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Gender and Employment. Recalibrating Women's Labor Market Position in Times of COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of women in the labor market and the hitherto unrecognized value of essential occupations such as care and education. Across the world, people applauded care workers from their balconies, in essence clapping for the many women employed in the strongly-feminized care sector. Similarly, workers in the strongly-feminized educational sector have shown resilience and tenacity in providing school-age children with opportunities to continue education using digital tools during Coronainduced lockdowns. The response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a dramatic increase in working from home, has also underlined the value of childcare centres, where the majority of staff are female. We welcome contributions from a broad variety of disciplines (such as economics, sociology, gender studies, demography, organizational studies) which use a broad variety of methodologies (quantitative or qualitative) that deal with issues related to the questions outlined above.

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