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Why is @ussoccer so terrible? 330 million people. Every kid plays soccer. And we can't even qualify for the World Cup? Appalling.



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THE WOMEN HAVE WON THREE TIMES

The Global Game: Soccer and the Politics of Sport

WST 397

Professor Melissa M. Forbis

T/TH 11:30AM-12:50PM

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Soccer – better known as football outside of the United States – is the single most popular sport in the world. This seminar will explore the complexities of globalization using soccer as a cultural window through a gender studies and

anthropological lens. More generally, the seminar will direct students to think critically about the political implications of sport in contemporary societies. The course explores the ways soccer and sports broadly constitute and disrupt social understandings of race, gender, and sexuality within specific national contexts and across borders.

We will consider the impact of sports “beyond the playing field.” Topics include: the political economy and “big business” of competitive sports; the connections between soccer and the shaping of national and migrant identities; the manipulation of soccer by the state; the race, gender, and sexual dynamics behind soccer as a practice and a spectacle; and the place of sport in movements for social justice. We will organize a field trip to watch an MLS professional league soccer game.

