

Global Studies Association Newsletter

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GSA Annual Conference 2012

Globalizing cultures and identities: sport, lifestyle, heritage

5th -7th July 2012, Manchester Metropolitan University

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Richard Giulianotti, University of Loughborough
- David Inglis, University of Aberdeen
- Sharon MacDonald, University of Manchester

Abstracts should be sent to Paul Kennedy, conference convenor, by 31 March 2012
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Further details and conference registration:
<http://www.globalstudiesassociation.org/11th-gsa-conference-2012/>

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New home for Global Studies Association

The GSA has a new home, the Centre for Global and Transnational Politics (CGTP) at Royal Holloway, University of London.

The Chair of the GSA is Chris Rumford, Professor of Political Sociology and Global Politics, and co-Director of CGTP.



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Annual conference – key themes

‘global practices increasingly shape the way we conduct our lives, construct our identities and affiliations, and pursue our hopes and aspirations’

Recent research and theory have expanded our understanding of global practices that increasingly shape the way we conduct our lives, construct our identities and affiliations and pursue our hopes and aspirations. Nowhere is this more evident than in the fields of leisure and the construction of our everyday personas and lifestyles. Here, innumerable fragments of other people’s cultures flow into our lives through the Internet, films, music, art genres, travel and holidays, health and sport practices, heritage experiences, TV, magazines and newspapers, advertising, branding and consumerism, fashion, foods and gastronomic repertoires – among others. Sometimes they empower individuals to seek other worlds and identities. At others, they generate resources with which to construct our preferred life biographies or alter communities. The possibilities not just for personal but also for social transformation resulting from these experiences are endless. Through globalizing cultures, too, some find ways to break free from their original embeddedness within particular ethnic/national boundaries and form global allegiances and lifestyles for which there is no precedent.

In contrast, the circumstances that engender indifference and/or resistance to globalizing cultures are equally valid as themes. Thus, we also welcome papers that explore the limits to, and possibilities for, developing a global consciousness or varieties of cosmopolitanism as outcomes of global cultural and lifestyle experiences and/or which critique concepts in this field. Although the primary emphasis here is on cultural experiences linked to the construction of leisure and lifestyles, we also welcome papers which explore how exposure to globalizing work, religious or political practices are changing people’s identities.

Paul Kennedy, conference convenor

Special themed conference panels

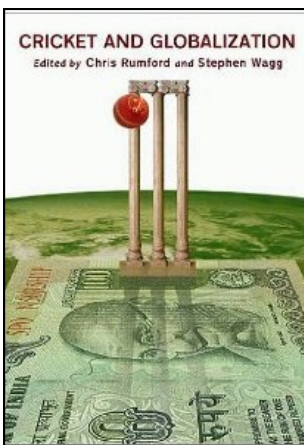
The conference will feature a number of panels which will address the conference themes:

- *Cricket and Globalization* – feat. Dominic Malcolm, Amit Gupta, Chris Rumford, John Horne, Russell Holden, Tom Fletcher

(co-organized by the British Sociological Association)

- *Cosmopolitanism* – feat. Maria Rovisco, Nick Stevenson, Myria Georgiou
- Special panel convened by Didem Buhari of the ‘Changing Turkey in a Changing World’ Group

- More panels will be announced



Prague conference on 'Global Capitalism'

An International Conference on 'Global Capitalism and Transnational Class Formation' took place in Prague on 16-18 September 2011. Sponsored by the Centre of Global Studies (Prague), the Global Studies Association of North America, and the International Sociological Association Research Committee RCO2 (Economy and Society), this was the first international conference devoted to transnational capitalist class theory and global class formation. Over the past decade a growing body of work has established TCC theory as an important theoretical approach for examining global capitalism. The conference set out to provide a place to

share research, developing network of scholars global capitalism and Around 60 scholars from Western, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, America, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, S. Korea, Turkey and Iran.



bate and explore this newly emerging and activists focused around transnational class analysis. from 20 countries came to Prague

There were two keynote speakers: William Robinson (University of California Santa Barbara) who spoke on 'Global capitalism and the crisis of humanity', and Leslie Sklair (London School of Economics and Political Science) who spoke on 'The Icon Project: The Transnational Capitalist Class in Action'. Conference panels covered a wide variety of topics in the context of critical studies of global capitalism, notably transnational capitalist class and working class formations; transnational capitalist class and national capitalist class relations; elite networks; immigration and migration; global capitalism; production networks and commodity chains; global finance; transformation of the nation-state; the transnational state; transnational governance; information technology and globalization; the military/industrial complex and the state.

The conference concluded that established the *Global Capitalism* as contact among the others who were liked to do so, and to global capitalism and widely interpreted.



cluded with a business meeting *Network for Critical Studies on* a framework to facilitate ongoing 60 who came to Prague, many unable to attend but would have inform others with an interest in transnational class formation,

authorized to begin planning for another conference, preferably with the cooperation of the Global Studies Associations in the USA and the UK, in Australia in two years time. All those interested in joining the Network and/or participating in forthcoming activities are invited to contact Jerry Harris gharris234@comcast.net

An organizing committee was

Report by Leslie Sklair and Jill Timms

The **Global Studies Association** (GSA) is a multi-disciplinary scholarly association set up in order to address the vast social, political & economic transformations of global scope which are impacting upon the world today. The GSA provides a forum for scholars to collaborate & explore shared responses to such phenomenon, particularly in the context of globalisation. The commitment to multidisciplinary & to the global context make the GSA unique in its aims & scope & thus offering its members invaluable contacts & connections. In addition, the thematic approach of the GSA allows interests which are not easily accommodated in single disciplinary associations to be fully recognised & encouraged. Thus individuals who share a common commitment to enhancing understanding of global life can find an intellectual home by working with others in the GSA.

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Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies

The **Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies** is the GSA's partner journal.

<http://criticalglobalisation.com/>

The **Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies** is a fully peer-reviewed, open-access, academic journal that invites contributors to challenge dominant ideas of globalisation. The journal seeks to bring cutting edge theoretical and critical reflection to bear on dominant and/or mainstream debates within the study of globalisation.

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Recent contributors include: David Chandler, Faisal Devji, Leslie Sklair, Manfred Steger

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- *Editorial: The Idea of Crisis* by Amin Samman
- *International Political Economy and the Crisis of the 1970s* by Julian Germann
- *Everyday Neoliberalism and the Subjectivity of Crisis* by Nicholas Kiersey
- *'Grey in Grey': Crisis, Critique, Change* by Benjamin Noys

