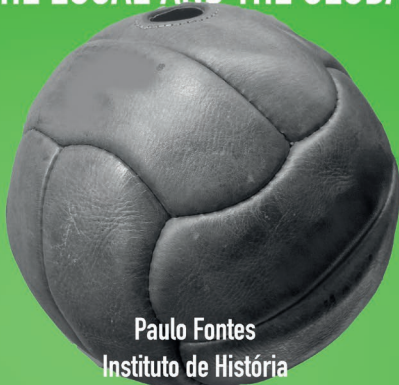


# FOOTBALL AND LABOUR HISTORY IN BRAZIL

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## Abstract

Despite the well-known historical relations between football and the working class, it is only recently that the labour history in Brazil has addressed this issue more systematically. This presentation will analyse the historiographical trajectory of football as a theme in labour history, taking as a starting point a case study on amateur football practiced in the industrial districts of São Paulo between the 1930s and 1970s and its relations with the labour movement, the State and the civil society in general. The important connections between football and the building of national identity, racial and gender relations, as well as the cultural and associative dimensions of the sport in the worlds of labour will be highlighted.

In the context of the Qatar World Cup and the international debates on human and labour rights violations in that country, the presentation will also seek to argue about the importance of the topic for labour historians and the need to articulate the debates about global labour history with local football historiographies.



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