

## Call for Abstracts for the Conference “Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport”

on March 3-4, 2023, at Istanbul Bilgi University

Date: March 3rd and 4th, 2023

Venue: Istanbul Bilgi University, santralistanbul Campus, Istanbul, Turkey

Abstract submission deadline: January 31, 2023

It is a pleasure to invite you to submit your abstract for the conference entitled “**Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport,**” organized by Istanbul Bilgi University, as part of the “Social Inclusion of African Athletes in Europe (SiNAFE)” project, which will take place at Istanbul Bilgi University on March 3-4, 2023.

SiNAFE is a collaborative partnership project funded by the European Commission within the scope of the **Erasmus+ Sport Program**. In this project, we try to preserve a simple but crucial idea: having equal conditions in sports is a human right. With the idea that “sport is a human right,” the project wants to promote social inclusion and help make sure that everyone has equal opportunities in sports, with a particular focus on migrants. Sport is oftentimes cited as the perfect tool for upward mobility, and many young athletes attach their hopes and dreams to sport, particularly football, to ascend socially. Still, migrant athletes continue to suffer from social exclusion. For further information about the SiNAFE Project please see <http://migrantathlete.com/>.

The theme of migration and sport highlights the ongoing need to discuss the topic of migration from a social science perspective, with its critical elements including human rights, children’s rights violations, gender equality, social inclusion, and other related topics.

The main goals of this international conference are:

- to create a space in which scientific studies on migration and sport will be shared,
- to encourage further studies, as well as endeavors, on the inclusion of migrant athletes in Europe.

The conference will include panel sessions with participants and a workshop for graduate students.

Graduate students and early-career scholars are encouraged to submit their works in progress.

### **Guide for submissions:**

Abstracts should be no longer than 350 words, in English, and sent to [sinafeconference@bilgi.edu.tr](mailto:sinafeconference@bilgi.edu.tr) by **January 31, 2023 until 12:00 a.m. GMT**.

**The subject line of your submission e-mail should read as follows:** “Transgressing Boundaries \_  
Name Surname.”

Registration is free and covers full participation in all conference sessions, coffee and tea breaks. Participants are responsible for their transportation and accommodation costs.

### **Important Dates:**

**Deadline for abstract submission:** January 31, 2023

**Notification of acceptance:** February 7, 2023

**Date of the conference:** March 3-4, 2023

Please direct all inquiries and submissions to [sinafeconference@bilgi.edu.tr](mailto:sinafeconference@bilgi.edu.tr) no later than **January 31, 2023 / 12:00 a.m. GMT.**

We look forward to seeing you at “**Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport.**”

### **Submission Themes**

We welcome abstracts centering on the following topics:

- Social inclusion through sports
- Human trafficking in sports
- Gender and migration in sports
- Children’s rights in sports migration
- Transnational identity and sports
- The history of sports migration
- Sports migration in or from Africa
- Other related issues

For further details please visit the conference website: <https://sinafeconference.bilgi.edu.tr/en/>

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