

# Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Mediterranean Area

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The papers in this book highlight some crucial dimensions of social and economic disadvantage in various Mediterranean societies and pave the way for a more systematic comparative investigation of poverty and social exclusion in this area. What is more, by introducing the social exclusion perspective the authors place poverty research in a multi-dimensional framework. Thus, they combine a static definition of poverty as lack of income and expenditure, with a more dynamic approach searching for forms, causes and processes of social exclusion. These link economic and social aspects of disadvantage and marginalization to political ones, such as political rights and citizenship, which outline a relationship between individuals, the state and the civil society, and place agency in the forefront of poverty research.

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