

## Special Issue

# The Spatial Perspective of Sport Sociology

### Message from the Guest Editor

The role of space in shaping social interactions, identities, and structures has long been a central concern in sociological research. In sport, spatial arrangements significantly impact the ways individuals engage with, perceive, and experience athletic participation and spectatorship. Whether through local community sports fields, urban stadiums, or international arenas, the spatial context of sport offers a unique lens to understand broader social dynamics, including issues of race, gender, class, and power. **Sport sociology**, has evolved to consider how physical, social, and symbolic spaces within sports intersect with broader social processes such as class, racial and gender dynamics, and economic power structures. From the neighborhood basketball court to the grandeur of the Olympic Games, sport is embedded in physical spaces that influence access, participation, and spectatorship. The geographical and physical arrangements of sport serve as a reflection of wider societal values and tensions. We invite you to contribute your research to this Special Issue and help advance the understanding of space in sports sociology.

### Guest Editor

Dr. Joshua D. Vadeboncoeur

Godbold College of Business, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC 28017, USA

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

31 December 2025



## Societies

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

Impact Factor 1.6  
CiteScore 3.0



[mdpi.com/si/218980](https://mdpi.com/si/218980)

*Societies*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[societies@mdpi.com](mailto:societies@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
societies](https://mdpi.com/journal/societies)





# Societies

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 1.6  
CiteScore 3.0



[mdpi.com/journal/  
societies](https://mdpi.com/journal/societies)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

*Societies* (ISSN 2075-4698) is an interdisciplinary journal that brings together different scientific approaches to engage with societal questions to enhance our understanding of the social realm throughout history. The journal publishes original empirical research papers, literature reviews, and conceptual papers. Our aim is to publish papers that have a significant impact on addressing present and emerging societal questions. Therefore, we encourage researchers to publish their results in as much detail as possible. For empirical research papers and literature reviews, all experimental details must be provided, so that the results are reproducible. We also encourage the publication of timely theoretical pieces on topics of interest to existing and emerging societal questions. Papers are either published in the open journal or in Special Issues devoted to specific topics of interest to the field.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Gregor Wolbring

Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, Cumming School of  
Medicine, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB T2N 4N1, Canada

---

### Author Benefits

#### Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), RePEc, EconBiz, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Sociology) / CiteScore - Q2 (General Social Sciences)