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Dr. Marie Biermann is a sport and international development professional at the German Sports University in Cologne. Her main research areas include the supervision, monitoring and evaluation of sport-in-development projects all around the world. Furthermore, she teaches students in topics

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Marie graduated in 2011 at the University of Paderborn in English and Physical Education for teaching and holds a degree in sport sciences. After her studies, she worked in a EU-Project on physical illiteracy, before she decided to enrol as a PhD student in the area of sport and international development. After conducting a year of ethnographic research on opportunities and limitations of sport-in-development projects in South Africa, she completed her PhD in 2016. Her thesis is entitled: “... the power to change the world”? - Analysis of Sport-in-Development Programmes in Khayelitsha, South Africa and its Challenges for Research(ers).

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