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Annotation

This volume (“Critical Review of Literature and Discourses about Flexibility”) is the first publication in a series of research reports being produced within the framework of a multinational research project “Households, Work and Flexibility”. Individual chapters of the report (one chapter for every country in the project plus an international overview) summarize national debates over flexibility as well as relationship between home and work. In addition, the authors describe, where possible, the contemporary discourse about flexibility in each country. The countries covered are: three EU-members (United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Sweden) and five pre-accession countries (Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania).

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An important aspect of this is the gendered division of work both inside and outside of the home and the combinations of paid and unpaid work.

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