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Farewell to Work? presents the large process of capital's productive restructuring, triggered in the 1970s. A process with tendencies to both intellectualize labour power and increase the levels of working class' precariousness, on a global scale. Its main hypothesis is that instead of work's loss of centrality in contemporary capitalism, when the world of production is analysed in its global dimension, including countries in North and South, a substantial process of growing heterogeneity, complexity and fragmentation is observed. This configures a new morphology of the working class. Therefore, at the same time that new mechanisms are created to generate surplus labour, there is, simultaneously, an increment in casualisation and unemployment, pushed by a process of corrosion of labour rights.