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legitimated in the Central European context, through the innovative metaphor of "political farming." The analytical framework brings together several distinct streams of theorizing (critical discourse studies, critical security studies, governmentality, boundarymaking, and the dynamics of ethnic relations) seamlessly and effectively. Through a very nuanced discursive analysis, Kissová shows how the poor, offenders, and the "unadaptable" - categories policymakers use to talk about material need recipients - are linked pathologically with criminality, abuse of the system and other negative perceptions. This is a must-read text for anyone interested in how political actors justify questionable legislation that cements inequality in today's neoliberal milieu." - B. Nadya Jaworsky, Associate Professor, Sociology, Masaryk University, Czech Republic "Kissová's book is carefully researched. Her interdisciplinary insight and discursive analysis of parliamentary debates on Slovak "workfare" policies illustrates the politicized colocation of Roma marginalization and economic disadvantage, starkly illustrating systemic racism dressed up as morally necessary regulatory reform. Her research has broader methodological relevance given how she utilizes governmentality, securitization and legitimization theory, unmasking how neoliberal economic assumptions and dog whistle politics, woven into political speech, works to demonize recipients as criminals, enact further social exclusion and heighten inequality while promoting existing prejudices. Her metaphor of "political farming" where ideas take root in fertile soil of the national landscape resulting in regulatory "products"-demonstrates how social reality and state regulation can be divorced from actual evidence, a process critically relevant to our times." - Barbara J. Falk, Professor, Department of Defence Studies, Canadian Forces College/Fellow, Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto, Canada This book explores the shift towards individual responsibility that is increasingly evident in welfare systems across the world. The book will be of interest to students and scholars across sociology, social policy, and political science, with a particular focus on migration, minorities, political discourse, securitisation, social justice and human rights.

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