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History on air



Not so new labour

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The History of Work

Radio 4

A JOB for life, we are often told, is a thing of the past. Traditional British working patterns have changed forever, to be replaced by a fluid, unstable work-force looking for work in the many

service industries that have grown from the ashes of heavy manufacturing.

But how accurate is our historical picture of the labour market? This series, presented by Evan Davis, sets out to show that many of our preconceptions are based on a mistaken belief.

Economic historian Paul Johnson, of the London School of Economics, states: 'Most people in the past, just as today, worked in different employments for different employers, often doing different tasks across their working lives. The idea of stable jobs and lifetime employment is perhaps most true of the period from the end of the Second World War through to the mid 1960s.'

Through archive sources and personal memories, the programme shows how even such apparently modern notions as home working were widespread 100 years ago. 'We came across accounts of women in Birmingham making heavy chains in their front rooms,' says Michael Blastland. 'They would screen their babies from the sparks in the fireplace and make the chains, link by link, with a hammer and anvil.'

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