"Flexible work organisations: Does it benefit employees as well?"

Organizations have a growing need for flexible ways of working. This is reflected in flexible working hours (e.g., overtime work, on-call work), flexible work locations (e.g. no fixed desk, working from home), and flexible contract forms (e.g., temporary contracts and temporary agency contracts). The question arises as to how this company-based flexibility benefits employees as well, in terms of the quality of work, and employee health and well-being. In this lecture, Sabine Geurts will address this question, focusing in particular on the role of recovery from work, work-life balance, and need satisfaction.

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