Platini?

Remarks