

Soccer and Global Politics

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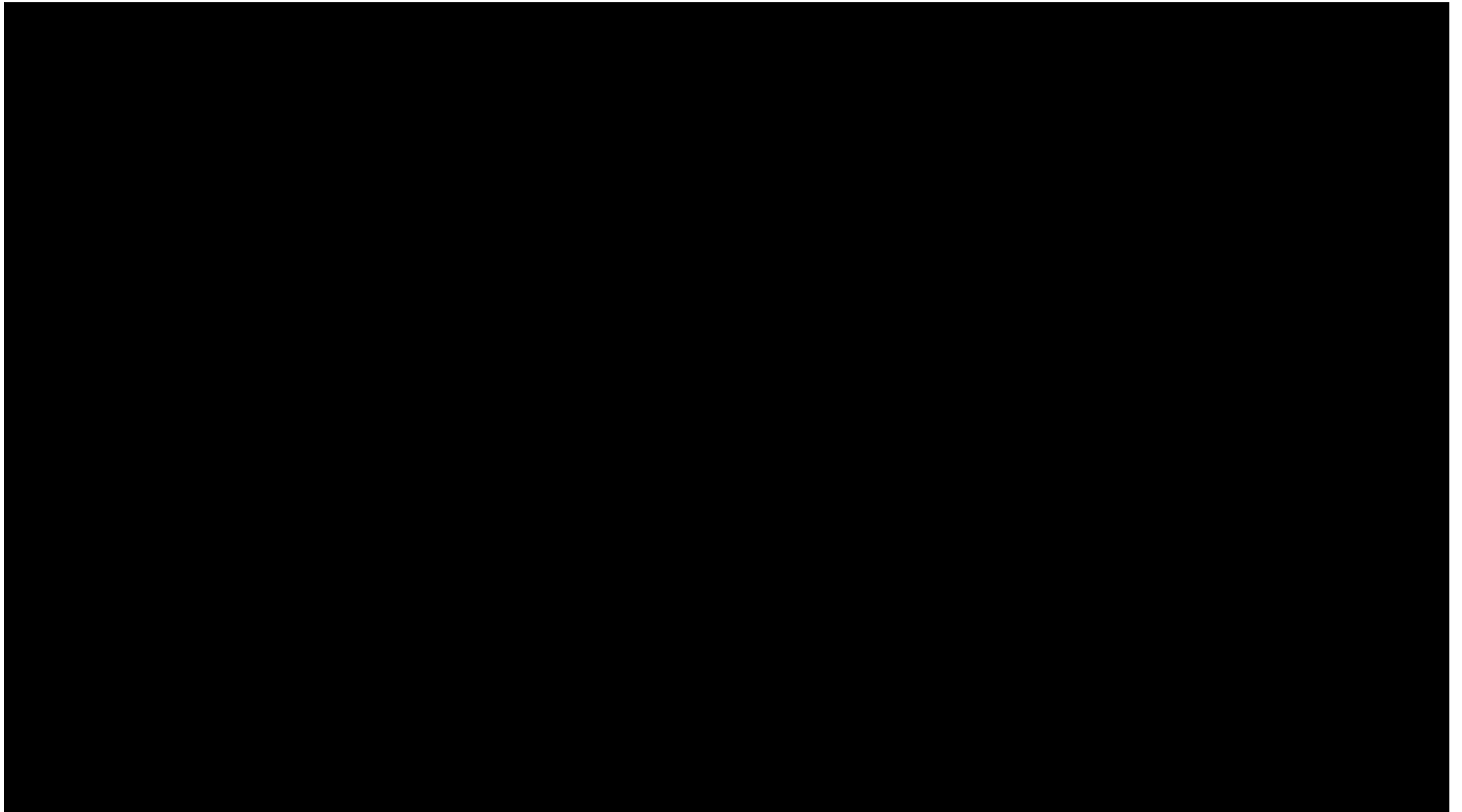
- Claims:
- politics and society fundamentally about identity
- Humans are tribal, we seek euphoric hives that make us part of a community
- Sports are increasingly the source of our identity, of our tribes, of our euphoric hives
- For multiple reasons, soccer is the sport that most often interacts with identity, politics, economics

the identity and nationalism debate

- the modernists or constructivists: Benedict Anderson, Ernest Gellner, Eric Hobsbawm, Marx . Warmaking is state making—Tilly and Centeno
- The originalists or primordialists, Walker Conner, Anthony Smith, Max Weber

Maybe Anderson Right?

Both Language and Homeland?



WORLD

Football Confederations



◀ Premier League ▶	P	PTS
1	Manchester City	24 65
2	Manchester United	24 53
3	Chelsea	24 50
4	Liverpool	24 47
5	Tottenham Hotspur	24 45
6	Arsenal	24 42
7	Leicester City	24 34
8	Burnley	24 34
9	Everton	24 28
10	Watford	24 26
11	West Ham United	24 26
12	AFC Bournemouth	24 25
13	Crystal Palace	24 25
14	Huddersfield Town	24 24
15	Newcastle United	24 23
16	Brighton & Hove ...	24 23
17	Stoke City	24 23
18	Southampton	24 22
19	West Bromwich A...	24 20
20	Swansea City	24 20

◀ Serie A ▶	P	PTS
1	SSC Napoli	21 54
2	Juventus	21 53
3	Lazio	21 46
4	Inter	21 43
5	Roma	21 41
6	Sampdoria	21 34
7	AC Milan	21 31
8	Atalanta	21 30
9	Udinese	21 29
10	Torino	21 29
11	Fiorentina	21 28
12	Bologna	21 27
13	ChievoVerona	21 22
14	Sassuolo	21 22
15	Genoa	21 21
16	Cagliari	21 20
17	Crotone	21 18
18	SPAL 2013	21 16
19	Hellas Verona	21 13
20	Benevento	21 7

◀ LaLiga Santander ▶	P	PTS
1	Barcelona	20 54
2	Atletico Madrid	20 43
3	Valencia	20 40
4	Real Madrid	19 35
5	Villarreal	20 34
6	Sevilla	20 32
7	Celta Vigo	20 28
8	Eibar	20 28
9	Getafe	20 27
10	Girona	20 27
11	Real Betis	20 27
12	Athletic Bilbao	20 26
13	Leganes	19 25
14	Espanyol	20 24
15	Real Sociedad	20 23
16	Alaves	20 19
17	Levante	20 18
18	Deportivo La Cor...	20 16
19	Las Palmas	20 14
20	Malaga	20 12

1	Boca Juniors	12 30
2	San Lorenzo	12 27
3	Union	12 22
4	Independiente	12 22
5	Talleres	12 21
6	Huracan	12 21
7	Colon	12 20
8	San Martin San J...	12 20
9	Belgrano	12 20
10	Defensa y Justicia	12 18
11	Argentinos Juniors	12 17
12	Godoy Cruz	11 17
13	Estudiantes	12 17
14	Racing Club	12 16
15	Atletico Tucuman	12 16
16	Banfield	12 15
17	River Plate	12 15
18	Patronato de Para...	12 15
19	Velez Sarsfield	12 14
20	Rosario Central	12 14
21	Gimnasia LP	12 13
22	Lanus	11 13
23	Temperley	12 12
24	Newells Old Boys	12 10
25	Chacarita Juniors	12 9
26	Olimpo	12 9
27	Tigre	12 8
28	Arsenal Sarandi	12 5

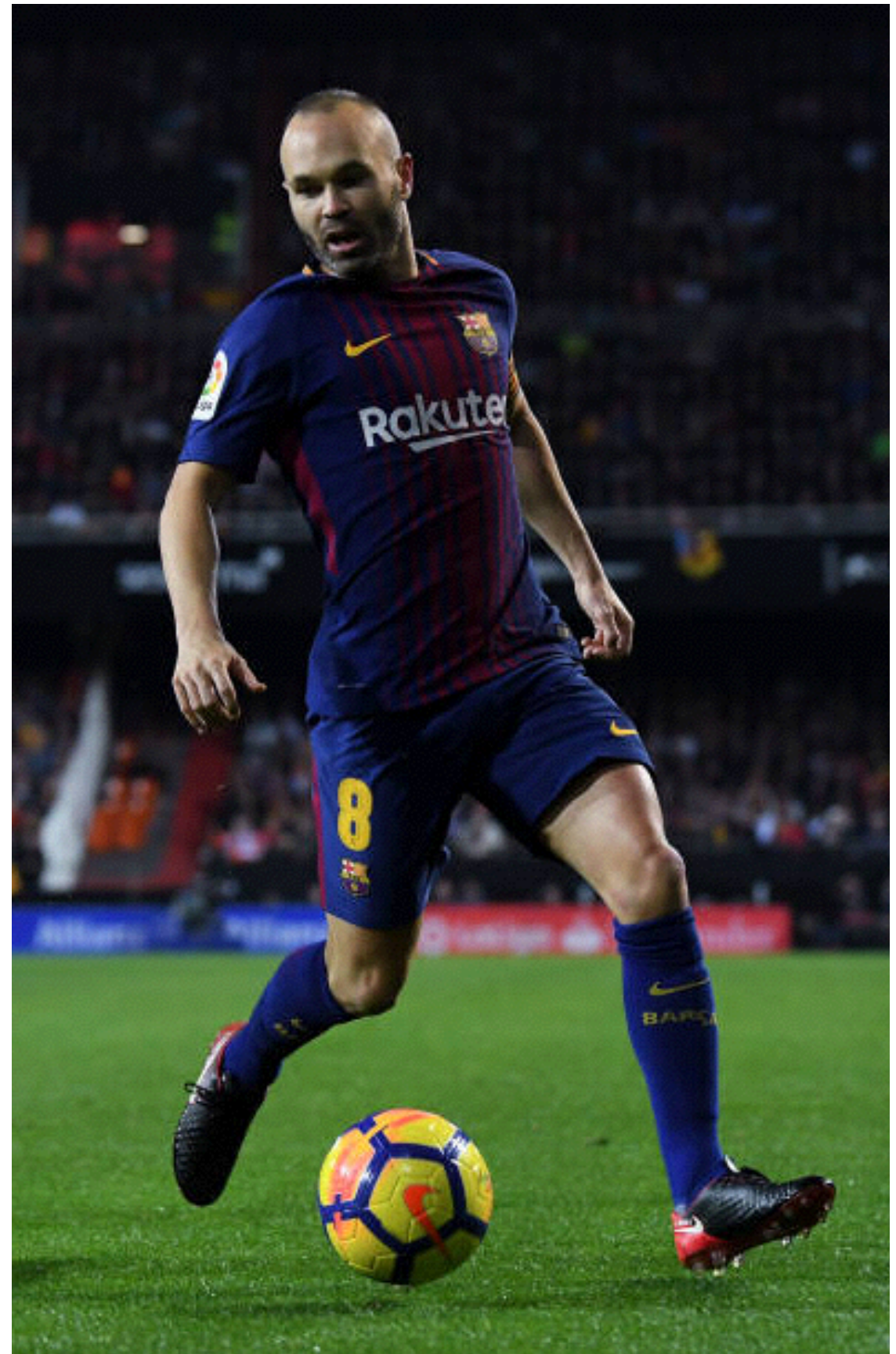
◀ Ligue 1 ▶	P	PTS
1	Paris Saint Germain	22 56
2	Lyon	22 48
3	Marseille	22 47
4	Monaco	22 46
5	Nantes	22 34
6	Nice	22 34
7	Montpellier	22 31
8	Rennes	22 31
9	Guingamp	22 29
10	Strasbourg	22 27
11	Caen	22 27
12	Bordeaux	22 26
13	Amiens	22 25
14	Dijon	22 25
15	Troyes	22 24
16	Saint-Etienne	22 23
17	Angers	22 22
18	Lille	22 22
19	Toulouse	22 20
20	Metz	22 15

◀ Bundesliga ▶	P	PTS
1	Bayern Munich	19 47
2	Bayer Leverkusen	19 31
3	Schalke 04	19 31
4	RasenBallsport Le...	19 31
5	Borussia Moench...	19 31
6	Borussia Dortmund	19 30
7	Eintracht Frankfurt	19 30
8	Augsburg	19 27
9	Hoffenheim	19 27
10	Hannover 96	19 27
11	Hertha Berlin	19 25
12	Freiburg	19 23
13	Wolfsburg	19 20
14	VfB Stuttgart	19 20
15	Mainz 05	19 20
16	Werder Bremen	19 16
17	Hamburger SV	19 15
18	FC Cologne	19 12

Brazil - Paulista A1 - Group A									
Total	Home				Away				
# Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
3	Corinthians	3	2	0	1	6	2	4	6
5	Bragantino	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	6
6	Ituano FC	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	5
12	Unense	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3
Brazil - Paulista A1 - Group B									
Total	Home				Away				
# Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
8	Sao Paulo	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
10	Ponte Preta	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
11	Sao Caetano	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
15	Santo Andre	3	0	2	1	2	4	-2	2
Brazil - Paulista A1 - Group C									
Total	Home				Away				
# Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1	Palmeiras	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
2	Sao Bento	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
7	Novorizontino	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
13	Ferroviaria	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
Brazil - Paulista A1 - Group D									
Total	Home				Away				
# Team Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
4	Santos FC	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
9	Botafogo SP	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3
13	Red Bull Brasil	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
16	Mirassol	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	1

Why is Soccer Different?

1. Democratization of sport. One does not need to be a giant or blessed with a particular biotype to be a star
2. Global Governance: FIFA and CONFEDERATIONS
3. Season never ends between clubs and national teams (NT)
4. Constant Bonding vs Bridging (Putnam) Capital club vs NT games
5. derbies (except France)
6. transfers
7. US myth of equality of opportunity and fairness; rest of world understands that life if not fair and sport is representation of life.
8. referee constantly determining intent in low scoring games, all teams and fans see injustice, conspiracy, hours of arguing over hand ball or penalty or red card enhances the hegemonic sports culture AND bonding capital/tribalism



Soccer different

- global and much bigger than any other sport (165 million watch a Super Bowl. 500 million watch a regular game Barcelona - Real Madrid. 40-50 billion cumulative viewers of World Cup.
- Local teams and national teams constantly playing—push pull
- promotion and relegation
- fans are members and often owners of clubs. Clubs emerged out of wide range of organization—Boca, Spain, Germany, Defensor de la Huelga, etc.
- so many more professional clubs. 20,000 professional players in Brazil.
- Global export market (Argentina exports 2300 players per year)
- Multiple professional teams per city, associated with religion, class, ethnic group, politicians etc. and hooligan groups (civil society) left and right. Stadiums in Buenos Aires.

Soccer

- Players simultaneously playing for different teams
- multiple club and national tournaments simultaneous, especially England
- Clubs belong to citizens of cities, could never be moved from LA to St. Louis and back again. NOT FRANCHISES. Atlanta United is NOT our team
- It is the hegemonic cultural activity in most of the world.
- Lots of elections, at national, regional, and world level for FIFA and 6 confederations
- More powerful and more members than UN—can enforce
- Overlay of class, religion, etc. provides rich dynamics with gender in Iran, Japan, Argentina, etc.