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This title provides an overview of the income support systems of many developing countries and reviews their performance. It discusses some very important, topical, and controversial issues, including a new and largely untested system: unemployment insurance savings accounts. The title provides an extensive literature review and is written so as to be accessible to a broad audience.

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