Abstracts

Individualisation in sports. Is the calculating citizen a threat to the sports club? A.G.P. Strijp

Official documents of sports organizations and public organizations quite often make assumptions with respect to the phenomenon 'individuality in sport'. They all express a sense of social pessimism with respect to collectivities (sports clubs) and solidarity (willingness to do volunteer work for the club). Four assumptions are put to the test. It turns out that sports clubs do not have to fear for their future. People are not increasingly practising sports on an individual basis, though the relationship between members and sports clubs does become more detached. Finally, it remains unclear how numbers of volunteers are increasing and developing in sport.

On the typology of welfare systems. Esping-Andersen's theory in discussion U.Becker

This text is a critical reconstruction and extension of Espings-Andersen's typology of welfare regimes. It treats the discussion around his theory, makes a clear distinction between ideal types and the hybrid reality, and pays special attention to the dimension of culture largely neglected by Esping-Andersen, which is nonetheless of particular relevance for public policy. His typology is complemented by a type based on the peculiarities of East Asian welfare systems.