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Growing global concerns for Work-Life Balance and different legal approaches: the case of the European Union and New Zealand

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ABSTRACT

Rising female employment rate, changes in family structures and falling fertility rates are amongst factors contributing to tensions between family and work responsibilities. Reconciliation between work and family life is a fully-fledged principle of EU. Productive and reproductive rights are considered equally whilst policies include caring for elderly and dependent family members. By contrast New Zealand’s work-life balance is a tool for attracting and retaining highly skilled workers and policies have created a two tiered society with the deserving of work-life balance and others, less deserving.

This paper explores the principles required for adequate work-life balance and their implications for the EU and NZ legal orders. It is hoped to contribute to the debate on work-life balance in Singapore.

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