

# Pauvreté et protection sociale

## aux XIX<sup>e</sup> et XX<sup>e</sup> siècles

### Des expériences rouennaises aux politiques nationales

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**A**T A TIME when the questions of poverty and how to confront it are being raised with new acuity in France, this work compiles articles published by the author on this subject over the last thirty years. The presented texts have been reworked, built upon, updated, indeed entirely restructured and recast as a book.

This corpus seeks to concretely define the concept of “precariousness” and representations of poverty, while addressing the regulative or repressive measures developed to combat them. Social practices aimed at mere survival (from the state-owned pawnshop to the savings bank) are also studied, as are early forms of collective organization, from the creation of associations to the formation of cooperatives.

The role of the social and political elite is evoked through diverse examples, mainly within a framework that affirms the Republican system. More generally, the research focuses on the social policies carried out in French and European cities during the past two centuries.

This book is based on material gathered and elaborated throughout several decades of research. Beginning with studies concerning the Rouen experiments in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the author develops national perspectives that extend beyond the boundaries of the hexagon.

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