



Women and Work (Readings on the Economy, Polity and Society)

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Orient BlackSwan, New Delhi, India, 2012. Softcover. Book Condition: New. The notion of work and employment of work and employment for women is complex. While economic factors predominantly determine a man's participation in employment, the reasons why women work, or do not work, or whether they work part-time or full-time, can be diverse and are often rooted in a complex interplay of economic, cultural, social and personal factors. In India, as in most other parts of the world, fewer women participate in employment compared to men. This is the backdrop against which Women and Work analyses a wide range of issues from what counts for work to the economic contribution of women to how gendering of work has many significant and related consequences. The introduction talks of how oppression faced by wage-earning women is the result of patriarchal norms and capitalist relations of production. It also demonstrates how policies and programmes anchored around data based on national income accounts and/or labour force surveys seriously disadvantage women in more ways than one. Divided into four sections, the articles focus on women engaged in varied work—paddy-growers in West Bengal, beedi-rollers in Tamil Nadu, laceworkers in Andhra Pradesh and bardancers in Maharashtra all of whom...



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