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Focusing on the role and functions of trade unions, this collection of essays by a team of international scholars looks to the future and explores their broader political and social remit and responsibilities.