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The controversial 'guestworker' question has led a number of historians and social scientists in the Federal Republic to an examination of past and present developments in population structure, labour and migration, both in specific areas and in more general terms. Their work shows that the large influx of foreign workers during the last twenty-five years is, in fact, only the latest manifestation of a long-term trend whose roots can be traced as far back as the early nineteenth century. During this period Germany changed from a country of mass overseas emigration to one of mass continental immigration.

This volume provides a summary of the present debate over the conditions, causes and developments of this process and of the current efforts being made to solve the resultant social problems in contemporary German society.

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