

## **Dilemmas of inclusion of othered bodies in sport**

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Despite huge developments towards more gender equality in all levels of sport, challenges for realizing further gender equity and safeguarding gained rights and balances remain. Especially in times when progressive values and democratic rights are at risk.

Moreover, the mainstreaming of gender equality and inclusion & diversity policies, practice and research have been accompanied by dilemmas, paradoxes and conflict. These relate to different feminist positionalities in coherence, 'competition' and intersection with other durable social inequalities like class, race/ethnicity, sexuality/gender identity and physical ability. How has gender equality in sport profited and/or suffered from other social equality movements? To what extent are othered bodies by racism, ableism, classism and homo-/transphobia included in women's sport and in policy and research on gender equity in sport?

I will give an overview of gender equality and inclusion policy and research in the Netherlands over the last 50 years and evolving paradoxes and dilemmas. Specific attention will be given to intersections of gendered, racialized and sexualized bodies, power, discourse and epistemology. These include reflections on and strategies towards more inclusive methodologies and research groups.

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