Women and football in the country of the World Cup 2014

The presence of women in the cultural universe of football began in the mid-nineteenth century when the first versions of this sport emerged in our country. Brazilian women have contributed to the game’s definition and its popularization, initially as spectators and soon thereafter as practitioners. Still, many of the stories of women’s involvement in football remain in the shadows with no records or documentation. To make visible this presence means recognizing that women participate in football and in various forms - professional, leisure, sociability and education - despite the difficulties they face to enter and remain in this sport.