

Immigrant Settlement



and Cultural Capital

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Sport and Integration

- Sport combatting social ills – used as tool for assimilation
- Expectation to conform to dominant structures
- Lack of reference to multiculturalism



Sport and Cultural Capital

- Attitudes, preferences, behaviours and goods (Lamont & Lareau, 1988:)
- An individual's competence within a high status culture (Bourdieu & Passeron, 1977)
- May enhance integration outcomes (Hage, 2008)
- Multi-faceted – value in different contexts

purpose

To synthesize and summarize what is known about the cultural capital of **culturally and linguistically diverse migrant** populations in the context of their sports participation

Methods

- Systematic literature review
- 'sport', 'physical activity', or 'exercise' combined with migrant and cultural capital descriptors
- Peer reviewed English language journal articles published after 1990

1. Cultural Capital → Barrier

- Migrant-specific CC as a barrier
- Language proficiency and a lack of knowledge about rules, norms
- Sports activities not meeting cultural needs/ being viewed as important



2. Producing new Cultural Capital

- Cultural Capital valued within mainstream culture
- Belief participation in mainstream sport will help assimilate
- Few alternative programs
- Learning language, norms, values, belief exercise is important for health

3. Reproducing Cultural Capital

- Migrant-specific cultural capital
- Participation within own ethnic group favoured – formal/informal
- Mobilize resistance against discrimination
- Maintain cultural identity and ethnic ties

4. Negotiating Cultural Capital

- Migrants using agency to negotiate with mainstream culture
- Sport as a space to develop CC valued in home and destination culture
- Cultural hybridity
- New ethnic sporting institutions and practices

Discussion

- Relatively unexplored area of research
- Sports can help develop all types of Cultural Capital– multi-dimensional
- Step away from assimilationist and backpack approaches
- Agency

Integration



Mainstream
sports
participation



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