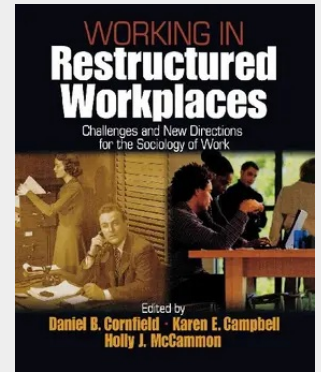


Working in Restructured Workplaces

Challenges and New Directions for the Sociology of Work

What are the contemporary trends in workplace restructuring and the sociological impact on workers' lives? Around what concepts will work be organized and groups and individuals motivated in their work into the new century? To give you definition and answers to these contemporary questions, the editors of the sociological quarterly, Work and Occupations, assembled Working in Restructured Workplaces. It addresses contradictory influences in contemporary workplace restructuring, its impact on workers' lives, and the direction and nature of future changes in the workplace. This authentic collection of sociological thought and research consists of previous works in Work and Occupations and some commissioned specifically for this book to focus on the nature, causes, and consequences of workplace restructuring. The editors introduce a new concept of "workplace restructuring" to broaden your perspective and then assess implications for workers and their lives. The chapters address four major themes: - Reconfiguring workplace status hierarchies - Casualization of employment relationships - Restructuring and worker marginalization - Comparative labor responses to global restructuring The last two chapters chart new research agendas on the boundaries and durability of workplace restructuring.

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