



Small-scale Production: Strategies for Industrial Restructuring

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ITDG Publishing. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Small-scale Production: Strategies for Industrial Restructuring, Henk Thomas, Francisco Uribe-Echevarria, Henny Romijn, The bleak employment opportunities faced by so many countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and indeed Eastern Europe, suggest the need for a more employment-intensive path of development in the future. Achieving this will entail, in one way or another, a large contribution by small-scale production units. It is obvious for instance, that huge numbers of people may have no other option but to engage in small-scale production as entrepreneurs, self-employed persons, "disguised wage-workers", and so on. At the least, this can give them a survival opportunity. Ideally, the promotion of smallscale production should open the door to the restructuring of industry and ultimately to industrial growth through improvement in technology and productivity. In policy design and research, a "revival versus survival" dilemma has thus become a fundamental issue. Special emphasis is paid to aspects of small-scale industrial development that have received insufficient attention up to now - spatial analysis, labour and work, the role of technology, and the involvement of non-government development organizations as an important category of support organizations for small and micro-enterprises. The case studies represent six...



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