

Heroes, Sport, and Social Transformation: Issues of Incorporation and Resistance

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In our presentation, we focused on the objective determinants of social structuration and on how individuals connect their biographies to changes in social process. The latter, more subjective style of interpretation, requires that we ask “How do individuals intervene in social structuration and at what level of agency—private, public, or revolutionary?” Are our “heroes” reproductive of or resistant to dominant social formations? Finally, we asked the question, ‘Does sport really make an impact in the social transformation of the political economy and social-political, juridicial relations.’ This final part of our presentation was not a presentation per se. Rather, we attempted to involve you in a dialogue based on *Sport* magazine’s special edition, “The 40 who changed sport.” In this dialogue, we evaluated *Sport*’s selections and exclusions not only in terms of the social transformation of sport; but also in terms of how sport “heroes” are socially constructed as “heroes” rather than mere “celebrities.”