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Title: Early lessons from the International Study of Work-Family Experiences

Summary: The International Study of Work-Family Experiences (ISWAF) is a large-scale comparative cross-national study that was recently set up and is being launched in 35 countries across the globe. ISWAF aims at analyzing the impact of national context and in particular cultural values on individuals' work-family conflict, enrichment, and balance, as well as on the management of boundaries between work and family roles. The panel aims at sharing the ongoing experiences of scholars contributing to ISWAF, for the benefit of all those interested in cross-national work-family research and in the challenges of designing and coordinating large-scale comparative surveys. First, Barbara Beham will share early lessons learned from the setting up of ISWAF (survey design and collaborators' network). Second, Ameeta Jaga and Artiawati Mawardi will analyze their experiences collecting data in South Africa and Indonesia, respectively. Third, Ariane Ollier-Malaterre will discuss how ISWAF is attempting to capture sub-cultures and within-country heterogeneity, in the Canadian context and beyond. Fourth, Suzan Lewis will explore how ISWAF could be used in tandem with qualitative approaches, or serve as a first step for emic in-depth studies. Last, Andreas Baierl will put forth ideas regarding data analysis strategies most likely to be relevant for the multi-level data being collected.

Discussants:

- Tammy Allen, University of South Florida
- Ariane Ollier-Malaterre, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) - École des Sciences de la Gestion (ESG)

Presenters:

- Barbara Beham, Berlin School of Economics and Law;
- Ameeta Jaga, University of Cape Town;
- Artiawati, University of Surabaya;
- Suzan Lewis, Middlesex University;
- Andreas Baierl, University of Vienna;