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The issue opens with a **monographic section**, edited by **Paolo Borioni**, focused on social democratic internationalism at the moment when this political culture was at its height (1950-1980). The introduction by the editor, which provides a historical and conceptual contextualisation, is followed by the contribution by **Wolfgang Schmidt**, who analyses the **economic and political approach adopted by Willy Brandt in dealing with North-South relations**, an approach that is undoubtedly innovative and different from the one adopted by US Governments and the World Bank. **Carl Marklund** revisits the debates on Sweden's **possible contribution to the international developmental debates** as an exemplary neutral, a developmental model, and an aid donor. The essay by **Darshi Thoradeniya** focuses on a case study, the **Kotmale hydropower generation project**, funded by Sweden, explaining how the Swedish aid policy in the 1970s facilitated a particular type of development that turned out to be ethno (Sinhala) religious (Buddhist). The monographic section ends with **Andrea Cicchinelli**'s contribution on the **Kreisky Commission for Full Employment in Europe**.

Next is the essay by **Piergiuseppe Cossu, Marco Di Marco, Paola Tanda, and Alberto Violante**, who present the **results of a microsimulation of the distributional impact of law no. 46/2021**, which introduces a single universal child allowance replacing both personal income tax deductions for dependent children, and other monetary transfers for children, in the context of a wider reform of family policies (Family Act).

The essay by **Michelangelo Filippi, Manuel Marocco, Roberto Quaranta, and Sergio Scicchitano** examines the **trend of short and very short-term labour demand over the last decade in Italy** by making use of administrative data from the Statistical Information System of Compulsory Communications (SISCO), coming to the conclusion that the labour market has profoundly changed.

The issue ends with the contribution by **Enrico D'Elia and Alessandra Righi**, who analyse **labour demand at firm level, and its relationships with the turnover outlook**.

### **Book Reviews**

**I. Pais, A. M. Ponzellini (a cura di)**, *Il tassello mancante. L'intervento organizzativo come leva strategica per la transizione tecnologica* (by **Lia Tirabeni**)

**A. M. Carabelli**, *Keynes on Uncertainty and Tragic Happiness. Complexity and Expectations* (by **Carlo Zappia**)