

The emergence of new states and the evolution of the Olympic movement

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Abstract

The author set out to study the evolution of the international Olympic movement from its beginnings until today in relation to a number of conditions and events that resulted in major changes on the world map, highlighted by the emergence of states, disappearance or territory changes of others.

Its content, the paper interests those who are concerned with the study and knowing the international Olympic movement and how it has evolved as a result of changes occurred on the world map over time.

Documentation to develop article was done by studying the works of international law, political geography, history and olympism. The author also consulted papers, sites on the Olympic movement, its evolution over more than 100 years of existence.

In the first part, the paper addresses a number of conceptual issues concerning state independence as part of the principle of sovereign equality, the relationship between state and several international organizations.

Further is presented the situation of states, characteristics and peculiarities, the constitution and adherence of national committees to the Olympic movement. Noting that in many cases a direct relationship between the new states' independence and the adherence of their national Olympic committees to the international Olympic movement can be established, the paper examines how a number of major events (the two World Wars, the Cold War, decolonization process, disintegration of states, etc.) have influenced the creation of new nation states, as they reflected on their acceptance in the Olympic family, as they were reflected on the contribution of national Olympic committees of these countries to promote and develop Olympic movement.

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