

Contents

<i>List of figures</i>	ix
<i>List of tables</i>	x
<i>Preface</i>	xi
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xiv

Introduction	1
--------------	---

PART I

Employment patterns among rural women 5

1 Women's work: an overview	7
2 Unskilled labor in the countryside	13
3 Female mechanics and machine operators	24
4 Women at the animal wards	34
5 Women as collective farm leaders and agricultural specialists	41
6 Rural intelligentsia	46
7 Migration to cities and the position of newcomers	54

PART II

Private life 65

8 The politics of private life: the evolution and transformation of the Soviet Family Code	67
9 Marriages	84

viii *Contents*

10	Conflicts and divorces	93
11	Domostroi	103
12	Alcoholism in the countryside	111
13	The female face of the criminal world	123
14	Women of the oldest profession	128
15	Religion	132
16	Triple-burden lifestyle	143
17	Household chores	151
18	The special environment of the village life	161
19	Protection of childhood and motherhood in the countryside	164
20	Abortions	176
	Conclusions	184
	<i>Notes</i>	186
	<i>Index</i>	213