Gender (in)equality in the Labour Market and the Southern European Welfare States

This article looks at the role played by the Southern European welfare states in fostering (or discouraging) women's participation in the labour market, mainly during the period after their accession to the European Economic Community to the present day. It focuses on the public provision of childcare and family leave benefits affecting women's employment-related decisions. The article also examines the patterns and dynamics of female employment in the four countries under analysis.

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