

Sport Disrupted: Sexuality Matters

CONFERENCE

30 – 31 October 2019 in Berlin, Germany

PROGRAMME

— WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019 —

@Wolf Kino Weserstraße 59, 12045 Berlin-Neukölln

17.30 h Cinema doors open

18.00 h **Film screening: Strive to the Rhythm: Queer Disruptions in Sport**
by **MARIA TAKACS**

(60 min with English subtitles), Q&A with the producers & protagonists, Moderation: Manuela Kay (Siegessäule, L-mag, Special Media)
Gay runners, a lesbian boxer, an intersexual rower, and a transwoman footballer, all on one team! Can you imagine them? They are athletes whose lives are unseen, unimaginable to society. They achieve excellence, but their sport federations, teams, and families do not support them. But there are LGBTQIA sports clubs where they feel safe, make themselves strong, and show that they are legitimate sports contenders.

20.00 h RECEPTION

— THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2019 —

@Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

09.30 h Registration

10.00 h **Welcome:** Ise Bosch (Dreilinden) and Pia Mann (DISCOVER FOOTBALL)

10.15 h **Keynote 1:**
KATRINA KARKAZIS (Yale University):
Seven Ways to Do Nothing about Fairness and Inclusion in Women's Sport While Pretending To

This talk explores why the eligibility regulations for women athletes that limit women's natural testosterone level were never really about testosterone and performance, but instead were grounded in the decades long practice of policing women's bodies via sex testing. With a quick tour through the problematic science undergirding these regulations, we move to how sex testing harms all women and serves as a diversion from achieving inclusion and equity for women in sport.

11.00–12.30 h **Session 1: Tackling LGBTI-phobia (Bilitis Resource Center)**

Widespread LGBTI-phobia in Central Eastern Europe has a strong negative impact on the development of LGBTI sports. This session will include a brief overview of the current political and social context in Bulgaria regarding LGBTI rights and a discussion of ideas and solutions as to how LGBTI sports can still be developed or supported in this region.

Session 2: Growing LGBTIQ+ sports movements (LEAP Sports Scotland)

This workshop explores and compares different models and approaches from across Europe to engage LGBTIQ+ communities in sport and to raise awareness of key issues for LGBTIQ+ people in sport.

Session 3: Role Models & Prejudice. Women-loving Top Athletes (Jeannine Borer, Seraina Degen, Monika Hofmann, Marianne Meier, Corinne Rufli)

The five facilitators of this workshop launched a book and communication project called „Role Models and Prejudice“ featuring life stories and photographs of 32 Swiss lesbian top athletes of all ages and various sports. This project intends to change the perception of 'deviant sportswomen' by making these athletes visible, available, attainable and relevant for a broader public.

Session 4

Beyond biology - challenges for a nonbinary sports world

Sports are mostly organised around a rigid gender binary. The prominent case of Caster Semenya has opened up a discussion about these sex categories and biological norms. Athletes are being diagnosed, surveilled and even medicalised in order to make them fit the norm. But what if instead of manipulating athletes' bodies and identities we consider changing the rules of the game? The discussion tackles the question of what a 'fair' competition could look like taking into account diverse experiences with and perspectives on grassroots and professional sports.

|| **SONJA ERIKAINEN** (Leeds University)

|| **CONNY HENDRIK KEMPE-SCHÄLICHE**
(Seitenwechsel e. V.)

|| **KATRINA KARKAZIS** (Yale University)

|| **POL NAIDENOV** (Bilitis Resource Center)

|| **ANJA STAHMANN** (Senator for Social Affairs, Youth, Women, Integration and Sports in Bremen/DIE GRÜNEN)

12.30 h LUNCH

13.30 h **Performance: Post-Play**
CAITLIN FISHER (FIFPro)

14.00-15.30 h **Session 5: Sporting alternatives: a dialogue with feminism (DISCOVER FOOTBALL)**

In this workshop we will take a closer look at different feminist struggles and strategies. What impulses do we gain from these strategies in order to create a LGBTIQ* inclusive sports world? What kind of methods and policies do women's sport movements offer, and vice versa: how can feminist sports be queered?

Session 6: A new way to play: imagining a nonbinary future of sport (Athlete Ally)

Sport is intensely segregated by sex. Debates have been raging about trans, nonbinary and intersex athletes in sport and sport governing bodies are either scrambling to meaningfully and fully include all athletes in sport -- or to deny them their fundamental human right to participate. But what would it look like if we restructured sport all together, beyond the gender binary?

Session 7: Where should trans+ people play sport? (LEAP Sports Scotland/Seitenwechsel e.V.)

Trans* athletes share their experiences in elite and grassroots sport, and invite you to consider different ways that sport could be organised. Should we aim to be more trans* inclusive, or should we have categories of participation that are not based on sex or gender?

Session 8: Tackling LGBTI-phobia in the face of right-wing uprising across Europe – what role can sport play?

This panel explores some of the connections, past and present, between sports, sexuality, and nationalist/far-right movements. We look briefly at national-sexual histories of sports, including links between right-wing movements and sports today; compare recent homophobic incidents in sports in East and West; and discuss how LGBT people and sport associations can create positive techniques for confronting right-wing (and other) homophobia.

|| **LOU ENGLEFIELD** (Football v Homophobia, FARE)

|| **ISTVÁN MANHEIM** (EGLSF)

|| **HADLEY ZAUN RENKIN** (Central European University Budapest)

15.30 h COFFEE BREAK

16.00 h **FISH BOWL**
Sports policy making in light of changing LGBTIQ+ rights situations in Europe

|| **ZHAN CHIAM** (ILGA)

|| **CLAUDIA KROBITZSCH** (DFB-German Football Association)

|| **KALEKYE KYALO** (OHCHR)

17.15-18:00 h **Interview || HEDVIG LINDAHL** (Sweden National Football Team)

18.00-18.30 h **Closing Remarks**

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