

Call for Abstracts *Soccer and Philosophy**

We are looking for scholarly philosophical essays written for a lay audience to be included in *Soccer and Philosophy*, to be published by Open Court Publishing Company as part of their successful *Popular Culture and Philosophy* series (for more information on the series, see <http://www.opencourtbooks.com/categories/pcp.htm>).

Essays can deal with philosophical topics relating to any aspect of the sport, its history, its teams, coaches, referees, and supporters. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Soccer Illuminating Philosophy, e.g.:
 - *Pele, Plato, and the Form of Perfection*
 - *"Going for Goal", or Aristotelian Teleology in the Modern Game*
 - *If Sartre Played Midfield, or the Pass-in-Itself vs. the Pass-for-Itself*
 - *Intention and Involvement in an Offside Position*
- Philosophy Illuminating Soccer, e.g.:
 - *The Existential Anguish/Bliss of a Nil-Nil Game*
 - *The Aesthetics of the Beautiful Game*
 - *Can the Professional Foul Be Beautiful?*
 - *Multi-agent Decision Making and the Back-Heel Pass*
- Soccer as a Microcosm of Larger Cultural Issues, e.g.:
 - *Divine Intervention, the Abdication of Responsibility, and Maradona's "Hand of God"*
 - *Social Justice and the Democracy of Talent in Professional Soccer*
 - *Justified Violence, Zinedine Zidane and the Loss of Reason*
 - *Ethics vs. Pragmatics as Exemplified in the Play of Marco Materazzi*
- National Character in Soccer and Philosophy, e.g.:
 - *Friedrich Nietzsche, Lothar Matthäus, and the German Ideal of Soccer*
 - *Personal Identity, Roles, and the "Total Football" of the 1970s Dutch National Team*
 - *Humean Skepticism and English Long-Ball Football*

Please submit an **Abstract** (100-750 words) and **CV** (for each author/coauthor) for consideration electronically to Ted Richards at: tedr@utk.edu.

Deadline for abstracts is 30 March 2009.

Acceptances will be notified by 15 April 2009. If selected, the deadline for a 1st draft (roughly 12-18 pages, double spaced) would be 30 June 2009. The editor and press hope to have the volume on the shelves for the 2010 World Cup Finals.

* Negotiations ongoing to title the book *Football and Philosophy* outside of the United States and Canada.