Globalization and the Circumpolar North
Lassi Heininen (Editor), Chris Southcott (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The circumpolar north has long been the subject of conflicting national aspirations and border disputes, and with the end of the cold war and the coming era of potential resource scarcity, its importance will only grow over the next several decades. Anticipating that renewed prominence, *Globalization and the Circumpolar North* brings together an array of scholars to explore the effects of this increased attention, from the new opportunities offered by globalization to the potential damage to long-isolated northern communities and peoples.

Governments intervening in post-conflict states find themselves beset with numerous challenges and profound dilemmas: It is often unclear how best to proceed because measures that may improve conditions in one respect may undermine them in another. This volume reviews and integrates the scholarly social-science literature relevant to stabilization and reconstruction, with the goal of informing strategic planning at the whole-of-government level.

Navigating Neoliberalism: Self-Determination and the Mikisew Cree First Nation

Gabrielle Slowey

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

What happens to a First Nation after the successful negotiation of a land claim? *Navigating Neoliberalism* argues that neoliberalism, which drives government policy concerning First Nations in Canada, can also drive self-determination. And in a globalizing world, new opportunities for indigenous governance may transform socioeconomic well-being.

Gabrielle Slowey studies the development of First Nations governance in health, education, economic development, and housing. What emerges is a theoretical and empirical case study of one First Nation, the Mikisew Cree, as it navigates its way through neoliberalism. Contrary to the popular belief that First Nations suffer in an age of state retrenchment, privatization, and decentralization, Slowey finds that the Mikisew First Nation has successfully exploited opportunities for greater autonomy and well-being that the current political and economic climate has presented.

*Navigating Neoliberalism* tackles a topical issue central to Canadian politics and Canadian federalism. It will be of interest to students and practitioners of public policy, political economy, and political science, as well as members and leaders in First Nations communities.

http://www.amazon.com/Navigating-Neoliberalism-Self-Determination-Mikisew-Nation/dp/0774814063/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1327979575&sr=1-1
Art is big business, with some artists able to command huge sums of money for their works, while the vast majority are ignored or dismissed by critics. This book shows that these marginalized artists, the “dark matter” of the art world, are essential to the survival of the mainstream and that they frequently organize in opposition to it.

Gregory Sholette, a politically engaged artist, argues that imagination and creativity in the art world originate in the non-commercial sector shut off from prestigious galleries and champagne receptions. This broader creative culture feeds the mainstream with new forms and styles that can be commodified and used to sustain the few artists admitted into the elite.

This dependency, and the advent of inexpensive communication, audio and video technology, has allowed this “dark matter” of the alternative art world to increasingly subvert the mainstream and intervene politically as both new and old forms of non-capitalist, public art. This book is essential for anyone interested in interventionist art, collectivism, and the political economy of the art world.

Commodified and Criminalized: New Racism and African Americans in Contemporary Sports (Perspectives on a Multiracial America)

David J. Leonard (Author), C. Richard King (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Commodified and Criminalized examines the centrality of sport to discussions of racial ideologies and racist practices in the 21st century. It disputes familiar refrains of racial progress, arguing that athletes sit in a contradictory position masked by the logics of new racism and dominant white racial frames. Contributors discuss athletes ranging from Tiger Woods and Serena Williams to Freddy Adu and Shani Davis.

Through dynamic case studies, Commodified and Criminalized unpacks the conversation between black athletes and colorblind discourse, while challenging the assumptions of contemporary sports culture. The contributors in this provocative collection push the conversation beyond the playing field and beyond the racial landscape of sports culture to explore the connections between sports representations and a broader history of racialized violence.

http://www.amazon.com/Commodified-Criminalized-Contemporary-Perspectives-Multiracial/dp/1442206772/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1327980998&sr=1-1
Constructing the International Economy (Cornell Studies in Political Economy)
Rawi Abdelal (Author, Editor), Mark Blyth (Editor), Craig Parsons (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Focusing empirically on how political and economic forces are always mediated and interpreted by agents, both in individual countries and in the international sphere, *Constructing the International Economy* sets out what such constructions and what various forms of constructivism mean, both as ways of understanding the world and as sets of varying methods for achieving that understanding. It rejects the assumption that material interests either linearly or simply determine economic outcomes and demands that analysts consider, as a plausible hypothesis, that economies might vary substantially for nonmaterial reasons that affect both institutions and agents' interests.

*Constructing the International Economy* portrays the diversity of models and approaches that exist among constructivists writing on the international political economy. The authors outline and relate several different arguments for why scholars might attend to social construction, inviting the widest possible array of scholars to engage with such approaches. They examine points of terminological or theoretical confusion that create unnecessary barriers to engagement between constructivists and nonconstructivist work and among different types of constructivism. This book provides a tool kit that both constructivists and their critics can use to debate how much and when social construction matters in this deeply important realm.

In Search of Paradise: Middle-class Living in a Chinese Metropolis

Li Zhang (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A new revolution in homeownership and living has been sweeping the booming cities of China. This time the main actors on the social stage are not peasants, migrants, or working-class proletariats but middle-class professionals and entrepreneurs in search of a private paradise in a society now dominated by consumerism. No longer seeking happiness and fulfillment through collective sacrifice and socialist ideals, they hope to find material comfort and social distinction in newly constructed gated communities. This quest for the good life is profoundly transforming the physical and social landscapes of urban China. Li Zhang, who is from Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, turns a keen ethnographic eye on her hometown. She combines her analysis of larger political and social issues with fine-grained details about the profound spatial, cultural, and political effects of the shift in the way Chinese urban residents live their lives and think about themselves.

In Search of Paradise is a deeply informed account of how the rise of private homeownership is reconfiguring urban space, class subjects, gender selfhood, and ways of life in the reform era. New, seemingly individualistic lifestyles mark a dramatic move away from yearning for a social utopia under Maoist socialism. Yet the privatization of property and urban living have engendered a simultaneous movement of public engagement among homeowners as they confront the encroaching power of the developers. This double movement of privatized living and public sphere activism, Zhang finds, is a distinctive feature of the cultural politics of the middle classes in contemporary China. Theoretically sophisticated and highly accessible, Zhang's account will appeal not only to those interested in China but also to anyone interested in spatial politics, middle-class culture, and postsocialist governing in a globalizing world.

http://www.amazon.com/Search-Paradise-Middle-class-Chinese-Metropolis/dp/0801475627/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1327998384&sr=1-1
Innovation Policy: A Guide for Developing Countries

World Bank (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Innovation—in all its forms—and particularly technological innovation in recent years has become a crucial driver for spurring growth, enhancing competitiveness, and increasing social well being in all economies of the world. Innovation should be understood in a broad and diversified sense including not only the creation of new knowledge and technology and the adaptation of existing ones, but even more importantly, the diffusion and use of technologies, products, processes, and practices which are new in a given country context—a definition that is particularly relevant for low- and medium-income countries.

Innovation policy, by its very nature, is an inter- or multi-departmental policy, touching policy areas as complementary and different as education and training, skills development, science and technology, the business environment, ICT and other infrastructure (e.g. logistics). This guidebook therefore necessarily draws upon a large and diversified set of policy areas as sources of knowledge and competence in order to provide a holistic discussion of innovation policy. It offers a broad methodological framework into which concerned policy making communities can design, conceive and implement policy measures adapted to their context. The framework would provide some fundamental principles which can then be applied and customized for specific circumstances. In order to foster a coherent and systemic approach to the design of innovation policy, this book integrates the analysis and information from policy-related departments that usually tend to work in silos and who need to work together for having a common, relevant and efficient understanding of innovation policy. In light of a key issue in low and medium income countries is the resistance of innovation systems to significant improvements, this book also addresses the relations between innovation policy and institutions.

http://www.amazon.com/Innovation-Policy-Guide-Developing-Countries/dp/0821382691/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1327998633&sr=1-1#
In Government We Trust: Market-Failure and the Delusions of Privatisation

Warwick Funnell (Author), Robert Jupe (Author), Jane Andrew (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Neoliberalism has had a huge impact on our lives over the past three decades, convincing governments in liberal democratic states to transform themselves and society according to the values and practices of the market.

In Government We Trust examines these promises within the context of market failures in services relinquished to the private sector by governments. Using prominent examples such as the collapse of Railtrack in the UK, the energy crisis in the US and the Sydney water treatment scandal in Australia, it exposes the level of risk which remains with government after privatisation, requiring them to resume responsibility when the private sector fails.

The authors show how these failures reveal the benefits of government intervention and the dangers of unfettered markets. They argue that these problems confirm that there are some things only governments can and should do.

Government of the Shadows: Parapolitics and Criminal Sovereignty
Eric Wilson (Author), Tim Lindsey (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Government of the Shadows analyses the concept of clandestine government. It explores how covert political activity and transnational organised crime are linked -- and how they ultimately work to the advantage of state and corporate power. The book shows that legitimate government is now routinely accompanied by extra-governmental covert operations. Using a variety of case studies, from the mafia in Italy to programmes for food and reconstruction in Iraq, the contributors illustrate that parapolitical structures are not ‘deviant’, but central to the operation of global governments. The creation of this truly parallel world-economy, the source of huge political and economic potential, entices states to undertake new forms of regulation, either through their own intelligence agencies, or through the more shadowy world of criminal cartels.

http://www.amazon.com/Government-Shadows-Parapolitics-Criminal-Sovereignty/dp/0745326242/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1328000523&sr=1-1#
As trade and production have increasingly crossed international boundaries, private bodies and governments alike have sought new ways to regulate labour standards and advance goals of fairness and social justice. This collection brings together the research and reflections of academics, activists and practitioners in the fields of fair trade and corporate accountability, providing detailed case studies of social justice governance initiatives which document the evolution of established strategies of advocacy and social mobilization, and the emergence of new patterns of regionally focussed organizing adopted by labour and social movements that seek to intervene in changing formations of global capital. Engaging with a range of debates surrounding the regulation of transnational business in a globalizing economy and the strengths and limitations of voluntary initiatives compared with legally enforceable instruments, this volume analyzes a broad range of empirical and theoretical perspectives, exploring deeper questions regarding the potential of such initiatives to function as transformative strategies capable of entrenching principles of fairness and justice within the institutional structures governing global production and trade.

http://www.amazon.com/Fair-Trade-Corporate-Accountability-Beyond/dp/0754674398/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1330398635&sr=1-2-fkmr0
Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Fate of the Commons
(Civil Society: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives)
Bruce R. Sievers (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Among the greatest challenges facing humanity in the twenty-first century is that of sustaining a healthy civil society, which depends upon managing the tension between individual and collective interests. Bruce R. Sievers explores this issue by investigating ways to balance the public and private sides of modern life in a manner that allows realization of the ideal of individual freedom and, at the same time, makes possible the effective pursuit of the common good. He traces the development of civil society from the seventeenth-century Dutch Republic and the eighteenth-century Scottish Enlightenment, analyzes its legacy for modern political life, and explores how historical trends in the formation of civil society and philanthropy aid or impede our achievement of public goods in the modern era.

http://www.amazon.com/Civil-Society-Philanthropy-Fate-Commons/dp/1584658959/ref=dp_return_2?ie=UTF8&n=283155&ts=books
The Geography of Finance: Corporate Governance in a Global Marketplace

Gordon L. Clark (Author), Darius Wójcik (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The Geography of Finance tackles crucial issues regarding the emerging global market for corporate governance. The authors describe and explain the transformation of European corporate governance in the light of the imperatives driving global financial markets, using an innovative analytical framework.

The authors chart the response of corporate managers to the interest of global portfolio managers in transparent and accountable modes of corporate governance. In doing so, the authors provide an innovative perspective on a rapidly changing environment; and a challenge to those who ignore the gathering momentum of global financial markets.

http://www.amazon.com/Geography-Finance-Corporate-Governance-Marketplace/dp/0199213364/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1330400570&sr=1-1
Editorial Reviews

Product Description

While modern trade law and human rights law constitute two of the most active spheres in international law, follow similar intellectual trajectories, and often feature the same key actors and arenas, neither field has actively engaged with the other. They co-exist in relative isolation at best, peppered by occasional hostile debates. It has come to be a given that pro-trade laws are not good for human rights, and legislation that protects human rights hampers vibrant international trade.

In a bold departure from this canon, *Just Trade* makes a case for reaching a middle-ground between these two fields, acknowledging their co-existence and the significant points at which they overlap. Using examples from many of the 35 nations of the Western Hemisphere, Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol and Stephen J. Powell combine their expertise to examine human rights policies involving conscripted child labor, sustainable development, promotion of health, equality of women, human trafficking, indigenous peoples, poverty, citizenship, and economic sanctions, never overlooking the very real human rights problems that arise from international trade. However, instead of viewing the two kinds of law as polar and sometimes hostile opposites, the authors make powerful suggestions for how these intersections may be navigated to promote an international marketplace that embraces both liberal trade and liberal protection of human rights.

Engineering a Financial Bloodbath: How Sub-prime Securitization Destroyed the Legitimacy of Financial Capitalism

O'Brien Justin (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In July 2007, the then chief executive of Citigroup, Charles Prince, captured the hubris of a market dangerously addicted to debt: 'when the music stops, in terms of liquidity, things will be complicated. But as long as music is playing, you have got to get up and dance. We're still dancing'. By the end of the year, Mr Prince was forced to resign along with some of the most influential bankers on Wall Street. Global investment houses in the United States and Europe were forced to turn to sovereign wealth funds for emergency funding. Their rescue comes at a significant material and reputational price. This book investigates the origins and implications of the securitization crisis, described by the chief executive of ANZ as a 'financial services bloodbath'. Based on extensive interviews, it offers an integrated series of case studies drawn from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. A central purpose is to not only chart what went wrong within the investment houses and why the regulatory systems failed, but also provide policy guidance. The book therefore combines the empirical with the normative. In so doing, it provides a route map to navigate one of the most significant financial and regulatory failures in modern times.

Radical Consumption: Shopping for change in contemporary culture

Jo Littler (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Ethical consumption, fair trade, consumer protests, brand backlashes, green goods, boycotts and downshifting: these are all now familiar consumer activities - and in some cases, are almost mainstream. They are part of the expanding field of 'radical consumption' in a world where we are encouraged to shop for change.

But just how radical are these forms of consumption? This book offers an interdisciplinary approach to examining contemporary radical consumption, analyzing its possibilities and problems, moralities, methods of mediation and its connections to wider cultural formations of production and politics.

Jo Littler argues that we require a more expansive vocabulary and to open up new approaches of enquiry in order to understand the area's many contradictions, strengths and weaknesses. Drawing on a number of contemporary theories, terms and debates in media and cultural studies, she uses a range of specific case studies to bring theory to life.

By analysing practices of radical consumption, the book explores a number of key questions:

- Is ethical consumption merely a sop for the middle classes?
- What are the contradictions of green consumption?
- Should we understand corporate social responsibility as a form of consumer-oriented greenwash?
- Who benefits from the new forms of cosmopolitan caring consumption?
- Can such forms of consumption ever move beyond their niche market status to become an effective political force?
- Can we really buy our way to a better, more equitable or sustainable future?

Radical Consumption is important reading for cultural, media and sociology students.

http://www.amazon.com/Radical-Consumption-Shopping-contemporary-culture/dp/0335221521/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1330403386&sr=1-2
In today's globally integrated food system, events in one part of the world can have multiple and wide-ranging effects, as has been shown by the recent and rapid global rise in food prices. Transnational corporations (TNCs) have been central to the development of this global food system, dominating production, international trade, processing, distribution, and retail sectors. Moreover, these global corporations play a key role in the establishment of rules and regulations by which they themselves are governed. This book examines how TNCs exercise power over global food and agriculture governance and what the consequences are for the sustainability of the global food system. The book defines three aspects of this corporate power: instrumental power, or direct influence; structural power, or the broader influence corporations have over setting agendas and rules; and discursive, or communicative and persuasive, power. The book begins by examining the nature of corporate power in cases ranging from "green" food certification in Southeast Asia and corporate influence on U.S. food aid policy to governance in the seed industry and international food safety standards. Chapters examine such issues as promotion of corporate-defined "environmental sustainability" and "food security," biotechnology firms and intellectual property rights, and consumer resistance to GMOs and other cases of contestation in agrobiology. In a final chapter, the editors raise the crucial question of how to achieve participation, transparency, and accountability in food governance. Contributors: Maarten Arentsen, Jennifer Clapp, Robert Falkner, Doris Fuchs, Agni Kalfagianni, Peter Newell, Steffanie Scott, Susan Sell, Elizabeth Smythe, Peter Vandergeest, Marc Williams, Mary Young

http://www.amazon.com/Corporate-Global-Agrifood-Governance-Environment/dp/0262512378/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1330575133&sr=1-1
The Principle of Sustainability
Klaus Bosselmann (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This book investigates how sustainability informs the universal principles used in domestic and international law. It calls for the acceptance of sustainability as a recognized legal principle which could be applied to the entire legal system rather than just environmental law or domestic law. To this end, the book makes a contribution to a theory of global law by suggesting that as a universally shared concern, environmental protection and the principle of sustainability should contribute to the 'greening' of the fundamental principles of law and governance. The book will be a valuable resource for students, researchers and policy-makers working in the areas of environmental law and governance.

http://www.amazon.com/Principle-Sustainability-Klaus-Bosselmann/dp/0754673553/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1330673742&sr=1-1
Building Reputational Capital: Strategies for Integrity and Fair Play that Improve the Bottom Line
Kevin T. Jackson (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

In the aftermath of scandals such as those at Enron and WorldCom, there is a growing suspicion of the corporate world. For this reason it is more important than ever for firms to maintain a good reputation. In *Building Reputational Capital*, Kevin T. Jackson offers a practical guide to taking the high road—the only path that leads to lasting success.

Based on extensive research and real-world experience, *Building Reputational Capital* reveals basic principles of integrity and fairness with which firms can build an enduring reputation. More than image, a firm's reputation is a form of capital often neglected in the boardroom and overlooked in conventional analyses of financial statements. Speaking directly to the work experience of real people in practical business settings, Jackson couples each principle with straightforward actions that drive management systems, and he provides tested strategies—from downsizing techniques to e-commerce tips—that cultivate the hidden power of a good reputation. He outlines the advantages of a superior reputation (simply put, people want to work for, invest in, and do business with a company or person with integrity), describes the vital role the firm's leader must play, offers ways to build and protect your reputation on the Internet (from defusing Internet rumors to creating an online community), and shows how to rescue your reputation once disaster hits. Perhaps most important, he shows how to strike the right balance of virtues like authenticity, honesty, responsibility, and stewardship of the environment, employees, and the economy.

Highlighted with real-life success stories—from giants like Hewlett-Packard to small firms like Thanksgiving Coffee Company (which invests part of its revenues in the Central American villages in which its beans are grown), *Building Reputational Capital* offers a simple but effective guide for executives, managers, entrepreneurs, legal professionals, and corporate consultants.

Hyperpolitics: An Interactive Dictionary of Political Science Concepts

Mauro Calise (Author), Theodore J. Lowi (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Fifteen years in the making, Hyperpolitics is an interactive dictionary offering a wholly original approach for understanding and working with the most central concepts in political science. Designed and authored by two of the discipline’s most distinguished scholars, its purpose is to provide its readers with fresh critical insights about what informs these political concepts, as well as a method by which readers—and especially students—can unpack and reconstruct them on their own.

International in scope, Hyperpolitics draws upon a global vocabulary in order to turn complex ideas into an innovative teaching aid. Its companion open access website (www.hyperpolitics.net) has already been widely acknowledged in the fields of education and political science and will continue to serve as a formidable hub for the book’s audience. Much more than a dictionary and enhanced by dynamic graphics, Hyperpolitics introduces an ingenious means of understanding complicated concepts that will be an invaluable tool for scholars and students alike.

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The Market for Virtue: The Potential And Limits of Corporate Social Responsibility

David Vogel (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the highly praised *The Market for Virtue*, David Vogel presents a clear, balanced analysis of the contemporary corporate social responsibility (CSR) movement in the United States and Europe. In this updated paperback edition, Vogel discusses recent CSR initiatives and responds to new developments in the CSR debate. He asserts that while the movement has achieved success in improving some labor, human rights, and environmental practices in developing countries, there are limits to improving corporate conduct without more extensive and effective government regulation. Put simply, Vogel believes that there is a market for virtue, but it is limited by the substantial costs of socially responsible business behavior.

http://www.amazon.com/The-Market-Virtue-Potential-Responsibility/dp/0815790775/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1332207084&sr=1-1-fkmr0
The Planetary Bargain: Corporate Social Responsibility Matters

Michael Hopkins (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Corporate scandals and lack of confidence in our largest institutions mean that corporate social responsibility (CSR) now matters more than ever. Encroaching on CSR are concepts such as corporate sustainability and corporate citizenship, and older concerns with business ethics, business in society and the ethical corporation. This significantly revised and updated version of The Planetary Bargain explains the relations among these concepts and reflects the author's new ideas and their new context. Enterprises across the world are waking up to the need for social responsibility towards shareholders and potential investors, managers and other employees, customers, business partners and contractors or suppliers, the natural environment and the communities within which they operate, including national governments and non-governmental organizations. Drawing on case studies of international companies and analysis of research from the past two decades, The Planetary Bargain shows how corporations can preserve their profitability while treating all stakeholders ethically and responsibly. It suggests a cooperative CSR strategy which creates prosperity for corporations and for the people they serve. It presents the case for a worldwide agreement, or 'planetary bargain', between private and public sectors, arguing that it is good for business and essential for future prosperity and stability.

http://www.amazon.com/The-Planetary-Bargain-Corporate-Responsibility/dp/1853839787/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1332208015&sr=1-1
Indigenous groups are not often recognized as driving forces in the push for economic development. However, in development efforts across Latin America, governments and corporations have begun to see ethnic cultural difference as an advantage. *Ethnic Entrepreneurs* explores how diverse groups historically seen as obstacles to development have become valuable to state and regional development initiatives.

From collaboration between a Maya organization and Walmart to a UN-sponsored program that recruits diasporic Latinos, states and corporations are pursuing strategies that complement regional neoliberal shifts. This book examines how ethnic difference is produced through development policy, breaking down the micropolitics of identity and development. It uncovers surprising convergences between ethnic community businesses and corporate social responsibility practices and illuminates how formulations of ethnic difference influence not only changing cultural identifications, but also the political and moral projects that shape Latin America.

Making Global Self-Regulation Effective in Developing Countries

Dana L. Brown (Editor), Ngaire Woods (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

As companies ‘go global’ they increasingly use factories and facilities spread across the world. But who regulates their activities in far flung corners of the world economy? In many sectors such as textiles and apparel, chemicals, and forestry, the answer is that companies regulate their own behavior through codes and standards which they agree among themselves. The recent growth in corporate self-regulation of labor, environmental and financial practices has attracted the attention of scholars who have detailed the number and content of self-regulatory efforts in various sectors. Missing so far, however, has been an analysis of the effectiveness and impact of self-regulation. Does self-regulation actually work and under what conditions is it most likely to be effective? The answer to this question is particularly important for developing countries where corporate self-regulation is often seen as substitute for weak governance structures.

The chapters in this volume evaluate the effectiveness of self-regulation compared to other forms of global regulation. Across sectors and states, corporate self-regulation works best when those who are regulated have a voice in deciding the content of codes and standards and when some mechanism of compliance exists at the level of the state. Unfortunately, opportunities for voice and state capacity for regulation are often lacking in developing countries. Given this, the book suggests some minimal forms of government action and participation by global actors that can make global corporate self-regulation more effective in bettering conditions in the developing world.

http://www.amazon.com/Making-Self-Regulation-Effective-Developing-Countries/dp/0199234639/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1332208907&sr=1-1#
Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The rapid pace of globalization has led to the increasing interdependence of member states of the United Nations to achieve sustainable development objectives, including the eradication of extreme poverty, environmental protection, access to basic services and livelihoods, and the promotion of economic growth and opportunities.

Policymakers, scholars, and development practitioners recognize the centrality of effective governance at the local, national, and global levels to promote sustainable development. Along with governments and the private sector, civil society organizations (CSOs) are playing an expanded role in improving transparency, participation, access to services, and the rule of law.

This book looks at the changing roles of civil society in global and national governance. It identifies factors that influence the effectiveness of civil society in promoting democratic governance. It asks: To what extent and how has the global civil society been influencing global governance and democratic change? What have been the patterns of growth of civil society in Asia and Africa, including the legal frameworks under which CSOs are established? How and with what effect has civil society been engaged in promoting democratic change and inclusive governance?

http://www.amazon.com/Engaging-Civil-Society-Democratic-Innovations/dp/9280811886/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1332209378&sr=1-1
The World Bank and the Gods of Lending
Steve Berkman (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Uncovering the World Bank's loan programs in the developing world in "The Gods of Lending", author Steve Berkman finds nothing but mismanagement and hypocrisy: decades of assistance without any significant improvement in the lives of the poor; billions loaned for improving governance, health care and education with little to show for it; and donor funds given to dysfunctional government institutions or officials with a history of looting national treasuries. With sixteen years as a Bank staff and consultant, Berkman presents compelling evidence of deceptive reporting and lack of due diligence as billions of dollars are wasted every year on corrupt and negligent programs.

Using internal reports and memos, project documents and the Bank's Annual Reports as reference, Berkman demonstrates management's obsession with lending despite the high fiduciary risks involved. Taking the reader inside several project fraud investigations, he exposes the ease with which funds can be stolen from the Bank's portfolio, and the degree to which these thefts are ignored. Painting a picture of an institution that is run by a bloated bureaucracy, "The Gods of Lending" proposes changes that will rouse the Bank from its bureaucratic complacency and restore its central mission of alleviating poverty.

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.

Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalization
Inge Kaul (Editor), Pedro Conceicao (Editor), Katell Le Goulven (Editor), Ronald U. Mendoza (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Elaborating on the concepts first introduced in Global Public Goods, this book addresses the long overdue issue of how to adjust the concept of public goods to today's economic and political realities. The production of global public goods requires the orchestration of initiatives by a large number of diverse actors across different levels and sectors. It may require the collaboration of governments, business and civil society, and in most cases it almost certainly calls for an effective linkage of the local, national, regional, and global levels. In light of today's new realities, this book examines a series of managerial and political challenges that pertain to the design and implementation of production strategies and the monitoring and evaluation of global public goods provision. As participatory decision-making enhances the political support for - and thus the effectiveness of - certain policy decisions, this volume offers suggestions on a number of pragmatic policy reforms for bringing the global public more into public policy making on global issues. Nine case studies examine the importance of the global public good concept from the viewpoint of developing countries, exploring how and where the concerns of the poor and the rich overlap. Providing Global Public Goods offers important and timely suggestions on how to move in a more feasible and systematic way towards a fairer process of globalization that works in the interests of all.

Dark Logic: Transnational Criminal Tactics and Global Security
(Stanford Security Studies)
Robert Mandel (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Since the end of the Cold War, transnational non-state forces have been a major source of global instability, with many ominous and disruptive flows of people, goods, and services moving readily across international boundaries. And because these activities are so multifaceted and so intertwined within the fabric of society, they remain largely invisible until the intrusion is well-advanced and difficult to reverse. Thus, the threat posed by transnational organized crime ultimately undermines the total security of countries—including the economic, cultural, and political dimensions—and now presents an international security challenge of staggering proportions.

Surprisingly, no single book so far has fully addressed the scale of this threat to global stability from an international security perspective. In an attempt to rectify that failure, Dark Logic examines in depth when and how transnational organized crime is likely to use corruption and violence to achieve its ends, and when and how these criminal activities most affect individual and state security. Even more important, it pinpoints when and how the negative consequences of these tactics and activities can be most successfully combated. In so doing it provides a unique lens for analyzing today's global security dilemmas.

Given that the threat associated with transnational organized crime can endanger all citizens—from policy makers and security analysts to students, scholars, and the “man and woman on the street”—this book is written in an intelligible and jargon-free style to make it accessible to anyone interested in the ever-growing catalog of threats to national and international security.

Privatizing Pensions: The Transnational Campaign for Social Security Reform

Mitchell A. Orenstein (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

To what extent do international organizations, global policy networks, and transnational policy entrepreneurs influence domestic policy makers? Have we entered a new phase of globalization that, unbeknownst to most citizens, shapes policies that used to be the sole domain of domestic politics? *Privatizing Pensions* reveals how international institutions--such as the World Bank, USAID, and other transnational policy actors--have played a seminal role in the development, diffusion, and implementation of new pension reforms that are transforming the postwar social contract in more than thirty countries worldwide, including the United States.

Mitchell Orenstein shows how transnational actors have driven change in a policy area once thought to be beyond reform in many countries, and how they have done so by deploying their unique resources and legitimacy to promote new ideas, recruit disciples worldwide, and provide a broad range of technical assistance to government reformers over the long term. He demonstrates that while domestic decision makers may retain veto power over these reforms--which replace traditional social security with individual pension savings accounts--transnational policy makers play the role of “proposal actors,” shaping the information, preferences, and resources of their domestic clients.

*Privatizing Pensions* argues that even the most quintessentially domestic areas of policy have been thoroughly globalized, and that these international influences must be better understood.

The Monfort Plan: The New Architecture of Capitalism (Wiley Finance)
Jaime Pozuelo-Monfort (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The Monfort Plan is a five-year, forward looking plan to eradicate extreme poverty from the developing world, and details how microfinance has made a difference to developing countries. This book proposes a new institution based in the developing world with the potential to provide a basic, free, and universal service in the areas of water, sanitation, healthcare, and education to the extreme poor worldwide. The provision will be subject to a certain degree of conditionality in areas ranging from corruption to legal environment. The new institution will be established in a new international territory based within a specific country in Subsaharan Africa and will emerge in 2015.

In The Monfort Plan author Jaime Pozuelo-Monfort engineers and designs a solution to lessen the burden of poverty. In order to do so he relies on the social sciences to bring about innovation and forward looking economic policies and financial instruments in the context of a paradigm shift. This book presents a multidisciplinary approach to policymaking that combines a range of fields in the social sciences, looking at the history behind the Marshall Plan, the formation of the European Union, and the Bretton Woods Institutions, in order to determine how a Marshall Plan for Africa-and the creation of New Institutions in the developing world-could work. We live a moment of crisis in which creative policymaking might prove useful when proposing outcomes for a revitalized framework for capitalism to thrive and better serve the world.

- Walks you through the technicalities of the new architecture of capitalism in a straightforward manner
- Provides a holistic view of how microfinance combined with the right economic policies and financial instruments could help change the world for the poor
- Contains sweeping and detailed recommendations on how to build a new capitalist paradigm that helps elevate the poor and improve the human condition

http://www.amazon.com/The-Monfort-Plan-Architecture-Capitalism/dp/0470293632/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1335510184&sr=1-1
Government of the Shadows: Parapolitics and Criminal Sovereignty

Eric Wilson (Author), Tim Lindsey (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

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Leviathan Undone?: Towards a Political Economy of Scale
Roger Keil (Editor), Rianne Mahon (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description
Caught in the trap of the nation-state and frozen in postwar bloc logic, critical political economy has been found wanting when it comes to problematizing space and scale. Globalization and the rise of world cities and regions have shaken the discipline's foundations and fostered new interest in the concept of scale. *Leviathan Undone?* brings together leading theorists and scholars from a variety of disciplines to develop a new language to understand the spatial restructuring that has accompanied globalization. By treating scale as the core concept of our time, these innovative, groundbreaking essays bring a new sensibility to classical and contemporary concerns in Canadian and international political economy.

[http://www.amazon.com/Leviathan-Undone-Towards-Political-Economy/dp/0774816317/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1335518165&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Leviathan-Undone-Towards-Political-Economy/dp/0774816317/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1335518165&sr=1-1)
Building Strong Nonprofits: New Strategies for Growth and Sustainability

John Olberding (Author), Lisa Barnwell Williams (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A proven, strategic plan to help your nonprofit emerge from the 2008-2009 economic storm

Utilizing the extensive expertise of leading fundraising consulting firm Skystone Ryan's executive leadership team and managing consultants to explore and illuminate the most timely issues facing the philanthropic community, Building Strong Nonprofits: New Strategies for Growth and Sustainability identifies new opportunities to define the future of philanthropy.

- Includes notable contributors from the Skystone Ryan leadership team
- Analyzes the most potent trends and developments and interpret their implications for the future of philanthropy
- Offers eight to twelve essays, each by a different Skystone Ryan consultant with particular experience, insight, and expertise in the area

Building Strong Nonprofits: New Strategies for Growth and Sustainability is you, whether you are a nonprofit leader, executive director, board member, or development director, and are becoming aware that new organizational strategies are called for if the same old donors are not supportive in the same old ways.

Thinker, Faker, Spinner, Spy: Corporate PR and the Assault on Democracy
William Dinan (Author), David Miller (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Bringing together leading activists and writers from the US and beyond, this book unmasks the covert and undemocratic world of corporate spin.

Wherever big business is threatened, spin doctors, lobbyists, think tanks and front groups are on hand to push the corporate interest, often at the public's expense.

The public relations industry is not just about celebrity gossip. The authors show how PR techniques are in use across a wide range of political fields, driven by corporate interests. They reveal the secrets of the PR trade including deception, the use of fake "institutes", spying and dirty tricks. The impact can be devastating—when the public is denied access to the truth, the results are rising inequality and environmental catastrophe.

The book exposes the misdeeds of famous companies including BP, Coca Cola, British Aerospace, Exxon and Monsanto. It also reveals startling new information about the covert funding of various apparently independent think tanks and institutes.

What can we do about it? The authors offer a guide to concrete campaigns that will help to roll back corporate power and show us how to raise awareness about resisting deceptive PR.

http://www.amazon.com/Thinker-Faker-Spinner-Spy-Corporate/dp/0745324444/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1335751565&sr=1-1#
In July 1999, Canadian authorities intercepted four boats off the coast of British Columbia carrying nearly six hundred Chinese citizens who were being smuggled into Canada. Government officials held the migrants on a Canadian naval base, which it designated a port of entry. As one official later recounted to the author, the Chinese migrants entered a legal limbo, treated as though they were walking through a long tunnel of bureaucracy to reach Canadian soil.

The “long tunnel thesis” is the basis of Alison Mountz’s wide-ranging investigation into the power of states to change the relationship between geography and law as they negotiate border crossings. Mountz draws from many sources to argue that refugee-receiving states capitalize on crises generated by high-profile human smuggling events to implement restrictive measures designed to regulate migration. Whether states view themselves as powerful actors who can successfully exclude outsiders or as vulnerable actors in need of stronger policies to repel potential threats, they end up subverting access to human rights, altering laws, and extending power beyond their own borders.

Using examples from Canada, Australia, and the United States, Mountz demonstrates the centrality of space and place in efforts to control the fate of unwanted migrants.

http://www.amazon.com/Seeking-Asylum-Smuggling-Bureaucracy-Border/dp/0816665389/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1335754596&sr=1-1#
European Unions: Labor's Quest for a Transnational Democracy

Roland Erne (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Roland Erne’s view of transnational trade union networks challenges the assertion that no realistic prospect exists for remedying the European Union's democratic deficit—that is, its domination by corporate interests and lack of a cohesive European people. His book describes the emergence of a European trade union movement that crosses national boundaries. Erne assesses national and EU-level trade union politics in two core areas: wage bargaining in the European Monetary Union and job protection during transnational corporate mergers and restructuring. The wage coordination policies of the European metal and construction workers' unions and the unions' responses in the ABB-Alstom Power and Alcan-Pechiney-Algroup merger cases, Erne finds, show that the activities of labor are not confined to the national level: labor's policies have undergone Europeanization. This cross-national borrowing of tactics is itself proof of the increasing integration of European states and societies.

*European Unions* is based on an exceptionally wide range of research methods, including statistical analysis, participant observation, and interviews with EU-level, national, and local trade unionists and works councilors. It also draws on a wide range of European, German, French, Italian, and Swiss union documents and a multilingual body of academic literature across several disciplines, including political science, sociology, and law. Erne's multilevel inquiry goes beyond country-by-country comparisons of national cases and his book will prove of great relevance to readers interested in the future of labor, social justice, and democracy in an increasingly integrated world.

Muslim Spaces of Hope: Geographies as Possibility in Britain and the West
Richard Phillips  (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This book, by a collection of distinguished post-colonial critics, acknowledges but challenges the contemporary "Islamic problem" by asking the ways Muslims experience hope and share it with others. Assertions of difference are put on hold, suggestions of compatibility entertained. Assumptions that Muslims are non-liberal and anti-modern are challenged with evidence about their negotiations of liberalism and modernity. The increased scrutiny of Muslim identities replaces overtly racist ideas with ostensibly ethnic, cultural and religious categories within discourses of social difference. New divisions between Muslims and others echo colonial binaries of black and white, colonized and colonizer, within practices of divide and rule. this book speaks in the context of wider debates about social difference, oppression and liberation.

http://www.amazon.com/Muslim-Spaces-Hope-Geographies-Possibility/dp/1848133014/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1335755031&sr=1-1
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http://www.amazon.com/Government-Shadows-Parapolitics-Criminal-Sovereignty/dp/0745326234/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1335755404&sr=8-1
The Sustainable Company: How to Create Lasting Value through Social and Environmental Performance

Chris Laszlo (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

"This is not a book of fluff or feel-good case studies. It's a handbook for organizational change. The instructions are specific, potential pitfalls are highlighted, and the appendix provides a detailed discussion of outside evaluation tools." - GREEN MARKET REPORT

"The Sustainable Company offers some genuinely practical insights into what it really takes to improve stakeholder impacts." - ETHICAL CORPORATION

"Laszlo endeavors to translate social and environmental concerns into the language of marketing and corporate strategy...well-meaning executives will find much food for thought here." - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

"What Mr. Laszlo calls 'Planetary Ethics' or the integration of economic, environmental, social and high ethical objectives into long-term business strategy, is the new price of entry for corporate survival. Those who 'get' this and do it best will enjoy increasing shareholder value. I believe this book carries a critical message for today's corporate executives." - DEBORAH D. ANDERSON, PH.D., FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WORLDWIDE, THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

The Sustainable Company shows how to create value for shareholders while balancing responsibilities to society and the environment. Its step-by-step approach and tool-kit for managers make this book the solutions manual for the twenty-first-century manager.

As a result of the liberalization of the 1980s, the financial system has acquired a prominent role in developing economies. It is now conventional wisdom that 'financial liberalization' is the means to stimulate economic development. Investment Finance in Economic Development challenges this assumption and offers an alternative view. The book presents a post-Keynesian approach to the role of banks, financial markets and savings in economic development. It departs from the conventional belief that financial institutions are mere intermediaries between savers and investors, to show that banks have a key, active role in the process of investment finance and growth. Further, financial markets, as the loci of allocation of financial savings, are shown to have an important role in supporting financial stability during the process of growth.
Maha-Hanaan Balala (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Many of the principles prevalent in modern Islamic contract law and commercial practice remain the same as those outlined by the Qur’an and the Prophet Muhammad, and expounded by scholars of jurisprudence as far back as the 13th century, despite the advancement in time and sophistication of commercial interaction. Hanaan Balala here provides an analysis of the fundamental principles underlying Islamic law and commerce in comparison with their common law equivalents in the English-speaking world. She seeks to draw parallels (and differences where appropriate) to facilitate the growth and development of Islamic commercial and financial law worldwide.

http://www.amazon.com/Islamic-Finance-Law-Globalized-International/dp/184885076X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338458870&sr=1-1
Frequently Asked Questions in Islamic Finance
(The Wiley Finance Series)
Brian Kettell (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

In Frequently Asked Questions in Islamic Finance, industry expert Brian Kettell answers some of the most frequently asked questions from his many years experience in working and teaching in Islamic finance and banking. From knowledge of the Qur'an and Sharia'a Law, to new and old Islamic financial concepts, Islamic terms, and Islamic financial instruments and services, this book covers all the key areas that practitioners need to Islamic finance. The book addresses individual questions such as “what is Takaful?”, and provide answers with a clear overview of the product or service, and an example, or illustration where appropriate, of how they work in practice. The book also features a question and answer section for readers to test and build their knowledge of the area.

http://www.amazon.com/Frequently-Questions-Islamic-Finance-Series/dp/0470748605/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338459202&sr=1-1#
Current Issues in Islamic Banking and Finance: Resilience and Stability in the Present System

Angelo M. Venardos (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The phenomenal worldwide development over the past decade of Islamic banking and finance is drawing much attention to Southeast Asia, which, on the platform of its own economic growth success, is also proving to be the gateway for Middle Eastern petrodollar investments into the two great emerging markets of India and China.

This book provides a timely examination of the issues confronting this US$300-US$500 billion market growing at 15%-20% per annum, with reviews of the different financial markets, be they capital (Sukuk), retail or wealth management. It further includes reviews from the various jurisdictions including Malaysia (the front-runner), Singapore (the regional financial hub), Brunei (an offshore Islamic market player) and the sleeping giant, Indonesia, as well as newly emerging participants such as Japan and the United States. Contributors, all well-known leading practitioners in their fields, range from lawyers, accountants, bankers and educators to policy advisors, and come from institutions such as CIMB, Kuwait Finance House, OCBC Bank and PricewaterhouseCoopers, among others.

http://www.amazon.com/Current-Issues-Islamic-Banking-Finance/dp/9812833927/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338459360&sr=1-1
To truly understand the current interest in the development of Islamic banking and finance in South-East Asia, and how it is different from the conventional banking system, the author believes one must firstly understand the religious relationship originating from the Qur'an, and then trace the historical geographic and political developments of Islam over recent centuries. Only on this basis can the reader, without prejudice or cynicism, begin to appreciate the subject matter of Shari'ah Law and Islamic Jurisprudence that confronts the title of this book. With this platform established in the first part of the book, readers will begin to learn of the financial products and services offered, appreciate the challenges in their development, and ultimately recognize the significant opportunities that Islamic banking and finance can provide both Muslims and non-Muslims.
Islamic Banking: How to Manage Risk and Improve Profitability
(Wiley Finance)

Amr Mohamed El Tiby Ahmed (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A detailed look at the fast-growing field of Islamic finance and banking

The guiding principle of Islamic finance has existed throughout Islamic history, yet modern Islamic banking has been around for a relatively short period of time. Author Amr Mohamed El Tiby is an expert in this field, and with this new book, he reveals how you can benefit from the use of Islamic banking strategies in your financial endeavors.

Engaging and accessible, Islamic Banking shows the impact this approach has made on conventional banking since the 1950s, and why it's such a big player in the current market. It offers a unique look at various aspects of this field, including the salient features of Islamic banking that distinguishes it from non-Islamic banking, the development of the regulatory bodies and supervisory agencies that support the Islamic banking system, and much more. It also explores the nature of risk in Islamic banking and the issues of capital adequacy, corporate governance, transparency, and risk associated with Islamic banking.

- Discusses the history and development of Islamic finance
- Offers straightforward strategies for implementing Islamic finance into your business activities
- Sheds light on the effect of the global economic crisis on Islamic banks versus conventional banks

http://www.amazon.com/Islamic-Banking-Improve-Profitability-Finance/dp/0470880236/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1338459810&sr=1-1
Project Finance in Construction: A Structured Guide to Assessment

Tony Merna (Author), Yang Chu (Author), Faisal F. Al-Thani (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Project finance has spread worldwide and includes numerous industrial projects from power stations and waste-disposal plants to telecommunication facilities, bridges, tunnels, railway networks, and now also the building of hospitals, education facilities, government accommodation and tourist facilities. Despite financial assessment of PF projects being fundamental to the lender's decision, there is little understanding of how the use of finance is perceived by individual stakeholders; why and how a financial assessment is performed; who should be involved; where and when it should be performed; what data should be used; and how financial assessments should be presented. Current uncertainty in financial markets makes many sponsors of construction project financings carefully consider bank liquidity, the higher cost of finance, and general uncertainty for demand. This has resulted in the postponement of a number of projects in certain industry sectors. Governments have seen tax receipts drastically reduced which has affected their ability to finance infrastructure projects, often irrespective of the perceived demand. Equity providers still seek to invest, however there are less opportunities due to market dislocation. Due to the demand for global infrastructure it is believed that project financings will return to their pre-crunch levels, or more so, however lenders’ liquidity costs will be passed on to the borrowers. Lenders will also be under stricter regulation both internally and externally. The steps outlined in the guide are designed to provide a basic understanding for all those involved or interested in both structuring and assessing project financings. Secondary contracts involving constructors, operators, finance providers, suppliers and offtakers can be developed and assessed to determine their commercial viability over a project's life cycle.

Special Features

- A structured guide to assessing the commercial viability of construction projects
- Explains economic metrics to use in the decision making process
- Detailed case study shows how stakeholders apply the concept of project finance

http://www.amazon.com/Project-Finance-Construction-Structured-Assessment/dp/1444334778/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338461095&sr=1-1
Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This book provides an analysis of how commercial and banking disputes can be settled under the Islamic regime for arbitration. The work focuses on the Saudi legal system as representative of Shari'a law in commercial and banking arbitration, and where relevant, makes comparisons with the settlement of banking disputes in Egypt and the UAE. "Shari'a Law in Commercial and Banking Arbitration" provides a general introduction to the Saudi law and to the main principles and sources of Islamic Shari'a, on which Saudi law is based. It explores uncertainties resulting from the current system, such as the payment of interest, and examines possible alternative remedies for both domestic and international banking arbitration. It will be key reading for anyone interested in business and commercial law.

http://www.amazon.com/Sharia-Law-Commercial-Banking-Arbitration/dp/1409403777/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1338461362&sr=1-1
Dynamism in Islamic Activism: Reference Points for Democratization and Human Rights (WRR)
The Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Though the media frequently cover tensions surrounding radical Muslim communities within Western countries, coverage and understanding of similar tensions within Muslim nations themselves are far more limited. This study of the Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy analyzes developments in Islamic beliefs, political activism, society and law in twelve Islamic countries since the 1970s. *Dynamism in Islamic Activism* is a penetrating, timely study that helps citizens and policy makers look beyond simplistic, stereotypical understandings of Islamic societies.

Makers of Contemporary Islam
John L. Esposito (Author), John Voll (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description
In this timely and important work, John Esposito and John Voll explore the development of contemporary Islamic movements and thought through the biographies of nine major activist intellectuals who represent a wide range of Muslim societies. Many Muslims have combined revivalist activism with intellectual efforts, but only a few have achieved significant international visibility and influence. By examining the lives and work of nine such internationally recognized figures, Esposito and Voll provide a new understanding of the intellectual foundations of contemporary Islamic awareness and politics. Included are profiles of: Ismail Ragi al-Faruqi (U.S./Palestine), Khurshid Ahmad (India/Pakistan), Maryam Jameelah (U.S./Pakistan), Hasan Hanafi (Sudan), Rashid Ghannoushi (Tunisia), Hasan al-Turabi (Sudan), Abdolkarim Soroush (Iran), Anwar Ibrahim (Malaysia), and Abdurrahman Wahid (Indonesia).

These thinkers contributed to some of the most significant intellectual and activist developments in the Muslim world during the 1980s and 1990s—the period during which Islamic movements became a major force in Muslim societies and international affairs. They helped to organize and lead the movements of Islamic renewal and provided the conceptual foundations for the programs those movements advocate. Together, they represent a distinctive phase in the evolution of Islamic thinking: the ongoing effort to create an effective synthesis of modernity and Islamic tradition. Their work supplies the core of the Islamic resurgence of the 1990s and the foundation for what it can become in the twenty-first century.

http://www.amazon.com/Makers-Contemporary-Islam-John-Esposito/dp/0195141288/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1338461876&sr=1-1
Although the importance of infrastructure sectors in achieving economic growth and poverty reduction is well established, raising debt and equity capital for infrastructure development and service provision has been a challenge for developing countries. Risk mitigation instruments facilitate the mobilization of commercial debt and equity capital by transferring risks that private financiers would not be willing to take to third-party official and private institutions that are capable of taking such risks. There has been increasing interest and discussion on risk mitigation instruments in the context of infrastructure financing among developing country governments, multi- and bilateral donors, and the private sector. However, due to the complex and diverse nature of risk mitigation instruments, what they can and cannot offer and how they can best be utilized for infrastructure financing are not well understood.

This book summarizes existing risk mitigation instruments - primarily focusing on those offered by multilateral and bilateral official agencies - and presents recent trends and developments that make these guarantee and insurance products valuable in securing financing for infrastructure projects in developing countries. Topics covered include descriptions of different types of risk mitigation instruments, characteristics of multilateral, bilateral, and private providers of risk mitigation instruments, and compatibility of instruments. Recent developments and innovative applications of risk mitigation instruments through case transactions areas that pose challenges to the use of risk mitigation instruments as catalysts of infrastructure development. This book will be of particular interest to readers working in business and finance, law and regulation, and infrastructure projects and finance.

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Catastrophe Risk Financing in Developing Countries: Principles for Public Intervention

J. David Cummins (Author), Olivier Mahul (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Catastrophe Risk Financing in Developing Countries provides a detailed analysis of the imperfections and inefficiencies that impede the emergence of competitive catastrophe risk markets in developing countries. The book demonstrates how donors and international financial institutions can assist governments in middle- and low-income countries in promoting effective and affordable catastrophe risk financing solutions. The authors set out guiding principles on how and when the governments, with assistance from donors and international financial institutions, should intervene in catastrophe insurance markets. They also identify key activities to be undertaken by donors and institutions that would allow middle- and low-income countries to develop competitive and cost-effective catastrophe risk financing strategies at both the macro (government) and micro (household) levels. These principles and activities are expected to inform good practice and ensure desirable results in catastrophe insurance projects. Catastrophe Risk Financing in Developing Countries offers valuable advice and guidelines to policy makers and insurance practitioners involved in the development of catastrophe insurance programs in developing countries.

http://www.amazon.com/Catastrophe-Risk-Financing-Developing-Countries/dp/0821377361/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1343025692&sr=1-1&keywords=Catastrophe+Risk+Financing+in+Developing+Countries+%3A+Principles+for+Public+Intervention
Mental Health Financing
(Mental Health Policy and Service Guidance Package)
World Health Organization (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Financing is a critical factor in the implementation of a viable mental health system. This module provides guidance on how to assess current financing mechanisms for mental health, maximize the resource base for mental health and make the best use of available funds to promote mental health reforms.

Also available: WHO Mental Health Policy and Service Guidance Package--14 modules

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Mental Health Policy, Plans and Programmes. Updated version
Mental Health Context
Advocacy for Mental Health
Quality Improvement for Mental Health
Organization of Services for Mental Health
Planning and Budgeting to Deliver Services for Mental Health
Mental Health Legislation and Human Rights
Mental Health Policies and Programmes in the Workplace
Mental Health Information Systems
Human Resources and Training in Mental Health
Monitoring and Evaluation of Mental Health Policies and Plans

http://www.amazon.com/Mental-Financing-Service-Guidance-Package/dp/9241545933/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1343025750&sr=1-1&keywords=Mental+Health+Financing%3A+Mental+Health+Policy+and+Service+Guidance+Package
The Legal Considerations in Business Financing: A Guide for Corporate Management
Alan S. Gutterman (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This comprehensive guide to all the essential legal and business considerations in financing the business activities of the modern corporation. Readers are provided with a clear and concise introduction to the legal and contractual framework that governs the major capital raising transactions in which a firm might be involved, with a particular emphasis upon the federal and state securities laws. An indispensable resource for consummating any private investment transaction, public offering, or commercial loan transaction, as well as dealing with disclosure requirements, the structuring of underwriting arrangements, and complying with public company responsibilities. Intended for entrepreneurs and managers at firms of all sizes.

http://www.amazon.com/Legal-Considerations-Business-Financing-
Management/dp/089930799X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&qid=1343026203&sr=1-
1&keywords=Legal+Considerations+in+Business+Financing+%3A+A+Guide+for+Corporate+Management
An essential guide to venture capital

Studies have shown that venture capital backed entrepreneurial firms are on average significantly more successful than non-venture capital backed entrepreneurial firms in terms of innovativeness, profitability, and share price performance upon going public. Understanding the various aspects of venture capital is something anyone in any industry should be familiar with.

This reliable resource provides a comprehensive view of venture capital by describing the current state of research and best practices in this arena. Issues addressed include sources of capital—such as angel investment, corporate funds, and government funds—financial contracts and monitoring, and the efficiency implications of VC investment, to name a few.

- Opens with a review of alternative forms of venture capital
- Highlights the structure of venture capital investments
- Examines the role venture capitalists play in adding value to their investee firms

This informative guide will help you discover the true potential of venture capital.

Raising Capital: Get the Money You Need to Grow Your Business
Andrew J. Sherman (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

"Whether your business is just a gleam in your eye, a newly launched operation, or a full-fledged firm that's humming right along, you'll never experience real growth without a substantial infusion of cash. Long gone are the days when venture capital groups seemed to pour millions into every "next big thing." Now it's clear that there is real competition for investors, and that only the most viable businesses -- and carefully executed fundraising -- will reap the capital necessary to drive continuous growth. Raising Capital is the definitive guide for entrepreneurs and growing companies that need to raise capital. The book covers every phase of the growth cycle, and provides tools for building business plans, preparing loan proposals, drafting offering materials, and much more. Now in its second edition, Raising Capital includes a wide variety of updates to reflect the realities of the post-dot-com bust, new trends in private equity markets, and the impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, a crucial piece of legislation that establishes new corporate governance requirements in the wake of high-profile accounting scandals. The book takes you through every stage of the capital process, and provides a bevy of alternatives to evaluate in determining your company's capital strategy. The four parts cover: * Getting Ready to Raise Capital: capital-formation strategies, plus recent trends; understanding legal and governance structures and how they affect your ability to raise and use capital; and the role your business plan plays in securing capital * Early-Stage Financing: start-up financing; "bootstrapping," or doing less with more at a stage in your business where "cash is king"; private placements versus commercial lending; leasing, factoring, and government programs * Growth Financing: strategies for obtaining venture capital; how venture capital transactions work; preparing for and executing an initial public offering (IPO) * Alternatives to Traditional Financing: franchising, joint ventures, co-branding, licensing, and other strategic alliances; mergers and acquisitions; plus the Capital Formation Business Growth Resources Directory Raising Capital provides a huge selection of checklists, charts, sample forms to expedite the capital formation process, and the author relates eye-opening "war stories" and perspectives from the investor's side of the table that will help you avoid pitfalls and guide your business confidently through every growth stage. Featuring comprehensive coverage of all recognized capital strategies, this timely book will help you navigate the murky (and often rough) waters of capital formation."

Innovative Financing for Development
Suhas Ketkar (Editor), Dilip Ratha (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Developing countries need additional, cross-border capital channeled into their private sectors to generate employment and growth, reduce poverty, and meet the other Millennium Development Goals. Innovative financing mechanisms are necessary to make this happen. ‘Innovative Financing for Development’ is the first book on this subject that uses a market-based approach. It compiles pioneering methods of raising development finance including securitization of future flow receivables, diaspora bonds, and GDP-indexed bonds. It also highlights the role of shadow sovereign ratings in facilitating access to international capital markets. It argues that poor countries, especially those in Sub-Saharan Africa, can potentially raise tens of billions of dollars annually through these instruments. The chapters in the book focus on the structures of the various innovative financing mechanisms, their track records and potential for tapping international capital markets, the constraints limiting their use, and policy measures that governments and international institutions can implement to alleviate these constraints.

Following the Money: U.S. Finance in the World Economy
Anne Y. Kester (Author), Panel on International Capital Transactions (Author), National Research Council (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Many questions have been raised about America's status in the increasingly interconnected global economy. Yet key facts - such as the amount of foreign assets abroad owned by U.S. citizens - are not known. The crucial data needed to assess the U.S. position are unavailable. This volume explores significant shortcomings in U.S. data on international capital transactions and their implications for policymakers. The volume offers clearcut recommendations for U.S. agencies to bring data collection and analyses of the global economy into the twenty-first century. The volume explores: how factors emerging since the early 1980s have shaped world financial markets and revealed shortcomings in data collection and analysis; how the existing U.S. data system works and where it fails; how measurements of international financial transactions are recorded; and how swaps, options, and futures present special reporting problems; and how alternative methods, such as collecting data, from sources such as global custodians and international clearinghouses, might improve coverage and accuracy.

http://www.amazon.com/Following-Money-Finance-World-Economy/dp/0309048834/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1343033222&sr=1-1&keywords=Following+the+Money%3A+U.S.+Finance+in+the+World+Economy
Guide to Producing National Health Accounts: With Special Applications for Low-income and Middle-income Countries

*World Health Organization* (Author)

**Editorial Reviews**

**Product Description**

National health accounts are a powerful and practical tool for policy-makers interested in evaluating and restructuring their nation's health care financing and in developing and assessing financial interventions to improve people's health. This Guide to producing national health accounts, with special applications for low-income and middle-income countries, provides practical help in developing this socioeconomic information. Jointly sponsored by the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the United States Agency for International Development, the Guide pulls together the experience and expertise of long-time practitioners in the field to help the reader lay out the framework for a set of accounts. It walks the reader through the process of acquiring and evaluating data and provides step-by-step examples of how to turn raw numbers into information useful for policy analysis and development. Be they first-time health accountants looking for guidance or experienced practitioners looking for a good reference manual, readers will find the Guide to be a welcome addition to their toolkit.

Smart Financial Management: The Essential Reference for the Successful Small Business
William W. Sihler (Author), Richard D. Crawford (Author), Henry A. Davis (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Long on practical guidance while refreshingly short on math, Smart Financial Management helps owners and managers of small businesses solve everyday financial dilemmas and avoid potential problems. Readers will learn valuable and practical financial analysis techniques, as well as how to project future financial needs and identify possible sources of funding; manage receivables, inventory and equipment investments; and how to structure and develop the business soundly and legally. In addition, they'll: *
* Gain an understanding of the financial challenges unique to a growing enterprise -- and how to meet them
* Improve communications with financial and legal advisors
* Learn to identify new sources of equity and nonequity capital

With a field-focused methodology and user-friendly tools, Smart Financial Management will help any small business manage its requirements more effectively.

Capital Structure and Corporate Financing Decisions: Theory, Evidence, and Practice

H. Kent Baker (Author), Gerald S. Martin (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A comprehensive guide to making better capital structure and corporate financing decisions in today's dynamic business environment

Given the dramatic changes that have recently occurred in the economy, the topic of capital structure and corporate financing decisions is critically important. The fact is that firms need to constantly revisit their portfolio of debt, equity, and hybrid securities to finance assets, operations, and future growth.

*Capital Structure and Corporate Financing Decisions* provides an in-depth examination of critical capital structure topics, including discussions of basic capital structure components, key theories and practices, and practical application in an increasingly complex corporate world. Throughout, the book emphasizes how a sound capital structure simultaneously minimizes the firm's cost of capital and maximizes the value to shareholders.

- Offers a strategic focus that allows you to understand how financing decisions relates to a firm's overall corporate policy
- Consists of contributed chapters from both academics and experienced professionals, offering a variety of perspectives and a rich interplay of ideas
- Contains information from survey research describing actual financial practices of firms

This valuable resource takes a practical approach to capital structure by discussing why various theories make sense and how firms use them to solve problems and create wealth. In the wake of the recent financial crisis, the insights found here are essential to excelling in today's volatile business environment.

Business Knowledge for IT in Islamic Finance
Corporation Essvale (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Industry experts are predicting that the growth of the Islamic Finance industry will exceed 20 per cent per annum. Other experts believe that in the future, the Islamic Finance industry could become a major competitor to the conventional finance industry. Islamic Finance is expected spread beyond Muslim countries - as seen in Europe where it has already made considerable headway in the UK, Germany and Switzerland. "Business Knowledge for IT in Islamic Finance" deals with the convergence of business and IT in the Islamic finance industry and is designed to provide the platform for IT professionals to exploit the future demand for talent in this industry. The chapters in this book contain information on the fundamentals of Islamic finance, the features that sets the Islamic finance industry apart form the mainstream finance industry, a number of the prohibitions and business ethics in Islamic Finance, overview of business transactions and the legal process underpinning these transactions; major players in the Islamic Finance world; and, major systems from notable vendors used for lending, financing, capital markets transactions and insurance in the Islamic finance space. "Business Knowledge for IT in Islamic Finance" is an invaluable handbook for professionals working in the Islamic Finance and crossovers. It is targeted at IT professionals such as: project managers; application developers; development managers; test managers; business analysts; data analysts; systems analysts; test analysts; support analysts; database administrators; and, HR staff responsible for IT recruitment.

The Handbook of Insurance-Linked Securities
(The Wiley Finance Series)
Pauline Barrieu (Editor), Luca Albertini (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

"Luca Albertini and Pauline Barrieu are to be congratulated on this volume. Written in a period where structured projects in finance are having a difficult time, it is worthwhile to return to the cradle of securitisation: insurance. Spread out over three parts (life, non-life, and tax and regulatory issues) the 26 chapters, written mainly by practitioners, give an excellent overview of this challenging field of modern insurance. Methodology and examples nicely go hand in hand. The overall slant being towards actual analyses of concrete products. No doubt this book will become a milestone going forward for actuarial students, researchers, regulators and practitioners alike."
—Paul Embrechts, Professor of Mathematics and Director of RiskLab, ETH Zurich

The convergence of insurance with the capital markets has opened up an alternative channel for insurers to transfer risk, raise capital and optimize their regulatory reserves as well as offering institutions a source of relatively liquid investment with limited correlation with other exposures. One of the financial instruments allowing for the cession of insurance-related risks to the capital markets is Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS). This book provides hands-on information essential for market participants, drawing on the insights and expertise of an impressive team of international market players, representing the various aspects and perspectives of this growing sector. The book presents the state of the art in Insurance-Linked Securitization, by exploring the various roles for the different parties involved in the transactions, the motivation for the transaction sponsors, the potential inherent pitfalls, the latest developments and transaction structures and the key challenges faced by the market. The book is organized into parts, each covering a specific topic or sector of the market. After a general overview of the ILS market, the Insurance-Linked Securitization process is studied in detail. A distinction is made between non-life and life securitization, due to the specificities of each sector. The process and all the actors involved are identified and considered in a comprehensive and systematic way. The concepts are first looked at in a general way, before the analysis of relevant case studies where the ILS technology is applied.

International Private Equity
Eli Talmor (Author), Florin Vasvari (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Bringing a unique joint practitioner and academic perspective to the topic, this is the only available text on private equity truly international in focus. Examples are drawn from Europe the Middle East, Africa and America with major case studies from a wide range of business sectors, from the prestigious collection of the London Business School’s Coller Institute of Private Equity. Much more than a simple case book, however, *International Private Equity* provides a valuable overview of the private equity industry and uses the studies to exemplify all stages of the deal process, and to illustrate such key topics as investing in emerging markets; each chapter guides the reader with an authoritative narrative on the topic treated. Covering all the main aspects of the private equity model, the book includes treatment of fund raising, fund structuring, fund performance measurement, private equity valuation, due diligence, modeling of leveraged buyout transactions, and harvesting of private equity investments.

Islamic Finance has experienced rapid growth in recent years, showing significant innovation and sophistication, and producing a broad range of investment products which are not limited to the complete replication of conventional fixed-income instruments, derivatives and fund structures. Islamic Finance represents an elemental departure from traditional interest-based and speculative practices, relying instead on real economic transactions, such as trade, investment based on profit sharing, and other solidary ways of doing business, and aims to incorporate Islamic principles, such as social justice, ecology and kindness, to create investment products and financial markets which are both ethical and sustainable. Products created according to Islamic principles have shown a low correlation to other market segments and are relatively independent even from market turbulences like the subprime crisis. Therefore, they have become increasingly popular with secular Muslims and non-Muslim investors, as highly useful alternative investments for the diversification of portfolios. In Islamic Capital Markets: Products and Strategies, international experts on Islamic Finance and Sharia’a Law focus on the most imminent issues surrounding the evolution of Islamic capital markets and the development of Sharia’a-compliant products. The book is separated into four parts, covering:

- General concepts and legal issues, including Rahn concepts in Saudi Arabia, the Sharia’a process in product development and the integration of social responsibility in financial communities;
- Global Islamic capital market trends, such as the evolution of Takaful products and the past, present and future of Islamic derivatives;
- National and regional experiences, from the world’s largest Islamic financial market, Malaysia, to Islamic finance in other countries, including Germany, France and the US;
- Learning from Islamic finance after the global financial crisis; analysis of the risks and strengths of Islamic capital markets compared to the conventional system, financial engineering from an Islamic perspective, Sharia’a-compliant equity investments and Islamic microfinance.

On September 15, 2008, Lehman Brothers, the fourth largest U.S. investment bank filed for bankruptcy. Global credit markets tightened. Spreads skyrocketed. International trade plummeted by double digits. Banks were reportedly unable to meet the demand from their customers to finance their international trade operations, leaving a trade finance “gap” estimated at around US$25 billion. Governments and international institutions felt compelled to intervene based on the information that some 80-90 percent of world trade relies on some form of trade finance. As the recovery unfolds, the time has come to provide policy makers and analysts with a comprehensive assessment of the role of trade finance in the 2008-09 great trade collapse and the subsequent role of governments and institutions to help restore trade finance markets.

After reviewing the underpinning of trade finance and interfirm trade credit, "Trade Finance during the Great Trade Collapse" aims to answer the following questions:

- Was the availability and cost of trade finance a major constraint on trade during the 2008-09 global economic crisis?
- What are the underpinnings and limits of national and international public interventions in support of trade finance markets in times of crisis?
- How effective were the public and private sector mechanisms put in place during the crisis to support trade and trade finance?
- To what extent have the new banking regulations under Basel II and Basel III exacerbated the trade finance shortfall during the crisis and in the post-crisis environment, respectively?

Essentials of Working Capital Management (Essentials Series)

James Sagner (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

A comprehensive primer for executives and managers on working capital management

With limited access to credit and short term funding, it is increasingly important that companies focus on working capital management to free up funds and optimize liquidity. Written in the easy-to-follow Essentials Series style, Essentials of Working Capital Management covers the main components of working capital.

- Covers the latest trends around working capital
- Discusses a range of working capital topics, including cash management, banking relations, accounts receivable, inventory, accounts payable, and foreign exchange
- Analyzes the efficient utilization of current assets and liabilities of a business through each phase of the operating cycle
- Examines the planning, monitoring, and management of the company's collections, disbursements and concentration banking
- Explores the gathering and management of information and forecast data to effectively use funds and identify risk

Focused on how businesses can continue to be successful in these difficult times, specifically in relation to the limited credit available to businesses, this book puts practical guidance at your fingertips so you can put them to work right away. A comprehensive case introduces each major section of the book, and suggested solutions are included in a book appendix.

Private Capital Markets: Valuation, Capitalization, and Transfer of Private Business Interests + Website (Wiley Finance)

Robert T. Slee (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Praise for Private Capital Markets Valuation, Capitalization, and Transfer of Private Business Interests

"In the years since publication of the first edition of Private Capital Markets, the concepts and ideas that it presents have been widely accepted by progressive members of the business valuation community. Now with the Second Edition, author Rob Slee has included empirical data on capital markets for midsized businesses. This book remains a must for everyone involved in appraising, buying, selling, or financing privately owned businesses."—Raymond C. Miles, founder, The Institute of Business Appraisers

"The Graziadio School of Business has used the Private Capital Markets book for several years with great success. This course, along with the Pepperdine Private Capital Markets Survey project, has helped our students better prepare for careers in middle market companies."—Linda Livingstone, Dean of the Graziadio School of Business and Management, Pepperdine University

"Our international association of independent M&A professionals recommends this text as the most comprehensive foundation for understanding the private capital marketplace. This book is essential reading for middle market M&A advisors, investors, and other decision-makers in the private capital markets."—Mike Nall, founder, Alliance of M&A Advisors

A practical road map for making sound investment and financing decisions based on real experiences and market needs. Now fully revised and in a second edition, Private Capital Markets provides lawyers, accountants, bankers, estate planners, intermediaries, and other professionals with a workable framework for making sound investment and financing decisions based on their own needs and experiences.

This landmark resource covers:

- Private business valuation
- Middle market capital sources
- The business ownership transfer spectrum
- And much more

Regional Financial Cooperation

Jose Antonio Ocampo (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Using the experience of postwar Western Europe as a benchmark, Jos? Antonio Ocampo and his colleagues assess how regional financial institutions can help developing countries -- often at a disadvantage within the global financial framework -- finance their investment needs, counteract the volatility of private capital flows, and make their voices heard. The 1997 Asian financial crisis generated extensive debate on the international financial architecture. Through this discussion, it became clear that services by financial institutions -- including adequate mechanisms for preventing and managing financial crises, and instruments for safeguarding global macroeconomic and financial stability -- are undersupplied. Furthermore, private international capital markets provide finance to developing countries in a way that effectively reduces the ability of those nations to undertake countercyclical macroeconomic policies. International capital markets ration out many developing countries, particularly the poorest, from private global capital markets. While these deficiencies in the financial architecture are clear, the post-1997 debate has done little to evaluate the role that regional institutions could play in improving global financial arrangements. Regional Financial Cooperation aims to fill that important gap. Contributors include Ernest Aryeetey (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana), Georges Corm (Saint Joseph University, Beirut), Roy Culpeper (North-South Institute, Ottawa), Ana Teresa Fuzzo de Lima (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex), Stephany Griffith-Jones (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex), Julia Leung (Hong Kong Monetary Authority), Jos? Luis Machinea (ECLAC), Jae Ha Park (Korean Institute of Finance), Yung Chul Park (Korea University), Fernando Prada (FORO Nacital/International, Lima), Guillermo Rozenwurcel (School of Politics and Government, University of San Martin, Argentina), Francisco Sagasti (FORO Nacional/Internacional, Programa Agenda: Peru), Kanit Sangsubhan (Fiscal Policy Research Institute of Thailand), Alfred Steinherr (European Investment Bank, Luxembourg and University of Bozen-Bolzano), Daniel Titelman (ECLAC), and Charles Wyplosz (Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, and Center for Economic Policy Research)

Transforming the Development Landscape: The Role of the Private Sector
Lael Brainard (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Private sector activity is crucial for development. It shapes the investment climate, mobilizes innovation and financing in areas such as global health, and can either cause or mitigate social and environmental harm. Yet so far, the international development debate has not focused on the role of the private sector. This volume, written by members of the private sector, philanthropic organizations, and academia, investigates ways to galvanize the private sector in the fight against global poverty. Using a bottom-up approach, they describe how the private sector affects growth and poverty alleviation. They also review the impediments to private capital investment, and discuss various approaches to risk mitigation, including public sector enhancements, and identify some specific new plans for financing development in neglected markets, including an equity-based model for financing small-to-medium-sized enterprises. From the top-down, the authors look at the social and environmental impact of private sector activities, investigate public-private partnerships, explore new perspectives on the role of multinationals, and discuss an in-depth case study of these issues as they relate to global public health. In addition to providing a broad overview of the current issues, this forward-looking volume assesses the action-oriented initiatives that already exist, and provides templates and suggestions for new initiatives and partnerships. Contributors include David DeFerranti (Brookings Institution), Timothy Freundlich (Calvert Social Investment Foundation), Ross Levine (World Bank), Sylvia Mathews (Gates Foundation), Jane Nelson (Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government), Alan Patricof (APAX Partners), Warrick Smith (World Bank), and Julie Sunderland (APAX Partners).

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Financing Energy Efficiency: Lessons from Brazil, China, India, and Beyond

Robert P. Taylor (Author), Chandrasekar Govindarajalu (Author), Jeremy Levin (Author), Anke S. Meyer (Author), William A. Ward (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This book summarizes the lessons learned from practical recent experiences of implementing energy efficiency projects in China, India, Brazil and other countries. They are based on the findings of a multi-year project financed by the United Nations Foundation. The book makes the point that institutional mechanisms must be created or strengthened to capture the opportunities for energy efficiency investments. The numerous case studies of recently implemented energy efficiency programs and projects which form the second part of the book illustrate the adaptation of various financial mechanisms (lending through commercial banks, partial-risk loan guarantee programs, development finance institutions and special revolving funds, energy service companies and utility demand-side management programs) within differing country institutional contexts and the innovative deal structuring that allow energy efficiency investments to go forward. Based on the experiences from several innovative knowledge-sharing exchanges between bankers and energy efficiency service providers of the three countries, the book emphasizes the need for establishing and maintaining practical and operationally focused dialogue between those two groups of actors. It also stresses the importance of strategic government support in addition to investment financing and project development support from international financial institutions.

http://www.amazon.com/Financing-Energy-Efficiency-Lessons-Brazil/dp/0821373048/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1344570437&sr=1-1&keywords=Financing+Energy+Efficiency+%3A+Lessons+from+Brazil%2C+China%2C+India%2C+and+Beyond
China's Local Public Finance in Transition
Joyce Yanyun Man (Editor), Yu-Hung Hong (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

China's economy has developed rapidly following the 1978 implementation of economic reforms that facilitated investment, expanded trade, and introduced market mechanisms and practices. However, reforms of China's public finances have proceeded more slowly and with less publicity. The major reform (a tax sharing system) implemented in 1994 shifted a large share of fiscal revenues from local governments to the central government, but did not substantially reassign expenditure responsibilities back to the center. Following the 1994 reform, local governments had 46 percent of revenues but responsibility for 77 percent of public expenditures. This revenue shortfall motivated local governments to exploit new sources, and revenue from the conversion of land from rural to urban use has been one of the most important extra-budgetary sources. Conversion involves compensating farmers for their land based on its agricultural use value, and then converting the land to urban use and selling it for development at a much higher value. The difference in land values accrues to the local government. The revenue from land sales has been a major source of funding for investment in infrastructure capital, often required to provide services to the newly converted urban land. In areas where urban land is in short supply revenues have been significant, and the incentive to produce more revenue has led to excessive land conversions. This practice has created low-density development in the periphery of some metropolitan areas while leaving large areas of urbanized land undeveloped. Three major policy options explored in this volume can address the underlying imbalance between revenues and expenditures at the local level in China: (1) institute new sources of local revenue, such as a property tax; (2) reform and enhance revenue transfers from the central government to local governments, a promising approach that could also address cross-provincial disparities; and (3) revisit the assignment of expenditure responsibilities from local governments to the central government to align revenues and expenditures at the same level. The end result is likely to be a mix of all three options as part of an incremental reform. This book presents the proceedings of a conference cosponsored by the Lincoln Institute and the Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy in May 2008, plus two additional chapters. It will be a valuable resource for government officials, public finance practitioners, academic researchers, university faculty and students, and others concerned with government tax and expenditure policies and practices in China. This volume will be translated into Chinese and published in association with the Peking-Lincoln Center in Beijing.

http://www.amazon.com/Chinas-Local-Public-Finance-Transition/dp/1558442014/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1344570725&sr=1-1&keywords=China%27s+Local+Public+Finance+in+Transition
Financial Sector Assessment: A Handbook

World Bank (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In the wake of the financial crises of the late 1990s, there was a surge of interest in the systematic assessment of financial sectors, with a view to identifying vulnerabilities and evaluating the sector’s developmental needs. Consequently, there has been an increased demand from financial sector authorities in many countries for information on key issues and sound practices in the assessment of financial systems and the appropriate design of policy responses. In response, Financial Sector Assessment presents a general analytical framework and broad guidance on approaches, methodologies and key techniques for assessing the stability and development needs of financial systems. It synthesizes current global sound practices in financial sector assessment.

Improving Health, Nutrition and Population Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of the World Bank
(Sub-Saharan Africa and the World Bank)
World Bank (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description
In recent years, the focus in many developing regions is increasingly moving away from communicable disease, where as Africa continues to face a high burden of communicable disease, malnutrition, and fertility. At the same time, the ways in which the World Bank operates are changing—increasingly countries define their own priorities, resources are provided through programmatic approaches, and the Bank is focusing more on sharing knowledge, policy advice, research and analysis. This book takes an in-depth look at health, nutrition, and population challenges faced by Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly how disease, malnutrition, and high fertility affect poverty reduction. The authors contend that the World Bank has a comparative advantage in contributing within four broad areas: 1. macroeconomics and health, 2. multisectoral action for health, 3. strengthening health systems, and 4. financing service delivery. They also address the opportunities and challenges within these four areas and conclude with suggestions on how the Bank can better operate within the sector and work effectively with partners.

The Art of Capital Restructuring: Creating Shareholder Value through Mergers and Acquisitions (Robert W. Kolb Series)
H. Kent Baker (Editor), Halil Kiymaz (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The most up-to-date guide on making the right capital restructuring moves

The Art of Capital Restructuring provides a fresh look at the current state of mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring around the world. The dynamic nature of M&As requires an evolving understanding of the field, and this book considers several different forms of physical restructuring such as divestitures as well as financial restructuring, which refers to alterations in the capital structure of the firm.

The Art of Capital Restructuring not only explains the financial aspects of these transactions but also examines legal, regulatory, tax, ethical, social, and behavioral considerations. In addition to this timely information, coverage also includes discussion of basic concepts, motives, strategies, and techniques as well as their application to increasingly complex, real-world situations.

- Emphasizes best practices that lead to M&A success
- Contains important and relevant research studies based on recent developments in the field
- Comprised of contributed chapters from both experienced professionals and academics, offering a variety of perspectives and a rich interplay of ideas

Skillfully blending theory with practice, this book will put you in a better position to make the right decisions with regard to capital restructuring in today's dynamic business world.

http://www.amazon.com/Art-Capital-Restructuring-Shareholder-Acquisitions/dp/0470569514/ref=sr_1_1/?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1344581419&sr=1-1&keywords=Art+of+Corporate+Restructuring+%3A+Creating+Shareholder+Value+Through+Mergers+and+Acquisitions
Islamic finance is emerging as a rapidly growing part of the financial sector in the Islamic world and is not restricted to Islamic countries, but is spreading wherever there is a sizable Muslim community. According to some estimates, more than 250 financial institutions in over 45 countries practice some form of Islamic finance, and the industry has been growing at a rate of more than 5 percent annually for the past several years.

http://www.amazon.com/Analysis-Islamic-Banks-Zamir-Iqbal/dp/082137141X/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1344581988&sr=8-1&keywords=Risk+Analysis+for+Islamic+Banks
Reliable information on how health service strategies affect the poor is in short supply. In an attempt to redress the imbalance, Improving Health Service Delivery in Developing Countries presents evidence on strategies for strengthening health service delivery, based on systematic reviews of the literature, quantitative and qualitative analyses of existing data, and seven country case studies. The authors also explore how changes in coverage of different health services affect each other on the national level. Finally, the authors explain why setting international targets for health services has been not been successful and offer an alternative approach based on a specific country's experience. The book's findings are clear and hopeful: There are many ways to improve health services. Measuring change and using information to guide decisions and inform stakeholders are critically important for successful implementation. Asking difficult questions, using information intelligently, and involving key stakeholders and institutions are central to the learning and doing practices that underlie successful health service delivery.

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Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The literature on growth and poverty is voluminous and still evolving. This title distills the most important lessons from developing countries experience with growth and poverty. It provides a broad understanding of the impact of economic policies on growth and poverty reduction in developing countries. After describing basic economic relationships that summarize the workings and the measurement of the macroeconomy and after confirming that growth is the most critical factor in alleviating poverty the book turns to individual policy areas. These include the various roles of government, among them setting fiscal policy and maintaining an environment conducive to the effective operation of a market economy. Policies governing money supply, exchange rates, and the financial sector are also covered. After assessing several decades of experience with development assistance, the aim of which has been to place poor countries on a path of sustainable long-run growth, the study turns to a discussion of external debt. In the 1980s and 1990s, debt contracted by low-income countries from commercial and official sources became unsustainable, crippling their growth, keeping millions in poverty, and forcing an international reappraisal of lending policies, the centerpiece of which was a set of debt-forgiveness policies that was put forward with the launch of the Jubilee 2000 debt relief campaign. The remainder of the volume examines problems that can keep the poor from moving out of poverty. Trade, institutional development, regulation, education, health, labor markets, land and agriculture, natural resources, urbanization, technology, and politics all are core components of public policy and need to be handled right if poverty is to be addressed effectively. Because many developing countries lack the capacity to mobilize resources administrative and financial to move the poor out of poverty, the international community must be actively involved. Looking ahead, rates of growth and poverty will be determined by how nations use knowledge, technology, and energy in firms and households, and by the effects of the warming climate on economic activities. Above all, the distribution of political and economic power within and among countries will determine the direction and dynamics of growth and development.

The Complete CFO Handbook: From Accounting to Accountability

Frank J. Fabozzi CFA (Author), Pamela Peterson Drake (Author), Ralph S. Polimeni (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This must-have reference covers all of the major areas of cost accounting and analysis including product costing, relevant costs, cost-volume analysis, performance evaluation, transfer pricing, and capital budgeting.

- Includes methods of reorganizing, classifying, allocating, aggregating, and reporting actual costs and comparing them with standard costs.
- Equips experienced cost accountants with a reference tool and students with a thorough textbook.
- Provides numerous examples, succinct language, chapter review, glossary, and appendices.
- Includes an abundance of exercises, many of which are based on exam questions from the CPA and CMA exams.

Establishing Private Health Care Facilities in Developing Countries: A Guide for Medical Entrepreneurs (WBI Development Studies)

Seung-Hee Nah (Author), Egbe Osifo-Dawodu (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

This book is a practical guide for medical professionals with little or no business experience who are interested in establishing health care facilities in developing countries. It is an introduction to the kinds of basic research and planning required to identify viable solutions and reduce the risk of failure.

Regional Financial Cooperation
Jose Antonio Ocampo (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Using the experience of postwar Western Europe as a benchmark, Jos? Antonio Ocampo and his colleagues assess how regional financial institutions can help developing countries -- often at a disadvantage within the global financial framework -- finance their investment needs, counteract the volatility of private capital flows, and make their voices heard. The 1997 Asian financial crisis generated extensive debate on the international financial architecture. Through this discussion, it became clear that services by financial institutions -- including adequate mechanisms for preventing and managing financial crises, and instruments for safeguarding global macroeconomic and financial stability -- are undersupplied. Furthermore, private international capital markets provide finance to developing countries in a way that effectively reduces the ability of those nations to undertake countercyclical macroeconomic policies. International capital markets ration out many developing countries, particularly the poorest, from private global capital markets. While these deficiencies in the financial architecture are clear, the post-1997 debate has done little to evaluate the role that regional institutions could play in improving global financial arrangements. Regional Financial Cooperation aims to fill that important gap. Contributors include Ernest Aryeetey (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana), Georges Corm (Saint Joseph University, Beirut), Roy Culpeper (North-South Institute, Ottawa), Ana Teresa Fuzzo de Lima (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex), Stephany Griffith-Jones (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex), Julia Leung (Hong Kong Monetary Authority), Jos? Luis Machinea (ECLAC), Jae Ha Park (Korean Institute of Finance), Yung Chul Park (Korean University), Fernando Prada (FORO Nacioonal/Internacional, Lima), Guillermo Rozenwurcel (School of Politics and Government, University of San Martin, Argentina), Francisco Sagasti (FORO Nacional/Internacional, Programa Agenda: Peru), Kanit Sangsubhan (Fiscal Policy Research Institute of Thailand), Alfred Steinherr (European Investment Bank, Luxembourg and University of Bozen-Bolzano), Daniel Titelman (ECLAC), and Charles Wyplosz (Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, and Center for Economic Policy Research).

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Private Capital Markets: Valuation, Capitalization, and Transfer of Private Business Interests + Website

Robert T. Slee (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Praise for Private Capital Markets

Valuation, Capitalization, and Transfer of Private Business Interests

"In the years since publication of the first edition of Private Capital Markets, the concepts and ideas that it presents have been widely accepted by progressive members of the business valuation community. Now with the Second Edition, author Rob Slee has included empirical data on capital markets for midsized businesses. This book remains a must for everyone involved in appraising, buying, selling, or financing privately owned businesses."—Raymond C. Miles, founder, The Institute of Business Appraisers

"The Graziadio School of Business has used the Private Capital Markets book for several years with great success. This course, along with the Pepperdine Private Capital Markets Survey project, has helped our students better prepare for careers in middle market companies."—Linda Livingstone, Dean of the Graziadio School of Business and Management, Pepperdine University

"Our international association of independent M&A professionals recommends this text as the most comprehensive foundation for understanding the private capital marketplace. This book is essential reading for middle market M&A advisors, investors, and other decision-makers in the private capital markets."—Mike Nall, founder, Alliance of M&A Advisors

A practical road map for making sound investment and financing decisions based on real experiences and market needs. Now fully revised and in a second edition, Private Capital Markets provides lawyers, accountants, bankers, estate planners, intermediaries, and other professionals with a workable framework for making sound investment and financing decisions based on their own needs and experiences.

The Art of Capital Restructuring: Creating Shareholder Value through Mergers and Acquisitions (Robert W. Kolb Series in Finance)

H. Kent Baker (Editor), Halil Kiymaz (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The Art of Capital Restructuring provides a fresh look at the current state of mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring around the world. The dynamic nature of M&As requires an evolving understanding of the field, and this book considers several different forms of physical restructuring such as divestitures as well as financial restructuring, which refers to alterations in the capital structure of the firm.

The Art of Capital Restructuring not only explains the financial aspects of these transactions but also examines legal, regulatory, tax, ethical, social, and behavioral considerations. In addition to this timely information, coverage also includes discussion of basic concepts, motives, strategies, and techniques as well as their application to increasingly complex, real-world situations.

- Emphasizes best practices that lead to M&A success
- Contains important and relevant research studies based on recent developments in the field
- Comprised of contributed chapters from both experienced professionals and academics, offering a variety of perspectives and a rich interplay of ideas

Skillfully blending theory with practice, this book will put you in a better position to make the right decisions with regard to capital restructuring in today's dynamic business world.

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Reliable information on how health service strategies affect the poor is in short supply. In an attempt to redress the imbalance, Improving Health Service Delivery in Developing Countries presents evidence on strategies for strengthening health service delivery, based on systematic reviews of the literature, quantitative and qualitative analyses of existing data, and seven country case studies. The authors also explore how changes in coverage of different health services affect each other on the national level. Finally, the authors explain why setting international targets for health services has been not been successful and offer an alternative approach based on a specific country's experience. The book's findings are clear and hopeful: There are many ways to improve health services. Measuring change and using information to guide decisions and inform stakeholders are critically important for successful implementation. Asking difficult questions, using information intelligently, and involving key stakeholders and institutions are central to the learning and doing practices that underlie successful health service delivery.
Debt Relief Initiatives (Global Finance)
Marco Arnone (Author), Andrea F. Presbitero (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Arnone and Presbitero analyze the design and the implementation of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, by pointing out its main drawbacks and suggesting a different approach to debt sustainability and debt relief programs. The international community bears large costs to finance debt relief programs, so an efficient use of these resources should require a careful cost-benefit analysis. In particular, the destination of a large share of scarce resources to a limited number of countries. These countries lack the basic infrastructures and institutions to trigger economic growth. This study provides background concepts and a review of recent debt crises in developing countries, focusing on the last decade and providing figures and descriptive evidence of debt accumulation and debt relief in HIPCs. It deals with debt sustainability and analyzes the evolution of domestic debt in developing countries, following the design of the HIPC Initiative. Furthermore, this book looks at the potential effects of domestic debt on economic growth and investigates the possible risks arising from fast-growing internal debt in HIPC countries, selectively reviewing the existing literature and also presenting new evidence.

Establishing Private Health Care Facilities in Developing Countries: A Guide for Medical Entrepreneurs (WBI Development Studies)
Seung-Hee Nah (Author), Egbe Osifo-Dawodu (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This book is a practical guide for medical professionals with little or no business experience who are interested in establishing health care facilities in developing countries. It is an introduction to the kinds of basic research and planning required to identify viable solutions and reduce the risk of failure.

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

An introductory guide to the world of finance

*The Basics of Finance* is an accessible book for those who want to gain a better understanding of this field, but lack a strong business background. It covers essential concepts, tools, methods, and strategies in finance without delving too far into theory.

Written by the experienced author team of Frank Fabozzi and Pamela Peterson Drake, this reliable resource discusses everything from financial instruments and markets to portfolio management techniques, understanding and analyzing financial statements, and different types of corporate financial strategy, planning, and policy.

- Explores, in a basic way, topics such as cash flow analysis, asset valuation, capital budgeting, and derivatives
- Provides a solid foundation in the field of finance, which you can quickly build upon
- Explains concepts in various areas of finance without getting too complicated

*The Basics of Finance* offers essential guidance on financial markets and institutions, corporate finance, portfolio management, risk management, and much more. If you're looking to learn more about finance, this is the best place to start.

Global Development Horizons 2011: Multipolarity - The New Global Economy
World Bank (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Transition to a new world order with more diffuse distribution of economic power is under way. This first edition of a new World Bank flagship report, Global Development Horizons 2011, focuses on three major international economic trends: the shift in the balance of global growth from developed to emerging economies, the rise of emerging-market firms as a force in global business, and the evolution of the international monetary system toward a multicurrency regime.

Pursuit of growth opportunities on a global level has meant that the international presence of emerging-market firms in cross-border production, trade, and finance has been on the rise for some time. Emerging and developing counties accounted for 46 percent of international trade flows in 2010, up from 30 percent in 1995. Cross-border mergers and acquisitions originated by firms based in emerging markets represent nearly one-third of global M&A transactions. The risk of investing in emerging economies has declined dramatically, while emerging economies’ financial assets and wealth have expanded: emerging and developing countries now hold three-fourth of all official foreign exchange reserves.

Despite the large, rapidly growing size of emerging economies and the expanding international presence of emerging-market firms, the role of emerging economies in the international monetary system remains relatively insignificant. No emerging-market currency is used to a great extent in holding official reserves, invoicing goods and services, denominating international claims, or anchoring exchange rates. Virtually all developing countries are exposed to currency mismatch risk in their international trade, investment, and financing transactions. But it appears that this too will change in the coming years. Smoothing the transition to a multipolar monetary environment will be high on the agenda of policy makers, who will face major decisions about whether fundamental reform of the rules of the international monetary system is in order.

Taxation of Financial Intermediation: Theory and Practice for Emerging Economies (Directions in Development)

Patrick Honohan (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This volume examines the possibilities and pitfalls to successful financial sector tax reform from theoretical, empirical and practical perspectives. It explores the possibilities and limitations of "big ideas" such as removal of all capital income taxation, the application of VAT to financial services or heavy reliance on financial transactions taxes. The risks of attempting to use financial sector taxes as corrective instruments are stressed. Two defensive criteria are advanced as key: making the financial tax system as arbitrage- and inflation-proof as is practicable. Each commissioned essay develops a distinct aspect of the area. Theoretical chapters model the impact of taxes on intermediaries, the design of optimal tax schemes, the role of imperfect information and the relationship with saving. Current practice in the industrial world and case studies of distorted national systems provide an empirical underpinning. Finally, experience with several of the main practical issues is discussed in chapters ranging from the income tax treatment of intermediary loan-loss reserves, the VAT, financial transactions taxes, deposit insurance and inflation. Contributors are distinguished academics and practitioners.


Richard M. Contino (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

"Equipment leasing is one of the most complex aspects of business finance in existence, involving sophisticated concepts often understood only by experts. Consequently, business executives and purchasing professionals often fail to maximize their leverage in signing leases, or opt instead to purchase equipment outright at staggering costs.

Combining the author’s Handbook of Equipment Leasing with the tools from his Complete Book of Equipment Leasing Agreements, Forms, Worksheets, and Checklists, this comprehensive volume provides the legal, financial, and business background essential for evaluating, negotiating, and documenting successful equipment lease transactions. This invaluable resource for lessors and lessees answers questions like:

* How does the leasing marketplace really work?

* What is the best way for a company to solicit lease bids?

* What economic and tax risks does a lessor face?

* When is leasing a poor choice?

The book also addresses crucial issues like profit strategies, forming and running a leasing company, and the leasing of equipment in the growing international market."

Global Development Finance 2005: Mobilizing Finance and Managing Vulnerability

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Global Development Finance 2005 I: Analysis and Statistical Appendix addresses two key challenges in development finance: first, how to raise resources flowing to low-income countries, which are heavily constrained in their access to market-based finance. Second, how to manage the vulnerability inherent in developing countries' access to finance -- vulnerability stemming from changes in the global macro environment, as well as from shifting donor priorities (affecting aid and concessional finance) and changing debt dynamics in developing countries. Global Development Finance 2005 II: Summary and Country Tables includes a comprehensive set of tables of data for 136 countries that report under the World Bank Debtor Reporting System, as well as summary data for regions and income groups. It contains data on total external debt stocks and flows, aggregates, and key debt ratios, and provides a detailed, country-by-country picture of debt. Global Development Finance 2005 (Single User CD-ROM), provides you with more than 200 historical time series from 1970 to 2003, and country group estimates for 2004. Data is available for 136 countries that report under the World Bank Debtor Reporting System, as well as summary data for regions and income groups. It contains data on total external debt stocks and flows, aggregates, and key debt ratios, and provides a detailed, country-by-country picture of debt. The CD-ROM system requires Windows 98 or NT 4.0 or later, 20 MB of available hard disk space, 32 MB of RAM, and 2 MB of video memory. 64 K color video display recommended. Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher and sound card optional.

Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective
(Sociology for a New Century)

Philip McMichael (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

In his Fifth Edition of Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective, author Philip McMichael examines the project of globalization and its instabilities (climate, energy, food, financial crises) through the lens of development and its origins in the colonial project. The book continues to help students make sense of a complex world in transition and explains how globalization became part of public discourse. Filled with case studies, this text makes the intricacies of globalization concrete, meaningful, and clear for students and moves them away from simple social evolutionary views, encouraging them to connect social change, development policies, global inequalities and social movements. The book challenges students to see themselves as global citizens whose consumption decisions have real social and ecological implications.

Global Institutions, Marginalization and Development
(RIPE Series in Global Political Economy)
Craig N. Murphy (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

For more than a century and a half, the most powerful national governments have created institutions of multilateral governance that promise to make a more inclusive world, a world serving women, working people, the colonized, the 'backward', the destitute, and the despised.

This groundbreaking book is a study of that promise, and of the real impact of this world government. It discusses what systems global institutions have, and have not done to keep their promise, and examines whether the system will serve the world's least-advantaged, or marginalize them further.

This book focuses on whether it is the 'economists and political philosophers of the rich', or the social movements of the disadvantaged that are most likely to influence the world's lawmakers, and the processes by which they will complete the next generation of multilateral institutions.

An innovative study, this book is important reading for anyone with an interest in international political economy, global governance, development and the politics of north-south relations.

Economic Development Finance
Karl F. Seidman (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Economic Development Finance is a comprehensive and in-depth presentation of private, public, and community financial institutions, policies and methods for financing local and regional economic development projects. The treatment of policies and program models emphasizes their applications and impact, key design and management issues, and best practices. A separate section addresses critical management issues for development finance programs: program and product design, the lending and investment process, and capital management. Case studies are included throughout the book to help readers develop their skills and apply policies and tools to real practice issues. A glossary of finance terms is also included.

Getting Finance in South Asia 2010: Indicators and Analysis of the Commercial Banking Sector

Kiatchai Sophastienphong (Author), Anoma Kulathunga (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Utilizing standardized indicators from 2001 to 2008, Getting Finance in South Asia 2010 analyzes the financial performance and soundness of commercial banks in eight South Asian countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. While the indicators cannot predict the onset of a financial crisis, their analysis has identified specific weaknesses in regional financial sectors that should be addressed by the supervisory authorities.

In this current edition of the annual Getting Finance publication, two new development dimensions -- payment systems developments and savings mobilization -- have been added to the six dimensions covered in the previous edition: access to finance, performance and efficiency, financial stability, market concentration and competitiveness, capital market development, and corporate governance. This edition also expands the country coverage to include Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives. New benchmark countries have also been added, including emerging countries from outside OECD.

In addition to analyzing the Getting Finance indicators, the book also discusses the challenges facing South Asian banks and the impact of the global financial crisis on their operations. The new material in this edition enables readers to have a more holistic perspective of the indicators in South Asia and a better understanding of the financial systems in the region.

Getting Finance Indicators 2010 reaffirms the World Bank’s commitment to working with developing member countries to promote financial sector development and create financial systems that are sound, stable, supportive of growth and responsive to people’s needs.
The Great Recession and Developing Countries: Economic Impact and Growth Prospects

Mustapha K. Nabli (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The 2008–09 financial crisis, which originated in the United States and rapidly spread to the rest of the world, resulting in the most severe and intense Great Recession since World War II, has posed new challenges for international policy coordination and the management of national economies. Questions are being raised about globalization, which has been a powerful engine of economic growth over the past three decades but exposes countries to more volatility and increases risk. What policies and reforms increase the resilience of developing economies to such external shocks? Which institutional arrangements and policy frameworks would allow them to respond most quickly and effectively? What role is there for international policy coordination and for emerging economies?

The Great Recession and Developing Countries delves into 10 country case studies that explore growth during the precrisis boom, the effects of the crisis, policy responses, and recovery. Looking beyond the crisis, the volume undertakes projections of medium-term growth and explores the possible impact of the global crisis. The use of a common methodology in preparing the case studies facilitates cross-country comparisons and helps draw some useful lessons as well as identify areas where more study is needed. Although the case studies do not constitute a statistically representative global sample, they illustrate a broad range of experiences in the wake of the Great Recession—covering Brazil, China, Ethiopia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey, and Vietnam—and give insights on how developing countries can best prepare and respond to such crises. A synthesis chapter establishes the overall framework, provides a summary of the global crisis and its effects on the countries studied, and draws lessons from the 10 country studies. This book will be of particular interest to development practitioners, policy makers, and academics.

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Investment Project Design: A Guide to Financial and Economic Analysis with Constraints
Lech Kurowski (Author), David Sussman (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Make more informed project investment decisions by knowing what issues to examine in the planning process and how to analyze their impacts.

Poor or insufficient planning is primarily responsible for the inordinate number of idle and rusting capital facilities around the world, with investment decisions often made on the basis of either intuition or inadequate analysis. Investment Project Design: A Guide to Financial and Economic Analysis with Constraints alerts potential investors and other stakeholders to precipitous changes in the investment milieu as a result of constraints on resources and infrastructure, economic and political turmoil, and population growth. The guide:

• Includes descriptions of specific methods of financial and economic analysis for new investments and for expansion of an existing enterprise
• Covers project risk assessment, mitigation and avoidance
• Provides real-life case studies, adapted for presentation, and addresses the design of projects large and small, as well as those in both private and public sectors
• Features spreadsheet layouts and computations

Investment Project Design is the ultimate resource in the methods of designing and appraising investment projects.

Economics and Finance for Engineers and Planners: Managing Infrastructure and Natural Resources
Neil S. Grigg (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Civil engineers who design, construct, or manage infrastructure or environmental systems often find themselves facing decisions that involve factors outside technical and engineering requirements: Can a transportation system be made more sustainable? How can we balance environmental demands with available financing? How can priorities for building and repairing water systems be established in light of limited resources? Economics and Finance for Engineers and Planners: Managing Infrastructure and Natural Resources presents the core issues of economics and finance that relate directly to the work of civil engineers, construction managers, and public works and utility officials. This book answers the practical questions that confront engineers involved in infrastructure, natural resources, and the environment. It explains the economic forces, reviews financial methods, and offers the management tools necessary for civil and environmental engineers to be successful. This book will be an invaluable resource for civil and environmental engineers, construction managers, public works and utility officials, and anyone involved in the economics and finance of planning and management.

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Infrastructure/dp/0784409749/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1350962734&sr=1-
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Natural+Resources
In the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, governments worldwide undertook massive fiscal interventions to stave off what otherwise would have likely been a system-wide financial and economic meltdown. The policy responses engendered significant shifts in growth trajectories and debt sustainability outlooks of both mature and developing economies. For Low Income Countries, post-crisis debt sustainability analyses show an average deterioration of 5-7 percentage points in the present value of public debt-to-GDP ratio in 2009-10 compared with pre-crisis projections, and stay in the area of 30 percent until 2014. Among the LICs, 40 percent face high risk of (or are in) debt distress. In the G20 countries, government debt-to-GDP ratios are expected reach 85 percent by 2014.

The magnitude of public liabilities incurred and the uncertainty surrounding the exit from unprecedented discretionary fiscal stimulus have become a major source of concern about a future crisis. Will the current stringent financial conditions lead to a wave of sovereign debt problems around the world? Or will countries, given their stronger fundamentals compared with previous crises’ episodes, successfully muddle through the crisis?

The objective of the book is to present and discuss policy-relevant research on the current debt challenges which developing, emerging market, and developed economies face. Its value added lies in the integrated approach of drawing on theoretical research and evidence from practitioners’ experience in developing, emerging market, and developed countries.

The study is partially funded by the Debt Management Facility for Low-Income Countries. Contributors involve World Bank staff, other international and multilateral institutions, external researchers.

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H. Kent Baker (Editor), Philip English (Editor)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

An essential guide to valuation techniques and financial analysis

With the collapse of the economy and financial systems, many institutions are reevaluating what they are willing to spend money on. Project valuation is key to both cost effectiveness measures and shareholder value.

The purpose of this book is to provide a comprehensive examination of critical capital budgeting topics. Coverage extends from discussing basic concepts, principles, and techniques to their application to increasingly complex, real-world situations. Throughout, the book emphasizes how financially sound capital budgeting facilitates the process of value creation and discusses why various theories make sense and how firms can use them to solve problems and create wealth.

• Offers a strategic focus on the application of various techniques and approaches related to a firm's overall strategy
• Provides coverage of international topics based on the premise that managers should view business from a global perspective
• Emphasizes the importance of using real options

Comprised of contributed chapters from both experienced professionals and academics, Capital Budgeting Valuation offers a variety of perspectives and a rich interplay of ideas related to this important financial discipline.


John Silvia

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

A comprehensive analysis of the macroeconomic and financial forces altering the economic landscape

Financial decision-making requires one to anticipate how their decision will not only affect their business, but also the economic environment. Unfortunately, all too often, both private and public sector decision-makers view their decisions as one-off responses and fail to see their decisions within the context of an evolving decision-making framework.

In Decision-Making in a Dynamic Economic Setting, John Silvia, Chief Economist of Wells Fargo and one of the top 5 economic forecasters according to Bloomberg News and USA Today, skillfully puts this discipline in perspective.

- Details realistic, decision-making approaches and applications under a broad set of economic scenarios
- Analyzes monetary policy and addresses the impact of financial regulations
- Examines business cycles and how to identify economic trends, how to deal with uncertainty and manage risk, the building blocks of growth, and strategies for innovation

Decision-Making in a Dynamic Economic Setting details the real-world application of economic principles and financial strategy in making better business decisions.

Financial Services Firms: Governance, Regulations, Valuations, Mergers, and Acquisitions
Zabihollah Rezaee (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Financial Institutions, Valuations, Mergers and Acquisitions, Third Edition presents a new regulatory framework for financial institutions in the post-bailout era.

- Provides valuable guidance to assess risks, measure performance and conduct valuations processes to create shareholder value
- Covers the protection of other stakeholders, including customers, regulators, government, and consumers
- Offers an up-to-date understanding of financial institutions, their challenges, and their opportunities in the post-Sarbanes-Oxley era

Over the past decade, substantial changes have taken place in the structure and range of products and services provided by the financial services industry. Get current coverage of these changes that have transformed both traditional organizations such as banks, thrifts, and insurance companies, as well as securities providers, asset management companies and financial holding companies with the up-to-the-minute coverage found in Financial Institutions, Valuations, Mergers and Acquisitions, Third Edition.

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Bailouts or Bail-Ins: Responding to Financial Crises in Emerging Markets

Nouriel Roubini (Author), Nouriel Roubini (Author), Brad Setser (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Roughly once a year, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, the U.S. treasury secretary and in some cases the finance ministers of other G-7 countries will get a call from the finance minister of a large emerging market economy. The emerging market finance minister will indicate that the country is rapidly running out of foreign reserves, that it has lost access to international capital markets and, perhaps, that it has lost the confidence of its own citizens. Without a rescue loan, it will be forced to devalue its currency and default either on its government debt or on loans to the country's banks that the government has guaranteed. This book looks at these situations and the options available to alleviate the problem. It argues for a policy that recognizes that every crisis is different and that different cases need to be handled within a framework that provides consistency and predictability to borrowing countries as well as those who invest in their debt.

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Regulation of Securities, Markets, and Transactions: A Guide to the New Environment
Patrick S. Collins  (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The ultimate guide to the current rules and regulations that govern the securities industry?including amendments in 2010

Providing readers with expert coverage of domestic securities regulation, this book fills the need for coverage of securities regulations, defining, describing, and explaining everything professionals need to know about domestic securities regulation.

- Examines the current securities rules
- Provides an overview of the latest regulations for this industry
- Includes a description of the various government regulations of securities markets, and securities transactions

Since the corporate scandals of 2002, this industry has seen intense scrutiny of how it is regulated. Regulation of Securities, Markets, and Transactions demystifies the new laws and regulations with straightforward, to-the-point coverage professionals need.

The Economics and Financing of Media Companies: Second Edition
Robert G. Picard (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

In this updated and expanded edition of the acclaimed Economics and Financing of Media Companies, leading economist and media specialist Robert G. Picard employs business concepts and analyses to explore the operations and activities of media firms and the forces and issues affecting them. Picard has added new examples and new data, and he covers such emerging areas as the economics of digital media. Using contemporary examples from American and global media companies, the book contains a wealth of information, including useful charts and tables, important for both those who work in and study media industries. It goes beyond simplistic explanations to show how various internal and external forces direct and constrain decisions in media firms and the implications of the forces on the type of media and content offered today.

China's economic reforms over the past two decades have brought tremendous economic transformation, rapid growth, and closer integration into the global economy. Real income per capita has increased fivefold, raising millions of Chinese out of poverty. Despite these achievements, difficult reforms--involving the state-owned enterprises and the financial sector--must still be completed, while social pressures from rising unemployment and income inequalities need to be addressed. China's recent accession to the World Trade Organization will bring benefits but will also impose obligations on the economy, and could prove to be a watershed for the reform process. China: Competing in the Global Economy looks at the country's reform process, its past successes and future challenges.

http://www.amazon.com/China-Competing-Economy-Wanda-Tseng/dp/1589061780/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1354695634&sr=1-1&keywords=China%3A+Competing+in+the+Global+Economy
Achieving Sustainable Communities in a Global Economy: Alternative Private Strategies and Public Policies
Ralph D. Christy (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This important book explores alternative strategies in agricultural and rural development to address the impacts of globalization processes on smallholder agriculturalists and marginalized rural people. Its goal is twofold: (1) to identify and assess the key processes by which globalization is affecting the smallholder agricultural and rural sectors; and (2) to identify and propose both micro- and macro-level policies and other strategies to deal with the problems that arise. This volume presents writings of leading scholars and practitioners working in the private and public sectors. Their work focuses on major crosscutting issues in the developing world and on country-specific case studies.

Social Capital: A Multifaceted Perspective
Ismail Serageldin (Editor), Partha Dasgupta (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This book provides an account of the current understanding of social capital. It covers both theoretical and empirical studies, and the concept is debated throughout. Also included in this volume is the classic 1987 article by the late James Coleman, 'Social Capital in the Creation of Human Capital', which formed the basis for the development of social capital as an organizing concept in the social sciences. The volume is divided into areas that cover the analytical foundations and institutional and statistical analyses of social capital.


Otaviano Canuto (Editor), Marcelo M. Giugale (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

The 2008–09 global financial crisis shook the ground under the conventional wisdom that had guided mainstream development economics. Much of what had been held as true for decades is now open to reexamination—from what the role of governments should be in markets to which countries will be the engines of the world’s economy, from what people need to leave poverty to what businesses need to stay competitive.

Development economists look into the future. They do not just ask how things work today, but how a new policy, program, or project would make them work tomorrow. They view the world and history as a learning process—past and present are inputs into thinking about what is coming. It is that appetite for a vision of the future that led the authors of The Day After Tomorrow: A Handbook on the Future of Economic Policy in the Developing World to invite some 40 development economists, most of them from the World Bank’s Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network—an epicenter of the profession—to report what they see on the horizon of their technical disciplines and of their geographic areas of specialization.

The disconcerting but exciting search for a new intellectual compact has begun. To help guide the discussion, The Day After Tomorrow: A Handbook on the Future of Economic Policy in the Developing World puts forth four key messages:

- While the developed world gets its house in order, and macroeconomics and finance achieve a new consensus, developing countries will become a (perhaps the) growth engine for the world. Faster technological learning and more South-South integration will fuel that engine.
- Governments in developing countries will be better—they may even begin to earn the trust of their people.
- A new, smarter generation of social policy will bring the end of poverty within reach, but the attainment of equality is another matter.
- Many regions of the developing world will break out of their “developing” status and will graduate into something akin to “newly developed.” Africa will eventually join that group. Others, like Eastern Europe, have a legacy of problems to address before such a transition.

While some regions will do better than others, and some technical areas will be clearer than others, there is no question that the horizon of economic policy for developing countries is promising—risky, yes, but promising. The rebalancing of global growth toward, at the very least, a multiplicity of engines, will give the developing world a new relevance.
Aquaculture Economics and Financing: Management and Analysis

Carole R. Engle (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Aquaculture Economics and Financing: Management and Analysis provides a detailed and specific set of guidelines for using economic and financial analysis in aquaculture production. By discussing key issues such as how to finance and plan new aquaculture business, how to monitor and evaluate economic performance, and how to manage capital, labor, and business risk, the book equips aquaculture professionals, researchers, and students with important information applicable to a wide range of business decisions.

Chapters address each stage of developing an aquaculture business, including financing, marketing, and developing a business plan to managing cash flows and analyzing financial statements. Each chapter includes a detailed example of practical application taken from every-day experience. Written in straightforward terminology facilitating ready application, Aquaculture Economics and Financing: Management and Analysis is an essential tool for analyzing and improving financial performance of aquaculture operations.

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Analysis/dp/0813813018/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1354698027&sr=1-
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The Designer's Atlas of Sustainability: Charting the Conceptual Landscape through Economy, Ecology, and Culture

Ann Thorpe (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Designing for sustainability is an innovation shaping both the design industry and design education today. Yet architects, product designers, and other key professionals in this new field have so far lacked a resource that addresses their sensibilities and concerns. The Designer's Atlas of Sustainability now explores the basic principles, concepts, and practice of sustainable design in a visually sophisticated and engaging style. The book tackles not only the ecological aspects of sustainable design-designers’ choice of materials and manufacturing processes have a tremendous impact on the natural world—but also the economic and cultural elements involved.

The Atlas is neither a how-to manual nor collection of recipes for sustainable design, but a compendium of fresh approaches to sustainability that designers can incorporate into daily thinking and practice. Illuminating many facets of this exciting field, the book offers ideas on how to harmonize human and natural systems, and then explores practical options for making the business of design more supportive of long-term sustainability. An examination of the ethical dimensions of sustainable development in our public and private lives is the theme present throughout. Like other kinds of atlases, The Designer's Atlas of Sustainability illustrates its subject, but it goes far beyond its visual appeal, stimulating design solutions for "development that cultivates environmental and social conditions that will support human well-being indefinitely."

Globalizing Responsibility: The Political Rationalities of Ethical Consumption

Clive Barnett (Author), Paul Cloke (Author), Nick Clarke (Author), Alice Malpass (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

*Globalizing Responsibility: The Political Rationalities of Ethical Consumption* presents an innovative reinterpretation of the forces that have shaped the remarkable growth of ethical consumption.

- Develops a theoretically informed new approach to shape our understanding of the pragmatic nature of ethical action in consumption processes
- Provides empirical research on everyday consumers, social networks, and campaigns
- Fills a gap in research on the topic with its distinctive focus on fair trade consumption
- Locates ethical consumption within a range of social theoretical debates -on neoliberalism, governmentality, and globalisation
- Challenges the moralism of much of the analysis of ethical consumption, which sees it as a retreat from proper citizenly politics and an expression of individualised consumerism

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Transgender Employment Experiences: Gendered Perceptions and the Law
Kyla Bender-Baird (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

Brings together the workplace experiences of transgender people with an assessment of current policy protections. The complex and changing state of policy protections for transgender communities practically requires trans people to become legal experts just to navigate their everyday lives. It also simultaneously offers a window of opportunity for legal advocates to shape new laws and policies based on the lived experiences of trans people. Using personal interviews, legal case histories, and transgender theory, Transgender Employment Experiences combines policy analysis with the lived experiences of twenty transgender-identified employees, showing how worker protections that should exist under the Civil Rights Act are instead systematically undermined in the case of many transgender employees. Rather than focusing solely on negative experiences, however, Kyla Bender-Baird also highlights the positive experiences her respondents had coming out at work, illustrating examples of best practices in response to transitioning. Bender-Baird covers many forms of discrimination that transgender workers face, such as harassment, gender-based dress codes, income-related inequities, bathroom policies, and background checks. Drawing from this analysis, she argues for protections for gender expression in policy decisions, legislative efforts, and for a multipronged approach to workplace discrimination. With its effective balance of personal stories and legal guidance, this book is a much-needed resource for those in the field of gender and employment, from policy analysts to human resource managers to queer studies scholars. “This is a lively, interesting, and timely book. It explores an issue that is slowly but inexorably emerging into the spotlight of legal, human resources, and diversity professionals’ consciousness.” — Jillian T. Weiss, author of Transgender Workplace Diversity: Policy Tools, Training Issues and Communication Strategies for HR and Legal Professionals

The idea of sustainability has been embraced enthusiastically by some businesses and rejected by others. The first wave of corporate converts to sustainability was perhaps driven by a public relations crisis, regulatory pressures or the founder’s personal passion. The next wave, however, requires different drivers if it is to build a critical mass for corporate responsibility in the business community.

*The Next Sustainability Wave* assesses why companies have resisted sustainability strategies and focuses on two emerging drivers that promise to spur corporate commitment to sustainability strategies:

- A compelling business case
- A “perfect storm” of threatening market forces on the horizon that range from climate change to the rising demands of stakeholders

An effective carrot-and-stick duo, these two drivers are both triggering the need for change and providing a vision of business success if the transition to sustainable operations, products and services is smartly managed.

Emphasizing the importance of how sustainability is presented to corporate leaders—using the right language and avoiding threats to the status quo that provoke habitual corporate defense mechanisms—the book applies effective selling techniques to reposition sustainability strategies as a means to achieving existing corporate ends, rather than as a separate priority to worry about. It sells sustainability as a solution, a business strategy and a catalyst for business transformation. An appendix gives a version of the sustainability business case for small- to medium-level enterprises.

Designed for quick reading and reference—right pages furthering the argument, while left pages provide support materials—the book is especially useful for those wanting to convince busy executives and board members.

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Toward Sustainable Communities: Resources for Citizens and Their Governments

Mark Roseland (Author), Stacy Mitchell (Foreword)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

Local governments are increasingly caught between rising expectations that development initiatives be sustainable and the fact that more and more services are being downloaded to the municipal level. The third edition of this classic text offers practical suggestions and innovative solutions to a range of community problems—including energy efficiency, transportation, land use, housing, waste reduction, recycling, air quality and governance. In clear language, with updated tools, initiatives and resources, a new preface and foreword, this sustainable practices resource is for both citizens and governments.
The Change Imperative: Creating the Next Generation NGO

Paul Ronalds (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

* Analysis of transnational NGOs, the kinds of organizational changes they need to operate more effectively and how to achieve this change
* Author an experienced practitioner and manager

Whether they like it or not, relief and development NGOs are in the midst of a revolution. Faced with the challenge of managing their growing influence in international politics, these organizations are making operational decisions that will determine their survival. Those that find themselves hampered by the increased politicization of aid and demands on their accountability; those that struggle to define their work in a world that has only recently begun to recognize their authority, will fail to meet their goals. Those that are committed to flexibility, learning new technologies and rethinking their strategies and structure will see their organizations succeed.

Author Paul Ronalds brings his experience as Deputy CEO of World Vision Australia to other NGO managers in The Change Imperative, guiding them through the challenges they must overcome to maintain effectiveness in the 21st century. He covers the practical issues leaders are facing in areas such as advocacy, fundraising, technology, financing and human resources, but also the more ambiguous issues: legitimacy, state sovereignty, and political analysis. Ronalds’ book is a must-have for both students and managers pursuing influential careers in charitable, development and aid organizations.

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Environmental Planning and Management
Christian N. Madu (Author)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This book focuses on environmental planning and management. Environmental problems are not purely scientific; some of the major problems deal with poor management and the inability to involve people in environmental decision making process. The approach taken in this book is to review environmental problems as they are affected by poor planning and management. Understanding of management issues involved will help to get top management to buy into environmental management. The tendency is for top management to view environmental management efforts as expensive and wasteful to an organization. However, when top management is exposed to the high cost of doing nothing and the lack of competitiveness as a result of poor environmental quality, it is more likely to buy into the idea of environmental quality and work towards achieving sustainable goals.

Positive Design and Appreciative Construction: From Sustainable Development to Sustainable Value

Tojo Thatchenkery (Author, Editor), David L. Cooperrider (Editor), Michel Avital (Editor)

Editorial Reviews
Product Description

This volume is focused on sustainable value which has become a widespread aspiration in all walks of life. By taking a generative approach and by building on positive design principles inherent in the appreciative inquiry methodology, it proposes moving from sustainable development to sustainable value. Chapters focus on three thematic areas for sustainable value: positive design, appreciative intelligence and social innovation, and social entrepreneurship. Contributions respond to questions such as: How can the design approach help enhance the sustainable value over profit value? And what needs to happen to create a vibrant community of practice among design practitioners, scientists, business and political leaders? Case studies show that by reframing global problems with an appreciative lens, organizations of all sorts can indeed create social innovation and even establish a business case for sustainable value. It provides lessons learned from high impact social entrepreneurship and conceptualizes how this nascent movement with unbridled potential may contribute to the radical shift necessary for moving from sustainable development to sustainable value.

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Principles of Ecology and Management: International Challenges for Future Practitioners

Alan Sitkin (Author)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

An environmental business book written by a business school professor for business school students.