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The issue opens with a **monographic section**, edited and introduced by **Andrea Caracausi, Luca Mocarelli, and Donatella Strangio**, which, inspired by the recent “revival” of labour history, discusses the importance of a **socio-economic approach** to fully understand the **trends of the world of work**. The contribution by **Corine Maitte and Didier Terrier** re-examines the issue of the **duration of work over the long term**, identifying, through multiple case studies, the daily duration of work, the annual calendar of days actually worked, and the content of labour. The essay by **Andrea Caracausi and Luca Mocarelli** analyses some of the **aspects deemed to be fundamental for any research work on wages and living standards in the pre-industrial age**, such as employment contracts, pay methods, wage formation, and the consequences regarding living standards and their calculation. **Beatrice Zucca Micheletto** provides a historiographical overview of the last two decades as to the **relationships between economic history and the history of women's work**. The essay by **Giulia Mancini** provides an overview of the state of the art of the reconstruction process of the long-run trends of **gender inequality in Italy in the post-unification period**. The section ends with **Alessandro Donadio and Donatella Strangio**, who provide a reflection on **how work and its organisation are changing due to the pandemic**.

Next are two essays, introduced by **Daniele Checchi**, that present the findings of two surveys carried out among the staff of two public-sector organisations on **how smart working is perceived in terms of advantages and costs during the Covid-19 pandemic**: **Tiziana Canal, Valentina Gualtieri, and Rosita Zucaro** analyse the findings of the survey carried out at **INAPP**, whereas **Paola Biasi and Luca Sommario** examine the findings of the survey implemented at **INPS**.

**Felice Roberto Pizzuti, Michele Raitano, and Massimiliano Tancioni** summarise the **main contents of their 2022 Report on the Welfare State**: departing from the socio-economic effects of the crisis that followed the Covid-19 pandemic, they analyse the main features of European and Italian welfare states, as well as the most significant criticalities of the Italian pension system.

**Paolo Maranzano, Anna Maria Variato, and Roberto Romano** make use of the **taxonomy of the so-called “archipelagos”**, reshaped starting from Istat's proposed pattern, and investigate their evolution from 1995 to 2018 in Italy, comparing them with those of Germany, France, and Spain.

The issue ends with the essay by **Guglielmo Forges Davanzati**, which evaluates **the effects of wage moderation on growth** in Italy.

#### **Book Reviews**

**M.C. Marcuzzo, G. Deleplace, P. Paesani (eds.)**, *New Perspectives on Political Economy and Its History* (by Carlo D'Ippoliti)

**S. Marchetti, D. Cherubini, G. Garofalo Geymonat**, *Global Domestic Workers. Intersectional Inequalities and Struggles for Rights* (by Enrico Pugliese)

**S. Biasco**, *Le ragioni per un ritorno alla socialdemocrazia* (by Michele Salvati)