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Call for Abstracts for the Conference

“Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport”

on June 1-2, 2023, at İstanbul Bilgi University

New Dates: June 1-2, 2023

Venue: İstanbul Bilgi University, **santralistanbul** Campus, İstanbul, Türkiye

Abstract submission deadline: April 18, 2023

The new conference dates are **June 1-2, 2023**.

Due to the major earthquakes in Turkey, we have made an uneasy decision to postpone the ‘Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport’ Conference.

New abstract submission will be accepted until April 18, 2023.

****All current submissions remain fully valid for the new planned conference dates.**

Please see our updated call for abstracts below:

It is a pleasure to invite you to submit your abstract for the conference entitled ‘**Transgressing Boundaries: Migration and Sport,**’ organized by İstanbul Bilgi University, as part of the ‘Social Inclusion of African Athletes in Europe (SiNAFE)’ Project, which will take place at İstanbul Bilgi University **on June 1-2, 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 visit <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 as follows:

- 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 by **April 18, 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: April 18, 2023

Notification of acceptance: April 25, 2023

Dates of the conference: June 1-2, 2023

Please direct all inquiries and submissions to sinafeconference@bilgi.edu.tr no later than **April 18, 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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