

HIST 2250.1

Soccer: A History of Brazil

Fall 2016

Saint Mary's University, History Department

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Lecture Time: Wednesdays 1 to 2:15pm

Location: Pictou Public Library



World Cup, 1970

Course Description

This course will trace the historical forces behind the evolution of soccer in Brazil – from an elite sport to a national passion with unifying powers. Some of the topics explored in the course are: the transition to a slave-free society, immigration, the development of a national identity, urbanization, the military dictatorship, as well as gender divisions and the role of the media and economics behind the popularity of the sport.

SYLLABUS

- **Week 1:** September 7 - Introduction to the course and to Brazil.
- **Week 2:** September 14 - The Peoples of Brazil: Natives, Enslaved Africans and Immigrants.
 - **Reading:** Thomas Skidmore. *Brazil: Five Centuries of Change* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 73-84.
- **Week 3:** September 21 - The Birth of Soccer.
 - **Reading:** Tony Mason. *Passion of the People. Football in Latin America* (London: Verso, 1995), Chapter 1.
- **Week 4:** September 28 – The Racial Struggle and **in-class test at 2:15.**
 - **Reading:** Roger Kettle. *The Country of Football. Soccer and the Making of Modern Brazil* (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2014), Chapter 1.
- **Week 5:** October 5 – Factory Football and the expansion of soccer clubs.
 - **Reading:** José Sergio Leite Lopes. "Class, Ethnicity, and Color in the Making of Brazilian Football." *Daedalus*. Vol. 129. No. 2 (Spring 2000): 239-270., <http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/20027636.pdf>
- **Week 6:** October 12 - The Professionalization.
 - **Reading:** Clément Astruc. "Football as a Profession: Origins, Social Mobility and the World of Work of Brazilian Footballers, 1950s-1980s." In Fontes and Buarque de Hollanda. *The Country of Football*. Chapter 6.
- **Week 7:** October 19 – Urbanization and the Construction of the Maracã Stadium.

- **Reading:** Antonio Holzmeister. "A Brief History of Soccer Stadiums in Brazil." *Soccer & Society*. Vol. 15. No. 1 (2014): 65-80.,
<http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?sid=2513c64c-16f6-46fc-992ed202aef67876%40sessionmgr4006&vid=3&hid=4114>
- **Week 8:** October 26 - Soccer, Samba, Capoeira and National Identity and in-
 - **Reading:** Simoni Lahud Guedes. "On *Criollos* and Capoeiras: notes on soccer and national identity in Argentina and Brazil." *Soccer & Society*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (2014): 147-161. <http://web.b.ebscohost.com/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?sid=7619790b-ff37-4f4cba1f-d62a43e57f04%40sessionmgr107&vid=1&hid=115>
- **Week 9:** November 2 – The Military Dictatorship, the World Cup of 1970 and "How to Organize an article review".
 - **Reading:** David Goldblatt. *Futebol Nation. A Footballing History of Brazil* (London: Penguin Books, 2014), Chapter 5.
- **Fall Break – No class on November 9**
- **Week 10:** November 16 – Re-democratization and Soccer. **Last in-class test at 2:15.**
 - **Reading:** Jorge Knijnik. "Playing for freedom: Sócrates, futebol-arte, and democratic struggle in Brazil." *Soccer & Society*, Vol. 15, No. 5 (2014): 635-654,
<http://web.b.ebscohost.com/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?sid=763fd1ae-505d-49fd-b49dbe0b743d272d%40sessionmgr103&vid=1&hid=115>
- **Week 11:** November 23 - Soccer and Gender.
 - **Reading:** Gregg Bocketti. *Invention of the Beautiful Game* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2016), Chapter 4.
 - Q.: What are the main challenges for women's soccer, not only in Brazil but in other countries as well? Provide at least one specific example.
- **Week 12:** November 30 – Impacts of Social Events: A Discussion (open to the public).
 - No Formal reading, but bring newspaper clippings, magazine articles etc.