

## Editorial Preface

*International Sports Studies* is a journal in which multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural and international perspectives are promoted as having a critical role to play in furthering our understanding of complex phenomena in the arenas of physical education and sport. The journal is arguably unique in establishing this as its focus. *International Sports Studies* is the journal of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport and continues and extends the work begun in the *Journal of Comparative Physical Education and Sport*.

As editors, we recognise the tremendous potential for the development of the journal and in particular, the ways in which it may serve to extend debates and understandings beyond the discursive boundaries of particular disciplines, and of academics and professionals working in particular countries. However, we are also very aware of the barriers to such development. Regrettably, we work in contexts that invariably deter collaborative (and particularly multi-disciplinary and cross-institution) research and writing. In addition, in the hierarchy of publications, writing firmly within particular disciplines may well be accorded a higher status than work perceived as 'outside' or at the peripheries of those disciplines. We hope that the papers included in this and future issues will counter such perceptions and furthermore, encourage readers to submit work to the journal. In addition, we have added a uniquely styled book reviews section. Prospective contributors are encouraged to contact the editors- Papers should follow guidelines listed later in the journal.

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