



Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport

Istanbul Bilgi University - June 1-2, 2023

Day I – June 1, 2023

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:15 Welcome

M. Ege Yazgan (Istanbul Bilgi University), Rector

Pinar Uyan Semerci (Istanbul Bilgi University), Center for Migration Research Director

İlknur Hacisoftaoğlu (Istanbul Bilgi University), SiNAFE Project Manager

10:15 – 11:00 Keynote

"Diversifying Sport and Migration Research", Sine Agergaard (Aalborg University)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 Session 1: SiNAFE Fieldwork Panel

Moderator: Emre Erdoğan (Istanbul Bilgi University)

PORTUGAL, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE) - Nuno Filipe Oliveira

SERBIA, University of Belgrade - Sandra Radenović

SWITZERLAND, Mission 89 - Lerina Bright

TÜRKİYE, Istanbul Bilgi University - Yağmur Nuhurat

FRANCE, Kampos Saint Denis Académie Football Association - Vanessa Christine

SWEDEN, Esprit de Sport International - Agneta Dahl

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 14:45 Session 2: Conceptualizing Rights through Sports

Moderator: Yağmur Nuhurat (Istanbul Bilgi University)

"Sport, Migration, and Human Rights: Exploring the Opportunities and the Exclusion", Adesanya

M. Alabi (Karabük University)

"The human right of playing as a migrant athlete", Neslihan Filiz (Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa)



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14:45 – 15:45 **Session 3: Sports, Nation-State and Transnationalism**

Moderator: Ömer Turan (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"The Diplomatic Relationship between Cameroon and Russia through Football", Alhadji Abdouraman Mohamadou (University of Ngaoundéré)

"Trans-Sport-National: A Match Made in Identity Heaven", Merve Elibirlik, (Independent Scholar)

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Session 4: Reception and Perception of Migrant Athletes**

Moderator: Itir Erhart (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"Racist Discourse in Turkish Sports Media Towards Black Athletes: Alienation in Disguise", Atakan Gülşen (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"Gender Bias in Sports: Representation of African Sports Women in Foreign Media", Kenneth Onsate Nyangena (Laikipia University)

"'The Uprooted, the Re-rooted, the Rootless': African Footballers in India", Souvik Naha (University of Glasgow)

19:00 **Conference Dinner** VENUE: TBA



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09:30 – 10:00 Coffee and snacks

10:00 – 10:45 Keynote

"Role of Agents in Football Migration: Problems and Solutions ", Serhat Yilmaz (Loughborough University)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 5: Migrant Athlete Motivations and Experiences

Moderator: Gülay Uğur Göksel (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"Migration Experience Analysis of African Footballers: A Model for Survival in Leagues Abroad", Ernest Yeboah Acheampong (University of Education, Winneba) and Ralph Frimpong (University of Education, Winneba)

"Effective Factors of Migration in E-Sports Athletes", Miaad Ghasemzadeh (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad), Zahra Sadat Mirzazadeh (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad), Mahdi Talebpour (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad), and Lidija Petrovic (Carolina University)

"Sports Migration in or from Africa- The E-sports Perspective", Gabriel Atsu Sikanku (E-sports Africa Tournament/E-sports Africa News)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session 6: Sports and Social Cohesion

Moderator: Burak Özçetin (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"The Effect of Participation in Sports on the Integration of Turkish and Syrian Refugee Students: The Example of Badminton", Mohammad Almohammad Alkhilif (Ankara University) and Velittin Balci (Ankara University)

"Management Perspectives of Sports Activities for Migrants", Münir Gökmen (İstanbul Esenyurt University)

"Analysis of Experiential Sports Induced Migration and the Challenges of Social Inclusion", Willie Aziegbe Eselebor (Universal Research & Training Institute)



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15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 17.00 Session 7: Sports, Inclusion and Marginalization

Moderator: Kenan Çayır (İstanbul Bilgi University)

"Social Inclusion Through Sports", Simeon Gacevic (University of Belgrade)

"Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges: The Role of African Players in French Sports", Rashid Abbasi (Jamia Millia Islamia University)

"Fostering Social Inclusion through Sports: Empowering Disadvantaged Youth and Immigrants in Antalya", Melda Özçelik (Lykia Scouting and Nature Sports Club)

"African Blind Football Players in Europe – Migration and Transformation of Capital", Keon Richardson (Independent Scholar)

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 17:45 Closing and Student Reflections

19:30 Football Match: "FootbALL without boundaries!"
VENUE: İBB Beyoğlu Stadium