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A Global Analysis of Institutional and Structural Failure

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Reveals how modern sport produces systemic social harms and outlines practical reforms to strengthen integrity, accountability, and safeguarding

The book provides a critical, evidence-led account of how sport fails to deliver many of its promised social benefits, how it produces predictable social harms, and what policymakers, regulators, and sport leaders can do about it.

Key selling points

- Reframes sport's "dark side" as systemic social harm, not isolated scandals, making the problem actionable.
- Integrates ethics, integrity, culture, and role model debates into a single, coherent argument grounded in contemporary cases.
- Ends with a practical reform agenda: policy options, governance principles, and evaluation standards for credible social value.
- Suitable for course adoption across sport management, sport sociology, sport ethics, and sport policy, as well as practitioner and media audiences.

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