Course Description:

This is an online course, which will examine and critically analyze the social significance of sports, particular events leading to and influencing protest movements, and the peaceful outcomes of these movements (or lack thereof) via conflict resolution. We will identify and examine the non-violent behaviors, strategies, and ideologies of numerous athletes such as: Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown, Harry Edwards, John Carlos and Tommy Smith, Colin Kaepernick, etc. and their particular methods of rebellion and representation tied to a circumstantial cause. Furthermore, we will examine how fans, organizations, media, and sporting committees (i.e. International Olympic Committee) have reacted to athlete revolts and their effectiveness in society.

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“I strongly object to the fact that so many newspapers have given the American public and the world the impression that I have only two alternatives in taking this stand: either I go to jail or go to the Army. There is another alternative and that alternative is justice. If justice prevails, if my Constitutional rights are upheld, I will be forced to go neither to the Army nor jail. In the end I am confident that justice will come my way for the truth must eventually prevail.”

- Muhammad Ali