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Michael Wallerstein was a leader in developing a rigorous comparative political economy of inequality, redistribution, and wage determination. His early death from cancer left both a hole in the profession and a legacy that will provide the foundation for research on these topics. This volume collects his most important contributions organized by topic, with each topic preceded by an editorial introduction that provides overview and context.

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