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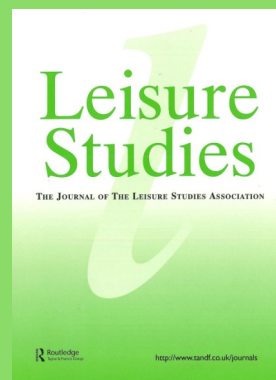
This special edition seeks to engage the dynamic range of research methodologies integral to leisure studies scholarship. In our 25th anniversary year the journal incorporated a number of invited papers that represented ‘think pieces’ on the leisure studies field (Volume 25 Number 4, October 2006). A common thread across the contributions included outlining areas for future study and in particular, identifying a number of key implications for leisure researchers. A ‘research methodologies’ special edition therefore aims to incorporate what’s ‘new’ and to highlight what leisure scholars are ‘up to’ in the multidisciplinary field of LS, and beyond. Current methodological questions, new projects and approaches *as well as* continuities in leisure research may also inform paper contributions.

A number of underlying questions underpin this special issue:

- Which research agendas emerge/have emerged to help elucidate meaning and understanding of the complex term we call ‘leisure’?
- What impacts/consequences do academic disciplinary boundaries have for leisure researchers and how can these be negotiated and navigated?
- How significant are different definitions of leisure, at an epistemic level, and who/what valorises these definitions?

Possible papers might reflect the following topics though the list is not exhaustive and this special edition could fruitfully include a number of Research Notes that outline current, ‘live’, projects.

- Defining and researching leisure – exploring epistemological issues and questions
- Surveys and statistics – using and applying them
- Visual methodologies and/or new media analyses
- Auto ethnography
- Giving voice(s) to others
- Longitudinal research
- Mixed method
- Evaluation (and monitoring?)
- Oral histories
- New ethnographies and cultural turns
- Specific case studies or projects



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