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Klaus J. Bade, ed. *Population, Labour and Migration in 19th- and 20th-Century Germany. (German Historical Perspectives, 1.)* Leamington Spa and New York: Berg Publishers/St. Martin's Press, 1987. Pp. 200. Cloth \$27.50.

This volume is the first in a new series designed to make available to English-speaking readers the results of recent scholarship by West German historians and social scientists. The nine articles, by such respected scholars in the field as Peter Marschalck, Reinhard Doerries, and Toni Pierenkemper, originated as lectures delivered at a seminar run by Bade when he held the German Visiting Professorship at St. Antony's College, Oxford, in 1985. Covering topics such as the demographic transition which began in the late nineteenth century, overseas emigration, seasonal migration of laborers before World War I, and contemporary problems associated with *Gastarbeiter* who cannot become naturalized citizens in West Germany, the articles attempt to provide a synthesis of recent research and to point out areas where further work needs to be done. Although some of the translations are less than felicitous, as a whole the book succeeds admirably and sets a high standard for future volumes in the series.

One peculiarity of the book requires mention. Although Bade notes in his introduction that "German history has shown not only movements of people across frontiers but also of frontiers across people" (p. 6), the contributors appear to operate with a *kleindeutsch* conception of nineteenth-century boundaries and a view of post-World War II Germany dictated by the Hallstein Doctrine. The articles dealing with the period before 1866 exclude the Austrian lands in the German Confederation and include parts of Prussia outside the Confederation. No contribution discusses the German Democratic Republic as a former source of emigration or as a country with *Gastarbeiter* of its own.

Each article has extensive footnotes, which are supplemented by a select bibliography for the entire volume. The book thus would be useful to professors gathering material for lectures, graduate students preparing for qualifying examinations or looking for thesis topics, and undergraduates working on term papers. One hopes that Berg Publishers will issue a paperback edition.