History of Sports
Summer 2012

When is a game just a game and when is it something else? This course explores selected topics and issues (race, gender, class, scandal, money, etc.) in the history of modern sport with a special focus on the modern revolution in sports in the US and the British Isles and empire. This period marked the rise of sports organized for both mass participation and competitive spectacle, linking the rise of modern sports with the rise of industrial capitalism and contemporary globalism.

Requirements
Class participation (including discussion leadership) 50%
Film review (4-6 pp.) 20%
Annotated bibliography (8-10 pp.) 30%

Required Books

Ramachandra Guha, A Corner of a Foreign Field: The Indian History of a British Sport (Macmillian, 2003), 200 pp.


**Schedule of Meetings**

**May 29**  
Daniel A. Nathan, *Saying It's So: A Cultural History of the Black Sox Scandal*

**May 31**  
Randy Roberts, *Papa Jack: Jack Johnson and the Era of White Hopes*

**June 5**  
David Zirin, *People's History of Sports in the United States: 250 Years of Politics, Protest, People, and Play*

**June 7**
Dougie Brimson, *Barmy Army: The Changing Face of Football*

**June 12**
David Clay Large, *Nazi Games: The Olympics of 1936*

**June 14**
Ramachandra Guha, *A Corner of a Foreign Field: The Indian History of a British Sport*

**June 19**
David Maraniss, *When Pride Still Mattered:*

**June 21**

**June 26**
Eileen McDonagh and Laura Pappano, *Playing With the Boys: Why Separate is Not Equal in Sports*

**June 28**
Susan Ware, *Game, Set, Match: Billie Jean King and the Revolution in Women's Sports*

**Office Hours:**
Tues., Thurs. : 4:30-6:00
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