Criminal Identities and Consumer Culture: Crime, Exclusion and the New Culture of Narcissism

Steve Hall (Author), Simon Winlow (Author), Craig Ancrum (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This book offers the first in-depth investigation into the nature of today's criminal identities. Using unique data taken from criminals locked in lower class locations, the book aims to uncover feelings and attitudes towards a variety of criminal activities, investigating the subtle attractions of violent crime and highlighting the relationship between the lived identities of active criminals and the socio-economic climate of instability and anxiety that permeates post-industrial Britain. This book will be of interest to undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers and lecturers in all fields within the social sciences, but especially criminology, sociology, social policy, politics and anthropology.

http://www.amazon.com/Criminal-Identities-Consumer-Culture-Narcissism/dp/1843922568/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1286173930&sr=1-1
Civic Service Worldwide: Impacts And Inquiry
Amanda Moore Mcbride (Editor), Michael W. Sherraden (Editor), Amitai Etzioni (Foreword)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description
This comprehensive collection of the latest research and policy developments in civic service worldwide provides an informed assessment of what works and what doesn't work in the field. With contributions from some of the discipline's best-known global leaders, it presents a conceptualization and operational definition of civic service that allows for variations across nations and cultures. "Civic Service Worldwide" offers a perspective on the history and potential for civic service from its roots in military service. It summarizes the effects of national service in diverse countries, and identifies important developments in service, including service across the lifespan and transnational service. The editors and contributors also address key questions and promising theoretical and methodological approaches for advancing knowledge in the field.

http://www.amazon.com/Civic-Service-Worldwide-Impacts-Inquiry/dp/0765616408/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1286175039&sr=1-1
People at Work: Life, Power, and Social Inclusion in the New Economy
Marjorie DeVault (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

People at Work is noted sociologist Marjorie L. DeVault's groundbreaking collection of original essays on the complexities of the modern-day workplace. By focusing on the lived experiences of the worker, not as an automaton on an assembly line, but as an embodied human of flesh and bone, these essays offer important insight on the realities of the workplace, and their effects on life at home and in communities. With contributions from some of today’s top scholars, each essay is a detailed case study of a different aspect of the working world.

Compelling, lively, and sometimes chilling, the contributors address issues from disability rights to immigrant labor, welfare reforms to budget cuts, competition to personal motivations. Each one valuable on its own, the essays in People at Work combine to illuminate the hurdles that workers of all backgrounds struggle with and, more broadly, the impact of change on workers’ lives in the new, increasingly global, economy.

http://www.amazon.com/People-Work-Social-Inclusion-Economy/dp/0814720048/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1286330165&sr=1-1#
Humans are good at making war—and much less successful at making peace. Genocide, torture, slavery, and other crimes against humanity are gross violations of human rights that are frequently perpetrated and legitimized in the name of nationalism, militarism, and economic development. This book tackles the question of how to make peace by taking a critical look at the primary political mechanism used to “repair” the many injuries suffered in war. With an explicit focus on reparations and human rights, it examines the broad array of abuses being perpetrated in the modern era, from genocide to loss of livelihood. Based on the experiences of anthropologists and others who document abuses and serve as expert witnesses, case studies from around the world offer insight into reparations proceedings; the ethical struggles associated with attempts to secure reparations; the professional and personal risks to researchers, victims, and human rights advocates; and how to come to terms with the political compromises of reparations in the face of the human need for justice. Waging War, Making Peace promises to be a major contribution to public policy, political science, international relations, and human rights and peace research.
Why are we obsessed with calculating our selections? The author argues that competitive trade nurtures calculative reason, which provides the ground for most discourses on economy. But market descriptions of economy are incomplete. Drawing on a range of materials from small ethnographic contexts to global financial markets, the author shows that economy is dialectically made up of two value realms, termed mutuality and impersonal trade. One or the other may be dominant; however, market reason usually cascades into and debases the mutuality on which it depends. Using this cross-cultural model, the author explores mystifications of economic life, and explains how capital and derivatives can control an economy. The book offers a different conception of economic welfare, development, and freedom; it presents an approach for dealing with environmental devastation, and explains the growing inequalities of wealth within and between nations.

http://www.amazon.com/Economys-Tension-Dialectics-Community-Market/dp/1845455142/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1286332343&sr=1-1
Local Democracy Under Siege: Activism, Public Interests, and Private Politics

Dorothy Holland (Author), Catherine Lutz (Author), Donald M. Nonini (Author), Lesley Bartlett (Author), Marla Frederick-McGlathery (Author), Thaddeus Guldbrandsen (Author), Enrique G. Murillo Jr. (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

2007 Society for the Anthropology of North America (SANA) Book Award

What is the state of democracy at the turn of the twenty-first century? To answer this question, seven scholars lived for a year in five North Carolina communities. They observed public meetings of all sorts, had informal and formal interviews with people, and listened as people conversed with each other at bus stops and barbershops, soccer games and workplaces. Their collaborative ethnography allows us to understand how diverse members of a community not just the elite think about and experience “politics” in ways that include much more than merely voting.

This book illustrates how the social and economic changes of the last three decades have made some new routes to active democratic participation possible while making others more difficult. Local Democracy Under Siege suggests how we can account for the current limitations of U.S. democracy and how remedies can be created that ensure more meaningful participation by a greater range of people.

Complete List of Authors (pictured)

From Left to Right, bottom row: Enrique Murillo, Jr., Thaddeus Guldbrandsen, Marla Frederick-McGlathery.
Top row: Dorothy Holland, Catherine Lutz, Lesley Bartlett, and Don Nonini.

Prisons of Poverty
Loïc Wacquant (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the early 1990s, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani launched a zero-tolerance campaign aimed at street disorders and petty offenders, incarnated in the infamous “squeegee man.” New York City soon became a planetary showcase for an aggressive approach to law enforcement that, despite its extravagant costs and the absence of connection to the crime drop, came to be admired and imitated by other cities in the United States, Western Europe, and Latin America.

In *Prisons of Poverty*, Loïc Wacquant tracks the incubation and internationalization of the slogans, theories, and measures composing this new punitive “common sense,” fashioned to curb mounting urban inequality and marginality in the metropolis. He finds that a network of Reagan-era conservative think tanks (led by the Manhattan Institute) forged them as weapons in their crusade to dismantle the welfare state and, in effect, to criminalize poverty. He traces their import and export through the agency of the media and the pro-market policy institutes that have mushroomed across the European Union, particularly in Tony Blair’s Britain. And he shows how local academics helped smuggle U.S. techniques of penalization into their countries by dressing them up in scholarly garb.

Now available in English for the first time in an expanded edition, *Prisons of Poverty* reveals how the Washington consensus on economic deregulation and welfare retrenchment was extended to encompass punitive crime control because the invisible hand of the market necessitates and calls forth the iron fist of the penal state.

http://www.amazon.com/Prisons-Poverty-Lo%C3%AFc-Wacquant/dp/0816639019/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1286781809&sr=1-1
This book is concerned to explore the idea of imaginary penalties and to understand why the management of criminal justice and criminal justice systems has so often reached crisis point. Its underlying theme is that when political strategies of punitive populism are combined with managerialist techniques of social auditing, a new all-encompassing form of governance has emerged - powerless to deliver what it promises but with a momentum of its own and increasingly removed from proper democratic accountability. A highly distinguished international group of contributors explores this set of themes in a variety of different contexts taken from the UK, N. America, Europe and Australia. It will be essential reading for anybody seeking to understand some of the root causes of increasing prison populations, social harms such as recidivism and domestic violence and the increasingly important role of criminal justice within systems of governance.

http://www.amazon.com/Imaginary-Penalities-Pat-Carlen/dp/1843923750/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1286783315&sr=1-1
International Water Security: Domestic Threats and Opportunities
United Nations University (Author), Nevelina I. Pachova (Editor), Mikiyasu Nakayama (Editor), Libor Jansky (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description
Water is essential for all aspects of life. Managing water is a challenging task, particularly in shared water basins that host more than half of the world's population. This book explores threats and opportunities through the presentation of case studies that analyze the multi-faceted and dynamic nature of the interplay between domestic and international water security. A range of past, ongoing and emerging international water disputes from the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe are examined. Well-known cases are revisited from new perspectives while new approaches are suggested as analytical frameworks and practical tools for understanding and coping with emerging security threats.

A Decade of Human Security: Global Governance And New Multilateralisms (Global Security in a Changing World)

Sandra Jean Maclean (Editor), David R. Black (Editor), Timothy M. Shaw (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This book investigates innovations in the advancement of the human security agenda over the past decade and identifies themes and processes around which consensus for future policy action might be built. This volume: elaborates the on-going debates regarding the human security agenda; considers prospects and projects for the advancement of human security; and, addresses issues of human security as emerging forms of new multilateralisms. Human Security has been advanced as an alternative to traditional state-based conceptualizations of security, yet controversies about the use and abuse of the concept remain. This comprehensive volume explores the theoretical debate surrounding human security and details the implications for practical application. Ideal as a course reference volume for students of international relations, security studies and development studies.

Mathematics and Physics for Programmers

Danny Kodicek (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Many programmers frequently have limited backgrounds in the mathematics and physics needed for game development or other complex applications. Sooner or later, all programmers run into coding issues that will require an understanding of mathematics or physics concepts like collision detection, 3D vectors, transformations, game theory, or basic calculus. This book provides a simple but thorough grounding in the mathematics and physics topics that programmers need to write these algorithms and programs, using a non-language-specific approach. Applications and examples from game programming are included throughout, and exercise sets follow each chapter for additional practice of the techniques. The CD-ROM provides simulations of the mathematical and physical principles discussed in the book along with the source code.

Key Features:
- Presents commonly encountered mathematical and physics concepts such as vector motion, collision detection, angular physics, game theory, artificial intelligence, Bezier curves, etc.
- Illustrates concepts through a non-language-specific approach, using pseudo-code, that makes the book equally valuable for anyone from C++ programmers to Macromedia™ Flash ActionScript coders
- Includes a companion CD-ROM with demo examples of the mathematical and physical principles discussed in the book along with the source code
- Create physical simulations, tile-based, and maze games using the concepts discussed in the book
- Uses pedagogical devices such as: a glossary of terms, exercise sets, chapter outlines, and chapter summaries to help master the material
- The CD-ROM includes a large number of sample files that demonstrate techniques from the chapters
- DEMOS: Contains the support files for the MPFP demo program, in a protected format
- DOCS: Contains the text files, in html format, of the code samples
- FIGURES: Contains all of the figures from the book, organized in folders by chapter
- SOURCE: Contains the original Macromedia Director movies used to create the demos
- System Requirements: PC; Windows 95, 98, ME, NT4, 2000, XP; 266 MHz processor with a current hardware accelerated 3D graphics card; 32 MB or more of available RAM; 256-color monitor capable of 800 x 600 resolution; DirectX 5.0 or greater (recommended); Web browser installed; (To edit the demo files: Macromedia Director 8.5.1 or later installed).

http://www.amazon.com/Mathematics-Physics-Programmers-Game-Development/dp/1584503300/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265084871&sr=1-1
Mathematics and Physics of Emerging Biomedical Imaging

Committee on the Mathematics and Physics of Emerging Dynamic Biomedical Imaging (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This cross-disciplinary book documents the key research challenges in the mathematical sciences and physics that could enable the economical development of novel biomedical imaging devices. It is hoped that the infusion of new insights from mathematical scientists and physicists will accelerate progress in imaging. Incorporating input from dozens of biomedical researchers who described what they perceived as key open problems of imaging that are amenable to attack by mathematical scientists and physicists, this book introduces the frontiers of biomedical imaging, especially the imaging of dynamic physiological functions, to the educated nonspecialist.

Ten imaging modalities are covered, from the well-established (e.g., CAT scanning, MRI) to the more speculative (e.g., electrical and magnetic source imaging). For each modality, mathematics and physics research challenges are identified and a short list of suggested reading offered. Two additional chapters offer visions of the next generation of surgical and interventional techniques and of image processing. A final chapter provides an overview of mathematical issues that cut across the various modalities.

http://www.amazon.com/Mathematics-Physics-Emerging-Biomedical-Imaging/dp/0309053870/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265085591&sr=1-1
Gravitational Physics: Exploring the Structure of Space and Time

Nrc Comm on Gravitational Physics (Editor), National Research Council (Corporate Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

*Gravitational Physics* assesses the achievements of the field over the past decade in both theory and experiment, identifies the most promising opportunities for research in the next decade, and describes the resources necessary to realize those opportunities. A major theme running through the opportunities is the exploration of strong gravitational fields, such as those associated with black holes.

The book, part of the ongoing decadal survey *Physics in a New Era*, examines topics such as gravitational waves and their detection, classical and quantum theory of strong gravitational fields, precision measurements, and astronomical observations relevant to the predictions of Einstein's theory of general relativity.

Physics in a New Era: An Overview

Physics Survey Overview Committee (Author), Board on Physics and Astronomy (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Physics at the beginning of the twenty-first century has reached new levels of accomplishment and impact in a society and nation that are changing rapidly. Accomplishments have led us into the information age and fueled broad technological and economic development. The pace of discovery is quickening and stronger links with other fields such as the biological sciences are being developed. The intellectual reach has never been greater, and the questions being asked are more ambitious than ever before.

Physics in a New Era is the final report of the NRC’s six-volume decadal physics survey. The book reviews the frontiers of physics research, examines the role of physics in our society, and makes recommendations designed to strengthen physics and its ability to serve important needs such as national security, the economy, information technology, and education.

http://www.amazon.com/Physics-New-Era-Survey-Committee/dp/0309073421/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265091629&sar=1-1
Mathematical Proficiency for All Students: Toward a Strategic Research and Development Program in Mathematics Education

Deborah Loewenberg Ball (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

While the federal government and the nation’s school systems have made strides toward improving mathematics education, the knowledge base supporting these efforts has been weak. In response, the RAND Mathematics Study Panel has proposed an R&D program supporting the improvement of mathematics proficiency among U.S. school students. The panel identified three areas for focused R&D development of teachers’ mathematical knowledge, teaching and learning of skills for mathematical thinking and problem solving, and teaching and learning of algebra from kindergarten through grade 12.

http://www.amazon.com/Mathematical-Proficiency-All-Students-Development/dp/083303331X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265092117&sr=1-1

O. Castanos (Editor), J. G. Hirsch (Editor), S. Pittel (Editor), G. Stoitcheva (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The symposium "Computational and Group-Theoretical Methods in Nuclear Physics" was organized to celebrate the 60th birthday of Jerry P. Draayer, who is Professor of Physics, Lousiana State University, and President of the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA). The focus of the meeting was on computational and algebraic approaches to the nuclear many-body problem. The presentations highlighted recent experimental and theoretical developments in nuclear structure physics.

Visualizing Chemistry: The Progress and Promise of Advanced Chemical Imaging

Committee on Revealing Chemistry through Advanced Chemical Imaging (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Scientists and engineers have long relied on the power of imaging techniques to help see objects invisible to the naked eye, and thus, to advance scientific knowledge. These experts are constantly pushing the limits of technology in pursuit of chemical imaging—the ability to visualize molecular structures and chemical composition in time and space as actual events unfold from the smallest dimension of a biological system to the widest expanse of a distant galaxy. Chemical imaging has a variety of applications for almost every facet of our daily lives, ranging from medical diagnosis and treatment to the study and design of material properties in new products. In addition to highlighting advances in chemical imaging that could have the greatest impact on critical problems in science and technology, Visualizing Chemistry reviews the current state of chemical imaging technology, identifies promising future developments and their applications, and suggests a research and educational agenda to enable breakthrough improvements.

http://www.amazon.com/Visualizing-Chemistry-Progress-Advanced-Chemical/dp/0309097223/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265092637&s=books&qid=1265092637&sr=1-1
The Future of U.S. Chemistry Research: Benchmarks and Challenges
Committee on Benchmarking the Research Competitiveness of the United States in Chemistry (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Chemistry plays a key role in conquering diseases, solving energy problems, addressing environmental problems, providing the discoveries that lead to new industries, and developing new materials and technologies for national defense and homeland security. However, the field is currently facing a crucial time of change and is struggling to position itself to meet the needs of the future as it expands beyond its traditional core toward areas related to biology, materials science, and nanotechnology.

At the request of the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Research Council conducted an in-depth benchmarking analysis to gauge the current standing of the U.S. chemistry field in the world. The Future of U.S. Chemistry Research: Benchmarks and Challenges highlights the main findings of the benchmarking exercise.

http://www.amazon.com/Future-U-S-Chemistry-Research-Benchmarks/dp/0309105331/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1265096585&sr=1-1
Educating Teachers of Science, Mathematics, and Technology: New Practices for the New Millennium

Committee on Science and Mathematics Teacher Preparation (Author), National Research Council (Author), Committee on Science (Author), Mathematics Teacher Preparation (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Each new headline about American students' poor performance in math and science leads to new calls for reform in teaching. Education Teachers of Science, Mathematics, and Technology puts the whole picture together by synthesizing what we know about the quality of math and science teaching, drawing conclusions about why teacher preparation needs reform, and then outlining recommendations for accomplishing the most important goals before us.

As a framework for addressing the task, the book advocates partnerships among school districts, colleges, and universities, with contributions from scientists, mathematicians, teacher educators, and teachers. It then looks carefully at the status of the education reform movement and explores the motives for raising the bar for how well teachers teach and how well students learn.

Also examined are important issues in teacher professionalism: what teachers should be taught about their subjects, the utility of in-service education, the challenge of program funding, and the merits of credentialing. Professional Development Schools are reviewed and vignettes presented that describe exemplary teacher development practices.

Attracting Science and Mathematics Ph.D.s to Secondary School Education

Committee on Attracting Science and Mathematics Ph.D.s to Secondary School Teaching (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The National Research Council conducted a study to identify a set of incentives that state governments and local school districts can use to attract Ph.D. scientists and mathematicians to secondary school teaching positions. This project investigated the career ambitions of Ph.D.s in the physical and life sciences through focus groups and a national survey to determine the kinds of work conditions and compensation packages that would induce them to take positions teaching physics, chemistry, biology, and various electives in public high schools or positions developing secondary school science and mathematics curricula. The study conducted interviews with Ph.D.s who are already teaching in secondary schools to ascertain information from their experiences, with local school district administrators to assess what they are realistically willing to offer Ph.D. scientists to attract them, and with higher education administrators to explore programmatic changes they would need to institute to provide Ph.D.s with skills tailored to secondary school teaching. These investigations led to this report which describes the incentives local school districts could use in establishing pilot programs in this area.

Building Workforce for Information Economy

Committee on Workforce Needs in Information Technology (Author), Board on Testing and Assessment (Author), Technology, and Economic Policy Board on Science (Author), Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel (Author), National Research Council (Author), Committee on Workforce Needs in Information Technology (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A look at any newspaper’s employment section suggests that competition for qualified workers in information technology (IT) is intense. Yet even experts disagree on not only the actual supply versus demand for IT workers but also on whether the nation should take any action on this economically important issue.

Building a Workforce for the Information Age offers an in-depth look at IT workers—where they work and what they do—and the policy issues they inspire. It also illuminates numerous areas that have been questioned in political debates:

1) Where do people in IT jobs come from, and what kind of education and training matter most for them?
2) Are employers’ and workers’ experiences similar or different in various parts of the country?
3) How do citizens of other countries factor into the U.S. IT workforce?
4) What do we know about IT career paths, and what does that imply for IT workers as they age? And can we measure what matters?

The committee identifies characteristics that differentiate IT work from other categories of high-tech work, including an informative contrast with biotechnology. The book also looks at the capacity of the U.S. educational system and of employer training programs to produce qualified workers.

http://www.amazon.com/Building-Information-Committee-Workforce-Technology/dp/0309069939/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269244017&sr=1-1
Beyond Engineering: How Society Shapes Technology
(Sloan Technology Series)
Robert Pool (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

We have long recognized technology as a driving force behind much historical and cultural change. Now, in Beyond Engineering, science writer Robert Pool turns the question around to examine how society shapes technology. Drawing on such disparate fields as history, economics, risk analysis, management science, sociology, and psychology, Pool illuminates the complex, often fascinating interplay between machines and society, in a book that will revolutionize how we think about technology.

We tend to think that reason guides technological development, that engineering expertise alone determines the final form an invention takes. But if you look closely enough at the history of any invention, says Pool, you will find that factors unrelated to engineering seem to have an almost equal impact. In his wide-ranging volume, he traces developments in nuclear energy, automobiles, light bulbs, commercial electricity, and personal computers, to reveal that the ultimate shape of a technology often has as much to do with happenstance, business acumen, and cultural context.

Whether discussing bovine growth hormone, nuclear power plants, or baboon-to-human transplants, Beyond Engineering is an engaging look at modern technology and an illuminating account of how technology and the modern world shape each other.

Science and Technology Policies for the Anti-Terrorism Era: Volume 51 NATO Science Series, Science and Technology Policy (NATO Science Series. 5, Science and Technology Policy)

A. James (Author), Editor (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The objectives of the papers included in this NATO volume were to critically consider the science and technology policies necessary for defense against terrorism and other threats to security; to assess the priorities for governments, universities, national laboratories and industrial firms; to identify how governments and the science and technology community can most effectively work together to enhance our security; and to share the experiences of policy makers and policy analysts. The importance and relevance of this selection of papers to the policy community is reflected in the seniority of the contributors. These included Dr. Parney Albright who held the position of Assistant Secretary for Science & Technology at the US Department of Homeland Security as well as senior figures from the UK Home Office, UK Office of Science & Technology, the European Commission and NATO.

IOS Press is an international science, technical and medical publisher of high-quality books for academics, scientists, and professionals in all fields.

Allocating Federal Funds for Science and Technology

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The United States faces a new challenge--maintaining the vitality of its system for supporting science and technology despite fiscal stringency during the next several years. To address this change, the Senate Appropriations Committee requested a report from the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering and the Institute of Medicine to address "the criteria that should be used in judging the appropriate allocation of funds to research and development activities; to examine the appropriate balance among different types of institutions that conduct such research; and to look at the means of assuring continued objectivity in the allocation process." In this eagerly-awaited book, a committee of experts selected by the National Academies and the Institute responds with 13 recommendations that propose a new budgeting process and formulates a series of questions to address during that process. The committee also makes corollary recommendations about merit review, government oversight, linking research and development to government missions, the synergy between research and education, and other topics. The recommendations are aimed at rooting out obsolete and inadequate activities to free resources from good programs for even better ones, in the belief that "science and technology will be at least as important in the future as they have been in the past in dealing with problems that confront the nation." The authoring committee of this book was chaired by Frank Press, former President of the National Academy of Sciences (1981-1993) and Presidential Science and Technology Advisor (1977-1981).

http://www.amazon.com/Allocating-Federal-Science-Technology-Photocopy/dp/0309053471/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269504579&sr=1-1
The Social Dynamics of Information and Communication Technology

Eugène Loos (Author), Leslie Haddon and Enid Mante-Meijer (Author), Eugene Loos (Editor), Leslie Haddon (Editor), Enid Mante-Meijer (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

What shapes the role of Information and Communication Technologies in our everyday life? Despite the speed with which information and communication technologies such as the PC, mobile telephone and internet have found their way into society, there remains a good deal of debate surrounding their adoption and use. Through empirical studies covering a broad range of everyday life and work settings, this volume provides grounded insights into the social dynamics influencing how ICTs are both shaped and experienced. Specifically, the book examines the contributions of diverse disciplines to our understanding of these processes, the symbolic nature of technologies, the influence of design on the experience of ICTs, the role of users in influencing that design, the social constraints affecting the use of those technologies, and strategies for evaluating the social consequences of ICT innovations.

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=The+Social+Dynamics+of+Information+and+Communication+Technology+&x=11&y=18
Future Hype: The Myths of Technology Change

Bob Seidensticker (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Conventional wisdom says that technology change is exponential, giving us an ever-growing number of exciting new products. According to this view, we live in an unprecedented golden age of technological expansion. Not so, according to Future Hype. Author Bob Seidensticker, who has an intimate understanding of technology on professional, theoretical, and academic levels, asserts that today’s achievements are not unprecedented. He explodes nine major myths of technology, including “Change is exponential,” “Products are adopted faster,” and “The Internet changes everything,” and he argues that we can’t control technology change unless we know how it changes. Examining the history of tech hype, Seidensticker uncovers the inaccuracies and misinterpretations that characterize the popular view of technology, explaining how and why this view has been created, and showing how technology change actually works. He concludes with “hype vaccine,” specific strategies to become a shrewder technology adopter.

http://www.amazon.com/Future-Hype-Myths-Technology-Change/dp/B002HJ3EEQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269505680&sr=1-1
There is more to sound recording than just recording sound. Far from being simply a tool for the preservation of music, the technology is a catalyst. This is the clear message of *Capturing Sound*, a wide-ranging, deeply informative, consistently entertaining history of recording’s profound impact on the musical life of the past century, from Edison to the Internet.

In a series of case studies, Mark Katz explores how recording technology has encouraged new ways of listening to music, led performers to change their practices, and allowed entirely new musical genres to come into existence. An accompanying CD, featuring thirteen tracks from Chopin to Public Enemy, allows readers to hear what Katz means when he discusses music as varied as King Oliver’s “Dippermouth Blues,” a Jascha Heifetz recording of a Brahms Hungarian Dance, and Fatboy Slim’s “Praise You.”

[Amazon product page](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/product-description/0520243803/ref=dp_proddesc_0?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books)
Dorsality: Thinking Back through Technology and Politics
(Posthumanities)
David Wills (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In this highly original book David Wills rethinks not only our nature before all technology but also what we understand to be technology. Rather than considering the human being as something natural that then develops technology, Wills argues, we should instead imagine an originary imbrication of nature and machine that begins with a dorsal turn—a turn that takes place behind our back, outside our field of vision. With subtle and insightful readings, Wills pursues this sense of what lies behind our idea of the human by rescuing Heidegger’s thinking from a reductionist dismissal of technology, examining different angles on Lévinas’s face-to-face relation, and tracing a politics of friendship and sexuality in Derrida and Sade. He also analyzes versions of exile in Joyce’s rewriting of Homer and Broch’s rewriting of Virgil and discusses how Freud and Rimbaud exemplify the rhetoric of soil and blood that underlies every attempt to draw lines between nations and discriminate between peoples. In closing, Wills demonstrates the political force of rhetoric in a sophisticated analysis of Nietzsche’s oft-quoted declaration that “God is dead.” Forward motion, Wills ultimately reveals, is an ideology through which we have favored the front—what can be seen—over the aspects of the human and technology that lie behind the back and in the spine—what can be sensed otherwise—and shows that this preference has had profound environmental, political, sexual, and ethical consequences. David Wills is professor of French and English at the University of Albany (SUNY). He is the author of Prosthesis and Matchbook: Essays in Deconstruction as well as the translator of works by Jacques Derrida, including The Gift of Death.

http://www.amazon.com/Dorsality-Thinking-Technology-Politics-Posthumanities/dp/0816653461/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269506634&sr=1-1
Beyond Productivity: Information, Technology, Innovation, and Creativity

Committee on Information Technology and Creativity (Author), National Research Council (Author), William J. Mitchell (Editor), Alan S. Inouye (Editor), Marjory S. Blumenthal (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Computer science has drawn from and contributed to many disciplines and practices since it emerged as a field in the middle of the 20th century. Those interactions, in turn, have contributed to the evolution of information technology - new forms of computing and communications, and new applications - that continue to develop from the creative interactions between computer science and other fields.

Beyond Productivity argues that, at the beginning of the 21st century, information technology (IT) is forming a powerful alliance with creative practices in the arts and design to establish the exciting new, domain of information technology and creative practices—ITCP. There are major benefits to be gained from encouraging, supporting, and strategically investing in this domain.

http://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Productivity-Information-Technology-Innovation/dp/0309088682/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269508027&sr=1-1
Technophobia!: Science Fiction Visions of Posthuman Technology

Daniel Dinello (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Techno-heaven or techno-hell? If you believe many scientists working in the emerging fields of twenty-first-century technology, the future is blissfully bright. Initially, human bodies will be perfected through genetic manipulation and the fusion of human and machine; later, human beings will completely shed the shackles of pain, disease, and even death, as human minds are downloaded into death-free robots whereby they can live forever in a heavenly “posthuman” existence. In this techno-utopian future, humanity will be saved by the godlike power of technology. If you believe the authors of science fiction, however, posthuman evolution marks the beginning of the end of human freedom, values, and identity. Our dark future will be dominated by mad scientists, rampaging robots, killer clones, and uncontrollable viruses. In this timely new book, Daniel Dinello examines “the dramatic conflict between the techno-utopia promised by real-world scientists and the techno-dystopia predicted by science fiction.” Organized into chapters devoted to robotics, bionics, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and other significant scientific advancements, this book summarizes the current state of each technology, while presenting corresponding reactions in science fiction. Dinello draws on a rich range of material, including films, television, books, and computer games, and argues that science fiction functions as a valuable corrective to technological domination, countering techno-hype and reflecting the “weaponized, religiously rationalized, profit-fueled” motives of such science. By imaging a disastrous future of posthuman technototalitarianism, science fiction encourages us to construct ways to contain new technology, and asks its audience perhaps the most important question of the twenty-first century: is technology out of control?

http://www.amazon.com/Technophobia-Science-Fiction-Posthuman-Technology/dp/0292709862/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1269510104&sr=1-1
Understanding Sustainable Development

John Blewitt (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Sustainable development is notoriously difficult to grasp for students and professionals. Multidimensional, encompassing social, ecological and economic theories, policies and practice, it can be a maze of complexity and contradiction.

This powerful textbook, by a topic instructor in the field, is the first to unravel sustainable development and provide readers with a deep understanding so often missing from other texts. The book adopts a multi-perspective approach designed specifically to allow access to the topic from a wide range of educational and professional backgrounds and to develop understanding of a diversity of approaches and traditions at different levels. It features multiple entry points, explains jargon and explores controversies. It also provides wide-ranging boxed examples from the local to the global, extra readings and online material for course leaders, motivated students and self-learners.

The Civil Corporation: The New Economy of Corporate Citizenship
Simon Zadek (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

• Winner of the prestigious Academy of Management’s Social Issues in Management Book Award, 2006
• “The intricate analysis ... makes a powerful case for business to reassess their values, relationships and processes”--The Financial Times
• Globally recognized as the single most important book on corporate social responsibility (CSR) and responsible business
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The Civil Corporation is an award-winning classic, well recognized as the most insightful exploration of contemporary developments in responsible business practices and their implications for business strategy and public policy.

This revised second edition adds a significant new section describing and reflecting on developments since the book’s first publication in 2001. This new material draws on the author’s practical experience over the last five years working as Chief Executive of AccountAbility with some of the world’s leading businesses and public bodies on policies and practices that advance the emerging shift in businesses’ role in society.

This book is top drawer reading for business professionals, management students and academics, and activists and public servants. It goes to the heart of the issue of business in society, cutting through the rhetoric of campaigners and business-speak alike in framing the tough questions in balanced and yet provocative terms. Crucially, it connects an insightful vista of the broader landscape with a set of practical ‘dos’ for businesses and their stakeholders that have stood the test of time. The accolade of winning the prestigious Academy of Management Award in 2006 confirms that Zadek has achieved what every author aspires to: a book that is both timely and timeless in its application. This revised edition builds on this success by providing new information and insights for practitioners, academics and students.

Fuzzy Planning: The Role of Actors in a Fuzzy Governance Environment
Gert De Roo (Editor), Geoff Porter (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Many of the key notions associated with spatial planning, such as ‘sustainability’ and ‘compact city’ are essentially ‘fuzzy’ in their nature. For example, while almost everyone accepts ‘sustainability’ as one of the more important goals of planning, the outcome of the ambition to achieve ‘sustainability’ is often almost non-existent. Actors might inadvertently act in conflicting ways in the mistaken belief that their actions are contributing to ‘sustainable development’. In this kind of situation, the outcome of planning might be minimal, or even counterproductive. This edited volume focuses on actor-consulting and argues that it can be used as a tool to address the fuzzy nature of planning. Actor-consulting is based on an assessment and subsequent analysis of actor motives, perceptions and contributions, as a tool to address differences in understanding and perception. This tool can be used to clarify, unpack and elaborate on situations where fuzziness appears to be present. By inviting all actors to express their desired contribution, their actual contribution and their potential contribution to achieving an agreed outcome to a local policy issue, decision-makers have a means to develop their goals in line with the role, motivation, perception and behaviour of the various actors involved. The book, then, presents case studies which describe the use of the actor consulting model in addressing planning issues that are located in a variety of contexts, focusing in particular on the fuzzy notion of ‘sustainability’.

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Integrating Climate Change Actions into Local Development

John Johnson (Editor), Livia Bizikova (Editor), Stewart Cohen (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The current gap between scientific knowledge and practitioners' needs in addressing climate adaptation and mitigation is due to one-dimensional assessments of climate change impacts that create narrowly focused-policies. These policies provide insufficient guidance for long-term development addressing diversity of local circumstances.

This special issue of Climate Policy will address a new area of current climate change research focused on linkages between climate change and sustainable development at the level of conceptual framework and methods. In particular, the papers address in an integrated way local development options involving both adaptation and mitigation in order to promote resilience to the climate change on human and natural systems. The special issue will provide policy and methodological guidelines for linking local development pathways with responses to climate change based on the collaboration between local practitioners, public and scientists, in order to translate scientific information relevant for the users, and conduct research that reflects local realities.

http://www.amazon.com/Integrating-Climate-Change-Actions-Development/dp/1844075524/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1270126639&sr=1-1
Sustainable development or “sustainability” is a relatively new challenge for societies from the local to the global level. At issue is whether mainstream neoclassical economics can guide us towards sustainability or if there is a need for new thinking in economics. This book by Peter Söderbaum, author of Ecological Economics, is a critical examination of the failings of mainstream economics and the resultant environmental problems we are facing. Most importantly, it articulates what an economics for sustainability, as an alternative to mainstream economics, would look like in both theory and practice if we are to pursue a truly sustainable future.

A main point raised is that fundamental issues such as the theory of science and role of science in society, paradigms in economics, ideological orientations and institutional arrangements need to be critically examined rather than assumed to be given in any serious attempt to come to grips with unsustainable trends. Among its features, the book provides a brief history of economics and looks at the intersection between politics and the often hidden values embedded in economics. Also covered are the roles of individuals and organizations, political structures and institutions and democracy, environmental decision-making, sustainability assessment and a vision of a future underpinned by sustainability economics. The theory is underpinned by case studies, explanatory figures, further reading sections and discussion questions to facilitate debate and learning.

The result is a highly readable text that presents a serious critique of the mainstream economics threatening the planet.
Communication-based Assessment for Bank Operations

Paul Mitchell (Author), Karla Chaman (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

All development is ultimately about change, and this requires communication interventions. Communication must be framed in an integral "two-way" process that involves stakeholders, accounts for their perspectives, and understands their socio-political context. This two-way process constitutes a new communication approach, providing a better understanding of the development context, tailoring development initiatives during design and implementation, and contributing to more sustainable results. This paper presents the methodology used by the Development Communication Division (DevComm) for the World Bank's External Affairs Vice-Presidency and its clients to improve development outcomes based on a Communication-based Assessment (CBA) approach.

Cities as Sustainable Ecosystems: Principles and Practices
Peter Newman (Author), Isabella Jennings (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Modern city dwellers are largely detached from the environmental effects of their daily lives. The sources of the water they drink, the food they eat, and the energy they consume are all but invisible, often coming from other continents, and their waste ends up in places beyond their city boundaries. "Cities as Sustainable Ecosystems" shows how cities and their residents can begin to reintegrate into their bioregional environment, and how cities themselves can be planned with nature’s organizing principles in mind. Taking cues from living systems for sustainability strategies, Newman and Jennings reassess urban design by exploring flows of energy, materials, and information, along with the interactions between human and non-human parts of the system. Drawing on examples from all corners of the world, the authors explore natural patterns and processes that cities can emulate in order to move toward sustainability. Some cities have adopted simple strategies such as harvesting rainwater, greening roofs, and producing renewable energy. Others have created biodiversity parks for endangered species, community gardens that support a connection to their foodshed, and pedestrian-friendly spaces that encourage walking and cycling. A powerful model for urban redevelopment, "Cities as Sustainable Ecosystems" describes aspects of urban ecosystems from the visioning process to achieving economic security to fostering a sense of place.

http://www.amazon.com/Cities-Sustainable-Ecosystems-Principles-Practices/dp/1597261882/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1270127619&sr=1-1
World Bank (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description
Following the success of the first edition (with over 12,000 copies sold), the World Bank is publishing this completely revised and updated second edition of the Guide to the World Bank. It provides detailed information on the largest anti-poverty institution in the world including its governance, structure, organizing principles, and areas of international interest. A good introduction for anyone interested in understanding what the World Bank does and how it does it, this book shows readers who want to learn more where to begin.

Environmental values and concerns are meant to be reflected through environmental policy, which is then integrated into mainstream economic and social policy and serves to govern society and the economy. Yet effective environmental policy integration (EPI) has proven to be very difficult in actual practice and it remains largely an elusive aspiration. This is particularly the case in core economic sectors such as energy and agriculture, which have enormous environmental impacts but are also sectors in which other priorities typically override environmental concerns in policy creation. This groundbreaking volume presents the first ever detailed examination of EPI at the national policy level, focusing on the key sectors of energy and agriculture within Sweden, a country that is widely recognized as a leader in Europe and worldwide. In doing so, the authors unpack EPI, look at what it means in policy formation and examine how environmental priorities are treated in relation to other political priorities. The final section of the book lays out the major findings and presents key lessons for international application including institutional recommendations on how to enhance the potential for EPI. Most fundamentally, the book answers the questions of what works and why for EPI, and how it can be achieved in practice across sectors. The result is a rich and indispensable guide for all those involved in policy formation in governments, NGOs and business and industry as well as environmental management professionals, and researchers and higher level students studying environmental policy.

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The Constitutional Corporation: Rethinking Corporate Governance
Stephen Bottomley (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Share ownership has become a major aspect of western economies and there are diverse views on its role. While corporate law is based on the idea that shareholders are the primary concern of company directors, more radical writers have suggested that public company shareholders are passive investors whose interests detract from the interests of employees or victims of corporate wrongdoing. This book argues that, rather than thinking of shareholders as passive investors, they should be given opportunities to be active members of corporations and that these corporations are, in fact, constitutional arrangements. This means that companies are decision-making organisations in which questions of process and structure are important. Instead of using 'efficiency' as the guiding criterion, it is argued that corporate structures and process should be assessed by referring to the ideas of 'deliberation', 'accountability' and 'contestability'.

http://www.amazon.com/Constitutional-Corporation-Rethinking-Governance-Philosophy/dp/0754624188/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1270130961&sr=1-1
Critical Mass: The Emergence of Global Civil Society

James W. St.G. Walker (Editor), Andrew S. Thompson (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Public concern about inequitable economic globalization has revealed the demand for citizen participation in global decision making. Civil society organizations have taken up the challenge, holding governments and corporations accountable for their decisions and actions, and developing collaborative solutions to the dominant problems of our time. Critical Mass: The Emergence of Global Civil Society offers a unique mixture of experience and analysis by the leaders of some of the most influential global civil society organizations and respected academics who specialize in this field of study.

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Organizing the Transnational: Labour, Politics, and Social Change

Luin Goldring (Editor), Sailaja Krishnamurti (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Growing recognition of transnational practices and identities is changing the way scholars and activists ask questions about migration. Organizing the Transnational articulates a multi-level cultural politics of transnationalism to frame contemporary analyses of immigration and diasporas. With chapters by academics and activists working from diverse perspectives, the volume moves beyond the conventional focus on states and migrants to consider a wide array of institutions, actors, and forms of mobilization that shape transnational engagements and communities. Its unique approach will inform the work of researchers, practitioners, and activists interested in the dynamics of transnational social spaces.

Managing Corporate Social Responsibility in Action (Corporate Social Responsibility Series)
Hond (Author), Frank Den Hond; Frank G. A. De Bakker; Peter Neergaard (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In this volume, the authors focus on different aspects of managing CSR in action to capture differences between discourse and practice. By examining the question from three angles - talking about CSR, doing CSR and measuring CSR - they attempt to make sense of the difference between practice and reality.

Inside the Teaching Machine: Rhetoric and the Globalization of the U.S. Public Research University

Catherine Chaput (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This title demonstrates the economic and political foundations of American universities and their growing impact abroad. Advocates of higher education have long contended that universities should operate above the crude material negotiations of economics and politics. Such arguments ignore the historical reality that the American university system emerged through, and in service to, a capitalist political economy that unevenly combines corporate, state, and civil interests. As the corporatization of U.S. universities becomes nearly impossible to deny, the common response from many academics has been a superior stand against the contamination of the professional ideal by tainted corporate interests. "Inside the Teaching Machine" proposes a correction to this view through the lens of historical materialism. Chaput argues that the U.S. public research university has always been a vital component of the capitalist political economy. While conventional narratives of public higher education emphasize civic preparation and upward mobility, Chaput demonstrates that supposedly egalitarian policies like the Morrill Land-Grant Act and the G.I. Bill served the changing interests of capitalism as much as those of education, creating a professional class that supports the capitalist political economy. Chaput also focuses on the relationship between American universities and globalization, showing how the trend toward professionalization contributes to the production of surplus value and the ways that the American university model circulates outside the United States. Chaput concludes by advocating rhetorical strategies for the professional who opposes the capitalist logic of the global university system, proposing concrete options for engaging and redirecting globalization within the university system.

Corporate Truth: The Limits To Transparency
Adrian Henriques (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the corporate jungle inhabited by Enrons and WorldComs, a lack of transparency is the root of all scandal, yet delivering transparency seems immensely difficult with the often competing interests of shareholders, corporate boards, government regulators, and other stakeholders. Written by noted corporate social responsibility practitioner Adrian Henriques and drawing on a vast wealth of real-life examples from the commercial world, this lively business book goes in search of the appropriate limits of transparency. From commercial confidentiality to the ethics of marketing to lobbying and corporate corruption, the author addresses the position, significance, and limits of transparency in modern corporate life and works through the dilemmas that the increasing calls for transparency present. From the secrets of the board room to the struggles of NGOs, transparency is a persistent challenge—how much is enough? How much do we need? How do we do it? This book, ideally suited to business leaders and managers, consultants and business students alike addresses these questions and more.

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Extractive Economies and Conflicts in the Global South
Kenneth Omeje (Author, Editor)

Editorial Reviews

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The majority of developing countries in the global South are evidently rich in natural resources, but paradoxically blighted by excruciating poverty and conflicts. This paradox of deprivation and war in the midst of plenteous resources has been the subject of great debate in International Political Economy in contemporary history. This book contributes to the debate by examining the underlying structures, actors and contexts of frontier politics and how they often produce and aggravate conflicts in the various extractive economies and regions of the global South. The book critically explores the theories of frontier economies and natural resource conflicts, as well as the practical ramifications of frontier politics in the global South with all their resonance for political economy and security in the global North.

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Information and communication technology (ICT) is a critical part of the ever more integrated global economy, where knowledge-based activities have become increasingly important and pervasive. ICT enable people, government, and business around the world to acquire and share ideas, expertise, and service, helping to create and sustain opportunities for economic development on an unprecedented scale. Accelerated knowledge transfer and technological diffusion amplify the competitive advantages of fast-learning economies. As the information requirements for innovation in economic and social activities increase, the importance of ICT for the development agenda will only continue to expand. Information and Communication for Development 2009: Extending Reach and Increasing Impact first examines the economic impact of mobile, broadband connectivity, and e-government application. It highlights country experiences with different institutional arrangements for e-government and discusses policy options for advancing access to ICT infrastructure and service. It also reviews policy options that encourage the development world. The report then analyzes the trends in ICT sector development, drawing on the most recent national data on key indicators that are also presented in the at-a-glance tables for 150 economies. ICT performance measures, on a scale from 1 to 10, are introduced for ready comparisons of ICT development over time: (1) access to ICT service, (2) affordability of ICT service, and (3) adoption of ICT applications in government and business. Highlighting elements of good practice that are emerging for policy, regulatory, and investment frameworks, this report addresses some of the most challenging issues faced by developing countries on the agenda of ICT for development.
Transforming the Development Landscape: The Role of the Private Sector
Lael Brainard (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description
Private sector activity is an essential element of any successful economic development plan. It shapes the investment climate, mobilizes innovation and financing, and can increase or decrease the level of harm that might accompany development projects. This volume, emerging from the Brookings Blum Roundtable, investigates ways to galvanize the private sector and bring its resources to bear in the war against global poverty. The authors describe how the private sector affects growth and poverty alleviation, and they examine the social and environmental impact of private sector activities. In addition to offering a clear overview of the current issues, Lael Brainard and her colleagues assess current initiatives and provide guidance on new activities and partnerships that could potentially improve global economic conditions.

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The recent failures of Enron, WorldCom, and other large publicly traded corporations have catapulted the issue of corporate governance onto the international stage. In this timely book, Janis Sarra draws together the work of legal scholars and practitioners from across North America to provide a comprehensive analysis of corporate governance issues in global capital markets.

The contributors to this collection explore the theoretical underpinnings of corporate governance and provide concrete illustrations of different models and their outcomes. While the perspectives of the authors sometimes differ their common project is to explore different normative conceptions of the corporation in order to contribute to an analysis of global trends in corporate governance. The book measures diverse theoretical perspectives against the reality of corporate operations in current capital markets, exploring the norms that inform shifts in governance practice and the influence of regulatory regimes on governance change. Relationships both within and outside the firm are explored, including issues of accountability, ethics in decision making, and notions of efficiency in generation of corporate wealth.

Legal scholars and practitioners with an interest in corporations, insolvency, and securities, as well as corporate directors will welcome this thoughtful collection to their libraries.
Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy

Peter G. Brown (Author), Geoffrey Garver (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In *Right Relationship*, Peter G. Brown and Geoffrey Garver use the core Quaker principle of "right relationship"--respecting the integrity, resilience, and beauty of human and natural communities--as the foundation for a new economic model. *Right Relationship* poses five basic questions: What is an economy for? How does it work? How big is too big? What's fair? And how can it best be governed? Brown and Garver expose the antiquated, shortsighted, and downright dangerous assumptions that underlie our current answers to these questions, as well as the shortcomings of many reform efforts. They propose new answers that combine an acute awareness of ecological limits with a fundamental focus on fairness and a concern with the spiritual, as well as material, well-being of the human race. And they outline what each of us can do to enable life's commonwealth.

The ideology of human rights protection has gained considerable momentum during the second half of the twentieth century at both national and international levels and appears to be an effective lever for bringing about legal change. This book analyses this strategy in environmental and commercial policy and considers the use of the ‘public law’ discourse of basic human rights protection and its transportation and use in the ‘commercial law’ context of economic policy, business activity and corporate behaviour.
Reclaiming the Media: Communication Rights and Democratic Media Roles

Intellect Books - European Communication Research and Education Association

Bart Cammaerts (Editor), Nico Carpentier (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the twentieth century, the media gave whistleblowers a voice, spearheaded the downfall of powerful politicians, and exposed widespread corporate corruption. How will the twenty-first-century media cope with its storied legacy as the watchdog of democratic society? Reclaiming the Media examines the sometimes tenuous, often fraught relationship between media organizations and civil rights in Europe. In sections devoted to citizenship, participation, contemporary journalism, and activist communication strategies, a panel of European media experts makes the case for deepening the media’s role in democracy.

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Crimes Against Nature: Environmental Criminology and Ecological Justice

Rob White (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This is an exciting new text on the rapidly expanding subject of environmental criminology and ecological justice. It provides a systematic account and analysis of the key concerns of green criminology, written by one of the leading authorities in the field. The book draws upon the disciplines of environmental studies, environmental sociology and environmental management as well as criminology and socio-legal studies, and uses a wide range of examples of crimes against the environment - ranging from toxic waste, logging, wildlife smuggling, bio-piracy, the use and transport of ozone, depleting substances through to illegal logging and fishing, water pollution and animal abuse. "Crimes against Nature" is divided into three parts: Part 1 sets out theoretical approaches and perspectives on the subject; Part 2 explores the (national and international) dimensions of environmental crime and the explanations for it, while Part 3 deals with the range of responses to environmental crime - environmental law enforcement, regulation, environmental crime prevention and the role of global institutions and movements.

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Building Strong Nations
Eran Vigoda-Gadot (Author, Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the face of global challenges and changes - some may even say because of them - one major dilemma looms large for citizens and leaders worldwide: how can we ensure that our countries address these challenges successfully? This book demonstrates that the answer can be found in a better match between the nature of modern bureaucracy and the spirit of modern democracy, as well as by improving methods and ideas for what the author terms 'cleaver governance' and better governability. Moreover, it suggests potential directions for improving governability and public management against the backdrop of the tension between bureaucracy and democracy that has given rise to increasing mistrust of and lack of confidence in public institutions. "Building Strong Nations" enriches the discussion about moving modern nations forward despite major problems such as the clash of ideologies, the overburdening of and expectations from public administration, and the growing instability in world economics and international relations.

http://www.amazon.com/Building-Strong-Nations-Eran-Vigoda-Gadot/dp/0754675467/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1275380499&sr=1-1
How to Invest In Offshore Real Estate and Pay Little or No Taxes
Hubert Bromma (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Cash in on the Hot New Real Estate Trend!

More and more real estate investors are finding bargain properties offshore. How to Invest in Offshore Real Estate and Pay Little or No Taxes helps you maximize profits and minimize taxes on your overseas investment properties, no matter how far away they may be. Hubert Bromma shows you how to use tax-advantaged accounts and plans to earn a bundle on foreign properties—from apartments, to condos, to office space.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to make the most of your investment:

- Practical investing tactics for finding great deals anywhere
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- Locations of the hottest foreign markets—from Austria to New Zealand to Honduras
- How to invest overseas using your 401(k) or IRA
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- Smart advice on avoiding scam artists and bad deals
- Plus, a wealth of other handy resources for profitable, tax-free investing

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Democracy as Problem Solving: Civic Capacity in Communities Across the Globe

Xavier de Souza Briggs (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Finalist, 2008 C. Wright Mills Award given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Complexity, division, mistrust, and "process paralysis" can thwart leaders and others when they tackle local challenges. In Democracy as Problem Solving, Xavier de Souza Briggs shows how civic capacity—the capacity to create and sustain smart collective action—can be developed and used. In an era of sharp debate over the conditions under which democracy can develop while broadening participation and building community, Briggs argues that understanding and building civic capacity is crucial for strengthening governance and changing the state of the world in the process. More than managing a contest among interest groups or spurring deliberation to reframe issues, democracy can be what the public most desires: a recipe for significant progress on important problems.

Briggs examines efforts in six cities, in the United States, Brazil, India, and South Africa, that face the millennial challenges of rapid urban growth, economic restructuring, and investing in the next generation. These challenges demand the engagement of government, business, and nongovernmental sectors. And the keys to progress include the ability to combine learning and bargaining continuously, forge multiple forms of accountability, and find ways to leverage the capacity of the grassroots and what Briggs terms the "grasstops," regardless of who initiates change or who participates over time. Civic capacity, Briggs shows, can—and must—be developed even in places that lack traditions of cooperative civic action.

Criminal Enterprise: Individuals, Organisations and Criminal Responsibilities
Christopher Harding (Author)

Editorial Reviews

This is a study of agency in the field of criminal liability, considering the respective roles of individuals and organisations and the allocation of criminal responsibility to these different kinds of actor. The issue of criminal responsibility, which is informed by both the sociological analysis of conduct and by ethical considerations of responsibility, provides an important and revealing focus for discussion. “Criminal Enterprise” analyses criminal responsibility through three main types of organisation: corporate actors in the field of business activity, states and governments, and delinquent or criminal organisations; each of which is of contemporary significance. This analysis focuses on three particular issues: the theory of individual and corporate (or organisational) responsibility; the attribution of legal personality, as a particular form of identity, in theory and across jurisdictions and legal orders; and, the internal practice and operation of complex organisations and corporate actors and how an understanding of this sociology of organisations should be used in the construction of legal agency in the field of criminal law.

http://www.amazon.com/Criminal-Enterprise-Individuals-Organisations-Responsibilities/dp/1843922290/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1277437844&sr=1-1
The Manager's Book of Decencies: How Small Gestures Build Great Companies

Steve Harrison (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

There is a philosophy of doing business that goes beyond the transfer of goods and services. It calls for a transfer of values known as of small decencies.

This book shows the way.

Steve Harrison, longtime management and corporate culture innovator, knows one simple truth: The long term success of any company, small or large, local or global, depends largely on its culture. Change a company's internal culture for the better, and results skyrocket. But can a manager really adjust the culture of an entire work force, especially in a large corporation? Small decencies make it easy, and in this book Harrison describes dozens of such decencies, all field-tested by the best companies in the world. All represent small changes that produce big results.

Addressing concerns at every level of corporate culture, from the entry level to the CEO's office, Harrison shows how decencies will enhance communication, build teamwork, boost productivity, and create a stronger dedication to a shared mission company-wide. The Manager's Book of Decencies provides real-life examples of small decencies that result in major business impact, and that you can put to use in your company.
What is a Small Decency?

- Greet coworkers authentically and personally
- Remember to say thank you—or better yet, write thank you notes
- For meetings you convene, be the first to sit down and the last to get up
- Welcome visitors by name. Better yet call them “guests”
- Answer your own telephone
- Give away recognition when things go well; hoard responsibility when they don’t
- Convey bad news in person
- When you make a mistake, admit it and apologize

*The Manager’s Book of Decencies* delivers a top-to-bottom approach to creating the kind of positive corporate culture, which has shown time and again to improve performance, attract and retain top talent, promote well-behaved organizations, and advance a vision of shared values. This is crucial reading for every manager.

The Puritan Gift: Triumph, Collapse and Revival of an American Dream

Ken Hopper (Author), Will Hopper (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Financial Times Top Ten Business Book of 2007!

*The Puritan Gift* traces the origins and the characteristics of American managerial culture which, in the course of three centuries, would turn a group of small colonies into the greatest economic and political power on earth. It was the Protestant ethic whose characteristics—thrift, a respect for enquiry, individualism tempered by a need to cooperate, success as a measure of divine approval—helped to create the conditions which led to America's managerial and corporate success. Thus, the authors contend, the drive, energy and acceptance of innovation, competition, growth and social mobility, all have their origins in the discipline and ethos of America's first wave of European immigrants: the Puritans. And, the authors warn, as Americans distance themselves from core values which produced their nineteenth and twentieth century business and economic successes, they endanger the basis for their prosperity and security.

Globalisation and Business Ethics (Law, Ethics and Economics)

Leutge (Author), Karl Homann (Editor), Peter Koslowski (Editor), Christoph Luetge (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This volume takes an interdisciplinary approach to provide a theoretical overview of how business ethics deals with the phenomenon of globalization. The authors first examine the origins and development of globalization and its interaction with business ethics, before discussing the impact on and role of national and multinational corporations. The book goes on to examine the relationship between industrialized and developing countries, and explores the place of ethics in globalized markets.

Panorama of a Presidency: How George W. Bush Acquired and Spent His Political Capital

Steven E. Schier (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

As the controversial presidency of George W. Bush draws to a close, this work provides the first dispassionate, even-handed assessment of Bush's years in office. Widely respected scholar and author Steven E. Schier goes beyond the perspective of contemporary political commentary, and draws on wide-ranging literature about presidential history and strategy to carefully identify both the unique and the familiar aspects of George W. Bush's presidency. "Panorama of a Presidency" examines Bush's innovative electoral and governing strategies, ambitious foreign and domestic policy initiatives, and the bitterly divisive consequences of his mode of governance. As the first analysis to place the George W. Bush presidency in a broad historical and theoretical context, the book will be an essential foundation for any future studies on the topic.

http://www.amazon.com/Panorama-Presidency-Acquired-Political-Capital/dp/0765616939/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1277439500&sr=1-1
The Intercultural City: Planning for Diversity Advantage
Charles Landry (Editor), Phil Wood (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In a world where individuals are increasingly mobile, how people originating from different cultures live together is one of the key issues of the 21st century. There is a growing need for new thinking on how diverse communities can live together in productive harmony and not in parallel and separate lives. Policy is often dominated by mitigating the perceived negative effects of diversity (complexity, loss of cohesion, exploitation and racism) but little thought has been given to how a diversity dividend or increased innovative capacity might be achieved.

The Intercultural City analyzes the relationship of urban policy to policies on cultural diversity, principally in the UK but also drawing upon original research in North America, Europe and Australasia. It includes a review of the literature in the field, and a critique of past and current policy, before introducing new theoretical concepts. It provides significant and practical advice for the reader, with new insights and tools for practitioners including the “intercultural lens”, “indicators of openness” and “urban cultural literacy”.

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Waleed Haider Malik (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

While each country's judiciary is unique in its individual needs, capabilities and contexts, the lessons learned from Singapore's success can help guide judicial reform initiatives regionally as well as globally. No one would suggest that Singapore's strategy is a magic formula that if followed can erase the inefficiencies of all judiciaries. But it would be wise to examine the strategies used and lessons learned from Singapore's experience as a potential guide toward successful and sustainable judicial reform.

Democracy and Public Administration

Richard C. Box (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The true measure of the successful practice of public service is its ability to remain faithful to the tenets of democratic society. This introductory text links the practice of public administration to the core concepts of American democracy. It covers the nuts and bolts of public administration in the context of “delivering democracy” in public service - providing what the public really wants as opposed to what self-serving bureaucracies may call for. “Chapters in Democracy and Public Administration” discuss the functional topics covered in other texts, but from the perspective of this democratic ideal. Each chapter is written by an expert in the area, and summarizes previous research in the area, presents the author's research and thought, and offers ways in which practitioners can apply the concepts discussed to their daily work.

Contributions to Conflict Management, Peace Economics and Development, Volume 6: War, Peace, and Security

Jacques Fontanel (Author), Manas Chatterji (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Although all religions and cultures preach the gospel and virtues of peace, the history of mankind is the history of war and peace; millions have perished in international and domestic conflicts, and many wars have been fought on behalf of those same religions and people who call for peace around the world. During the 20th century, at the height of human civilization, we have seen two world wars and many devastating region conflicts. Although the last two decades have seen a prevalence of domestic, rather than international conflict, these have been as vicious and as destructive as any other war. Further, we are still facing the threat of nuclear confrontation, and a new kind of war - the war on terror - is also taking place. Although there is widespread desire for peace, there is no sustained advocacy of it by our political and cultural leaders. Citizens the world over have become more insecure because of international and domestic conflicts, genocide, terrorism, drug and criminal activities, weapons of mass destruction, pandemic threats of infectious diseases like Aids and HIV, natural disasters, poverty, resource constraints, climate change, threats to the international financial system, and much else. All these are interrelated at some level. In the name of international and domestic security, billions of dollars are wasted on unproductive military spending in both developed and developing countries, when millions are starving and living without basic human needs. This book contains a number of original articles relating to military spending, military industrial establishments, peace keeping, terrorism, environmental security and democratic peace, prepared by leading scholars in the field. Since we are living in a globalized world, global security rather than national security is the relevant issue. Global security must be consistent with and complimentary to a basic human security, which preserves freedom from threats to people's rights and safety. Because peace is not just the absence of violence. It is related to all the above issues - the socio-economic, political and physical environment of the world. Making this clear is the focus of the book.

Careers in International Affairs

Maria Pinto Carland (Editor), Candace Faber (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Careers in International Affairs, now in its eighth edition, is the ultimate job hunting guide for anyone hoping to work in the U.S. government, international organizations, business, or nonprofits. This thoroughly revised edition provides up-to-date descriptions and data about careers in the global workplace and how to find them—along with nearly 300 organization profiles.

In addition to a remarkably broad and deep list of organizations and contacts, Careers in International Affairs offers insight and guidance from a career counselor, a graduate student, and practitioners in the international affairs community on networking, interviewing, finding a mentor, and choosing the best graduate school.

The book also presents numerous firsthand perspectives on various career sectors from those who have found their own international niche—from young professionals to senior policymakers. It is designed to encourage international job seekers to think about what they know and what talents they have to offer, to widen their horizons and reveal all the possibilities, to help them realize that the future could hold several careers, and to remind them that it is never too early—or too late—to consider the variety of options that await them around the world.

Careers in International Affairs is published in cooperation with Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, the oldest and largest school of international affairs in the United States.

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Green Economics: An Introduction to Theory, Policy and Practice
Molly Scott Cato (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The world as we know it needs a new economics. Climate change, financial crisis and out-of-control globalization—all the major problems facing the world have their root in the dominant economic system.

Green economics offers an alternative to mainstream economics, which views society and the ecosystem as subsets of the wider, limitless global economy. Starting with the recognition of planetary limits and an understanding of the importance of using resources wisely, green economics views the economy as nested within society, which itself as part of the greater ecosystem.

This highly readable introduction explains the axioms of green economics including views on taxation, welfare, money, economic development and work through the work of its inspirational figures including Schumacher, Robertson and Douthwaite. It also explores the contributions and insights of schools of thought critical of the dominant neo-classical economic paradigm, including ecofeminism, views from the global South, and the perspective of indigenous peoples. Examples of effective green policies that are already being implemented across the world are presented, as well as policy prescriptions for issues including economic measurement, localization, citizens’ income, taxation and trade.

Resolving Messy Policy Problems: Handling Conflict in Environmental, Transport, Health and Ageing Policy

Steven Ney (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Our lives increasingly take place in ever more complex and interconnected networks that blur the boundaries we have traditionally used to define our social and political spaces. Accordingly, the policy problems that governments are called upon to deal with have become less clear-cut and far messier. This is particularly the case with climate change, environmental policy, transport, health and ageing—all areas in which the tried-and-tested linear policy solutions are increasingly inadequate or failing. What makes messy policy problems particularly uncomfortable is that science and scientific knowledge have themselves become sources of uncertainty and ambiguity. Indeed, what is to count as a “rational solution” is itself now subject of considerable debate and controversy.

For policy makers this raises a number of tough questions: Given scientific uncertainty, how are policy-makers to tackle messy issues? What should policy-makers do about the intractable and persistent policy conflicts that seem to accompany messy issues? How can policy-makers structure policy processes in order to better understand, deal with and learn from messy policy issues?

This challenging book seeks to answer these questions by focusing on the intractable conflict that characterizes policy debate about messy issues. In the first part of the book, the author develops a framework for analyzing intractable policy conflict about messy policy issues. In the second section, he applies the conceptual framework to four very different policy issues: the environment—focusing on climate change—as well as transport, ageing and health. Using evidence from Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific, the chapters compare how policy actors construct contending narratives or stories in order to make sense of, and deal with, messy challenges. In the final section, the author discusses the implications of the analysis for collective learning and adaptation processes. The aim is to contribute to a more refined understanding of policy-making in the face of uncertainty, and most importantly to provide practical methods for critical reflection on policy and to point to sustainable adaptation pathways and learning mechanisms for policy formulation.

http://www.amazon.com/Resolving-Messy-Policy-Problems-Environmental/dp/1844075664/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1282635364&sr=1-1
Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent, Revised and Updated Edition
Andrew Nikiforuk (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Tar Sands critically examines the frenzied development in the Canadian tar sands and the far-reaching implications for all of North America. Bitumen, the sticky stuff that ancients used to glue the Tower of Babel together, is the world’s most expensive hydrocarbon. This difficult-to-find resource has made Canada the number-one supplier of oil to the United States, and every major oil company now owns a lease in the Alberta tar sands. The region has become a global Deadwood, complete with rapturous engineers, cut-throat cocaine dealers, Muslim extremists, and a huge population of homeless individuals. In this award-winning book, a Canadian bestseller, journalist Andrew Nikiforuk exposes the disastrous environmental, social, and political costs of the tar sands, arguing forcefully for change. This updated edition includes new chapters on the most energy-inefficient tar sands projects (the steam plants), as well as new material on the controversial carbon cemeteries and nuclear proposals to accelerate bitumen production.

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Above the Board: How Ethical CEOs Create Honest Corporations
Patrizia Porrini (Author), Lorene Hiris (Author), Gina Poncini (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In recent years, a string of corporate scandals have sent shockwaves throughout the business world, resulting in the fracture of public trust in corporations. Now more than ever, corporate honesty and integrity are directly connected to success and growth. Above the Board provides strategies and methods to help you build a solid foundation of ethical corporate values into your organization.

Inside, you'll find key advice from CEOs who have put corporate ethics at the forefront. The common message is that business ethics should not be viewed as an “add-on” to a company's operations; rather, it must be a key element in an overall strategy for success. “Organizations across a range of industries are faced with the challenge of fostering an ethical environment that goes beyond compliance,” the authors write. “Above all, it is the CEOs who are in a position to set the ethical tone and climate of their organization.” Above the Board offers concrete practices, procedures, and personalized approaches used by such companies as Whirlpool, Xerox, Walgreen Co., Texas Instruments, and P&G to help you

- Make integrity a core value for every employee
- Integrate ethics into the heart of your corporate strategy
- Create wide-scale transparency throughout your company
- Harness ethical energy and make ethics messages far reaching
- Build a system of ethics that will remain relevant well into the future

Above the Board provides insight, best practices, and success stories from CEOs who began building upon their corporations’ foundational principles early on, and it sheds light on how these initiatives have benefited shareholders, customers, and other stakeholders alike. This insightful look at the new way of doing business is an invaluable blueprint for nurturing ethics within your company, creating a permanent foundation of fresh corporate values, and putting your company in a solid lead against the competition.

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The Politics of Heritage from Madras to Chennai

Mary E. Hancock (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In this anthropological history, Mary E. Hancock examines the politics of public memory in the southern Indian city of Chennai. Once a colonial port, Chennai is now poised to become a center for India's "new economy" of information technology, export processing, and back-office services. State and local governments promote tourism and a heritage-conscious citiescape to make Chennai a recognizable "brand" among investment and travel destinations. Using a range of textual, visual, architectural, and ethnographic sources, Hancock grapples with the question of how people in Chennai remember and represent their past, considering the political and economic contexts and implications of those memory practices. Working from specific sites, including a historic district created around an ancient Hindu temple, a living history museum, neo-traditional and vernacular architecture, and political memorials, Hancock examines the spatialization of memory under the conditions of neoliberalism.

http://www.amazon.com/Politics-Heritage-Madras-Chennai/dp/0253352231/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1282636311&sr=1-1
Innovations in Government: Research, Recognition, and Replication (Innovative Governance of the 21st Century)

Sandford F. Borins (Author, Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The Innovations in American Government Awards Program began in 1985 with a grant from the Ford Foundation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard to conduct a program of awards for innovations in state and local government. The foundation's objective was ambitious and, in an era of "government is the problem" rhetoric, determinedly proactive. It sought to counter declining public confidence in government by highlighting innovative and effective programs. Over twenty years later, research, recognition, and replication are the source of the program's continuing influence and its vitality.

What is the future of government innovation? How can innovation enhance the quality of life for citizens and strengthen democratic governance? *Innovations in Government: Research, Recognition, and Replication* answers these questions by presenting a comprehensive approach to advancing the practice and study of innovation in government. The authors discuss new research on innovation, explore the impact of several programs that recognize innovation, and consider challenges to the replication of innovations.

Contributors include Eugene Bardach (University of California—Berkeley), Robert Behn (Harvard University), John D. Donahue (Harvard University), Marta Ferreira Santos Farah (Center for Public Administration and Government, Fundação Getulio Vargas), Archon Fung (Harvard University), Jean Hartley (University of Warwick), Steven Kelman (Harvard University), Gowher Rizvi (Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard University), Peter Spink (Center for Public Administration and Government, Fundação Getulio Vargas), and Jonathan Walters (Governing).

Making Digital Cultures
Martin Hand (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

There has been multi-disciplinary interest in the 'digital age', 'information age', and 'technoculture' in recent years, with information and communication technologies, particularly the internet, being commonly associated with a variety of dramatic social and cultural changes. This is often most acute in discussions about the 'impact' of digital technologies upon traditional institutional identities and practices, and its consequences for citizenship and selfhood more generally. What is less observed are the precise ways in which digital technologies are becoming interwoven within different institutional cultures. This book is about the dynamics of emerging 'digital cultures'. It examines the 'enfolding' of digital technologies and techniques into different institutional and organizational cultures, considering how and with what implications digital technologies are becoming part of the institutional and organizational 'fabric' within different locations. Bringing together recent theorizing of the 'digital age' with empirical studies of how different institutions are adopting these technologies in practice, "Making Digital Cultures" argues for a more reflexive understanding of the multiple forms of institutionally anchored appropriation emerging within digital cultures. With its direct engagement with both new media theory and science and technology studies, alongside an overview of the central debates relating to digital culture, this volume will be of interest to scholars and students in the areas of media and communication and science and technology studies.

http://www.amazon.com/Making-Digital-Cultures-Martin-Hand/dp/0754648400/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1282637846&sr=1-1-fkmr0
Freedom Facts and Firsts: 400 Years of the African American Civil Rights Experience

Jessie Carney Smith (Author), Linda T. Wynn (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Spanning nearly 400 years from the early abolitionists to the present, this guide book profiles more than 400 people, places, and events that have shaped the history of the black struggle for freedom. Coverage includes information on such mainstay figures as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks, but also delves into how lesser known figures contributed to and shaped the history of civil rights. Learn how the Housewives' League of Detroit started a nationwide movement to support black businesses, helping many to survive the depression; or discover what effect sports journalist Samuel Harold Lacy had on Jackie Robinson's historic entrance into the major leagues. This comprehensive resource chronicles the breadth and passion of an entire people's quest for freedom.

People at Work: Life, Power, and Social Inclusion in the New Economy

Marjorie DeVault (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

People at Work is noted sociologist Marjorie L. DeVault's groundbreaking collection of original essays on the complexities of the modern-day workplace. By focusing on the lived experiences of the worker, not as an automaton on an assembly line, but as an embodied human of flesh and bone, these essays offer important insight on the realities of the workplace, and their effects on life at home and in communities. With contributions from some of today’s top scholars, each essay is a detailed case study of a different aspect of the working world.

Compelling, lively, and sometimes chilling, the contributors address issues from disability rights to immigrant labor, welfare reforms to budget cuts, competition to personal motivations. Each one valuable on its own, the essays in People at Work combine to illuminate the hurdles that workers of all backgrounds struggle with and, more broadly, the impact of change on workers’ lives in the new, increasingly global, economy.

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