

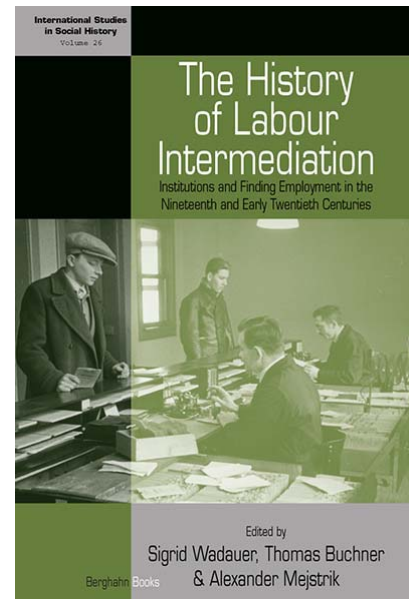
The History of Labour Intermediation

Institutions and Finding Employment in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

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Arbeit zu suchen, zu finden und teils auch zu vermitteln war und ist eine alltägliche Angelegenheit, sowohl für Individuen als auch für Institutionen. Der vorliegende Sammelband präsentiert eine Bandbreite von Fallstudien über Praktiken der Arbeitssuche und -vermittlung in Europa, Australien und Indien im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Die 15 AutorInnen untersuchen, auf welche unterschiedlichen Arten die jeweils Beteiligten (Suchende, VermittlerInnen, Gewerkschaften, Gemeinde- und andere Verwaltungsbehörden, staatliche Einrichtungen und Schulen) dabei spezifische, zum Teil widersprüchliche Interessen, Perspektiven und Agenden verbanden. Ist allen Beiträgen ein explorativer Zugang gemeinsam, so stehen sie doch für ganz unterschiedliche Forschungsansätze: von der Organisations- und Verwaltungsgeschichte bis zur Untersuchung konkreter Praktiken der Arbeitssuche und autobiographischer Erzählungen. In der Zusammenschau, die der Sammelband vorlegt, werden dadurch die unterschiedlichen Interrelationen zwischen Arbeitssuchen und Arbeitsvermittlungen erkennbar.

Searching for a job has been an everyday affair in both modern and past societies, and employment a concern for both individuals and institutions. The case studies in this volume investigate job search and placement practices in European countries, Australia, and India in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The contributors explore how looking for work becomes a means by which participants (individuals, placement agents, trade unions, municipalities, administrations, state authorities, and schools) articulated specific interests, perspectives, and agendas. Taking an exploratory approach, the chapters illustrate different approaches to the history of employment and job searching, ranging from organizational and regulatory histories to the analysis of practices and autobiographical accounts. In the process, they uncover the interrelations of search practices and attempts to arrange placement services.

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