



Reskilling America (Hardback)

By Katherine S. Newman, Hella Winston

Henry Holt Company Inc, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 236 x 154 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. After decades of off-shoring and downsizing that have left blue collar workers obsolete and stranded, the United States is now on the verge of an industrial renaissance. But there isn't a labour pool skilled enough to fill the positions that will be created, which are in many cases technically demanding and require specialised skills. A decades-long series of idealistic educational policies with the expressed goal of getting every student to go to college has left a generation of potential workers out of the system. Touted as a progressive, egalitarian institution providing opportunity even to those with the greatest need, the American secondary school system has in fact deepened existing inequalities. We can do better, argue acclaimed sociologists Katherine Newman and Hella Winston. Taking a page from the successful experience of countries like Germany and Austria, where youth unemployment is a mere 7 , they call for a radical revaluation of the idea of vocational training, long discredited as an instrument of tracking. The United States can prepare a new, high-performance labour force if it revamps their school system...

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