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**International Workshop on
Singaporean Women as Workers, Mothers and Caregivers:
Coping with Changes, Challenges and Commitments**

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Venue

**York Hotel Singapore
Rose Room I & II
(Upper Lobby Level)**

Context and Scope

The main aim of this workshop is to examine the social, cultural and legal implications of wage employment on the everyday lives of Singaporean women. In the last decades, the numbers of women engaged in paid work has increased manifold, contesting the traditional model of the male as breadwinner and, in turn, changing the constitution of the family. Yet traditional norms still persist in that the division of unpaid work in the home is unequal to the degree that women more than men are expected to manage home responsibilities. In view of the persistence of traditional values, women are forced to balance work demands and home commitments in a variety of ways, although structural and legal constructs in Singapore aim for greater equality among the sexes in the family context. This is a clear indication that women's lives lag behind the structural conditions prevalent in Singapore. That women are working also means that they face greater challenges in having to balance their caretaker role in the home and workplace demands. To this end, it is vital to explore the extent to which employers have played a supportive role for women — whether they are mothers or elder caregivers.

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Registration for Workshop

Registration fee of **S\$100** (inclusive of GST) is applicable, but is waived for paper presenters, discussants, staff and students of the National University of Singapore. The registration fee covers workshop papers and meals (lunch and teas) for the event.

Due to limited number of places, interested participants are advised to register as soon as registration opens. Those who have registered will be informed of the status of their registration nearer the day of the workshop.

Interested applicants should send in their cheques of **S\$100** made payable to the “**National University of Singapore**”, together with a completed registration form to the workshop secretariat by **11 January 2003**.

Registration form

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