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## Synopsis

For decades, European labor markets have been equally praised and criticized. Lauded for their social democracy, job security and equality, and scorned for their rigidities, inefficiencies and exclusiveness. European workers have long been a source of theoretical inspiration, have been studied representing the roots of industrialization and democratization, and are central to many great debates in the social sciences. This volume and its companion place the jobs, labor, labor markets, workplaces, and workers of Europe in a comparative perspective. Broadly, this volume integrates scholarship on the experiences and inequalities of work and workers in Europe. Chapters focus on job security, work attitudes, class consciousness, returns to education, the bureaucratic burden, women's

employment, earnings inequality, and culture. The companion volume focuses on policies and institutions regarding work and workers in Europe. Both volumes compare workers within and between European countries, and between European and other countries. Both volumes are also interdisciplinary. Methodologically diverse, the chapters feature survey data, macro-level archival sources, and ethnographic fieldwork. The chapters also offer theoretical insights and new agendas.



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