

Kolloquium „*Berner Gespräche zur Sportwissenschaft*“

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Social Integration in Sports Clubs

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Social integration in sports clubs will be the core topic of the presentation. The overarching question will be: Which individual and organisational characteristics are conducive to different forms of social integration in sports clubs? More specially, information will be provided about: 1) what characterises the sports clubs that integrate socially vulnerable groups, and 2) what characterises the members and volunteers that feel socially integrated in clubs. The presentation utilises data from the European research project 'Social Inclusion and Volunteering in Sports Clubs in Europe', which was the first to collect large-scale comparative data on sports clubs. Ten countries participated, including Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland. Data was collected about sports policies and the historical roots of sports clubs (macro level), the context, structure, goals and management of sports clubs (meso level), and the characteristics, affiliation and participation of members and volunteers (micro level).