**August Sander**

(1876 - 1964, Germany)

In 1901 he was employed in a photographic studio in Linz, Austria eventually becoming a patner and then its sole proprietor. In 1909 he came back to Germany with his family and he set up home near Koln. In 1927 he moved to Sardinia to take photos. In 1929 he edited *Antlitz der Zeit* book (the time face), a selection of 60 photos and preview of this great project *Man of XX century*. His son Erich, who was a member of the left wing socialist workers’ party (KPD) was arrested in 1934 and sentenced to ten years prison. Two years later, the book *Antlitz der Zeit* was distrained by the Nazi. The negatives of the illustration were destroyed. At the outbreak of the Second World War August Sander hid in the basement of his house in Koln almost 40.000 negatives. The house was destroyed in a bombing raid. The negatives remained intact until a fire blazed up by accident by the thieves in 1946. August Sander was forgotten for many years but, thanks to the exhibitions at Photokina in Koln he could make a comeback. Unfortunately he wasn’t able to sell the publication of his monumental research. Only in 1980, his son Gunther could print the book *Menschen des 20. Jahrhunderts* (Men in XX century).