

This is not the first Special Issue in the history of *Movimento* (the two others were published in 2000 and 2010). We now present the third such undertaking, which brings together a set of efforts guided by two main goals: to celebrate *Movimento's* twentieth anniversary and to foster a debate about how, or whether, scholars from several parts of the world – and mainly the Americas – have been facing the political challenges related to sport as a social right associated with the recognition of civil society' aspirations, in an engaged and committed way.

Given these purposes, on March 30, 2014, under the editorial coordination of Dr. Peter Donnelly (English), Dr. Alex Branco Fraga (Portuguese) and Dr. Angela Aisenstein (Spanish), we launched a call for articles to be published on a Special Issue entitled “For a public sociology of sport in the Americas: achievements, challenges and emerging agendas”. The deadline was April 30, but it was postponed until the end of June, when we had received 77 submissions. After review by peers, 15 articles were approved. They are signed by 38 authors – 47% of whom were foreign while 53% were Brazilian, with a significant proportion of Latin American authors (66%). These 15 works comprise the Special Issue, which will also be published in print in order to give more emphasis to the celebrations.

At a time when we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of *Movimento* and are happy to publish one more issue, we would like to express our deep appreciation for the work and commitment of previous editors, Dr. Marco Paulo Stigger, Dr. Jorge Luiz de Souza, Dr. Vicente Molina Neto and Dr. Silvana Vilodre Goellner. We also appreciate the valuable contribution provided by the guest editors for this special issue, Dr. Angela Aisenstein and Dr. Peter Donnelly, whose efforts were instrumental both in its conception and in managing its editorial process. We express our gratitude to the contributors from the University of Toronto (Canada) – Mark Norman, our Assistant editor for the English language, and Guilherme Nothen, one of our Executive Editors. Our partnerships with them have greatly improved our publications. We are also grateful to our sponsors – UFRGS, CAPES and CNPq – whose funding has been decisive to enable and expand *Movimento's* editorial work.

Before presenting the articles, we also take this opportunity to point out and celebrate some innovations in our visual identity and our on-line platform. Since late 2014, *Movimento* has had a new logo and a reinvigorated website, especially with regard to information display. With this set of changes, from this issue on, articles will be read on a new PDF (Portable Document Format) file and printed format (for this commemorative issue). They were designed to streamline the publishing process and facilitate access to content on different platforms.

The articles in this Special Issue are: “For a Public Sociology of Sport in the Americas: an editorial call on behalf of a socially engaged scholarship on Sport and Physical Education” – an essay to present the issue and integrate arguments, written by editors *Peter Donnelly, Alex Branco Fraga and Angela Aisenstein*; “The

games academics play: a conversation with Michael Burawoy” which, as the name implies, is an interview with *Michael Burawoy* conducted by *Guilherme Nothen*; “Towards a (still) critical sociology of sport in the Americas: the role of intellectuals and scientific associations”, by *Valter Bracht, Ivan Gomes* and *Felipe Quintão Almeida*; “Football, Brazil and the role of the public intellectual”, written by Grant Jarvie; “Conservative Physical Education for radical politics: the example of Fidel Castro”, produced by Alan Bairner; “Contemporary transformations in the academic-scientific field of Physical Education in Brazil: new *habitus, modi operandi* and points of contention”, by *Ari Lazzarotti Filho, Ana Márcia Silva* and *Fernando Mascarenhas*; “*Physical Education in Chile: an analysis of primary and secondary education teachers’ beliefs*”, by *Alberto Moreno-Doña, Enrique Rivera-García* and *Carmen Trigueros-Cervantes*; “Public Sociology in the domain of academic production and intervention in sport and leisure” by *Otávio Guimaraes Tavares da Silva, Liana Romera* and *Carlos Nazareno Borges*; “Democratization of sport to the hegemony of markets: the Spanish case” prepared by *David Moscoso Sánchez, Jesús Fernández Gavira* and *Álvaro Rodríguez Díaz*; “The market, sports, and physical activity: health and physical appearance as values of exchange” by *Rocío Haydee Arreguín Moreno* and *Sergio Alfonso Sandoval Godoy*; “Public Sociology and the beaches in Rio de Janeiro: does the beach belong to everyone?” authored by *Carlos Henrique de Vasconcellos Ribeiro, Erik Pereira, Vanessa Pontes* and *Jorge Moreira*; “Body and politics in the return to democracy in Uruguay (1985-1990): the integration of society and persistent violence”, by *Cecília Seré* and *Alexandre Fernandez Vaz*; “Notes for a comparative study between supporter groups from Brazil (torcidas organizadas) and Argentina (hinchadas)”, signed by *Marcelo Fadori Soares Palhares, Nicolas Cabrera* and *Gisele Maria Schwartz*; “Comparative analysis of the coverage of the final match of the 2013 Confederations Cup in the newspapers *El País* (Spain) and *Folha de São Paulo* (Brazil)”, by *Gustavo Roese Sanfelice, Joaquin Marin Montin, Lafaiete Luiz de Oliveira Junior, Alessandra Fernandes Feltes* and *Norberto Kuhn Junior*; “Youth trafficking in soccer: *Diamantes Negros* (Black Diamonds), a cinematographic text of Public Sociology”, produced by *José-Ignacio Barbero-González* and *Hugo Rodriguez-Campazas*; and finally, *Peter Donnelly’s* essay “*Buen Vivir* [Sumak Kawsay]: Notes on the Consideration of Sport as a Cultural Commons”.

We wish you all a great read!

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