


Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu and Construction of Sports Field

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Abstract

Sports or the practice of sporting have progressed in parallel with the history of humanity, just as they have developed in parallel with humanity. The sports field, which has a growing interest in social life, has started to occupy the field of social science in time. Since the mid-1900s, sports have become a sub-field of sociology and been discussed in various methodological and theoretical aspects by many people. Especially since the 1980s, Pierre Bourdieu has been one of the important figures whose sociological perspective is utilized in the field of sports sociology. Especially, the "metaphor of playing" that he put forward by gathering his theoretical perspective in one frame shows a serious parallelism with the sociality of sports. Bourdieu's concepts of field, habitus and capital, which constitute the trivet of the theory of action and draws attention to the emphasis on the construction processes, historicity and autonomy of the field are frequently used in studies by researchers working in the field of sports in order to reveal how the sports field is built in social space and with which network of relationships it exists. For this reason, the development processes, the possibilities of Bourdieu's theoretical framework for, and Bourdieu's explanations on the sociology of sports, and how to build a sports field in a social space are discussed.

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