

Research Handbook on Sport Governance

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Sports governance has developed into a considerable field of research, and has piqued many researchers' interest worldwide. What's more, recent scandals that have affected the world of sport can be directly related to misgovernance. Research Handbook on Sport Governance aims to gather the state-of-the-art research on sports governance. It offers a vital reference point for advancing research on the matter, while illustrating different approaches and perspectives, such as good governance principles, systemic governance, political governance and network governance.

'The notion of governance has gained significant currency and has become an inseparable part of sport organizations' strategies and practices. It is also a widely taught subject in academic institutions. This is an original and well-conceptualized book, which provides a comprehensive examination of governance at different levels of analysis. Written by established scholars, the text represents a great reference source and will complement nicely the library of academics and practitioners alike.'

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'The timeliness of this Research Handbook is underscored by the fact that the topic of sport governance has become extremely relevant and important but also extremely complex in our time.'

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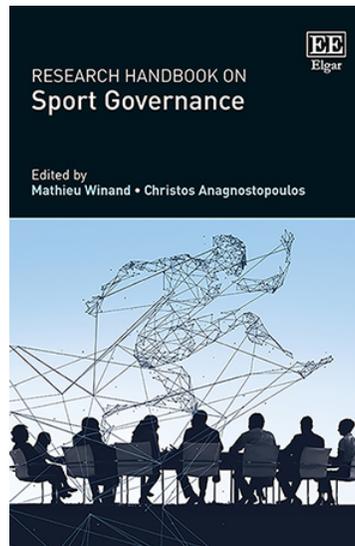
'This important Research Handbook provides a scholarly, conceptually robust and evidence based approach to critical aspects of sport governance, bringing together an impressive number of original contributions from leading governance researchers from around the world. This Research Handbook will assist readers to better understand the many different ways that governance is conceptualised, operationalised and measured. The complexity and the environmental and cultural nuances of governance are highlighted through insightful illustrative case studies, whereby current models and frameworks of sport governance are not merely presented but are challenged and critiqued. This is essential reading for sport management researchers, students and practitioners.'

– Tracy Taylor, UTS Business School, Australia

'Congratulations to the Editors on compiling a rich and varied range of sport governance research from across the globe. This Research Handbook on Sport Governance collates the work of leading sport governance scholars from around the world, providing a diverse and interesting array of views and perspectives on the theory and practice of sport governance. The chapters and information contained in this Research Handbook provide a unique audit of sport governance research to date as well as giving directions for future and necessary work in this domain in the years to follow. May this contribution stimulate further research in sport governance.'

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'Good governance is the essence of good sport, hence it is a matter that demands the attention of everyone from athletes and fans to governing bodies and commercial partners. Yet we are



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living in an era where the principles of good governance are being challenged, raising numerous questions about its principles, application and management. As such, this is a timely text that addresses many of the most pertinent issues facing sports governance today. If sport is to effectively confront the governance challenges it faces, it is clear that Winand and Anagnostopoulos' Research Handbook must form a central part of our thinking about how we can ensure that sport is governed in an optimal way.'

– Simon Chadwick, University of Salford, UK

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