Wilhelm ‘Gi’ Baldamus (1908–1991) was one of the most distinctive voices in British sociology in the second half of the twentieth century. He made major contributions to both industrial sociology and sociological theory, yet many of his central concerns remain under-explored. This volume is the first of its kind to engage with these questions and Baldamus’ responses, in combination with the publication of two of Baldamus’s own later writings never before printed in English.

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