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## **Gendering Family Policies in Post-Communist Europe - A Historical-Institutional Analysis**

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Through the use of a historical-institutional perspective, this detailed and compelling study compares and contrasts the family policies of Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe. With particular reference to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, this book explores family policies in Post-Communist Europe and analyzes how these policies have developed and how they have impacted on the gender relations in the countries in which they have been instituted. Furthermore, statistical analysis of international survey data as well as 100 frank interviews with key policymakers, public officials, civil society activists and directors of both public and private daycare centers from each of the countries mentioned provide a much need update on the state of gender equality in Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe by providing empirical evidence on women's organizations, changes in public attitudes and the development of policies. It also contributes to the discourse on historical institutionalism and feminist institutionalism by exploring the interaction between institutional developments and the attitudes of policy-makers, NGOs and society in general. As such this text is essential reading for students and scholars of gender, politics and social policies in Post-Communist Europe.

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