

3rd TransEurope Young Researcher Meeting
Flexibilization and Changing Life Course Patterns
in a Globalizing Europe
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Globalization, Trans-nationalization and Europeanization have fundamentally transformed work and employment in modern societies. Structural uncertainty about economic and social developments has risen in European nations, triggering employers to move towards more flexible and less binding employment strategies such as the creation of temporary jobs, part-time work or outsourcing.

Under these developments, the ‘standard tripartite life course’, formerly described as being composed of clearly distinguishable periods of education, continuous and permanent employment and retirement increasingly has become replaced by a more discontinuous and unstable set of life course sequences. For *youth*, early employment instability has become the norm, often with adverse effects on fertility and family formation. For *older* workers, standard retirement trajectories have eroded and become replaced by late career employment instability and various pathways into early retirement. Moreover, *women’s* increasing integration into paid employment often was accompanied by a disproportionate affectedness by atypical work forms. However, the intensity of these trends has varied considerably between European nations as well as among different social groups, e.g. those possessing different degrees of human or social capital, or those enjoying different degrees of family support and well-being.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together young European researchers to share and discuss research results together with experienced researchers. Confirmed senior participants include: Prof. Melinda Mills, Prof. Jan Van Bavel, Prof. Adriana Luciano and Prof. Massimo Follis. The workshop welcomes all contributions that empirically deal with different aspects in the development of life course patterns in a globalizing Europe. Contributions to the workshop may be either country-specific or comparative in focus. Papers should primarily be based on quantitative data analyses of most recent available data sets, but qualitative studies of relevant target groups may be also welcome. Interested participants are asked to submit their applications, including (i) a short curriculum vitae as well as (ii) a general outline of their papers of up to 500 words, including information on the data sets used and methods applied until March 15th, 2010 using the electronic submission form at: <http://www.transeurope-project.org/page.php?id=399>. For selected participants, there will be funding to cover travel cost and accommodation expenses.

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