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Rethinking the Role of Sport for Public Governance and Civil Society

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Public sector agencies have always had a direct or indirect involvement in the provision of sport, particularly for aspects regarding sport and motor activities as a booster for protecting citizens' quality of life.

Public bodies definitively ought to be proactive in sustaining local communities by encouraging engagement in various sports, physical activities and social interactions.

Actually, public bodies are directly involved in promoting active recreation through sport, thus contributing to the improvement of citizen's health (including those with disabilities); creating safer and stronger communities; improving youngsters' education, etc. Sport can be generally seen, indeed, as a booster for health, social inclusion, social connectedness and community well-being.

Indirect involvement sees public bodies engaged in assuring proper implementation of both professional and amateur sport events, dealing with several responsibilities, including safety, security for traffic management, and collaboration on the construction of institutional facilities for events.

Sport policy delivered by the public sector would include several aspects related to public management, from promoting social integration to developing national identity. According to the European Commission (2006), sport is the largest voluntary non- governmental organisational activity throughout Europe with more volunteers than any other activity, and this facilitates the development of co-production schemes in the twin aims of sport policy, i.e., encouraging grassroots participation and achieving elite success.

More strictly to the IIAS SEAPP conference theme, we should consider the role which sport is having at level of organisation of important events in developing countries as well as the importance that sport policies can have in favouring a better implementation of topic challenges in public sector delivery such as inclusion, education, health

The track seeks both theoretical and empirical contributions that tackle the issue of the public management of sport. Recommended topics include, but are not limited to, the followings:

- Social and/or economic outcomes of public sector involvement in sport and/or sport events;
- How sport can be linked to other policy fields to create more sustainable communities and community well-being?
- Sport and the resolution of social and community issues and equality and inclusion through sport;
- How sport-events, especially mega-sport-events, involve key stakeholders and how they impact them?
- How public sector provides/supports sport facilities both for elite mega events and grassroots wider participation?
- Sport policy as a leverage to support health promotion through sport activities;
- Active ageing through the support of sport and physical activities;
- All aspects of the governance of sport.

Practicalities

- Submissions should be made in English or Arabic.
- The call-for-papers and panels will remain open until November 30th.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by December 15.
- Full papers will be expected by January 8th.

The conference will take place on February 6-9, 2023, in the School of Economics, Administration and Public Policy (SEAPP) of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, in Qatar. The PhD symposium will take place on February 6; all plenary and parallel sessions on the themes, proposals and panels will be scheduled on February 7-9.

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