what Brazilians need to know: a political economy of the 2010 World Cup™ in South Africa, six red cards for FIFA

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For more, see World Cup Watch:
http://ccs.ukzn.ac.za
in South Africa, many terrible experiences with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup in 2010 – so we need a meta-critique of its politics, economics, culture and sports power.
vuvuzela-blowing, hyper-nationalist, flag-waving soccer fanatasicm amidst bogus ‘terror threats’ did not drown out the social critiques
was 2010 a success... or a hosting disaster?!
coached by overpaid, unreliable Carlos Alberto Parreira, SA’s team ‘Bafana Bafana’ had earliest-ever Cup expulsion after going Absent With Out Leave in 2009, Parreira returned, carrying Bafana Bafana off the pitch ... taking away mega-salary of $$$ millions

memory of Soweto uprising: police killed first youth protester, Hector Pietersen

cartoon: Daniel Mothowagae
purists lamented low-quality games, ethical lapses, strange refereeing, on-field cheating and bullying.

sleazy Uruguay hand-ball against Ghana saves them a goal, and the game.

Dutch brutality in Final versus Spain (reminiscent of 1652 invasion of SA)
six red cards for World Cup elites:

1) dubious priorities, overspending
2) FIFA profits, political corruption
3) debt & imports, economic crisis
4) trickle-down promises broken
5) democratic freedoms suspended
6) protest met by repression
Soccer City: Johannesburg's flagship stadium built across nine host cities

1) dubious priorities, overspending

white elephants built across South Africa nine host cities
Would have covered housing upgrades ($4,000) for 100,000 homeless people in each city.
SA’s white elephants:

new stadiums: Durban, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Nelspruit, Polokwane

refurbished Soccer City – but none can consistently fill stands
white elephant subsidies: $3 billion
most expensive stadium: Cape Town, $580 million
Cape Town could have upgraded existing stadium in ‘coloured’ township of Athlone but FIFA insisted that TV should broadcast views of Table Mountain, not of shack settlement.

Khayelitsha’s shacks, wall-less toilets

ugly shacklands nearby

a local club, Ajax, plays here – but only with municipal subsidy

FIFA: “A billion television viewers don’t want to see shacks and poverty on this scale.”
Durban’s Moses Mabhida: the $390 million ‘Alien’s Handbag’

out of sight: vast backlogs of housing, water/sanitation, electricity, clinics
original stadium subsidies before escalations: $1.1 bn, but final subsidies at least $3 bn + $2.5 bn of infrastructure, and huge (often unnecessary) import bill = rising foreign debt

WHAT WE'VE BUILT SO QUICKLY IS TESTAMENT TO OUR REAL COMMITMENT!

HUH! ..EXACTLY!
German tents erected next to Mabhida were imported, along with marquee construction crew!

breakdowns of Mabhida ‘Sky Car’ due in part to imported cables

vast cost escalation: began as $225 million in 2006

‘usual suspects’ won contracts:

- Ibhola Lethu beneficiaries include Craig Simmer (official of crashed bus privatizer Remant Alton and Point development flop Dolphin Whispers)
- Broederbonder firm Bruinette Kruger Stoffberg
- Group 5/WBHO with Tokyo Sexwale’s and Bulelani Ngcuka’s Mvelaphanda group,
- electricity deal: Vivian Reddy’s Edison Power

next door to Mabhida: perfectly functional 52,000-seater Absa Stadium hosting rugby

Durban citizens ask: a sensible investment?
more costs (not yet factored in)
vast climate change: impact
= to a million cars for a year

twice the level of 2006 World Cup

fans travelling in SA

accommodation

fans flying in from North

stadium operations

stadium construction

how ecologically expensive was World Cup?
2) FIFA’s culture of corruption, luxury

1/3 of FIFA’s executive “involved in bribery and corruption, ticket rackets and diversion of funds” - Andrew Jennings, author of Foul!

“The unaccountable structure they’ve installed is honed to deliver the game to the needs of global capitalism – with no checks or restraints. Just cheques.” – Andrew Jennings

Staying at leading hotel, Sepp Blatter demanded installation of finest new luxury toilets

In Zug, Switzerland, the court discovered that millions had been paid by ISL for “additional rights.” Problem is, says Jennings, there were no additional rights. Fifa had sold the rights and ISL owned them.

As reported in The Telegraph in July 2008, the fraud trial in Zug contained bombshell revelations. The court heard that from 1989 to 2001, ISL paid bribes worth 138 million Swiss francs. It was also discovered that ISL had set up a money laundering account called the Nunca Foundation in Liechtenstein. In 1999, ISL sent 20 million Swiss francs to Nunca, presumably bribe money.

THE SPONSORS

During a New York trial, in which credit card companies Mastercard and Visa disputed sponsorship licences with Fifa, Mastercard told the court, “Any company should have grave concerns about doing business with Fifa. Lying, deception and bad faith are standard operating procedure.”

New York Judge Loretta Preska found that Fifa lied repeatedly to both companies. She went on to say that Fifa witness and Concacaf general secretary Chuck Blazer’s testimony was “generally without credibility, based on his attitude and demeanour and his evasive answers on cross examination.” Britain’s Times newspaper reported that she had found that “Fifa’s negotiators lied repeatedly.”
FIFA’s looting culture: externalised profits of $3.2 bn
and Blatter probably left a few gifts behind
FIFA’s culture of sponsorship = monopoly control

as sponsors, world’s largest firms prohibit competition

FIFA Partners

adidas
www.adidas.com

Coca-Cola
www.coca-cola.com

Emirates
www.emirates.com

Hyundai-Kia Motors
www.hyundai-motor.com

SONY
www.sony.net

VISA
www.corporate.visa.com

FIFA World Cup™ Sponsors

Budweiser
www.budweiser.com

Castrol
www.castrolfootball.com

Continental
www.contisoccerworld.com

McDonald’s
www.mcdonalds.com

MTN
www.mtn.com

Mahindra Satyam
www.mahindrasatyam.com

SEARA
www.seara.com.br

YINGLI SOLAR
www.yinglisolar.com

SOUTH AFRICA 2010
OFFICIAL SPONSORS

“Who’s Really Cleaning Up?”
Khulumani Support Group protests corporate sponsors of German and US teams

Daimler, Rheinmettal, Ford, IBM, General Motors

Khulumani charges Daimler, IBM, Ford, GM and RheinMetall in court for supporting & profiting from Apartheid

WE DEMAND REPARATIONS:
FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Daimler sponsors German Football to 2010 instead
In comments revealed to the *Mail on Sunday*, Lord Triesman, the former chairman of the Football Association and head of England’s 2018 World Cup bid suggested Spain – with help from Russia – would be attempting to bribe referees in South Africa.

In an interview with the *Free Press* shortly after Triesman’s comments became public, Declan Hill was as pointed as ever in his criticism of FIFA, and warned that fixers would be approaching players, referees and team officials during the World Cup, and FIFA has no such organization capable of carrying out the investigation. “Nothing at FIFA has been effective in stopping this kind of stuff,” he says. “There’s no effective organization to look into this.” - www.playthegame.org, May 21, 2010
SA World Cup corruption: ‘Murder Inc in Mbombela’

A 25-year-old contract killer has accused an influential ANC leader in Mpumalanga of offering him R100 000 and a cushy government job if he poisoned government officials who were blocking access to tenders linked to the 2010 soccer World Cup... Though his three intended victims are still alive, six officials were murdered or died in suspicious circumstances in Mpumalanga last year alone and another has been killed this year. Local party leaders and officials who spoke to the *Sunday Times* mentioned a “hit list“ of other proposed victims and said they were living in fear...

A former ANC regional leader, Alfred Monareng, said the ANC boss and his cabal used to have their opponents shot, but had switched to poison last year. He said the assassin interviewed by the *Sunday Times* had confessed to him that he had planned to spike a bottle of Johnny Walker whisky on Christmas Eve while drinking with him at his home...

- Charles Molele and Mzilikazi Wa Afrika, ‘Murder Inc in Mbombela’, *Sunday Times*, Feb 6, 2010

Chasing the FIFA millions and other lucrative deals has been fatal for many in Mpumalanga. The following have either been killed, received death threats, disappeared or survived assassination attempts: Saul Shabangu, (killed in 1998); Hebron Maisela (killed in 1998); Sydney de Lange (killed in 1998); Rose Alleta Mnisi (killed in 1999); Caswell Maluleke, (survived assassination in 2000); Joshua Ntsuhule (disappeared in 2005); Sizile Ndlovu, (survived assassination in 2006); Thandi Mtsweni (killed in 2008); Jimmy Mohlala (killed in 2009); Isaac Mohale Matsoabane (killed in 2009); Samuel Mpatlanyane (killed in 2010); Themba Monareng (died 2009); Mike Sifunda (died 2009); Simon Lubisi (died 2009); Lucas Shongwe (died 2009).
SA corruption: the case of Jacob Zuma

- June 12, 2005 – Pres. Thabo Mbeki fires Dep. Pres. Zuma following fraud conviction of Zuma financial advisor, Shabir Shaik; a week later, National Prosecuting Authority director Vusi Pikoli hits Zuma with criminal charges
  - main evidence: $60 000 French arms firm bribe
- December 28, 2007 – Zuma served with court papers: 16 counts of corruption, bribery, racketeering, money laundering and fraud
- April 6, 2009 – new NPA director, Mokotedi Mpshe, drops charges against Zuma just prior to electoral victory

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Community Chest

GET OUT OF JAIL, FREE
Fifa’s latest notoriety: Qatar 2022 bribes – Mohamed bin Hammam and Jack Warner are expelled...

Blatter gets away with it, yet again

Hard Man Henry Kissinger will boot out Blatter

By Andrew Jennings

Sunday June 5, 2011

When Sepp Blatter let slip last week that Henry Kissinger is heading for Zurich to sweep away the dirt at FIFA he surely knew that his bottom ain’t going to be warming the President’s throne for many more months. When Kissinger added, ‘There’s a need for modernisation,’ Blatter had to know the jig was up.

Kissinger said of Blatter, darkly, ‘I would certainly know how to communicate with him, and the results will be shown by the degree to which our recommendations are accepted.’

Here we go. The long-expected American power grab for world football, a sport too globally popular, too dripping in money to be left under the control of the third-rate clowns who’ve reduced it to a daily scandal show. They’ve asked for it – and they’re going to get it, bigtime.
Ze vinners met ze FIFA standard...

...as undemocratic and corrupt as we are!
ACE senior underwriter Technical Lines Trevor Kerst noted that South Africa had spent about R33-billion on preparations for the sporting event.

"... the return on that investment is by no means assured; add to that the reality that FIFA pays no taxes and institutes exclusion zones around the stadiums where matches take place, and tax income is curtailed. Within these exclusion zones, only FIFA and its partners may sell any goods; nothing from these sales accrues to the government."

Further, he warned that such massive debt would lead to a marked slowdown in public sector spending, especially on large capital projects, and that the insurance industry might be facing a lean time ahead.
stadiums and related infrastructure: construction bubble drove economy

Durban’s (superflous) $1bn King Shaka Int’l Airport

By 2008, world’s most speculative real estate market

Gautrain elite rail: $3.3bn

SAAirlines overspending, deficits

Source: International Monetary Fund

Contributors to SA GDP 2001-09

By 2008, world’s most speculative real estate market

The Economist’s house-price indicators

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Annual % change between Q1 2008 and Q1 2009

Construction 1.3%

Finance 3.6%

Trade -4.3%

Manufacturing -5.3%

Mining 0%
World Cup construction a major factor behind rapid rise in SA’s foreign debt, to $85 bn by mid-2010 and $114 bn by mid-2011: severe debt/GDP danger

The last time we hit this ratio, PW Botha defaulted on $13 bn in debt and imposed exchange controls, 1985

https://www.fnb.co.za/downloads/economics/MonthlyZARMarch09.pdf
Source: SARB, RMB FM Research
4) trickle-down promises broken: 

**informal trading persecution**

- informal street traders furious at displacement, barred from selling
- intense protests in Joburg, Cape Town and Durban

- in Durban’s Warwick Junction, the eviction of 100-year Early Morning Market (for city’s shopping mall gentrification strategy) was halted through sustained resistance by traders, community and their lawyers, 2008-10!
in early 2009, SA manufacturing crashed by 25% and within a year, more than a million jobs were lost.
Yet purchase order for 2.3 million imported ‘Zakumi’ leopard dolls made via African National Congress member of parliament, Shiaan-Bin Huang.
Shanghai Fashion Plastic Products & Gifts makes Zakumi for $11, but retail price above $27 – the firm’s teenage workers were paid just $3/day.

SOMEBODY IN SOUTH AFRICA, 2010...

ZAKUMI!

HEY! HELLO LITTLE CHILDREN! ARE YOU READY FOR THE 2010 WORLD CUP IN SOUTH AFRICA?

YES ZAKUMI! WHO ARE YOU EXPECTING TO DO THE BEST IN THE SOCCER WORLD CUP THIS YEAR?

UMM... CHINA!

SURE WE DID! IN THE SPIRIT OF CHAIRMAN MAO SUCCESS IS MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU WIN RATHER THAN HOW YOU WIN IT!
trickle-down promises broken: tourism

- though tourism up 5% during World Cup, FIFA’s hospitality agency, Match, overstated by at least 100% the hotel space needed, then dumped thousands of rooms on glutted markets, resulting in bankruptcies
- facing vacancy rates of 60-80%, Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry tourism committee chair Mike Jackson describes hoteliers’ mood as ‘total dismay’
- Durban city manager blames hotel workers’ wages (!)
- Alan Gooderson, Gooderson Leisure Group: “They’ve cocked everything up... It’s shocking how we have been conned by Match.”
- Match is run by Phillippe Blatter, nephew of Sepp
trickle-down promises broken:

_township soccer facilities_

SA Football Association’s Western Cape provincial president, Norman Arendse: ‘fatal’ top-down approach has left grassroots soccer with merely ‘crumbs.’

– Mail&Guardian, May 21, 2010
Durban’s street children would not be whisked off the streets in the backs of police vans before the 2010 World Cup kicked off in the city, only to miraculously reappear on the streets when visitors had returned home, eThekwini municipal manager Michael Sutcliffe said at the fourth SA Aids Conference.

- Lyse Comins, ‘Street kids “won’t disappear“ for 2010’, The Mercury, 2 April 2009 (note the date)

This week youngsters from nine to 19 told the Sunday Times how metro policemen rounded them up daily and dumped them on the city’s outskirts, often on busy freeways or at unregistered shelters. Child rights workers say there are more than 400 children living on the city’s streets.

Local NGO Umthombo said the police’s methods were inhumane... CEO Tom Hewitt said: “Street children are not a safety and security issue, but a social development issue. Police put children in the back of trucks with adults and gang members. It exposes the kids to more trauma.” He said removing children for the World Cup was not about child protection but about cleaning up the streets.

- Monica Laganparsad, ‘Metro police deny charges of street children abuse’, Sunday Times, 14 February 2010
trickle-down promises broken: Africa - an ‘African World Cup’? ‘Ke Nako’?

- no hosting of teams after all (Zimbabwean protests prevented North Korea from choosing Bulawayo, Matabeleland: due to 1983-87 ‘Gukurahundi’ massacres of 20,000+ by Mugabe’s Pyongyang-trained military)
- Victoria Falls marketed as ‘SA destination’
- Lesotho border concession (‘6 Months’) revoked
- Africa suffers from global soccer apartheid: best footballers mainly play in North, don’t train at home
- xenophobia threat is very real, yet SA police, ruling party in denial
In early May 2010, police minister Nathi Mthetwa told parliament of ‘air sweeps by fighter jets, joint border patrols with neighbouring countries, police escorts for cruise ships and team security guards with “diplomat” training.’

The aim is to ‘prevent domestic extremism, strike action and service delivery protests.’

No protests within 10km of a stadium.
In late May, ALL protests/marches declared illegal until 15 July 2010

PRESS RELEASE: Thursday, 27 May 2010
Civil Society Organisations Condemn Ban on March For Quality Education

A wide cross-section of civil society – unions, students organisations, faith based groups, community organisations and NGOs – with a collective membership of over a million people, strongly condemn the decision taken by the authorities to ban a peaceful march for the right to a quality public education for all, planned for June 10th 2010...

We have just been informed by Johannesburg Metro Police, without any substantive reasons or legal basis, that all marches and gatherings, including ours, have been banned in South Africa for the whole of June until 15th July 2010. A scheduled meeting with the police to discuss the refusal was cancelled without adequate explanation...

Our hard won constitutional rights, for which we continue to struggle, cannot be taken away by the whim of police-officers or politicians. The actions of the Metro Police and South African Police Services are unconstitutional.
Hawkers may only operate in open spaces with a permit [from FIFA] and are prohibited from selling their wares along any public road or amenity, at any controlled access site or exclusion zone, restricted area, garden or park during the World Cup. There will be a total ban on street trading and other business, including on private property, in prohibited or restricted areas at specific times during the World Cup.

The Independent on Saturday, 3 April 2010

1955 *Freedom Charter* in rubbish bin:
The People Shall Share in the Country’s Wealth!
All people shall have equal rights to trade where they choose, to manufacture and to enter all trades, crafts and professions.
Such authoritarian backwardness is hardly surprising, however. It comes from a body that in 2010 is still forcing journalists to agree not to bring it into disrepute as a condition for getting accreditation."

- Rhodes University media professor Guy Berger, January 2010

FIFA’s power to limit communications – including banning image transmissions from cellphones at games – is an “artificial and autocratic fiat. It is simply stupid to regulate for information scarcity in an age that has unprecedented information potential - potential even for FIFA itself.

FIFA’s defines “disrepute“: anything that “negatively affects the public standing of the Local Organising Committee or FIFA.“
ZE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN!

MEDIA RESTRICTIONS
PRESS FREEDOM

FIFA
FIFA bribery
FIFA ticket bungling
FIFA nepotism
FIFA branding monopoly
empty promises to Africa
FIFA scares TV networks

SA Broadcasting Corp. spokesperson Kaiser Kganyago confirms that national broadcaster refused to screen critical documentary: “Our job is obviously to promote the World Cup and flighting anything that can be perceived as negative is not in our interest.”

13 May 2010
The local Organising Committee (LOC) of the 2010 FIFA World Cup is “too busy organising the World Cup” to provide the Mail & Guardian with copies of tender documents...

The LOC contends it is a private body and should not comply with the requirements of transparency laid down in public procurement legislation.

Earlier in the day, advocate Geoff Budlender SC argued for the M&G that it was the public’s right to know how the LOC spent its money, even if its budget only partially came from government.

In his various responses to the M&G’s questions on matters of procurement, the LOC’s spokesperson Rich Mkhondo flatly refused to divulge any information, saying it was against the committee’s policy...

“In the end the fundamental question stay, with all its obligations, can anyone really say the LOC is performing private functions with a straight face?” asked Budlender.

- Adrian Basson, ’LOC “too busy“ for M&G court battle’, Mail&Guardian, 24 May 2010
Mail & Guardian legal battle to obtain information relating to World Cup tenders resulted in the newspaper obtaining a copy of the 17 guarantees the government has given FIFA:

- The import and export of all foreign currencies to and from South Africa in relation to the World Cup will be allowed without any restrictions, as well as the exchange and re-conversion of these currencies into a hard currency...
- Hotel prices for the FIFA delegation, representatives of FIFA's commercial affiliates, the broadcaster and accredited media will be frozen as of January 1, 2010 and will be 20% less than the frozen rate;
- Police officers and other peace officials will be provided to enforce the protection of the marketing rights, broadcast rights, marks and other intellectual property rights of FIFA and its commercial partners;
- The government will “indemnify FIFA and defend and hold it harmless against all proceedings, claims and related costs (including professional adviser fees) which may be incurred or suffered by or threatened by others; and
- The government will guarantee “the availability of a comprehensive medical service” for the World Cup.

- Niren Tolsi, ‘FIFA called the shots – and we said “yes”’, Mail&Guardian, 4 June 2010
FIFA bans ‘ambush marketing’: Bavaria beer gets huge free publicity when SA police arrest Dutch women

their crime: removing Danish colours to reveal pro-Dutch orange dress, with tiny Bavaria logo

charges dropped after outcry
The shame of being colonised by King Sepp

By Jabulani Sikhakhane

The hosting of the World Cup in about 40 days’ time will come at a huge cost to the country, not only in rands and cents but in the loss of national dignity and pride. Since Sepp Blatter and the gang that runs Fifa voted to give South Africa the right to host the event, the country has spent billions of rands building new and upgrading existing stadiums, and adding transport infrastructure and a whole range of other services in compliance with the contract with Fifa.

Though infrastructure is always a useful addition, the World Cup infrastructure is not based on the country’s needs but on what makes for a successful hosting of the tournament. In other words, Fifa requires a smooth flow between where teams and Fifa officials will stay and the stadiums.

All of this expenditure has been justified by the government on the basis that the country will benefit from the tournament being held here.

The benefits come in two forms: hard and soft. Most of the hard benefits are easily quantified; the soft aren’t. The hard benefits in this case include the contribution to economic activity of the construction activity associated with the World Cup.

South Africa, it’s been said, navigated the recession better than most countries because of World Cup-related construction as well as other investments in infrastructure such as power stations, roads, railways and airports. The Cup will also stimulate expenditure by the soccer fans and other visitors who will descend on the country during the tournament.

On the soft side, the benefits include raising South Africa’s profile in the run-up to the tournament and during it. The government wants us to believe this will lead to an increase in future foreign visitors, something that is easier said than proved.

Other benefits include the creation of local pride and the frequency factor that, we are told, will permeate South Africa during the event. Some go so far as to claim that hosting the World Cup will help bring about national unity as well as aid social inclusion.

I doubt very much that hosting the Cup will, on its own, be a catalyst for national unity. It sounds like a lot of hot air. The reality is that we may paint our faces in the national colours, beech like coal-fired locomotives (that’s what boring soccer fans do) and even bury each other during those moments of temporary insanity that characterise soccer games, but when the tournament is over we will all have our heads back to our normal, pre-World Cup lives.

The biggest cost of hosting the World Cup will be the loss of dignity and the suspension of the rights of citizens that are the major Fifa condition for allowing us to host the tournament.

As most citizens will soon find out, our government has effectively suspended the rights to free speech (one has to be careful about the circumstances in which one uses some ordinary English words that Fifa regards as its holy ground) and freedom of movement (movement of the so-called Fifa dignitaries will take precedence over ordinary citizens).

As if this were not enough, our government has, in its infinite wisdom, decided to give Blatter a medal of honour. This gesture shows how quickly South Africa has been drained dry of the values and ideals that underpin our constitution.

These values and ideals exist today more in their breach than in their achievement.

Fifa is a corrupt institution. How we can justify honouring the behaviour that Blatter and his cronies are known for defies comprehension. Unless, of course, the award is in recognition of the fact that Blatter can teach our leaders a trick or two on how to fix election results and how to use a public institution for the benefit of one’s friends and relatives.

We have not only suspended our most prized asset – constitutional rights – but we are also prostrating ourselves before the lords of Fifa who have colonised us, albeit temporarily.

Shame, not pride, is what we should feel.
6) protest and state repression in world’s most unequal major society

“... This is a country where staggering wealth and poverty already stand side by side.

The World Cup, far from helping this situation, is just putting a magnifying glass on every blemish of this post-apartheid nation.”

Dave Zirin, renowned sportswriter
6) state and capital’s strategy

**soft power: winning hearts and minds**

means sanitizing K’naan’s lyrics

_Wavin’ Flag_ pre-FIFA/Coke lyrics (Somali experience):

“so many wars, settling scores
bringing us promises, leaving us poor...
but look how they treat us
make us believers, make we fight their battles
then they deceive us…”

... violent prone, poor people zone...
out of the darkness, in came the carnage
threatening my very survival
fractured my streets, and broke all my dreams”

K’naan: “It's about the one time that we all get together and the world forgets its conflict and its problems and we focus on this unity and celebration. That moment is connected now to ‘Wavin’ Flag.””

Explains Coca Cola entertainment marketing chief Joe Belliotti:

“He has the connection to Africa, he is not a fly-by-night pop star, and his song is very indicative of celebration.”

(http://www.songfacts.com/detail.php?id=17880)
culture-jamming FIFA

Wavering Flag by
Playing Fields Connective

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP1sh-csauA

When they are older
Our children might wonder
Why we sold out
In the name of the FIFA flag...

When I get sober
From all the soccer
There will go FIFA, and
guess who’ll be making cash?

They don’t put back?
They never put back?
They don’t put back? nooo

The enemy’s balls,
the penalties scored
The LOC had the key,
let in own goals

I heard them say
“World Cup is the way”
But what about later?
How long will we pay?

"Blending punk, blues, dub and Afrobeat, ‘The Beautiful Gain’, with its infectious melody and sublime rhythms, is set to become the ‘Free Nelson Mandela’ of the 21st century."

more ripping protest music:

http://chomskyallstars.bandcamp.com/track/the-beautiful-gain-full-version
Iain Robinson (Ewok): ‘Shame on the Beautiful Game’ supporting Khulumani reparations suit against capitalists which profited during apartheid

Grahamstown-based group Defboyz:
“This compilation was compiled to show solidarity with the Khulumani Support Group ... The core message of this CD is that social justice should never be subordinated in the pursuit of profits ... The artists represented on this CD come from all over the world and in a variety of languages – put one message across – that the powers that be must be held accountable for their actions! Peace.”

http://redcardcampaign.wordpress.com/tag/shame-on-the-game

http://en.wordpress.com/tag/music-4-justice

http://nomadicwax.bandcamp.com/track/world-cup


Audio files for hip-hop protest tunes

1. Shame on the Game – Creamy Ewok Raggamuff ft. a-Zari Logo
3. Embuzo: The Questions – Babalula (Uganda) 4. 25 47 plays
4. My Freedom – Streetkid (South Africa) 3.29 43 plays
5. We are all free – M.I.S. (South Africa) 3.16 39 plays
6. Khulumani – Yahkeen (South Africa) 3.46 31 plays
7. Ain’t Gonna Happen – Masvibration (Sweden) 2.17 32 plays
8. Azadi (Freedom) – Mana (Iran) 1.50 39 plays
9. Khulumani – Empress (South Africa) 3.04 43 plays
10. Babylon System – RMX Zero Plastica ft. Lowrence (Italy) 3.35
11. Silence is Consent – Mohammed Yahya & Poetic Pilgrimage (U)
13. Sala 101 – DEALAMA (Portugal) 4.13 27 plays
15. A Veces – Anita Tijuux (Chile) 3.33 26 plays

http://www.ezcast.me/track/328803
a new protest instrument: controversies over vuvuzelas, SA’s contribution to World Cup culture

first known vuvu complaint banned in upscale malls

world’s most hated CEO, Tony Hayward of BP, blasted by vuvus after Gulf spill
protest: racial apartheid...

a scene from Soweto, 1976
just a few kms from Soweto, a scene from Riverlea, next to Soccer City. October 2009

... now class apartheid
major anti-FIFA protests:

- Stallion Security workers against labour broking
- informal traders facing restrictions
- displaced Durban fisherfolk
- CT residents of N2 Gateway project forcibly removed
- construction workers
- AIDS activists prevented from distributing condoms
- environmentalists angry about World Cup’s offset ‘greenwashing’
- Mbombela students who lost school
- disability rights advocates
- poor towns’ residents demanding provincial rezoning

Stallion Security guards in Durban during World Cup

Johannesburg SA Transport and Allied Workers Union wage strike, 2010

Cape Town construction workers strike, 2008

Durban’s Warwick Early Morning Market: anti-displacement protest, 2009
Durban street protest, June 16

**WHO CAN WATCH THE LIVE GAMES?** The rich sit in R3 billion stadiums. Only the elite are allowed to profit.

It is illegal for ordinary people to make a living out of the World Cup – any one caught will be fined and jailed. Locals, street traders, fisherfolk, vendors, and artists’ RIGHTS DENIED.

**EVERYTHING FREE FOR THE FA;** uninterrupted electricity - but electricity costs go up for us. No water, electricity or health for the poor. No facilities or service in poor areas.

**Building of SCHOOLS STOPPED for stadiums.**

**R17 BILLION would house over one million people**

Corruption whistle blowers ASSASSINATED.

Taxpayers must maintain UNUSED STADIUMS.

**NEW APARTHEID: forced removals of the poor, vulnerable children, homeless and refugees to 'transit camps'.**

**COSTS OF LIVING INCREASES, but delivery and infrastructure rot.**

Dereliction of Police duties - CRIME INCREASES, children targeted by traffickers and molesters. Drunken driving, assaults and abuse of women and children.

Few short term benefits - HUGE LONG TERM COSTS. No country has benefited from big international sporting events - they are still in debt.

High environmental costs while government paints GREENWASH picture.

**protest march**

16 June 10am

**Dinizulu Park to City Hall**

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ubiquitous 'service delivery protests'
and then the dreaded xenophobia/Afrophobia

fifty-five incidents of xenophobia recorded in the Western Cape alone from May 1 to July 30, and 40 perpetrators arrested
state repression

longstanding problems of SA police brutality, e.g. 2004 torture of Landless Peoples Movement activists and police general Bheki Cele’s 2008 ‘shoot to kill’ order in KwaZulu-Natal

Stallion workers captured after stun grenades, 14 June

Corrupt local gov’t minister Sicelo Siceka’s ‘turnaround-around’ municipal strategy: no change, just more repression
Activists held at Durban fan park

What we want:
- A better life for refugees and migrants, and for poor and working South Africans who struggle to make ends meet, including hawkers and those fisherfolk whose right to make a living from several Durban piers was revoked;
- Punishment of xenophobes and anyone guilty of violence, and adequately-funded programmes and emergency plans to assist anyone who is victimised;
- Solidarity with African sisters and brothers who demand their human rights in Angola, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and many other countries, and everywhere experiencing oppression: Burma, Greece, Palestine, Sri Lanka, etc;
- Action against global climate crises which threaten our ecological commons;
- No Olympic 2020 bid which will create yet more debt and inequality;
- An end to the global economic crises never resolved by European and North American financial elites along with others in the ‘G20’ meeting in Toronto last week – crises which continue to destroy livelihoods across the world.

The South African government has the power to change policy, to meet these demands - if we raise our voices. Join us at an authorised rally, 12-1:30pm.

Rally called by: COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROJECT at CCS; KZN REFUGEE COUNCILS; DURBAN SOCIAL FORUM; DURBAN ENABLE;

Giuliano Martiniello, Patrick Bond, Samantha Spencer-Mura, cops

anti-xenophobia rally at Durban City Hall, 3 July

DETAINED
by Durban police at main public beach for distributing this anti-xenophobia flier

FIFA Fan Fest, South Beach
dedicated to the memory of SA’s greatest political economist of sport, 

**Dennis Brutus (1924-2009)**

Robben Island veteran; critic of corporate athletics; organiser of 1960s Olympic Boycott of white South Africa, of expulsion of white SA from FIFA in 1976, and of 1970s-80s cricket, rugby and tennis anti-apartheid campaigns; leading poet and literary scholar; global justice movement strategist; and at time of death, UKZN Centre for Civil Society Honorary Professor.

“**When you build enormous stadiums, you are shifting resources...**

from building schools or hospitals and then you have these huge structures standing empty. They become white elephants.”

– in *Fahrenheit 2010*

given our extreme inequality, Brutus opposed World Cup luxury, waste, corruption and commercialisation

Caracas, 2008

Durban 2009