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*Institutionalised Dreams* examines processes leading to the establishment of Polish aid industry. By examining the ways in which state administration and NGOs struggle to legitimise their global interventions and gain public support for their aid activities in the distant locations, the book demonstrates how emergence as a donor requires the establishment of moral foundations and political discourses about caring for distant others. In order to convince the public about the necessity to share the wealth with foreign strangers, sentiments and fantasies about the worlds of those who supposedly require international assistance must be mobilised. It is through these processes that the development myth is formulated, and faith in development interventions as a solution to global issues is generated. Paradoxically, however, for all these elements to be stabilised and naturalised, they must fade into the background. What comes to the fore is an institutionalised 'objective' aid system and 'rational' technologies of (what I call) 'bureaucratic activism'.

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