

TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: A Sphere called Europe: The European Union's transformative power in the Governance network of European football.

ABSTRACT

The study argues that the European Union Sports Policy, taking into consideration the decisions that were taken by the institutions in order to be able to produce a unified approach on sports is an important field of study for International Relations. Recognizing the importance of football, this study wishes to unveil the motivations behind the interest of the European Union in this specific sport, but also how it made it into its agenda and what policy-making processes are being used to create a legal and political framework for football. It explores how football is a reliable tool for Europeanization, and argues that the European Union's transformative power has improved the Governance of European football, making it more democratic, transparent and above all fairer.

Palavras Chave: Europeanization, European Union, Football, Governance, International Relations, Sports Diplomacy.