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## **Macroeconomic Changes and the World of Work: Gender and Institutional Perspectives: Case of Japan**

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Since the mid 1980s, Japan has undergone economic reforms and increase in economic openness under various neo-liberal macroeconomic policies. At the same time, there has been an increasing trend of flexibilization and informalization due to the deregulation of the labor market. This paper investigates possible gender impacts of macroeconomic changes on the world of work for the last 30 years. This paper will contribute new evidence to the literature on feminist economics in trade and labor market by linking the analysis of gender segregation by industry, occupation and employment status to the analysis of trade flows influenced by liberalization policies.