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Work–Family Arrangements: Variation across and within Countries

Message from the Guest Editor

Referring to the fundamental principle of path-dependency in which past states or events are assumed to affect future life outcomes, it is common ground in life course research that work and family life are strongly interrelated. Labor market positions are likely predictors of family formation, and—particularly for women—employment cannot be understood without taking family dynamics into account. A large body of sociological and microeconomic literature explicitly addresses tensions between these two spheres of life, for instance, through microeconomic opportunity costs (e.g., forgone career opportunities due to childrearing) or potentially alternative pathways to identity formation (e.g., to identify as a parent, worker, or working parent).

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