Sport and Gender Seminar - The football session we will meet at 3.15 at EEG114, you can also have a look at the questions/reading). We have a short Q&A session with the lecturer in EEG119 after the session which will hopefully inform your reflective blog.

**Men and Sport**

It is suggested that due to the type of contact on the rugby pitch and off, there is potential for homosexual activity. Hence there is deeply entrenched homophobia

- Can you think of any examples of this?
- Do you think that hypermasculinity is a part of this homophobia?

Muscles carry certain connotations in terms of masculinity. Look at the pictures - what are your reactions?

![Muscle Images]

**Women and Sport**

It is suggested that women sports people are subject to feminisation of their sporting achievements, particularly in terms of their physical attributes.

- Why do you think this might be?
- The image below is of Caster Semenya. The headline in the Mail Online is ‘Is she really a HE? You can read the article if you wish (particularly for details if you are unfamiliar with this story). Why do you think Caster’s gender was questioned?

![Caster Semenya Image]

1. Discuss sports that are generally perceived as masculine in relation to gender norms (e.g. bodybuilding, boxing, rugby etc.).

2. From your own knowledge and the reading from Obel, how are women bodybuilders seen in comparison to male bodybuilders?

3. From your own knowledge and the reading below, how do you think women’s bodybuilding, and other sports which are perceived as masculine, are represented in relation to traditional notions of femininity? (See the reading from Obel, C. (2002) Collapsing gender in competitive Bodybuilding in S. Scraton and A. Flintoff, (Eds.) *Gender and Sport, A Reader*. Oxon, Routledge (Digital chapter available.).)