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To coincide with the 2012 Olympic Games in London, *The British Journal of Sociology* has published a Special Issue on the subject of world sport. Edited by Richard Giulianotti and Susan Brownell, the special issue features six world-renowned social scientists writing about global football, Olympic Games, and the FIFA World Cup, ranging across Canada, the UK, Australia, China and South Africa. The contributors show that sport and sport mega-events are playing a crucial role in the making of transnational society because they draw increasing numbers of actors into a transnational web of connections, and general powerful fantasies of global unity and social order among the world audience. At the same time, the expansion of neoliberal policies and global “best practices” in security and policing has provoked oppositional civil society movements and conflicts over post-event “legacies”. The special issue will be valuable to readers interested in civil society, globalization, popular culture, and urban security, as well as those interested in the global nature of today’s sports.

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