

# Makers of the New World: Transylvanian Engineers in the Communist Period. Careers and Biographies

The research undertaken by the editor of this volume has attempted to capture the changes in Transylvanian society in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It starts from the idea that change is reflected in the lives of individuals, and individuals contribute to change in the world around them. For several years, this research team has undertaken research on the role of social categories such as Protestant priests, folk artists, teachers, doctors. This volume is part of this series.

Engineers have been the makers of the new world since the 1950s. The volume contains 9 interviews with engineers from Transylvania, most of them having completed their careers in different fields (agriculture, industry, forestry). These interviews are analysed in a study that reviews the following issues: motivations for choosing this profession, required education, choice of job (or rather the system of “allocation” during the communist years), the engineer in the hierarchy of the workplace and society, the engineering profession, the prestige and status of the engineer, the engineer’s career, living conditions.