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Talk 5:

Round table discussion

Applying linguistics to language, culture and communication issues in your context.

What big, ambiguous social concepts have we explored today through language?

- Leadership
- Relationships
- Identities
- Team work
- Cohesion
- Transition
- Socialisation
- ...



Some of the
specific
questions we
have
addressed

How is leadership done (in a basketball team) and what is the role of language?

How can looking at language help us understand leadership?

How can a focus on storytelling help us understand player transitions in teams?

How do shared stories serve to socialise new players and create cohesion?

How is humour used in sports teams?

How does humour work in negotiating team cohesion?

What do language patterns between coaches and players tell us about power and empowerment in sports teams?

Is empowerment actually possible in typical coach—player interactional rituals and routines?

Roundtable session

- **Purpose:** to provide a space for you to (further) consolidate your understanding of how linguistics can be applied to examine issues in high performance sporting contexts
- We can do that by...
 - **Reflecting:** Giving you the chance to design and ask further questions, raise points, dig a little deeper on issues we have discussed today (and beyond)
 - **Connecting:** Trying to mind-map/draw semantic connections between the different topics of the day (and beyond)
 - **Designing:** Helping you consider how you might explore a particular issue in your context through attention to authentic language use
 - Something else?



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The screenshot shows the website for the Sports Culture and Communication Research Collective at Warwick University. The header includes the Warwick logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Social Sciences and Applied Linguistics. A red navigation bar contains links for 'Study with us', 'Research', 'People', 'Resources', 'News', and 'Events'. Below this, a dark red bar highlights 'Research groups' and 'Sports Culture and Communication Research Collective'. The main content area features the group's logo, a list of research interests, a section titled 'Introducing the Sports Culture and Communication Research Group' with a photograph of a soccer player, and a 'Recent public engagement' section.

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Sports Culture and Communication Research Collective


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“ Our research interests include:

- How can coaches and players communicate effectively with each other?
- How do communication choices help and/or hinder team work and team cohesion?
- How does humour and banter function in professional sports teams?
- How do leaders in professional sports teams use language?
- How can we help foreign players adjust to life in British sports clubs?
- How can managers, coaches and players use language in the media to manage their impressions?

Introducing the Sports Culture and Communication Research Group

What difficulties do players and coaches experience when communicating in a professional sports team? How do leaders talk or need to talk? How can coaches and captains have tough conversations but maintain strong professional interpersonal relationships? Does everyone need to talk, or are silent members of the team okay? What role does communication play in the development of team culture? And, do multicultural teams experience particular communication issues? These are some of the questions members of the Sports Culture and Communication Research Collective explore.



We take language use as our data and use it to generate insights that help to better understand the issues high performance athletes, coaches and managers have with communication. Our research contributes to theory about effective professional communication and building supportive team cultures, but is also used by professional athletes, coaches, managers and high performance sports programmes to help improve awareness and skills in these important areas. If you have any questions about the group or the research we do, please contact Dr Kieran File at:

Recent public engagement by members of the Sports Culture and Communication Research Collective

For the German speakers out there, check out SCCRC member Sol Wolfer's mention on the Deutschland Football Association's (DFB) website after a recent presentation she gave at a conference titled *The Beautiful Game? Identity, Resentment, and Discrimination in Football and Fan Cultures*. Read more: <https://www.dfb.de/news/detail/the->

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