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Does the development of labour market insecurities reflect on family life and family planning in Europe? The book provides insights by specialists in the field.

Following the repercussions of the recent financial market crisis, both academic as well as public interest in the phenomena of transnationalisation, globalization and Europeanization has continued to rise. Increasingly, the three terms have become central reference points for media, politicians, academics, and policy-makers to explain social change in the modern societies of contemporary Europe.

It has become a common perception among European citizens that, as a consequence of transnationalisation, uncertainty about economic and social developments has risen significantly 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. Especially educational system leavers, labour market entrants and young families are said to have been disproportionately affected by these changes. They more often possess less secure and less favourable employment positions, i.e., are more often affected by "atypical work forms" (such as temporary or part-time work) and lower wages. At the same time, given current demographic developments, younger people increasingly face the pressure to make provisions for their own old age income that can less and less be ensured by public pension benefits alone.

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