Replication Files

This is the replication package for "Work Meaning and the Flexibility Puzzle" by Thimo De Schouwer and Iris Kesternich, accepted for publication in 2024 by the Journal of Labor Economics.

Accessing the Data

The Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social Sciences (LISS) data

The LISS data can be accessed after signing an agreement at http://www.lissdata.nl/. We use three modules:
- The background data for June 2021
- The work supplement for 2021
- The discrete choice module (project number: 313)

Download these modules and store them in DataCode/Data/Raw/LISS.

The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) data

The ISSP data can be accessed after signing an agreement at https://issp.org/. We use the 2015 Work Orientations Survey.

Download the dataset and store it in DataCode/Data/Raw/ISSP.

The Stata and R Code

This replication package is based on R (version 4.1) and Stata (version 18.5). The code can be found in \DataCode\Code.

To run all the R code open main_R.R and adjust the global to the main project folder location. The necessary packages will be installed automatically if required. This script also generates a cleaned dataset that will be used in Stata to estimate the discrete choice models.

After running main_R.R you can run the Stata code main_Stata.do. Make sure the packages 'estout' and 'mixlogit' are installed. Again, first adjust the global to the main project folder, and run the main_Stata.do file.

All graphs and tables from both the paper and appendix will be generated and stored in the /GraphsTables folder.