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Title of the Session/Intitulé de la séance: Sport and Education from the Ephebe to the Teenager / Sport et éducation de l'Ephèbe au teenager

Organizers:

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Presentation:

In every age, from ancient Greece to contemporary societies, sport has always had close and significant links to the world of education. The gymnasium of the ancient world fulfilled a threefold purpose as a space of the celebration of the body, sensory education and physical training. Much later in history, the key components of the training of knights, and then that of the nobility, were initiation into the arts of fencing, horse-riding and dance, with 'academies' in these arts springing up across Europe. In the nineteenth century, the invention of modern sport in England was part of an essentially educational project emerging from English public schools whose products were intended to go on to conquer the world. The twentieth century has seen a partial renewal in sports education in accordance with ideas and proposals influenced by, and occasionally the subject of controversy among, the Olympic movement, sporting associations, the institution of school, and youth movements. Sports education, then, involves issues and concerns encompassing the civic, military, health, practical and, most markedly, political spheres.

The historiography of sports education has experienced profound transformations over the last decade, seeing changes in its sources, its subjects and its approaches. This session will be devoted to an account of the most exciting directions it is taking today.

Proposals should be a maximum of 2 500 characters - 350 words and should be sent with a short biographical note to the organizers (fuchs@gei.de; j.saint-martin@orange.fr) and to the Secretary General Robert Frank (sgcish1@gmail.com) by the 30th November 2013.