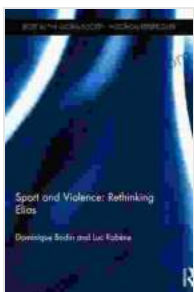


Rethinking Elias' Sport in the Global Society: Historical Perspectives

Norbert Elias' theory of sport has been one of the most influential theories in the field of sports sociology. Elias argued that sport is a product of the civilizing process, and that it has played a key role in the development of modern society. Elias' theory has been used to explain a wide range of phenomena, from the rise of competitive sports to the changing role of women in sport. However, Elias' theory has also been criticized for its Eurocentrism and for its failure to account for the diversity of sport across cultures.

This book offers a critical re-examination of Elias' theory of sport. The book draws on historical and comparative perspectives to explore the ways in which Elias' theory has been used to explain the development of sport and its role in social change. The book also challenges some of the key assumptions of Elias' theory, and offers new insights into the relationship between sport and society.



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The Civilizing Process and the Rise of Sport

Elias argued that sport is a product of the civilizing process. The civilizing process is a long-term historical process that has led to the gradual decline of violence and the rise of more refined and civilized forms of behavior.

Elias argued that sport is a manifestation of the civilizing process because it provides a controlled and ritualized outlet for aggression.

Elias' theory of sport has been used to explain a wide range of phenomena, including the rise of competitive sports, the changing role of women in sport, and the globalization of sport. Elias' theory has also been used to explain the relationship between sport and violence. Elias argued that sport can help to channel aggression into more constructive outlets, and that it can help to reduce violence in society.

Critique of Elias' Theory

Elias' theory of sport has been criticized for its Eurocentrism and for its failure to account for the diversity of sport across cultures. Critics have argued that Elias' theory is based on a Western understanding of sport, and that it does not adequately account for the different ways in which sport is played and experienced in other cultures.

Critics have also argued that Elias' theory fails to account for the role of power and inequality in sport. Elias argued that sport is a meritocracy, and that the best athletes always win. However, critics have argued that sport is often shaped by power and inequality, and that the best athletes do not always win.

New Directions in the Study of Sport

Despite the criticisms of Elias' theory, it remains one of the most important and influential theories in the field of sports sociology. Elias' theory has provided a valuable framework for understanding the relationship between sport and society, and it has inspired a wide range of research on the topic. However, there is still much that we do not know about the relationship between sport and society, and there is a need for new research to explore this complex and fascinating topic.

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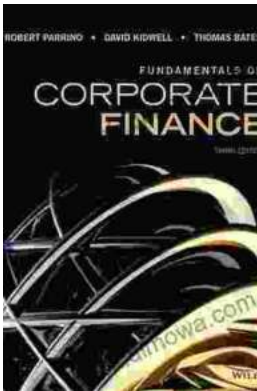
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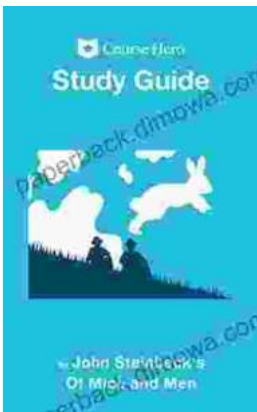
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