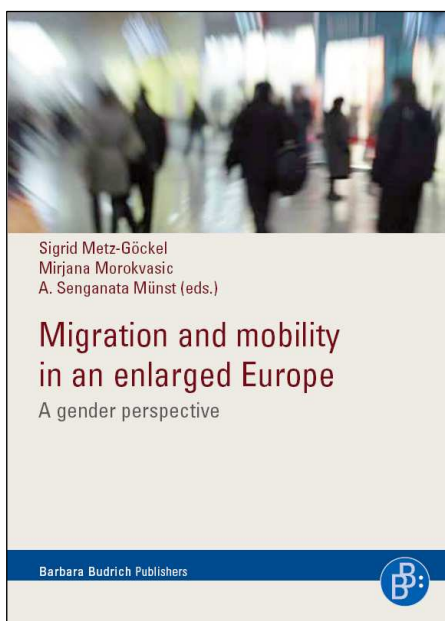


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In line with the world wide feminisation of migration, women tend to outnumber men in new migration patterns in Europe as well. This book is about transnational migration and mobility of women from and within Central-Eastern European countries and their practices and experiences mostly in the service sector where they are in demand as substitutes to perform what stereotypically labelled "women's work" – cleaning, nursing, care for the elderly. Sociological and anthropological studies based on field work in Poland, Turkey, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Italy and Slovakia provide evidence about transnational management in coping with de-skilling and life in two places. They raise questions: can the situations where the boundaries of work, help and love are blurred nevertheless be empowering and if so how? Are the traditional identities

of women only being reinforced, as some of the authors argue? Other contributions in the book provide statistical and historical evidence about changing migration patterns, as well as a comparative analysis of policies which have largely contributed to the dominant circulatory pattern, to the constitution of transmigrant communities and to undocumented migration.

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