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Special edition of *Sport, Education and Society*: **Body Pedagogies, Education and Health**

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In recent years a plethora of health policy initiatives have been implemented in many countries often as part of a broader public health enterprise to tackle 'the obesity epidemic' or other health concerns. These visions are imbued with a renewed interest in the need for populations to monitor their own bodies, weight and health against perceived risks associated with deteriorating lifestyles. This special issue will offer theoretically and empirically informed sociological perspectives on how these discourses are manifested within and transmitted through pedagogy within physical cultures. The theme signals a retreat from definitions of pedagogy as relating only to schooling or formal education. Instead, *Body Pedagogies* articulates a focus on how people learn about their bodies in a myriad of both formal and more informal physical cultures.

Specifically, papers will examine how the above discourses grounded in tackling obesity and other health issues are conceptualised and expressed in the policies, practices and physical cultures of schools and wider communities. Moreover, following the increasing focus on lifestyle media as both education and entertainment (e.g. Jamie Oliver's School Dinners, Wii fitness) papers might also explore how emerging popular cultures provide means through which to articulate these body pedagogies. In addition, we anticipate that papers will address how such pedagogies are variously experienced and negotiated by adults (teachers, health workers or other adults) and/or young people. In doing so, contributions will consider the impact on subjectivities, addressing issues of class, race, gender, religion, sexuality or other embodied identities in this process.

SUBMISSIONS

Authors should submit their paper to a maximum of 6000 words, together with an abstract, key words, and author details on separate sheet, by **30 November 2008**. All papers will be subject to a process of rigorous review and there is no guarantee of acceptance or publication in the special edition. Please submit your paper electronically, in Microsoft Word format, to E.J.Rich@lboro.ac.uk

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