In all Western countries, people are leaving work earlier than ever before – at a time when their life expectancy keeps increasing. How has this paradoxical process been brought about? What is the impact of labor markets and social policy? And what will be the effects of this massive lengthening of retirement? *Time for Retirement* addresses the “aging of society” and the restructuring of the life course in terms of the changing relationship between work and retirement. Based on a comparative analysis of seven different national regimes, it assesses the range of possible political answers to this process. The editors and contributors are among the leading social scientists in the field of life-course studies, aging, and social policy.
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