Call for Submissions!

Who: Routed is an online publication on migration and (im)mobility. Bridging the divide between specialist academic literature on human mobility and popular portrayals of migration in the media, we hope to bring a fresh, critical perspective to the study of how and why people move.

What: Our 10th issue, on the theme of **'Sports and Migration'**, to be published in **June 2020**.

Whereas the Refugee Olympic Team is set to compete again at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, Routed welcomes submissions on the interaction between sports and migration.

Sports and human mobility are two deeply intertwined social phenomena. For instance, the organisation of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing was subject to controversies after the Geneva-based Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions revealed that some 1.5 million people had been expelled from their homes without proper compensation in order to build the infrastructures required to host the games – something Chinese authorities denied. Meanwhile, most major sports events see athletes seeking asylum in the host country.

When it comes to voluntary migration, the State of Qatar paid and naturalised several senior handball players to compete under the Qatari jersey at the 2015 World Championships. Criticised for being a 'world selection', the team reached the final, which led authorities to fly 60 Spanish fans to cheer for 'Qatari' players.

Outside the spotlight, physical activity plays an instrumental role in the lives of many people on the move, and this at every stage of the migration process.

We are particularly interested in publishing work that lifts up the voices of people on the move and exploring human (im)mobility in its many varied forms. We are also keen on receiving pieces that analyse current news about migration and (im)mobility, or reflect on cultural production related to these topics.

Articles should address a broad audience, made of experts and non-experts, and should be originally written in English or Spanish.

When: The deadline for proposals is **25th April**.

How: If you are interested in proposing a submission for this issue, please send us a short abstract no longer than 250 words via email to: RoutedMagazine@gmail.com.

Article guidelines:

1. The length of the piece should be between 700 and 1000 words.
2. The article should consistently use British spelling and grammar, if you're writing in English.
3. The simpler the language the better. Try to briefly explain or add links to any concepts, organisations, policies… introduced in the article.
4. Concepts and cited works/legislation/articles should be inserted in the article as hyperlinks.
5. All acronyms should be specified in parentheses.

Some notes on the publication process:

1. Once you send us your proposal, we will get back to you after the deadline for all submissions (**25 April**).
2. First drafts are due on **16th May**, for publication on **20th June**. After you send us your first draft, your editor will get back to you with their comments, which you will review before publication.
3. The article will be translated and promoted on social media.
4. We understand this topic may be highly sensitive. If any writer wishes to remain anonymous, we commit to protecting their identity.
5. Please be aware that any opinions you express in your article will be yours alone and not reflect Routed's general stance.