**Queering Fair Play in the Activist-Amateur LGBTQIA+ Football Field in Europe**

Modern sports ethics are often adopted and referred to by the LGBTQIA+ football communities in Europe. Given that the fair play principle emerged as a salient moral framework to discipline competitive masculine relations among elite or middle-class men as of the late-18th century and still serves a function in maintaining the normative order of sexualities in contemporary sports relations, it is puzzling and worth investigating that such regulatory framework is frequently adopted by LGBTQIA+ football communities in the construction of principles and practices on and around the football field both in local and transnational contexts.

The mobilization of LGBTQIA+ communities for their right to play deserves a close attention for (1) revealing that sports field falls short of its goals to maintain an inclusive and fair competition area and (2) harboring a huge variety in itself, which is visible in several features of communities. The intended paper investigates the manifold engagements with modern sports ethics, through discursive and embodied practices, in the activist-amateur LGBTQIA+ football communities in Europe and seeks to answer the following questions:

* How do the LGBTQIA+ activist football communities in Europe re-frame the normative concept of fairness into their ethical-political discursive and embodied practices on and around the football field?
	+ How and why do the frames vary across communities and how does it manifest itself in practices in local contexts as well as in their encounters at transnational level?

The theoretical contribution of the paper lies in its efforts to bridge Bourdieu’s theories of field and practice with the social movement theory through prefigurative politics. As an insider in the field, I aim to construct a participatory methodological framework. The paper is a part of my doctoral research and any feedback at this phase will be immensely helpful.

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