Since the 1970s the long term decline in self-employment has slowed – and even reversed in some countries – and the prospect of ‘being your own boss’ is increasingly topical in the discourse of both the general public and within academia. Traditionally, self-employment has been associated with independent entrepreneurship, but increasingly it has become a form of precarious work. This book utilises evidence-based information to address both the current and future challenges of this trend as the nature of self-employment changes, as well as to demonstrate where, when and why self-employment has emerged as precarious work in Europe.

‘The reviewed book represents a significant enrichment of the discussion on the topic of precarious self-employment. It is therefore recommended to a wide range of readers, especially to those wishing to gain insight and advance their knowledge in this field, while also being particularly relevant for researchers and policy makers.’

– Primoz Rataj, European Journal of Social Security