THE PRECARIAT
The New Dangerous Class
by Guy Standing

Neoliberal policies and institutional changes have produced a huge and growing number of people with sufficiently common experiences to be called an emerging class. They include migrants, but also locals. Increasingly frustrated and potentially dangerous because they have no voice, vulnerable to the siren calls of extreme political parties, the precariat could produce new instabilities in society.

How might these dangers be addressed? Standing outlines a new kind of good society, with more people actively involved in civil society and the precariat re-engaged. One way to this better society, he suggests, would be an unconditional basic income for everyone, contributed by the state, which could be topped up through earned incomes.

This is a topical and radical book, which will appeal to readers concerned about the growing problems of labour insecurity and civic disengagement.

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“...This important and original book brings out the political dangers...of failing to address the insecurities of the precariat. It also suggests the way forward: a reconstruction of the concept of work.”

– Eileen Applebaum, Centre for Economic and Policy Research, Washington DC

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at a discount
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