# From myth to reality; Gender Equality in Olympics (the case study of Beijing 2022)

## ABSTRACT

Many studies explored gender inequality in different aspects of sports. However, few studies investigated the gap between the creation and implementation of gender equality policies within Olympic Sports. Among those few studies, fewer ones have made inquiries about the experiences of women on these inequalities.

In 2017, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) launched a gender equality review project in order to “push gender equality globally” with “action-oriented recommendations for change” within the framework of its global stakeholders. On the field of play, the participation of female athletes has increased to 48.8 percent at the most recent summer Olympics in Tokyo 2021. However, the IOC’s accounting shows that only 13 percent of coaches and 30.5 percent of technical officials were women in Tokyo2021. Considering that previous studies suggest Summer Olympics shows a higher level of gender equality compared to Winter Olympics, this study will investigate the context and experiences of women who have been involved in the Beijing 2022 winter Olympics, the most recent Winter Games.

The study will focus on female Official’s experiences in Beijing 2022, but also identify the similar and different inequalities they faced within their diverse cultural setting.

Future work in this field is recommended to examine the experiences of female officials at the Paralympics since research has shown there are at the lowest ranking in gender equality compared to summer and winter games.

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