European Working Lives
Continuities and Change in Management and Industrial Relations in France, Scandinavia and the UK

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The contributors examine global trends such as the decentralisation of industrial relations and the revival of neo-liberalism, and discuss them from a theoretical and empirical perspective. They go on to argue that these global trends can really only exist in nationally specific contexts and focus on the changing roles of trade union and labour movements in representing workers' interests. They trace the emergence of new European institutional and political dimensions of working, and attempt to answer the question of how converged, diverged or revised European working practices have become.

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