

CALL FOR PAPERS

RGS-IBG Annual International Conference

University of Edinburgh, 3 to 5 July 2012

Special Session on: Security & Surveillance at (Sport) Mega-Events

(overall conference theme: geography of security/security of geography)

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Security issues weigh 'heavily' on the successful staging of (sport) mega-events. With two of the most globally coveted sport happenings forthcoming in 2012 - the London Olympics and the European Football Championship in Poland and Ukraine - there is a substantial need for critical enquiry into the functioning, interests and wider urban implications of security governance at sport mega-events.

The session seeks to assess the current state of research and expertise in security & surveillance issues surrounding (sport) mega-events. We welcome submissions on any aspect of this broad area, but would particularly encourage papers on:

- Anti-Terror legacies and human-rights issues
- Urban policy mobilities in the field of mega-event security
- Urban implications of mega-event security
- International comparisons
- Architecture and urban infrastructure in mega-event security
- Spatial articulations of security & surveillance at mega-events
- Militarisation of public safety
- Mega-event security and urban regeneration
- Popular perceptions of security

Potential presenters should send their name, affiliation, and a 250-word abstract to: pfussey@essex.ac.uk and/or Francisco.klauser@unine.ch

The **deadline for abstract submissions is: 21st January 2012**. Successful submitters will be notified before 31st January 2011, when the full session will be submitted to the RGS-IBG.