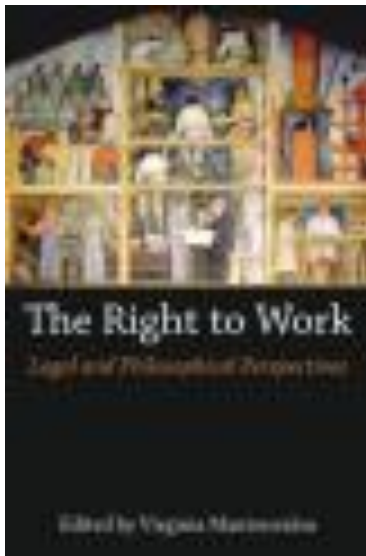


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The value of work cannot be underestimated in today's world. It is valuable because productive labour generates goods needed for survival, like food and housing; goods needed for self-development, like education and culture; and other material goods that people wish to have in order to live a fulfilling life. A job also generally inspires a sense of achievement, self-esteem and the esteem of others. But the question remains, do we have a human right to work? If so, what is the content of the right? Does it impose a duty on governments to promote full employment? Does it entail an obligation to protect decent work? Do migrants have a right to work?

This book addresses the uncertainty and controversy that surround the right to work both in theoretical scholarship and in policymaking. It discusses the philosophical underpinnings of the right to work, and its development in human rights law in national jurisdictions including the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, France and the United States, and at the international level of the United Nations, the European Social Charter, the International Labour Organization, the European Convention on Human Rights and other legal orders.

