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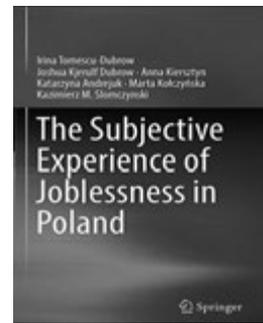
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### **The Subjective Experience of Joblessness in Poland**

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In this multi-authored book researchers describe the experience of joblessness and unemployment in Poland. To do so, they combine qualitative data from a special project conducted in Poland after the Great Recession (2011–2013) and quantitative data from the Polish Panel Survey (POLPAN 1988–2013) to analyze the lives of the jobless: women and men currently out of work, the recently re-employed, and homemakers. Joblessness is approached through the theoretical perspectives of inequality and social constructionism. The authors examine how social class, stratification, and demographics (gender, age, and their intersections) influence how people lost their job or became a homemaker, how they look for and find a job, and what their household, social, and political activities are. They contextualize these experiences with a description of Poland's economy, labor market and employment policies after the fall of Communism. When authors present the social worlds of the jobless, they build on the active interviewing and social constructionist framework to treat the interview as a social performance in which answers are co-created by interviewer and respondent.

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The present volume is an attempt to explore the onus of the past on Europe's ability to unite and mobilize in these testing times as well as look for solutions. The texts collected here are based on the contributions to the 2019 the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA) conference organized in October 2019 by the Polish Academy of Sciences in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology in Warsaw. The book comprises two parts. The first one—introduced by Maciej Kisilowski—focuses on history, collective memory and interests, with contributions from such prominent European scholars as Claus Offe, Anton Pelinka, György Lengyel and Artur Nowak-Far and commentaries from equally respectable academics including Marcin Król, Joanna Kurczewska and Peter Verovšek. In the second part—introduced by Joanna Fomina and Jacek Kucharczyk—distinguished Ruth Wodak, Krzysztof Pomian, Virginie Guiraudon, Bogdan Góralczyk, Heather Grabbe grapple with the issues of European identity, historical tensions and solidarity, accompanied by commentators including Andrzej Rychard, Józef Niznik, Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz and Michał Boni.