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*Catalan Nationalism, Spanish Identity and the Barcelona Olympic Games*

Although the fight for independence by national minorities has received much attention recently, there is no study of how globalised sport in its most advanced form can help to stimulate it. This book shows how the 1992 Olympic Games raised the tension that already existed between Catalonia and Spain, from the time they were awarded to Barcelona until they opened. John Hargreaves analyses and explains the way in which the conflict developed and was eventually resolved in terms of the special characteristics of Catalan nationalism, the nature of the new Spanish democracy and the special role played by the International Olympic Committee.

This book will be relevant to academics, researchers and postgraduates specialising in nationalism and Catalan nationalism, as well as being of interest to teachers, researchers and students of political sociology, cultural studies and sports studies, and professionals working in the fields of culture, sport, recreation and leisure.

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Abbreviations

ABC American Broadcasting Company
COC Comité Olímpic de Catalunya (Catalan Olympic Committee)
CIS Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (Centre for Sociological Research)
COOB Comité Organizador Olímpico de Barcelona (Organising Committee of the Barcelona Olympic Games)
COE Comité Olímpico Español (Spanish Olympic Committee)
CDC Convergencia Democrática de Catalunya (Democratic Convergence Party of Catalonia) – nationalist party led by Pujol and one of the two constituent parties of CiU (see below)
CiU Convergencia i Unió (Convergence and Union Party) – the main nationalist party forming the government of Catalonia
CCOO Comisiones Obreras (Workers’ Commissions) – Communist trade union
ERC Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (Republican Left of Catalonia) – the main separatist party
ETA Euskadi ta Askatasuna (Basque Homeland and Liberty) – Basque separatist terrorist organisation
FIFA International Federation of Football Associations
IAAF International Amateur Athletic Federation
IC Iniciativa de Catalunya (Catalan Communist Party)
IOC International Olympic Committee
ISL International Sport and Leisure – the major international sports promotion agency
IU Izquierda Unida (Spanish Communist Party)
JERC Joventuts d’Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (Republican Left Youth of Catalonia) – ERC youth organisation
JNC Joventut Nacionalista de Catalunya (Nationalist Youth of Catalonia) – CDC youth organisation
NOC National Olympic Committee
NBC National Broadcasting Company
OCA Olympic Council for Asia
PP Partido Popular (Spanish Conservative Party)
PSC Partit Socialista de Catalunya (Catalan Socialist Party) – affiliate of PSOE (see below)
PSOE Partido Socialista Obrero Español (Spanish Socialist Workers Party)
TOP The Olympic Sponsorship Programme
UGT Unió Democràtica Cristiana (Christian Democratic Union) – one of the two constituent parties of CiU (see above)

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Map 2: The Olympic torch: its journey around Catalonia