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From antiquity to the present day, work has remained one of the most important factors of production, and the situation on the labor market has determined economic growth and development, and has been the subject of economic policy. As a result, various strategies for balancing the labor market have been developed throughout history. Labor shortage forced rulers or entrepreneurs to actively seek and attract labor through economic incentives (land, tax privileges, higher wages) or coercion (conquest and displacement, slave trade, prison labor, legal coercion). In turn, the excess of the labor force gave rise to unemployment and poverty, stimulated the processes of colonization and economic emigration, and the related processes of transfer of labour, capital and ideas. Over time, the activities of states aimed at increasing employment and counteracting the negative effects of unemployment occupied an increasingly important place in their economic policy, and the instruments of intervention in the labor market became more and more complex and costly.

Therefore, research on work, the labor market and unemployment is of great importance for both cognitive and practical reasons. Knowledge about the causes, mechanisms and dynamics of changes in the labor market and the links between changes in the economy and the situation on the labor market (including the demand for specific categories of employees) may become the basis for explaining the mechanisms leading to imbalances in the labor market and optimization of education systems.

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Proposed topics:

- the labor market and economic growth and development,
- the labor market and unemployment in various socio-economic systems (slavery, feudalism, capitalism, communism),
- structural processes (transition from pre-industrial to industrial and post-industrial economy) and cyclical processes (economic growth and crises) and the labor market,
- education systems and the labor market,
- causes of unemployment (cyclical, structural, technological),
- the social dimension of the labor market (labour of men, women and children),
- legal (official) and illegal work,
- economic migrations and their impact on the labor market,
- legal regulation of the labor market,
- labor market policy and labor market intervention instruments.

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