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World leader: Sports Studies' academic innovations

Educational Studies in the Faculty of Education houses the International Research Centre for Sport, Socialization and Society (IRCSSS). Arguably the largest contribution of IRCSSS to the visibility of the University in the swiftly expanding area of Sports Studies, is being made in the field of academic publishing innovations. Literature fosters, sustains and extends a discipline, and in 1985 Professor Tony Mangan, the IRCSSS Director, launched *The International Journal of the History of Sport* now widely recognised as the leading journal of its kind in the world.

"It is pleasing to note", remarks Professor Mangan, "that specialist historians in many areas of history - among them politics, religion, economics and education, now grace the pages of *IJHS*, as the awareness of the political, cultural, economic and aesthetic importance of modern sport diffuses through academia." He adds that, "this should come as no surprise. Eric Hobsbawm, rightly, singled out sport as one of the most significant social practices of late 19th century Europe: as a form of conspicuous consumption, as a mechanism of community cohesion and an instrument of female emancipation". In all these aspects, Professor Mangan asserts, its significance has greatly increased in the 20th century, and will increase further in the 21st century.

This growing significance is reflected in expansion in IRCSSS. The Centre, through its Director, has recently launched three publishing initiatives which place the University firmly in first place internationally in such scholastic innovations. *Culture, Sport and Society*, the first multidisciplinary journal devoted to sports issues in the arts and social sciences, provides a forum for social anthropologists, sociologists, social historians, political scientists and others to consider matters associated with sport in societies, culture and political systems. The *European Review of Sports History* will concentrate, as its name implies, on topics directly associated with the cultural history of sport in Europe. The first number will focus on gender, class and politics.

Last year the Centre initiated the first multidisciplinary Sports Studies Series: *Sport in the Global Society*. Published volumes include Fan Hong, *Footbinding, Feminism and Freedom: The Liberation of Women's Bodies in Modern China*; Douglas Booth, *The Race Game: Sport and Politics in South Africa*; Henrik Alexander and J.A. Mangan (editors), *The Nonie World: Sport in Society*; Phil Vassil, *The First Black Footballer: Arthur Wharton 1865-1910* and J.A. Mangan, *The Games Divine and Imperium* (2nd edition).

Shortly to be published are P.J. Beck, *Scoring for Britain: International Football and International Politics 1900-1930* (J.A. Mangan editor), *Shaping the Superman: Fascist Body as Political Icon* (two volumes), and J.A. Mangan and Fan Hong (editors), *Forming the Female Body: Impregnational Icons*. Other volumes are in the pipeline.



Crucial to these innovative developments is the publisher Frank Cass, who takes a keen interest in, and offers continuous opportunities to, authors and editors in Sports Studies.

With IRCSSS and its Director at the centre of academic publishing, Strathclyde University may justifiably claim to be a world leader in innovative developments in Sports Studies.



Photos by Brian Lochan

The study of sport and its increasing importance



On 27 November at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room, Houses of Parliament, Frank Cass, the London academic publishers, launched eight books written or edited by Professor J.A. Mangan (pictured), Director of the International Research Centre for Sport, Socialisation and Society (IRCSSS). They include the Cass republication of the acclaimed 'classic' *Athleticism in the Victorian and Edwardian Public School: the Emergence and Consolidation of an Education Ideology*.

The volumes, in addition to *Athleticism*, include Professor Mangan's widely applauded monograph *The Games Ethic and Imperialism: Aspects of the Diffusion of the Ideal*, and the collections *Freeing the Female Body: Inspirational Icons* (co-edited with Dr Fan Hong), *Sport and Australian Society: Past and Present* (co-edited with Professor John Nauright), *Sport and Latin American Society: Past and Present* (co-edited with Professor Larzette Da Costa), *Middle Class Revolutionaries: Europe, Sport, Modernisation, Ataking European Masculinities: Sport, Europe, Gender and Shaping Global Societies: Europe, Sport, World* (all edited by Professor J.A. Mangan).

The monographs and collections reflect the research emphasis of IRCSSS. They also reflect the publishing success of

IRCSSS doctoral students – *Freeing the Female Body* is co-edited by Dr Fan Hong, Reader at De Montfort University, Bedford and a former doctoral student at IRCSSS.

Five IRCSSS research students, including Fan Hong, have recently published or will shortly publish monographs associated with their IRCSSS research. The themes of the volumes include socialisation into colonial attitudes of dominance and deference, the emancipation of the female body, formal education as a means of social control, European middle class 'revolutionaries' as moral and cultural educational innovators, English middle class entrepreneurs as global cultural diffusionists, and the construction of European masculinities.

The central concern of all these volumes is the crucial role of modern sport in recent and present global history, in terms of sport's political, cultural, social, educational, gender and economic significance. As Professor Mangan notes, "Modern sport has the power to induce global rapture, to engage innumerable national societies, to imitate or engage countless communities. Eric Hobsbawm believed modern sport to be one of the most significant social practices of the late 19th century.

"In the 20th century, professionalism, commercialism and nationalism took the importance of sport to new heights. In the

21st century, as the world becomes a global village, for many, the English language and sport will be talismanic possessions."

Within the next 15 months IRCSSS staff and students will produce further publications including *Women, Sport and Society in New China: Holding up More than Half the Sky* (Professor Dong Jinxia, recent IRCSSS doctoral student and Director Designate of the new Women's Studies Research Centre, Beijing University) *Bleeding the Male: Imperialism Militarism, Fieldports and Big Game Hunting* (Professor J.A. Mangan and Callum McKenzie) and *War Without Weapons: Militarism, Sport, Anti-Militarism* (edited by Professor J.A. Mangan). All these volumes will be published in the Cass Series, *Sport in the Global Society*, founded in 1997 and edited by Professor J.A. Mangan. □

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Professor J.A. Mangan - A Life Of Great Achievement



Occasionally you find a hidden gem within a community, and I was lucky enough to find one such gem recently when I worked briefly with someone who, it transpires, is a person of great merit and learning, who has chosen to retire to Purbeck.

After a long and distinguished career, Professor J.A. Mangan is seated firmly as a world-renowned and highly-respected expert in the field of social anthropology, with particular expertise in the study of the effects of traditional sports training on 'community', with special attention to Empire and Imperialism.

Professor Mangan began life at a strict Carmelite College in South Wales, St Mary's College, Triegyb, Llandello. During his early schooling, he held the record for caning, having been caned twenty-seven times during his first term! Needless to say, upon leaving school at eighteen, he purchased a tent and headed to the Scottish Highlands to 'find himself', without the constraints of a religious education.

After some thought as to his future, Professor Mangan returned to civilisation once more, completing a degree in Social Anthropology at Durham University. After a stretch of studying, he decided that a break from books was in order, and headed to Loughborough College, where he completed a PGC in Games - excelling in rugby, cricket and tennis. He then visited Bisham Abbey for a fortnight's course in gymnastics, not realising that the fortnight he booked was the very same one that the then British Olympic Team were in residence, training for the Olympics. Despite the mix-up, the team insisted that he stay and complete the fortnight, which he did, despite being rather in awe of his classmates!

Professor Mangan then taught for six months, before working for two years in the business community. Deciding that the business sector was not for him (missing the educational holidays, no doubt!), the Professor returned to teaching, this time at Kirby Lonsdale Grammar School in the Lake District. There his thirst for knowledge and his ever-enquiring mind took him forward to complete a Higher Degree in Sociology at Oxford University, sponsored by Kirby. He then worked his way up to the position

of Lecturer at Strathclyde, and undertook a Doctorate at Glasgow.

At this point he became fascinated by the destruction of the Grammar school system and the loss of educational ideology. He began to focus on athleticism, imperial service, fair play and the 'games ethic', eventually going on to publish 'Athleticism in the Victorian and Edwardian Public School: the emergence and consolidation of an educational ideology' with Frank Cass as publisher.

Professor Mangan was stunned by the international response to his book. An international sports' journal was then launched with the Professor as Editor, and his working relationship with Frank Cass continued, as further books were published, until 2002, when Routledge took up the publishing baton for the Professor's books.

Professor Mangan has almost single-handedly created a speciality knowledge-base within the world of sport and post-imperialism, focusing on the impact of the post-imperial manifestation of athleticism and imperialism, and its impact on social and cultural trends worldwide today.

Fellowships from Oxford, Cambridge, Berkley and other renowned centres of learning followed, and a good many more books. Another of the Professor's books, 'Manufactured Masculinity: Making Imperial Manliness, Morality and Militarism' was a further worldwide smash hit, and is extensively referenced today by those undertaking various sports-studies and anthropology degrees, from China to America.

Now retired and relaxing (of sorts) in Purbeck, the Professor is currently engaged in assisting a researcher, Trudy Peterson, who amazingly stumbled across War Poet John Bane's library in a secondhand book store. John Bane is a slightly lesser-known War Poet than his contemporaries such as Wilfred Owen. John Bane was a teacher at Marlborough who watched many of his boys go off to war at a young age. It has now been discovered that Banes corresponded with 'his' boys whilst they were away fighting, and was naturally horrified and heart-broken by the loss of such potential for the future as they were slaughtered indiscriminately.

Some of John's original poems about his boys are already known, and some have been referenced by the Professor in his published work relating to the public school upbringing that created the post-imperialist culture, which the boys had been brought up in and went off to fight for.

Having previously written and published an essay on Banes, the Professor now plans to follow this up after reading the new material that has come to light. This tragically includes letters back from the boys in the trenches, some of whom featured in Banes' eulogistic poems of the time. The material will then be catalogued and stored at Marlborough for future generations.

Many manage to fill their lives with worthwhile endeavours, some of which may continue to inspire beyond the grave, but it is an undisputed fact that Professor Mangan has accomplished, not only amazing academic and literary success on a worldwide platform, he has also delved deeply into the national psyche, leading many international scholars to discover how schooling and national culture affect not only the inner-workings of a country, but also how we approach war and disorder - something of great worth in today's times.

Professor J.A. Mangan's extensive catalogue is available online. Simply search for 'Professor Mangan'.

Nico Johnson

APPRECIATION

The growth of sports studies in the past 20 years has been considerable... Most of the intelligent research in the public domain has been published by Frank Cass under the aegis of Professor Mangan and social historians everywhere have reason to be grateful to this double act for their tenacity in seeking out this new field.

Robert Hands, THE TIMES, 22.03.03

COMPLIMENT

2003 will also see a volume devoted to the IRCSSS' Director himself entitled *Serious Sport: J.A. Mangan's Contribution to the History of Sport*, edited by Scott A. G. A Crawford and forwarded by Frank Cass. The publisher writes: "This exciting volume is a fitting tribute to the scholarship and lasting accomplishments of Professor Tony Mangan. Pioneer, trailblazer and mentor, Professor Mangan is a scholar of the highest repute in the field of sport history. His foundation work has sustained and energizing the field for decades, and continues to stimulate new and innovative thrusts into the international arena. His seminal work on athleticism and imperialism commanded attention and applause from a broad range of historians. It opened new horizons of inquiry providing the field with richly perceptive study of hegemony and patronage, of cultural assimilation and adaptation, and of the ways that power elites used sport for socialization, acculturation, adaptation and social control. His later work continued to pose critical, sometimes controversial questions providing new and provocative insights into the complex social issues involved in the development and diffusion of sporting activity. Professor Mangan has mentored and continues to mentor numerous young scholars internationally, simultaneously developing and maintaining high quality channels through which to disseminate sport history research. Sport historians are in his debt for his vision and accomplishments."

FRANK CASS

UNSTINTING GENEROSITY

Professor Tony Mangan formerly of Strathclyde University and now at De Montford, Bedford, is the editor of the *Cass Sport in the Global Society* book series which has developed prolifically and rapidly and now consists of upwards of eighty books.

He has been an editor, co-editor, author or contributor to several of them, and has been successful in attracting scholars who have not traditionally written about sport. One respected critic, Dr William A. Freeman of Campbell University said, 'I do not think I can overrate the value of Mangan's contribution to sport studies'.

Tony shares a particular attribute with Frank: he is adroit at selecting and then encouraging the 'young guns' who will later become 'big guns'. He also has the ability to manage several PhD students at one time and has been especially successful in pushing forward scholars whose first tongue is not English...

The social history of sport has attained considerable respectability. It has been introduced as a subject for GCSE and A-level examinations. Tony has been a driving force behind it all, and it is he who deserves the greatest credit for its success. Frank and Tony's vision for these books certainly hit their target. In 1991 Cass was the only publisher seriously in the field. Others recognized the potential and climbed on the bandwagon, and there are now at least fourteen publishers building lists in the subject, but none has been as prolific or has developed as rapidly as the Cass series.

Gerry Black, Frank Cass Biographer

TRIBUTE

The International Journal of the History of Sport (IJHS)

The International Journal of the History of Sport was founded by Professor J.A.Mangan nearly thirty years ago. It is widely regarded as the leading journal in the field of the historical study of sport in the political, cultural, social, educational, economic, spiritual and aesthetic dimensions. Published 18 times a year, the journal has no equal as a pioneer of Collections, Monographs, Regional Numbers and an Annual Historical Review, and it is the only journal of its kind that has appeared without a break for 28 years. The IJHS includes articles from every part of the world.

Sport in the Global Society (SGS)

Sport in the Global Society (SGS) was founded in 1997 by Professor J.A.Mangan. There are now over 120 volumes in the series and it is generally considered the leading series of its kind in the academic world. It has received many accolades from around the globe.

ROUTLEDGE

A PERSONAL APPRECIATION

‘Of all virtues, magnanimity is the rarest...’

William Hazlett

I am deeply moved by the magnanimity of the commentators’ ‘handsome, generous and unstinting remarks that follow. They say much about the comradeship, collegiality and communality inherent in a shared pursuit of knowledge, the liberality of mind of gracious colleagues and a shared respect for the sovereignty of scholarship.

Thank you.

Many individuals have contributed to the advances that have occurred in the history of sport. No one has had a more influential role than Professor J.A. Mangan.

By the means of single-authored books...the many enormously interesting collections that he has brought into being both as founding editor of the series SGS (and to which he has often contributed chapters), and his untiring work and vision as executive (founding) editor of the IJHS his contribution has been unparalleled.

Professor Roberta J Park, Introduction, "Another Publication of Significance" in J.A. Mangan and Callum McKenzie "Blooding" the Imperial Male: The Imperial Officer, Field Sports and Big Game Hunting.

If I had not definitively retired from research in Sports History, I would have been delighted to join you...
All our collaborations have been happy ones. No one has done more to further sports history than you .

Professor Allen Guttman

We have a long friendship and it has been a lot of fun. I remember our first meeting and have always appreciated your mentorship.

Professor Patricia Vertinsky

The Olympic Games: Prism for East Asian Politics and Geopolitics gathers together so many scholars to write about sport in East Asia and that many of them are Korean, Japanese and Chinese scholars is impressive and truly marks a turning point in sport studies.

Just a decade ago, there were only a few scholars writing about East Asian sport in English or any European language, and few non-native English speakers were able to write in English.

That a collection of contributions by international scholars will be published in China is a further marker of the arrival of a new era.

Professor Susan E. Brownell

Your IJHS (SGS) conference/special issue/volume programme was a stroke of genius and has galvanised sports studies and studies of East Asian sport around the world. Congratulations....

Professor Susan Brownell, author of the acclaimed Beijing's Games: What the Olympics Mean to China

“You’ve created not only an established field of sports studies, but also an international forum of scholars. Your scholarship is what we post-modern that enlightened scholars strive to attain: multiple conversations with a diverse range of scholars in order to produce a body of thought addressing sport. You should feel truly proud of the work you have produced, the scholars you’ve helped train and the international scholarship that you’ve fostered.”

Sandra Collins

CONCLUDING COMMENT

It is a privilege for me to attach some thoughts about Tony Mangan to this collection of essays. I would also like to commend the publisher for having the wisdom to bring together a substantial body of stylish writings that merit special attention. If ever there was a prose style so completely fitted to the subject - a muscular prose not without sympathy, a strong voice not without unexpected sentiment, a direct message but one that appreciates cultural complexity - here it is for all of us to note and enjoy.

Professor Sheldon Rothblatt, the distinguished cultural historian from the University of California (Berkeley) in his stimulating and informative Appreciation.

'James Anthony Mangan: An Appreciation', 'Manufactured Masculinity: the Cultural Construction of Imperial Manliness, Morality and Militarism, IJHS (Special Issue), Volume 2, Numbers 1 & 2, January/February, 2010, 1.
