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演題

More Than Metrics:

The Need for Ethnographic Research in Sport

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■ Abstract

Sports research often focuses on training protocols, performance metrics, and developmental models, assuming that coaches and athletes will (eventually) apply this knowledge as intended. Yet in practice, coaching, training, and sports institutions do not always function as expected. This discussion advances ethnographic methods—particularly long-term participant observation and collaborative ethnography—as essential for understanding how sports science, policy, and infrastructure operate, oftentimes unrecognizable in other approaches or models. Toward that goal, I draw from my long-term engagement with high school coaching in Los Angeles, mixed-gender badminton training in Japan, and environmental hazards affecting school sports.



■ Bio

I am Lead Scientist at UCLA's Sports and Society Lab and a lecturer in the Disability Studies Program. My work examines how environmental hazards, institutional settings, and coaching pedagogies shape athletic experiences, with a focus on high school sports in the U.S. and Japan. As former postdoc at Waseda University, I have since conducted ethnographic research on mixed-gender sports, air pollution, and school sports governance. I am a retired Puerto Rican national badminton team member (2003–2010) with over a decade of experience coaching junior-level badminton.

