

For the last two decades, child domestic work carried out in Nigeria, as well as in countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, has been given increasing attention by international policy makers and scientists. Yet, the research mainly focuses on the living and working conditions of these children. This publication not only explores the living and working conditions of child domestic workers - which in many cases are very exploitative and child rights violating. At the center of the analysis are also political and pedagogical measures of intervention employed on international, national and local level on this form of child work. Against the background of postcolonial theory the author studies the effects of processes of social modernization in Nigeria as a rapidly growing national economy on child domestic work and historically retraces the origins of this form of child work back to an indigene measure of socialization and social security within the (precolonial) Nigerian extended family network.



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