THE FOOTBALL STUDIES UNIT at Victoria University (VU) invites attendees for The Worlds of Football conference to be held at Victoria University on 27–28 September 2010 (the Tuesday and Wednesday following the Australian Football League Grand Final).

The Worlds of Football is an international multi-disciplinary and multi-code conference that will bring together football researchers from all over Australia and around the world to share their research with like-minded colleagues.

This conference theme is Triumphs, Trials and Traumas and streams are envisaged for ‘Gender and Sexualities’, ‘Memories and Identities’, and ‘The Global and Local Worlds of Football’.

Contributions from academics and football enthusiasts relating to the theme are welcomed from the fields of football studies — including but not limited to history, sociology, gender and sexuality studies, ethics, cultural studies, management, law, education and economics — and can address any of the world’s football codes. Postgraduate student presentations are also encouraged.

It is anticipated that papers from the conference will be published in an edited anthology or special issue of a journal.

Keynote speakers include Eric Anderson (University of Bath), Jayne Caudwell (University of Brighton) and Rob Hess (Victoria University).

Please see the conference website for further details: www.staff.vu.edu.au/RobHess/Football Studies Unit.htm.

The deadline for abstracts is 5 July 2010.