

Second Call for Papers

Visual Physical Discourses on Sport and Performance Cultures

The University of Sheffield, UK

1-2 July 2010 (with additional events on 30 June and 3 July)

The School of Modern Languages and Linguistics and the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Sheffield is hosting an international conference on the *Visual Physical* in world cultures (European, Hispanic, Anglo- and Lusophone, amongst others) in July 2010. We are looking to build on our very successful 2002 'Sporting Cultures' event via a specific focus on the visual dimension of the physical, and broadening the disciplinary base to include sociological, historical, philosophical and anthropological approaches to, for example, cinema, theatre, dance, burlesque and sport.

We would like to invite proposals for papers of 20 minutes' duration on the visual dimension of sport, theatrical and 'leisure' performance, staging, projection and representation. We are particularly interested in cross-cutting discourses and less established perspectives which might illuminate and reinvigorate our understanding of how sport and diverse theatrical and performance arts, as well as other visual interpretations of physical culture, impact on everyday consciousness or challenge traditional notions of behaviour and identity.

Keynote speakers include Professor Lynda Nead (Pevsner Professor of History of Art, Birkbeck, University of London), and Dr George Rodosthenous (School of Performance and Cultural Industries, University of Leeds, UK). The evening before the conference start proper will feature a Mitchell & Kenyon film showing, with musical accompaniment, in conjunction with Professor Vanessa Toulmin (Founder and Director of the National Fairground Archive). For further information or to submit a proposal, please contact Dr Louise Johnson or Dr David Wood. Proposals of 250–300 words should include name, email, postal address and professional affiliation. Please note the revised deadline for proposals is 1 March 2010.

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