



**Biography, Shift-labour and Socialisation in a Northern Industrial City –
The Far North: Particularities of Labour and Human Socialisation**

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This volume introduces international and Russian research on the adaptation of the (incomer) population of northern Siberia. The book developed out of a jointly organised international conference in Novy Urengoy, West Siberia, and consists of two sections. The first half is dedicated to topics connected to processes of movement and settlement and re-settlement of the northern population that migrated there from more temperate regions. This includes analyses of Russian economic policy towards industrial development of the Russian North, 'inducing' such population movements, and the establishment of northern industrial cities. One little-analysed question of increasing importance in such cities is the labour organisation in the oil and gas industry with the choices of permanent work force, intra-regional shift work, or long distance commuting. The second section about the younger generation in northern industrial cities focuses on questions of socialisation, problems of family and education of young people under conditions of northern shift-labour organisation. Most articles in the volume came out of presentations at the conference and include research from Canada, USA, Finland, Austria, Germany as well as from Russian universities and representatives from city-administration, non-commercial organisations, and the industry. Following the layout of the conference, articles in this volume include academic contributions as well as practitioners' reports about their work. The editors believe that this combination is useful for enhancing the dialogue between science, politics and practitioners, all of which are united in their vital interest for life in and development of northern industrial cities. This volume will be interesting for specialists in the fields of sociology, anthropology, geography, medicine and for all those interested in human socialisation and adaptation in extreme natural and social environments. The volume is one of the outcomes of the research project BOREAS MOVE INNOCOM, funded by the Finnish Academy, decision 118702.

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