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BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Banks and Banking



Banktech 4.0: The Next Wave of Transformative Banking
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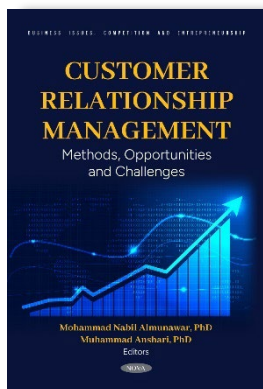
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The digital age continues to produce the greatest amount of upheaval in every sphere of life and business. The latest education transformation and the pandemic episode have shifted the culture. Many new industries have taken birth like digital education learning; digital shopping etc. The banking sector urgently needs to adopt technology as a tool to improve customer satisfaction, business profitability, and the product portfolio in a safe and secure environment. This book focuses on understanding the foundation process for future banking by building flexible and secure platforms intelligently through various channels. The book's primary aim is to explore cutting-edge technologies and processes that pick the pace of the banking industry's transition to the digital era, with a particular emphasis on new channels like Blockchain, AI, Big Data, Cloud Computing, 5-G automation, and cyber security. The book further provides a knowledge-sharing strategy to mold the future of banking to reach new heights.

Business and Society



Customer Relationship Management: Methods, Opportunities and Challenges

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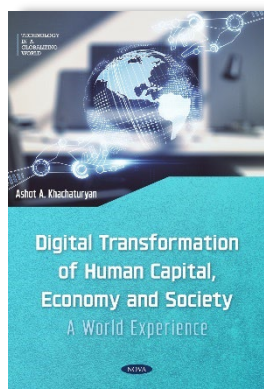
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Customer relationship management (CRM) has evolved into a crucial strategic approach for businesses seeking to improve customer satisfaction, loyalty, and overall performance. This book endeavours to furnish a comprehensive overview of the strategies, possibilities, and difficulties linked with the implementation of CRM. Its goal is to explore essential facets of Customer Relationship Management, covering methods, opportunities, and challenges. It also encompasses a diverse range of conceptual and practical perspectives associated with CRM. Comprising fourteen chapters, this collection offers valuable insights for a broad audience. Potential readers include students, academics, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and undergraduate and postgraduate students in business management or related fields.



3Digital Transformation of Human Capital, Economy and Society: A World Experience

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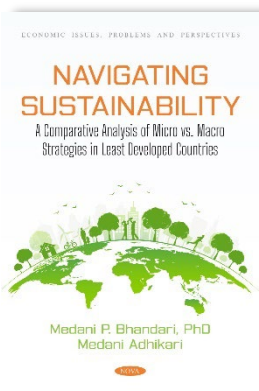
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Digitalization creates prerequisites for a radical paradigm shift in social structure, changing people's consciousness and their worldview. The digital economy forces society to evolve from the solidarity relations of the industrial age to individualized, fragmented, unstable, and often virtual relations. The digital modernization of society implies a qualitatively new version of socio-economic relations, turning society into an enterprise in which information and knowledge and the level of their availability and

application radically influences the increase of economic efficiency and improvement of the quality of life of citizens. In the near future, the role of human capital as a factor determining the dynamics of the development of the digital economy will only increase.

Economics



Navigating Sustainability: A Comparative Analysis of Micro vs. Macro Strategies in Least Developed Countries

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This comprehensive book explores various facets crucial to understanding and addressing sustainability challenges. The methodological approach employed in this research involves an intricate examination of the least developed countries' landscapes, concentrating on the dichotomy between microeconomic and macroeconomic strategies.

A pivotal theme of this book is the assessment of how micro and macro strategies significantly influence the sustainable development trajectory of least developed countries, with Nepal serving as a primary case study. The research aims to understand the present situation and to provide policy recommendations that can catalyze positive change in the developmental landscape of LDCs. This book not only examines the theoretical underpinnings of sustainability but also provides a practical framework for addressing challenges in least-developed countries, offering valuable insights for academics, policymakers, and practitioners alike.



Progress in Economics Research. Volume 52 Albert Tavidze

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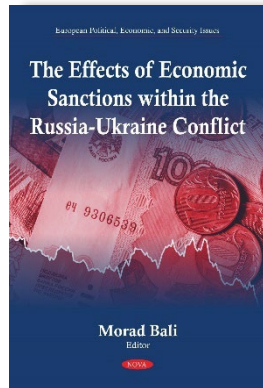
222 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-625-0. \$250.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-645-8. \$250.00

This volume includes eight chapters that detail recent progress in economics research. In Chapter one the authors investigate the role played by the Federal Reserve in the evolution of the inflation rate in the US economy since the financial crisis of 2007–2009 which spurred the Great Recession. The authors also identify the relative importance of monetary policy shocks in driving changes in the inflation rate. Chapter two analyzes upstream firms' collusive sustainability when downstream firms adopt the relative-performance delegation in an infinitely repeated Cournot or Bertrand game. Chapter three examines the challenge of employing AI in real time textual analysis of business cycles. Chapter four investigates the importance and characteristics of health statistics.

Chapter five formulates an endogenous growth model in which households do not make optimal consumption choices but instead follow different spending-savings rules. Chapter six uses data on welfare and perceptions to gauge the relation between polarization and popular dissatisfaction in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) region. Chapter seven evaluates consumer protection mechanisms in the context of electronic commerce in Africa. In the last chapter, a critical analysis of the contemporary development of Contractual Economics is made and the specificity of the economic study of agrarian contracts is summarized.



The Effects of Economic Sanctions within the Russia-Ukraine Conflict

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In series: *European Political, Economic, and Security Issues*

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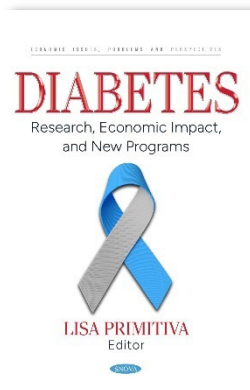
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The Russia-Ukraine conflict is a critical geopolitical issue with far-reaching implications. Understanding the impact of economic sanctions against Russia in this context provides insights into how nations use economic coercion to influence international events. Because economic sanctions have significant ramifications, studying their effects is crucial for businesses, policymakers, economists, and the public at large. In this book, the editor selected six studies written by researchers from diverse

perspectives who all specialized in economic coercion and/or Russia. They offer a unique overview of very specific themes that have not been examined before. How can a boycott of Russian oil strengthen/weaken Russia's tendency to autocracy? What are the sociological repercussions for Russian science? Were Russia's import-substitution strategy and industrial production affected by Western sanctions? Which factors influenced firms' decisions to suspend or withdraw business operations in Russia? How were high-tech exports of Russian small- and medium-sized enterprises influenced by sanctions? This book will not leave these questions unanswered and will even go beyond by offering a final chapter that provides a complete and comprehensive assessment of the economic sanctions' impact on the Russian economy, covering sanctions implemented between 2014 and 2023.

Economics of Health and Social Care



Diabetes: Research, Economic Impact, and New Programs

Lisa Primitiva

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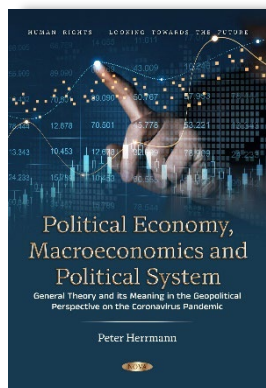
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More than 37 million Americans, about one in ten, have diabetes, and another 96 million adults have pre-diabetes. Diabetes is growing more prevalent, with an estimated one in three Americans expected to develop the disease at some point in their lifetime. Chapter 1 examines how diabetes affects people of all ages, with a special focus on Americans with Type 1 diabetes and their families. Chapter 2 identifies the direct and indirect costs of diabetes on the economy. Chapter 3 explores new technological discoveries that are already changing the lives of people with Type 1 diabetes. Chapter 4 describes ED visits made by adults with diabetes, and presents selected characteristics by age.

Political Economics



Political Economy, Macroeconomics and Political System: General Theory and its Meaning in the Geopolitical Perspective on the Coronavirus Pandemic

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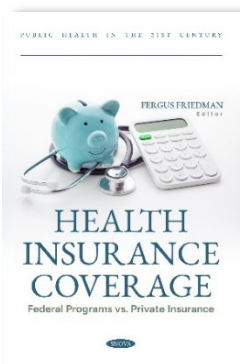
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The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted both natural and juristic persons worldwide, resulting in the loss of lives and livelihoods. This unprecedented crisis has also brought attention to the importance of human rights and has changed how they are understood. The debate surrounding human rights has long been contentious, with varying perspectives on what constitutes a fundamental right and how best to protect it.

However, the pandemic has highlighted the need to balance human rights with public health concerns. One of the most significant human rights issues highlighted by the pandemic is the right to health. The pandemic has exposed inequalities in healthcare systems worldwide, with some countries struggling to provide (adequate) medical care. As a result, there is a growing debate on ensuring everyone has access to healthcare, particularly during a pandemic. The right to work also emerged as another human rights issue during the pandemic. The lockdowns and business restrictions have resulted in job losses and financial difficulties for many individuals and families. This has sparked a debate on the role of governments in protecting the right to work and ensuring that individuals have a source of income during a crisis. This is especially crucial in developing countries with high unemployment and informal economic activities. The pandemic has also emphasized the importance of the right to information. Governments worldwide have had to communicate critical information on the virus to their citizens, raising questions about the role of the media and the right to access information. Social media platforms have also played a crucial role in disseminating information about the virus, raising essential questions about censorship and the need to balance freedom of expression with public health concerns. Furthermore, the pandemic has highlighted the digital divide that exists in many countries, particularly in the global south. This has impacted the ability of those in underserved communities to receive reliable pandemic-related information in a timely manner. It is crucial to note the need to bridge the gap between human rights and the economy. Establishing a cohesive relationship between human rights and the economy is essential to creating a fair and just society. By harmonizing legal and economic structures with human rights, we can generate more opportunities for success while ensuring greater resilience and the ability to cope with future pandemics. Recognizing the significance of this matter and striving towards solutions is crucial to creating a sustainable, fair, and brighter future for all. In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed critical human rights issues that will continue to shape the debate on human rights. It has demonstrated the need to balance different rights and interests, including the right to health, work, and information, with public health concerns. It is essential to ensure that human rights are not disregarded in times of crisis and that governments take a rights-based approach to policymaking to protect everyone's rights.

Financial Economics

Insurance



Health Insurance Coverage: Federal Programs vs. Private Insurance

Fergus Friedman

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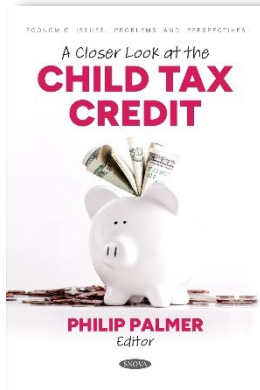
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Health care is a human right. But without insurance coverage, you cannot exercise that right. The future of the health-care system must enhance care quality, increase affordability, and improve access to life-saving services and treatment options. The role of future federal programs is discussed in chapter 1. Private health insurance is the most common form of health coverage in the United States. Chapters 2 and 3 focus on plans offered by private-sector employers and plans sold by private health insurers directly to consumers. This includes health insurance offered through the federal and state health exchanges (also known as marketplaces).

Tax Law



A Closer Look at the Child Tax Credit **Philip Palmer**

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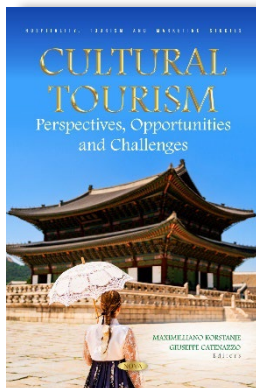
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This book provides an overview of the child tax credit and the newly enacted changes to this program. To analyze the impact of these changes on families' financial well-being, the book provides estimates of the share of families that receive the child credit both before and after the ARPA expansion, followed by estimates of the ARPA expansion's impact on average family income.

Industries

Tourism and Hospitality



Cultural Tourism: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges **Maximiliano E. Korstanje (University of Palermo, Palermo, Argentina) and Giuseppe Catenazzo (Head of Research, AUS American Institute of Applied Sciences in Switzerland, La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland)**

In series: *Hospitality, Tourism and Marketing Studies*

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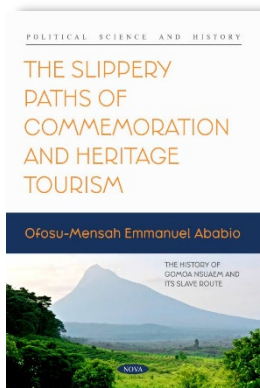
201 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-779-0. \$160.00

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Cultural tourism has notably experienced a burgeoning growth over the recent years. The notion of culture has been widely studied in the social sciences, and of course it occupies a central position in the tourist system. Culture is a very hard concept to grasp, and today cultural tourism faces serious challenges. This book presents eight high-quality chapters that address the problem of heritage and cultural tourism in the new normal. Cultural tourism offers an opportunity to recover tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is

a source of conflict among stakeholders. This book offers ways to overcome the obstacles to heritage consumption and lays the foundations for a new understanding of cultural and heritage tourism. The authors are well-versed and come from different cultural backgrounds and nations.



The Slippery Paths of Commemoration and Heritage Tourism: **The History of Gomoa Nsuaem and Its Slave Route** **Ofosu-Mensah Emmanuel Ababio**

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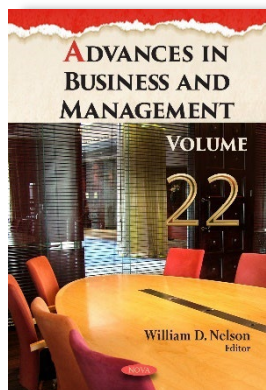
111 pp.

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Oral histories from the Fante and Gomoa peoples confirmed that their forefathers lived in Takyiman, in what is now Ghana's Bono East Region, before migrating to their current settlements in the Central Region. After many years in Mankessim, the latter immigrants were forced to relocate eastwards due to population growth and other circumstances. This eastward journey brought the Gomoa people to their new village behind the Kwesi-Nakwa River, which they named Gomoa-man-mu. After a period of time at Gomoa-man-mu, and as a result of overcrowding and inadequate land for farming, some of the Gomoa desired new settlements. Oral tradition has it that, AkodeE Akwatsia (a short old man) also known as Nana Kwaku Akwatsia, which was later corrupted as Kwaakwatsia from Twidan (Bretuo) clan, an herbalist and hunter from Kyiren, continued their migration in

search of a river body, fertile land and a forest to fish, farm and hunt respectively. He wandered to find a suitable place for settlement and eventually built a community named after him as Kwaakwatsia in 1676. Kwaakwatsia or Gomoa Nsuaem was founded on a vantage point and became a popular township where the slave route from the Northern and Eastern regions of the Gold Coast (Ghana), passed through. Running from Ayensuadze to Tekyiam is the slave route, known as the "Asamandze Road." The Atweonye Mu Road (waiting ground), is located on the route to Tekyiam. The slaves were allowed to rest or wait here before traveling on to Winneba. Slaves were transported from Atweonye mu to Winneba through Gomoa Mampon. In addition, the Asamandze road also served as an entry point to Agona Kwanyako. This path has been preserved and embedded in native folklore as a slave route upon which slaves trudged en route to fort Winneba.

Management



Advances in Business and Management. Volume 22 **William D. Nelson**

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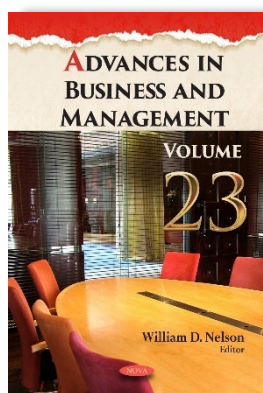
179 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-525-3. \$250.00

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This volume includes eight chapters that detail recent advances in business and management. The authors in chapter one examines intra-generational differences among Gen Zs, uncovering three distinct clusters with specific work-value profiles. Chapter two draws from Social Exchange Theory, and focuses on professional counselling, interactions with sales representatives, and service reliability to determine the long-term impact on B2B relationship strength. Chapter three delves into the most significant developments and breakthroughs in the field of business management, offering readers a comprehensive understanding of contemporary practices and their implications for organizational success. Chapter four discusses the question "What should Work and

Organizational Psychology (WOP) do with the UN 2030 Agenda and how can its interventions contribute to sustainable and fair development and the implementation of decent work worldwide?" Chapter five aims to outline the scientific trajectory of the notion of human capital in recent decades, highlighting its new role in the managerial paradigm in order to understand its current status, role and uses. The authors of chapter six conclude that pricing tactics for the digitalization age include: incorporating Industry 4.0 into pricing models, network pricing, gathering market intelligence, establishing the capacity for the 4th industrial revolution, early detection of pricing hazards, implementing pricing intelligence, instigation of dynamic pricing, and employing value engineering. In chapter seven the author delves into the journey of 'TechAdvance,' a pioneering technology firm that epitomizes the harmonious blend of innovative business practices with an unwavering commitment to social responsibility. The last chapter describes some initiatives that propose the organization of risk-related terminology via ontologies in order to improve information systems, knowledge disclosure, and discovery.



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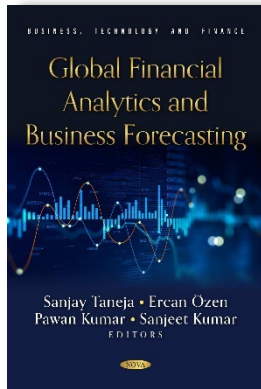
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This book discusses the many advances in business management. Chapter 1 goes over the theory of performance frontiers and how it helps to understand when trade-offs between several dimensions of performance may or may not occur. Chapter 2 analyzes research that explores the development of entrepreneurship as a spirit for improving the quality of multicultural Islamic education at PPBM. Chapter 3 discusses utilizing digitalization in today's business world. Chapter 4 lists and analyzes the ways innovation can be implemented into management processes. The process of selecting sustainable suppliers is gone over in chapter 5. Chapter 6 examines why the coexistence of multiple business models within the same corporation can create organizational

conflicts, and when these conflicts are most salient. Then it examines how firms can overcome some of these organizational conflicts. Finally, chapter 7 analyzes the effects generative AI is having on the world of advertising.

Risk Management



Global Financial Analytics and Business Forecasting
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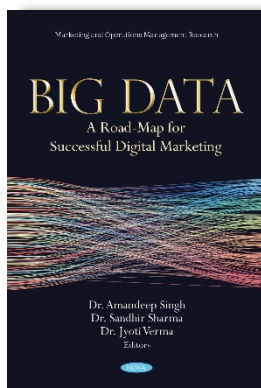
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Global Financial Analytics and Business Forecasting is a comprehensive guide that delves into the intricacies of financial analytics and forecasting in the modern global business landscape. Divided into 15 chapters, this book provides a holistic understanding of various aspects of financial analytics and their application in forecasting. In the first chapter, the book explores the dynamic world of Fintech in India, discussing the opportunities and challenges it presents. Readers gain insight into the rapid growth of Fintech in India, and the role of leading technology systems. The chapter also highlights the pivotal role of artificial intelligence in shaping financial markets and examines a case study on consumer preferences and satisfaction levels in the banking sector in the Republic of Moldova. Subsequent chapters explore the range of Fintech tools used in finance and unlock the predictive power of ARMA models on Algoquant Fintech's daily returns. The book further delves into the vast potential of big data in academic organizations, examining its opportunities and challenges. Readers gain valuable insights into the barriers and challenges faced by the Fintech industry and the applications of Fintech in banking. Machine learning algorithms take center stage in a dedicated chapter, showcasing their role in accelerating the development of business analytics. The book also emphasizes the significance of business intelligence in the financial sector, providing valuable strategies for effective decision-making. Examining the dynamic linkages between stock market indices and exchange rates for BRICS nations, the book sheds light on the complex interplay between these variables. Moreover, it introduces a new leadership pattern that advocates for an analytical approach to business decision-making. The book also explores how artificial intelligence can enable a granular finance approach tailored to the needs of less advantaged countries, businesses, and individuals. Global Financial Analytics and Business Forecasting is an essential resource for finance professionals, researchers, academicians, and students seeking a comprehensive understanding of financial analytics and its application in forecasting. Through its diverse range of topics, this book offers valuable insights, practical techniques, and emerging trends that equip readers with the knowledge necessary to thrive in the ever-evolving financial landscape.

Marketing and Sales



Big Data: A Road-Map for Successful Digital Marketing
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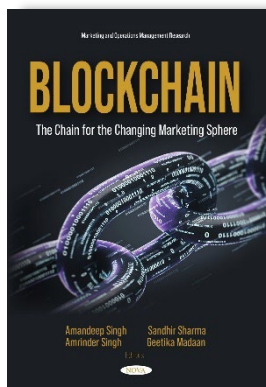
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Every business organization, small or big, needs valuable data and insights. When it comes to understanding your target audience and customer's preferences, big data plays a very important role. It even helps you anticipate their needs. The right data needs to be effectively presented and properly analyzed. It can help a business organization

achieve various goals. Data plays a huge role in understanding valuable insights about target demographics and customer preferences. From every interaction with technology, regardless of whether it's active or passive, we are creating new data that can describe us. With data being captured through products, video cameras, credit cards, cell phones, and other

touchpoints, our data profile is growing exponentially. If analyzed correctly, these data points can explain a lot about our behavior, personalities, and life events. Companies can leverage these insights for product improvements, business strategy, and marketing campaigns to cater towards the target customers. With this focus in mind, this book is proposed that will help the digital marketers to understand the Big Data in a better way and to get a meaning full information out of that. This book is comprised of 16 chapters. Each chapter tries to cover the various aspects on Big Data in order to achieve marketing effectiveness.



Blockchain: The Chain for the Changing Marketing Sphere
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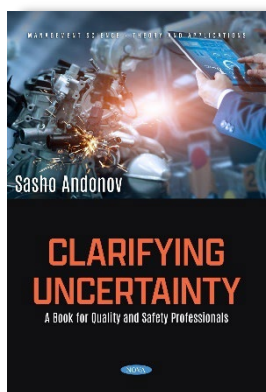
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Marketing has changed a lot in the past decade, but it is about to go through another revolution, thanks in large part to the blockchain. Yes, while most of us associate digital marketing with things like AI and analytics, blockchain may be the most disruptive technology yet to hit marketers in every industry. Blockchain is changing digital marketing, and you may be surprised who will benefit. Blockchain has brought a drastic change to the technology in the last few years and it is referred to as Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), making the historical backdrop of any computerized resource unalterable and straightforward using decentralization and cryptographic hashing. A straightforward relationship for comprehension of blockchain innovation is a Google Doc. At the point when we make a record and offer it to a gathering of individuals, the archive is dispersed rather than replicated or moved. Indeed, the real impact of blockchain in digital marketing is not just in the new use cases being developed. It is in how those use cases will impact entire systems that have popped up to manage the digital marketplace. In a time when digital marketing seems to be changing and growing by the moment, blockchain is changing digital marketing in disruptive, perhaps even irreversible ways. This book will be useful to all who are involved in using Blockchain technology along with researchers and policymakers. No doubt, the intermediary of Blockchain technology and its marketers will also benefit from going through this book. The book will provide proper insights into Blockchain technology to students and creates a topical interest.

Project Management



Clarifying Uncertainty: A Book for Quality and Safety Professionals

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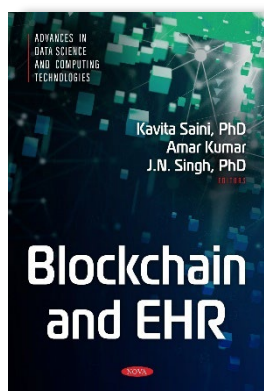
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This book discusses various forms of uncertainty that can arise in the manufacturing and service industries. Uncertainty can be found in a variety of areas (measurements, processes, analysis, data, information, persons, etc.) and, if not managed properly, can have a significant impact on the quality and safety of products and services. It is evident that any decision-making process for providing a good and safe product/service will strongly rely on knowledge concerning these uncertainties and their qualifications.

This book clarifies all of these uncertainties, explains how to measure and analyze

them, and offers advice for the industrial decision-making process. As such, the book is dedicated to all quality and safety professionals in the industry.

Special Topics



Blockchain and EHR

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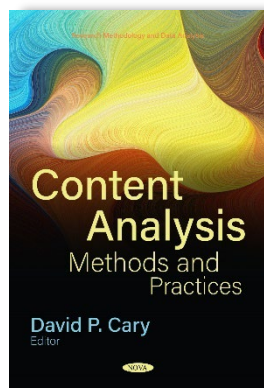
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This book is divided into seven chapters that provide detailed explanations of blockchain technology and its applications in the healthcare industries. The first chapter covers the security of transactions using blockchain technology. Every transaction is recorded in a block, which acts as a record book and helps in maintaining transparency

and security. Chapter 2 delves into the Smart Contract, Hash Function, and Coinbase Transaction Structure in depth. Chapter 3 investigates the current state of blockchain advancement and crypto applications across various regions. Chapter 4 looks at the electronic voting system that takes advantage of blockchain technology's high level of security. Chapter 5 talks about WEB3.0, which uses blockchain as a medium to work, reducing the factor of data loss or leaks, as blockchain is fundamentally unalterable making them more secure for data storage. Chapter 6 presents the views on healthcare data management based on blockchain technology as well as prospective study areas for exchanging medical data via blockchain. Chapter 7 discusses how to generate tokens through a step-by-step procedure.



Content Analysis: Methods and Practices

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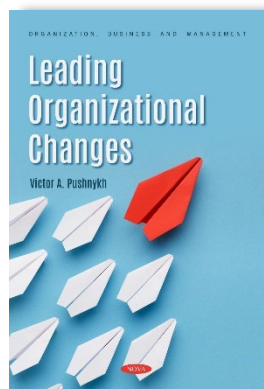
100 pp.

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This book contains five chapters that detail the methods and practices of content analysis. Chapter One explores the origins and methodological development of content analysis, while grounding the researcher within the applicable research philosophies, systems of logic, and methods to ensure cogent research design. Chapter Two investigates the portrayal of college athletes involved in sexual assault cases as alleged perpetrators. Chapter Three examines tobacco advertising on the YouTube platform after the Indonesian government's enactment of PP 109/ 2012 and the prohibition of online tobacco advertising. Chapter Four analyzes the information and data received on a phenomenon from newspapers, books, magazines and other forms of written and

visual documents by qualitative and quantitative methods. Lastly, Chapter Five presents a comprehensive analysis that merges an examination of policy content with an in-depth exploration of the preferences and attitudes of Indonesian citizens toward data breaches.



Leading Organizational Changes

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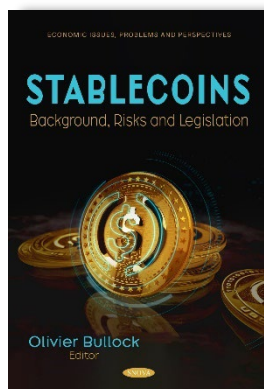
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The high speed of technical and technological progress in combination with rapid social changes requires modern organizations to be able to react rapidly to changes in the environment. Naturally enough, organizations need to renew their products, technical equipment and technologies in order to not only survive, but also to advance in these conditions. But what is not less important, organizations need also deep changes in their philosophy, culture and strategy. But such changes do not happen per se, they have to

be specially managed. In order to provide all mentioned changes the organization leadership needs in clear understanding the existing and desired states of organization as well as the methods of transition from existing to desired state. There are a tremendous number of books and articles representing various points of view on deep changes, but there is no one textbook which provides students and practical managers with an opportunity to learn about this issue from different points of view without spending a lot of time on searching and reading a great number of literary sources. The book is aimed to eliminate this shortcoming. Designed to be a hands-on resource it includes descriptions of the most popular approaches to planning and implementing deep changes. Meanwhile, the book is rather intended to make managers think, to assist them in their search for an individual way of changes than to provide them with a series of prescriptions on how to plan and to implement deep changes.



Stablecoins: Background, Risks and Legislation

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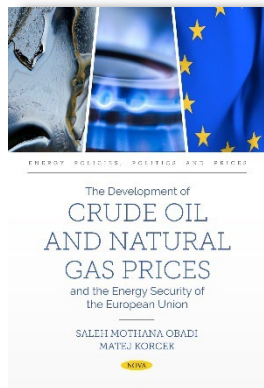
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Over the last several years, the number of cryptocurrencies has exploded from the hundreds to the thousands. The use of cryptocurrency was supposed to democratize money or build a more inclusive economy, but none of these promises have materialized. Wild price swings and high transaction fees from cryptocurrencies make them useless for payments, the one thing they claim to be designed for. Stablecoins were supposed to solve this problem. Unlike other cryptocurrencies, their value is not just based on market enthusiasm; a stablecoin's value is supposed to be backed by real assets held by the company that issues the stablecoin.



The Development of Crude Oil and Natural Gas Prices and the Energy Security of the European Union

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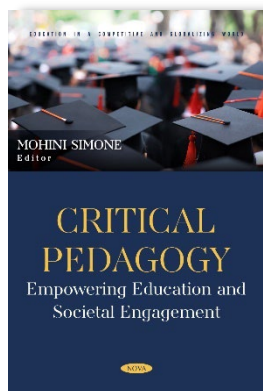
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In this book, the researchers focus on the accurate analysis of the developments, events, and turns that each of the oil and gas markets have gone through since the beginning of the 1970s. They take advantage of their long experience as economists to independently analyze the factors driving oil and gas prices and the role of the main players in these

markets to influencing supply and demand based on quantitative and qualitative analysis. The authors use time series analysis and mathematical models to obtain independent scientific results. It is clear that geopolitical events had an active and prominent role in the movement of oil and gas prices in the global markets. Naturally, geopolitical events affected prices in an indirect way more than directly, and that is on the supply factor, which in turn mostly affected the rise in oil and gas prices. There are many examples of this, including the two oil price crises in the 1970s, the natural gas supply crises of 2009 and 2014, and the military conflict in Ukraine.

EDUCATION

Assessment, Evaluation and Research Methods



Critical Pedagogy: Empowering Education and Societal Engagement

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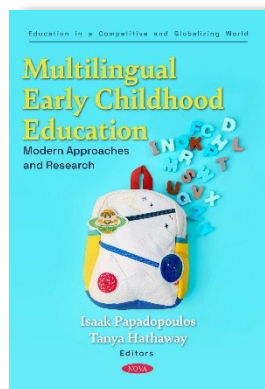
92 pp.

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In this book, the first chapter analysis the efficacy of ESD and its ability to save the planet. The second chapter investigates the potential challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of critical pedagogy in Ghana's higher education institutions, shedding light on how this approach can contribute to the development of critical thinkers, informed citizens, and change agents in Ghanaian society. The third explores how ChatGPT assists students in their writing process, students' perceptions of its usage, and potential impacts on teachers' practice. There is rapid growth of AI technology in education, highlighting the benefits and challenges of incorporating ChatGPT in language learning. The last chapter introduces service-learning as a feature

for both domestic and global education programs. Service-learning offers an addition to the critical pedagogy literature by presenting a six-step framework to identify ways to design critical service-learning programs that offer collaboration, mutuality, and reciprocity among all participants.

Bilingual Education



Multilingual Early Childhood Education: Modern Approaches and Research

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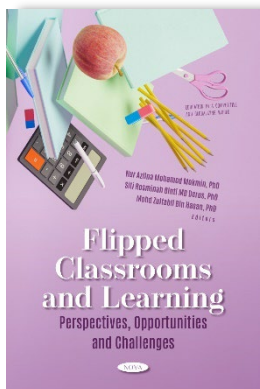
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This book offers a nuanced collection of chapters that bring together the concepts of linguistic diversity and early childhood education, to offer a comprehensive exploration of the latest insights and research in this rapidly evolving field. This edited volume represents an intellectual journey into the heart of education, where multilingualism

intersects with the formative years of a child's development. The editors have achieved more than a mere collection of essays. The volume is a collaborative effort that brings together the expertise of scholars, researchers, and practitioners from around the world. The diverse perspectives presented in this volume reflect the richness of multilingual experiences in early childhood settings and underscore the importance of fostering linguistic diversity in educational practices. Elucidating the different facets of policy and practice in bilingualism, multilingualism and translanguaging, this resource not only captures the current state of research but also sparks conversations and inspires future investigations. This book serves as a valuable tool for educators, researchers, policymakers, and anyone passionate about providing young learners with a foundation that embraces and celebrates linguistic diversity.

Classroom Management



Flipped Classrooms and Learning: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges

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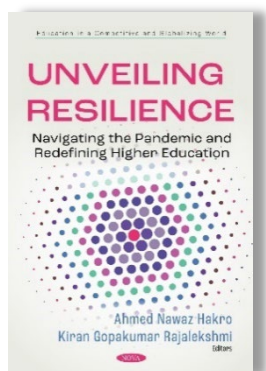
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This book is a thought-provoking collection of chapters thoroughly explores flipped classroom learning, unveiling its transformative power and diverse applications across educational settings. Each chapter within this book contributes a unique perspective, offering valuable and practical insights for educators, learners, and curious minds alike.

Distance Education

eLearning



Unveiling Resilience: Navigating the Pandemic and Redefining Higher Education

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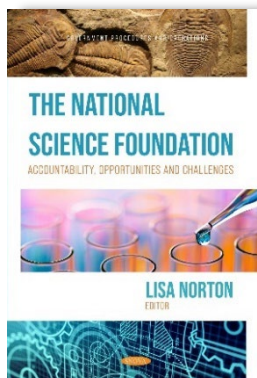
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Unveiling Resilience: Navigating the Pandemic and Redefining Higher Education shares the academic practices that were adopted in national and international higher education institutions during the pandemic, and it presents the valuable lessons that were learned. The authors highlight interesting accounts of leadership and evaluate different synchronous and asynchronous methods of teaching and learning.

Education and Public Policy



The National Science Foundation: Accountability, Opportunities and Challenges

Lisa Norton

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The National Science Foundation (NSF or the Foundation) was established by Congress in 1950 as an independent federal agency with a mission "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes. This book discusses the opportunities and challenges for leveraging and expanding the National Science Foundation mission to continue to

advance excellent research; improve STEM education and research training; increase research accessibility, accountability, and security; and accelerate research to address major societal challenges.

General Education



Exploring Perspectives, Opportunities, and Challenges in Various School Settings

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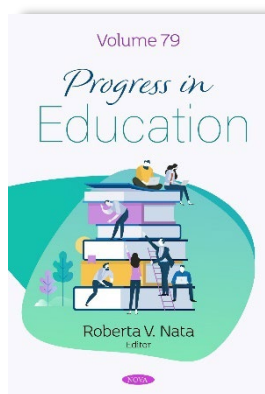
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This book is divided into six chapters that examine opportunities, perspectives, and challenges in a variety of school environments. The first chapter investigates Catholic schools from the perspectives of Catholic school leaders. Chapter Two is a quantitative study, which explores the relationship between teaching characteristics of primary grade schoolteachers, such as teaching length, number of pupils, monthly income, frequency of seminar participation, and teaching style with their knowledge, attitude, and practices (KAP) on free play. In Chapter Three the author investigates potential underlying causes of the pervasive issues in American public education: high teacher

attrition, shortages, low efficacy, and student academic regression. Chapter Four is a quantitative examination of enrollment data from Ohio's three largest voucher-based religious private schools based on racial diversity. In Chapter Five, the authors evaluate a new online training course on risk assessment and indoor microenvironments offered to New Jersey Career-Technical Education students during COVID-19. In the last chapter, the authors address the challenges that, although public school is free and available to all children, it is not equal for all.



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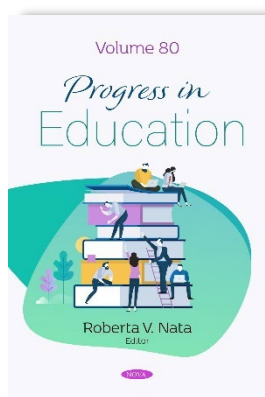
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This volume consists of eight chapters that detail progress in education. Chapter one introduces the issues that contribute to feelings of unpreparedness in classroom management for novice teachers and reinforces the need for evidence-based classroom management training. The authors in chapter two articulate the main elements of a model of fully online learning communities (FOLC) and suggest strategies for implementing these collaborative workspaces across education and employment sectors. Chapter three discusses the impact of mentorship in the medical community and suggests a need for a transformative and inclusive pathway that is free from bias and discrimination for all medical professionals. Chapter four examines the

connections between digital learning and experiential learning. Chapter five investigates traditional assessment and evaluation strategies, arguing cohesively that old strategies do not fit a new world order. The authors of chapter six aim to identify OAE success factors and select a suitable digital platform to maintain education quality. Chapter seven explores the nuances of professional identity among students specializing in economics, information technology (IT), and psychology. Chapter eight investigates the problems of anthropology in pedagogical education, i.e., the inherent nature of teacher training in interdisciplinary and digital educational environments.



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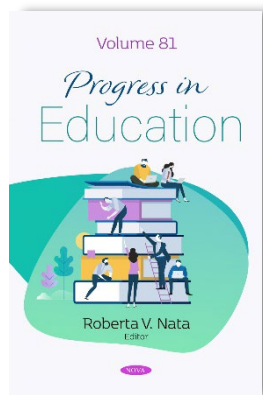
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This volume consists of eight chapters that detail progress in education. Chapter one focuses on the synergistic integration of accounting and project management into the secondary education curriculum, highlighting how this combination enriches learning and prepares students for professional and personal challenges in the future. The study of chapter two delves into the concept of personalized learning within the realm of sociolinguistics, a field that examines the dynamic interchange between language and society. Chapter three provides a narrative review of published studies on teaching and learning during the pandemic, focusing on the opportunities and challenges of teaching online in a diverse environment across the globe. Chapter four discusses the significance of cultural intelligence in a globalized world. Chapter five delves into the

realm of informal learning experiences within scientific museums, a domain where education transcends conventional boundaries. Chapter six explores the complex relationships between motivation scores and TikTok usage for English language learning. Chapter seven estimates the effect of the introduction of duty-to-bargain laws for teachers, which granted teachers collective bargaining rights, on the labor market and educational outcomes of birth cohorts of men and women in Canada. Chapter eight explains the relevance of Gusjigang local wisdom to Talcott Parsons' Social Action Theory in the context of Social Sciences Education as Ethnopedagogy.



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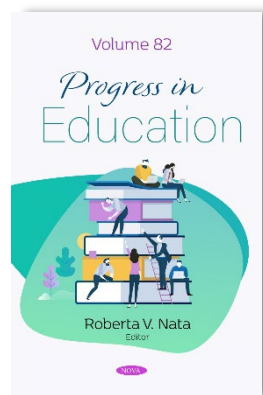
194 pp.

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This book focuses on the latest developments in education. Chapter 1 aims to create innovative artistic performances based on virtual technology media by combining virtual stages and real stages in a blended manner through collaboration between dance and music. Chapter 2 explores and describes the representation of wanoja and local wisdom contained in the film Before, Now and Then (Nana) by using John Fiske's semiotic theory and Sundanese local wisdom, and a descriptive method of qualitative approach. Chapter 3 discusses inquiry-level learning and how it can be a useful tool when improving 21st century skills like critical thinking. Chapter 4 focuses on women and entrepreneurship. Chapter 5 analyzes a study that provides a comprehensive portrait of

haiku-style poetry in cyber literature, focusing on millennial creations. Chapter 6 discusses the incorporation of literary study into EFL curricula. Chapter 7 aims to explore the impact of multicultural books on readers. Finally, Chapter 8 explores the transformative influence of service-learning on pre-service teachers' sense of self in relation to their chosen profession.



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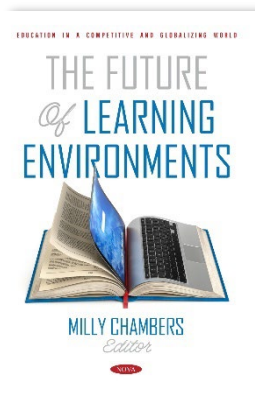
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This book contains ten chapters discussing the progress of education. The first chapter argues that areas of human experience can be excellent starting points for teaching about cause-and-effect relationships. The second chapter aims to analyze the influence of personal, family and school variables on the basic psychological needs in exercise during adolescence using a study that included the use of the Basic Psychological Needs Scale. The third chapter meticulously maps the application of digital transformation in organizational settings, using a scoping review methodology to answer several questions. The fourth chapter discusses the SWOT matrix and how it can be a useful tool for training informed decision-making and strengthening students critical thinking skills. Chapter 5

presents the differences (gains or losses) in CT skills. Chapter 6 discusses the results of the digital technologies' implementation into the multilingual communicative competence formation level control and assessment procedure among students who major in linguistics. Chapter 7 explores how a university instructor used the ChatGPT flipped model to impact

university students' self-regulated learning (SRL) ability in a general education course. Chapter 8 talks about artificial intelligence and data analytics that require educators and employers to protect the human experience. Chapter 9 shows advantages in the field of using a uniform system of learning principles in the process of a foreign language study and considering it as a psychological mechanism. The final chapter discusses the benefits of GBT and its uses in education.



The Future of Learning Environments

Milly Chambers

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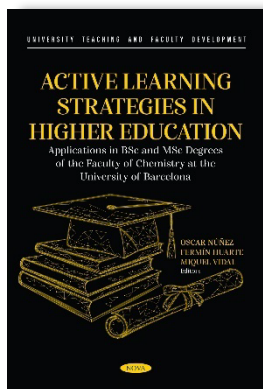
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This book contains five chapters on the future of learning environments. Chapter one delves into a distinctive educational advancement involving a mixed-methods evaluation of an inventive pedagogical intervention. The authors in chapter two use a social-ecological approach to examine the influence of school climate on young people's functioning in terms of resilience, wellbeing, and moral identity. Chapter three reports the development and validation of a new school climate questionnaire with a unique focus on facilitating and monitoring system-wide school reform. Chapter four aims to contribute to the discourse on the future of learning environments by presenting a novel approach to optimization that combines the power of reinforcement learning and

constraint programming. The aim of chapter five is to investigate teachers' beliefs and their perceptions of the extent to which they implement a constructivist-oriented learning environment; examine whether the perceived implementation differs from observations of teachers' practice; and possible reasons for any anomalies.

Higher Education



Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education. Applications in BSc and MSc Degrees of the Faculty of Chemistry at the University of Barcelona

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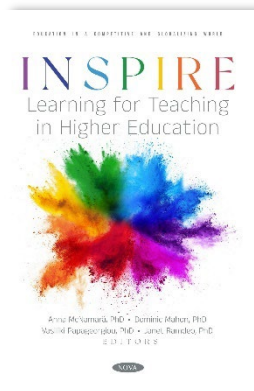
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The profound change that higher education is undergoing is having a special impact on the processes of teaching and training of university teaching staff. The emergence of a new curricular structure based on learning outcomes and the proposal of new teaching methods focused on student learning generate pedagogical-didactic demands that require a teaching profile capable of fostering meaningful learning and the ability to develop reflective thinking in our students. This requires the implementation of teaching methodologies focused not only on the transmission of knowledge of the discipline, but also on the acquisition of soft skills such as analytical skills, critical thinking, teamwork, data interpretation, effective time management, decision making and approaching new and open problems. In recent years, the University of Barcelona (UB) has designed and implemented programs aimed at teaching improvement and innovation. In this context, and as a result of previous actions and experiences, the program "Research, Innovation and Improvement of Teaching and Learning (RIMDA, Recerca, Innovació i Millora de la Docència i l'Aprenentatge), was designed in 2017 to promote teaching quality at the UB. Within this framework, the creation of teaching projects at the faculty level has guided the UB's teaching and learning quality. The present book "Active Learning Strategies in Higher Education. Application in BSc and MSc Degrees of the Faculty of Chemistry at the University of Barcelona" summarizes the results of the institutional project aiming at promoting teaching quality at the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of Barcelona, the so-called RIMDA-Chemistry Project. The project and methodological approach followed is fully described in Chapter 1 (Institutional project to promote teaching quality at the University of Barcelona's Faculty of Chemistry). As described in the chapter, the RIMDA-Chemistry Project aims to consolidate and promote teaching quality in the Faculty of Chemistry, with the objective of integrating teacher training and

teaching innovation in the context of subjects in the area of Chemistry. The teaching innovation lines employed within the RIMDA-Chemistry Project were: flipped-classroom (just-in-time teaching mode); flipped-classroom (team-based learning mode); case-based learning; problem-based learning; and service-learning. The selected lines of active learning teaching were applied to theoretical and experimental subjects of BSc and MSc degrees offered at the Faculty of Chemistry, with collaborative teaching teams working through lesson study-clinical supervision approach in a planning-action-reflection process, guided by an expert advisor who was also teaching staff of the Faculty of Chemistry. The subsequent chapters of the book describe in detail the implementations of the active learning lines. These chapters illustrate how active learning strategies were applied to undergraduate and master's degree compulsory and elective subjects. New collaborative teaching groups were created based on the methodological learning approach instead of those based on the subject knowledge area. According to faculty perceptions and/or responses to specific questionnaires by students, active learning strategies systematically improved students' acquisition of competencies, especially decision-making, oral communication, information search and critical interpretation of information, in addition to improving subject grades. Moreover, especially in the context of case and problem solving, students developed their mental abilities better by evaluating real situations and applying concepts than by learning those same (often abstract) concepts simply from theoretical examples. In addition, teamwork and interaction with other students constituted effective training in the human aspects of management. After the implementation of the actions related to the different strategies, the feedback provided by the students showed a high level of satisfaction with the learning experience. However, the implementation of the activity implied more work on the part of teachers and students, which led to the reflection that, despite these remarkable benefits, the learning advantages and the investment of additional effort required by these student-centered active methodologies must be weighed against each other. The application of learner-centered methodologies remains a challenge, as most teachers and students are accustomed to traditional teaching. For teachers to adopt these new methodologies they must learn from the experience and examples of others, gain confidence in their use and see the value of their application. As a final main message, active learning strategies must transcend the limited scope of the activities of a teaching innovation group and be incorporated as a consolidated teaching methodology in undergraduate and master's degree curricula.



Inspire: Learning for Teaching in Higher Education

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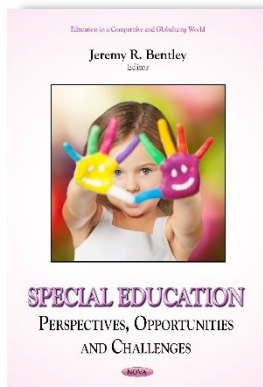
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As societies continue to respond to the grand challenges of our time, so too must Higher Education. This book explores what innovation and change could look like within Higher Education, and what could be done to facilitate it. Inspire: Learning for Teaching in Higher Education considers the grand pedagogic challenges facing the Higher Education sector, captured through a series of detailed dialogues and debates between disciplinary colleagues. Reflecting on forward-looking frameworks and exploring how they may be facilitated, each co-authored chapter platforms insights from educational experts. The focus of this book is on action, seeking to inspire those teaching, facilitating, and leading in Higher Education to bring conceptual understanding to actuality.



Special Education

Special Education: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges

Jeremy R. Bentley

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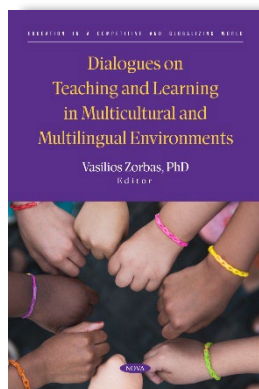
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This book contains nine chapters that detail special education. Chapter One discusses meaningful play for children with autism spectrum disorder. Chapter Two's goal is to unravel the extent of teachers' knowledge, expertise, and experience when it comes to identifying and supporting children grappling with anxiety-related disorders. Chapter

Three examines the everyday creativity of parents of children with special needs. Chapter Four explores the current research on inclusive practices in early childhood and early childhood special education settings and the contributing factors associated with quality inclusion. Chapter Five addresses applied behavior analysis (ABA). Chapter Six provides an analysis of special education data from the four nations of the United Kingdom. Chapter Seven describes research concerning video models and classroom transitioning. Chapter Eight describes discrete trial training (DTT) and provides suggestions for using DTT among students with intellectual disabilities in the context of data-based individualization. Lastly, Chapter Nine discusses using Facebook to teach social communication skills to students with autism.

Special Topics



Dialogues on Teaching and Learning in Multicultural and Multilingual Environments **Vasilios Zorbas, PhD (Programme Leader, School of Doctoral Studies, UNICAF University, Zambia)**

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This edition on teaching and learning in multicultural and multilingual environments constitutes a treasure trove of wisdom, revealing the transformative power of language education, multiculturalism, and technology in crafting harmonious and effective educational systems. Within the chapters lie profound insights into the cultivation of metalinguistic awareness, the art of verbal expression in CLIL and EFL classrooms, the enchanting use of storytelling and games to unlock language learning, and the majestic role of persuasive strategies in social interaction. Moreover, these papers delve into the

philosophical bedrock that underpins the celebration of multiculturalism and multilingualism within the hallowed classroom walls, shedding light on the obstacles faced by migrant parents as they strive to engage with their children's educational journeys. Furthermore, they illuminate the simultaneous benefits and trials encountered when technology becomes a beacon of knowledge in the realm of education. Ultimately, this edition serves as a catalyst, beckoning educators and researchers to engage in a profound exchange of ideas, in pursuit of unparalleled progress and achievement for every student within the kaleidoscope of diverse learning environments.

Health Literacy and Adult Health Education

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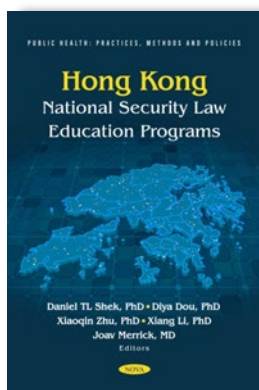
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This book deals with complex issues of health, health models, and health determinants. It deals with various factors that affect health, its level, and, thus, the quality of life. It points to the significance of economic and social conditions on an individual's physical and psychological health. It draws attention to the importance of prevention and health promotion, especially through education. It describes and critically evaluates the current demographic situation and the health status of the population in Slovakia, as well as possible measures in the framework of health protection and promotion. Health literacy is the key determinant of health. Health literacy is a necessary prerequisite for people's behavior as it contributes to maintaining health. It represents the individual's disposition to acquire, process, and understand basic health and health services information. Based on this information, people model their knowledge, skills, and attitudes, which they are also able to apply adequately in specific everyday situations in the care and support of their health. Based on the results of empirical research, the authors evaluated the level of health literacy of individual age groups of the adult population in Slovakia. They

defined the essence and content of education and training, formal, non-formal, and informal learning about health to increase health literacy.



Hong Kong: National Security Law Education Programs

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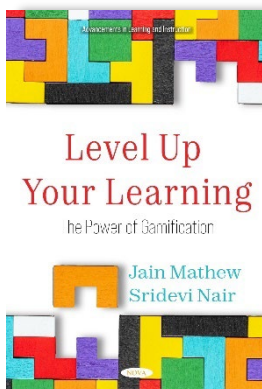
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Many countries have legislation on national security, including economic security, energy security, social security, and political security, which are commonly regarded as "national security law" (NSL). With particular reference to Hong Kong, the Hong Kong National Security Law is something new to the Special Administrative Region of China. To help young people understand the Hong Kong National Security Law, it is explicitly stated in the Hong Kong National Security Law that education institutions, including universities, have the responsibility to implement education programs on the Hong Kong National Security Law. At the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, we have developed four NSL programs. First, we have designed a face-to-face program on law abidance leadership for 4-year undergraduate students. Second, we have designed an online program on law abidance leadership. Third and last, for postgraduate students, an online course plus self-study is required, and the same for research postgraduate students. In the past two years, we have already demonstrated the impact of the program for the 4-year students via objective outcome evaluation, subjective outcome evaluation, and qualitative evaluation. Besides the 4-year undergraduate program, there is a need to understand the impact of NSL education programs for the Senior-Year program, taught postgraduate programs, and research postgraduate programs. In this book, we collected several papers adopting different evaluation strategies to examine the impacts of NSL education programs in Hong Kong.



Level Up Your Learning: The Power of Gamification

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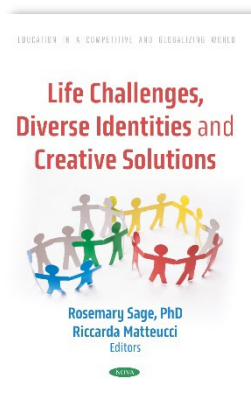
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In a world overflowing with information and distractions, traditional methods of learning often fall short in engaging and motivating individuals to master new skills. The book *Level Up Your Learning: The Power of Gamification* explores the captivating intersection of gamification and learning, revealing how incorporating game design principles can revolutionize the way we learn. Embark on a journey that uncovers the dynamic fusion of learning and gamification. Discover how this innovative approach can not only enhance your learning experience but also ignite your intrinsic motivation to tackle even the most complex subjects. Step into the shoes of a game designer as you master the art of crafting gamified learning experiences. This book takes you through the process of creating a captivating learning module, from setting clear learning objectives to strategically implementing badges, points, and narratives. Unearth the secrets to fostering healthy competition and collaboration among learners, while catering to diverse learning styles. Backed by studies and real-world outcomes, understand how gamification not only improves knowledge acquisition but also nurtures crucial skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and decision-making. Whether you're an educator seeking to captivate your students or a lifelong learner aiming to enhance your skills, this book offers the insights and tools you need to unleash the potential of gamified learning.



Life Challenges, Diverse Identities and Creative Solutions

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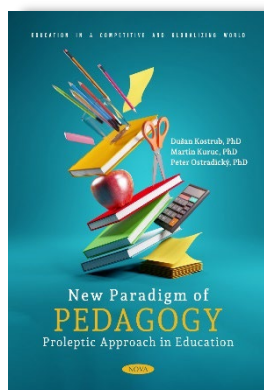
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Today, our new robot friends have taken over our routine tasks enabling us to focus on creative solutions to life's big challenges. Along with climate change and reducing resources, large-scale people movements are reshaping traditional societies to cause instability. Creativity needs courage to toss uncertainty aside. It is small things coming together that produce results - rearranging what is collectively known in order to find out what is needed. It is "seeing what others see and thinking what no one else ever thought", said Albert Einstein, the famous German-Swiss theoretical physicist. The book is about turning life's obstacles into opportunities and problems into possibilities. Strength lies in our diversity, with many hearts and minds pulling together to reap rewards.



New Paradigm of Pedagogy: Proleptic Approach in Education

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In the ever-evolving landscape of educational theory and practice, *New Paradigm of Pedagogy: Proleptic Approach in Education* emerges as a seminal work destined to leave an indelible mark on the discourse of pedagogical innovation. This meticulously crafted volume invites scholars, educators, and researchers to delve deep into the profound implications of the proleptic approach, offering a scholarly journey into the heart of pedagogical transformation. The book's core proposition revolves around the proleptic approach—a concept challenging traditional pedagogical paradigms. The authors rigorously examine how educators' autonomy, support, and development play a pivotal role in shaping autonomy-supportive and autonomy-developing teaching environments. Grounded in rigorous research and scholarly inquiry, this text scrutinizes the multifaceted elements of proleptic pedagogy and offers empirical insights into its application across diverse educational settings. This academic endeavor is characterized by its comprehensive review of existing literature, amalgamating insights from a spectrum of educational domains. Drawing on case studies, empirical

evidence, and theoretical frameworks, the authors elucidate the transformative potential of the proleptic approach. They provide readers with a nuanced understanding of how educators can embody autonomy to foster a culture of self-directed learning among students. The book is an intellectual tour de force, synthesizing the voices of prominent scholars and practitioners who have championed the proleptic paradigm. Readers will embark on a scholarly voyage that challenges existing educational paradigms and offers a robust framework for redefining pedagogy in the 21st century. *New Paradigm of Pedagogy* is a testament to the power of research, inquiry, and intellectual exploration in education. It promises to inspire further scholarly discourse, inviting educators and researchers to critically engage with the proleptic approach and its implications for the future of pedagogy. This book is a vital resource for those at the forefront of educational research and pedagogical innovation, offering a rigorous and academic examination of a transformative pedagogical paradigm. It represents a call to scholars and educators alike to join the conversation, challenge convention, and explore the uncharted terrain of proleptic pedagogy, where autonomy and innovation converge to shape the educational landscape of tomorrow.



The Future of Collaborative Learning

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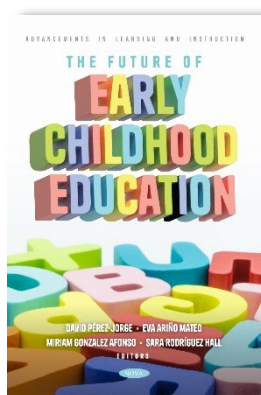
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This book consists of seven chapters, which speak about the future of collaborative learning. The aim of Chapter One is to shed light on the future of collaborative learning, especially using AI, since there is still a gap in research in this field. Chapter Two presents a literature review and analysis of the application of metaheuristic algorithms in online learning systems, addressing heterogeneous optimization problems and includes the application of recently developed algorithms and examining their performance. Chapter Three focuses not solely on AI itself, its capabilities, or technical specifications, but primarily on the role of AI in socio-technological relationships. Chapter Four aims to provide an overview that specifically examines the

significance of neural networks in the context of collaborative learning, where their ability to analyze data and personalize user experiences is utilized to enhance the efficiency, engagement, and quality of learning in online and distance learning systems. Chapter Five reviews the research on collaborative learning and the contribution it makes to promoting different ways of thinking and working, and the effect these skills have on students' capacities to think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, and exercise initiative and adaptability as they seek to deal with challenging problems. It also discusses the key role teachers play in designing instructional activities that promote students' collaborative learning and engagement. Chapter Six focuses on showing researchers and the educational community the current situation on Metaverse, a topic that marks the future of virtual learning environments in both the medium and long term.



The Future of Early Childhood Education

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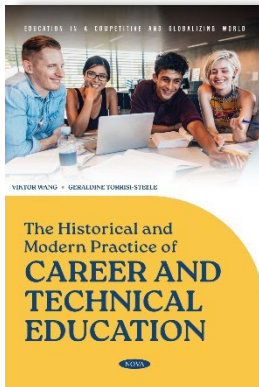
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This book provides a comprehensive, in-depth multidisciplinary perspective on early childhood education, linking five fundamental dimensions from child health and development to early childhood professionalism and inclusion in education. The editors discover how the digital environment and health education can create new spaces and opportunities to promote children's comprehensive development from an early age,

thereby laying the foundation for their happiness and correct learning. This book is an invitation that will not only inspire the hearts of educators and parents but also ignite a spark of curiosity and love for learning in the children who are the true protagonists of this story.

Vocational



The Historical and Modern Practice of Career and Technical Education

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A lot is hinging on Career and Technical Education (CTE). CTE, sometimes called by other names including vocational education, technical education, or vocational education and training, has always been important but never as important as it is now. The heritage of CTE is in the need for society to pass on knowledge of how to undertake routine work.

But work in the 21st century is anything but routine. Guiding CTE to the future is a difficult task because the landscapes is shifting and CTE is at a crossroads. The discussions in this book are selected with the intent to contribute to understanding the nature of CTE practices as part of the foundation for moving forward.

HUMANITIES

History



"We" The Famous Flier's Own Story of His Life and His Trans-Atlantic Flight, Together with His Views on the Future of Aviation

Charles A. Lindbergh

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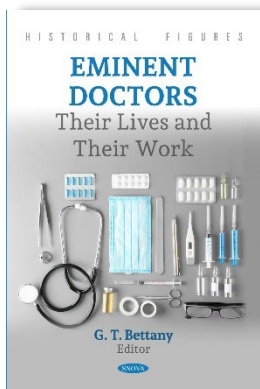
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Charles A. Lindbergh's life is chronicled in this autobiography. It includes the events leading up to his May 1927 New York to Paris solo trans-Atlantic flight in the Spirit of St. Louis. An appendix by Fitzhugh Green entitled, A Little of what the World thought of Lindbergh, describes the post-flight welcomes Lindbergh received in Paris, Brussels, London, Washington, New York, and St. Louis.



Eminent Doctors: Their Lives and Their Work

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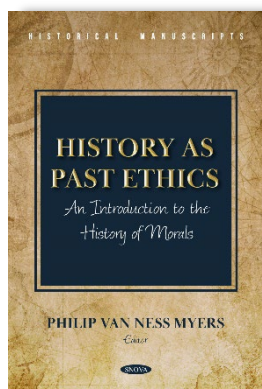
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Eminent Doctors: Their Lives and Their Work contains biographical accounts of notable men of medicine whose contributions have made medicine and surgery what they are today.



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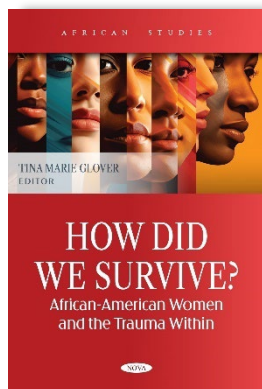
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History as Past Ethics: An Introduction to the History of Morals is designed as a brief introduction to the history of morals. The book is the outgrowth of a conviction that the philosophy of ethics, if it shall become a stimulus and guide to social service and humanitarian effort,—especially if it shall bring reinforcement to that ethical idealism which so largely motives the movement for world peace,—must be based on a knowledge of the facts of the moral life of the race in all the various stages of the historic evolution.

African History



How Did We Survive? African-American Women and the Trauma Within

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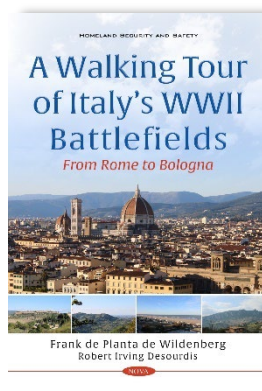
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Black/African-American women have grappled with the burden of oppression and microaggressions daily. The vision of this book is to shine a spotlight on the enduring legacy of trauma that Black/African-American women bear and perpetuate through generations. In clinical terms, it might be labeled as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or transgenerational trauma. Still, for the Black/African-American women, it's the reality of life. It is the reality of generational trauma bestowed upon the lives of Black women. This book is a vital contribution to the mental health field, shedding light

on the overlooked experiences of Black/African-American women and their resilience in the face of enduring trauma. This book aims to aid mental health professionals to be attuned to the unique needs of this demographic and to cultivate a deeper understanding of their lived experiences to provide adequate care and support.

European History



A Walking Tour of Italy's WWII Battlefields: From Rome to Bologna

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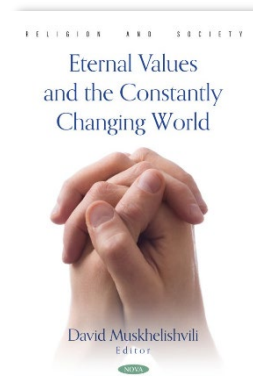
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This book is a sequel to the 2014 South Mountain Expeditions tour that led to the first three books in the "Walking Tour" series. This fourth book covers World War II in Rome and the battlefields from north of Rome to Bologna. This book was added to

cover the advance of Allied forces after the liberation of Rome, the taking of Florence, and the Eighth Army's penetration of the Gothic line through the Argenta Gap. The impact of World War II on Rome: the Eighth Army's offensive strategy; Albert

Kesseling's defensive-line selection and delay strategy; the impact of 1940's military technology; the endemic role of the terrain and weather; and the emotional impact of the thousands of graves that represent only a small fraction of the human price for Italian freedom from tyranny, all come to life in this story. This book presents a narrative description of a history tour whose transcribed quotes and images were derived from unrestricted video footage of the people and their words recorded on the tour, as well as Frank de Planta's detailed notes.

History of Religion



Eternal Values and the Constantly Changing World

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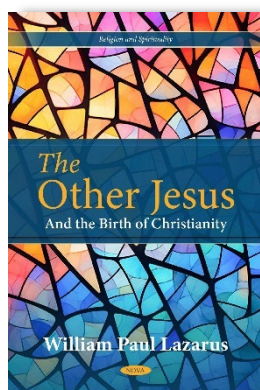
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This book is a collection of the reports read at the scientific symposium, "Eternal Values and the Constantly Changing World," which was held in Tbilisi on February 16-17, 2023. This event commemorated the 45th anniversary of the enthronement and the 90th anniversary of the birth of His Holiness and Beatitude Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, Archbishop of Mtskheta-Mtsheta, Metropolitan of Bichvinta and Tskhum-Abkhazeti, Ilia II. Three sections at the symposium were: I. Eternal values and education; II. Eternal values and culture; III. Eternal values and society. Theologians, scientists, and clerics from Austria, Azerbaijan, the USA, Belarus, Germany, Israel, Liechtenstein, Poland, Romania, Greece, and Armenia all took part in the symposium.



The Other Jesus and the Birth of Christianity

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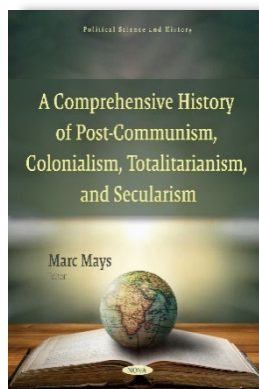
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Finally, after 2,000 years, there's a historical explanation for the birth of Christianity. Relying on known history from that era, *The Other Jesus and the Birth of Christianity* details how the anonymous author of the oldest gospel in the New Testament was anxiously waiting in Rome for the promised end of the world, envisioned in 30 CE by a long-dead and otherwise forgotten prophet named Jesus. In 70 CE, the author, later called Mark, was electrified by the news that the temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed and the city taken by the Romans. Not only that, but the twin disasters had also been predicted by a man named Jesus, son of Ananias, whose presence is documented in the writings of the Jewish historian of that time. Believing the two men to be the same person and

wanting to let everyone know of the coming apocalypse, Mark then combined what he knew about Jesus, the unheralded prophet from Galilee, with the Jesus who made such an accurate prediction. Drawing largely on existing sacred accounts detailing the activities of ancient seers like Elijah and Elisha and on the non-canonical Gospel of Thomas, Mark hastily produced a biography that was adopted and expanded by future gospel writers, unknowingly generating what has become the world's largest religion.

World History



A Comprehensive History of Post-Communism, Colonialism, Totalitarianism, and Secularism

Marc Mays

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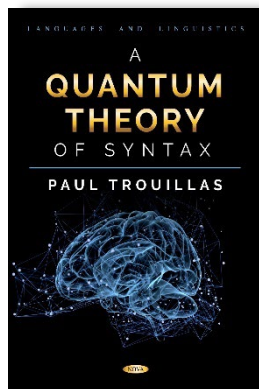
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Within the following eight chapters, the reader will be provided with a comprehensive history of post-communism, colonialism, totalitarianism, and secularism. Chapter One discusses the religious criticism France received in the 18th century. In Chapter Two the authors study the dynamics of multiple citizenship in five Europeanizing post-communist countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Croatia) between 1997 and 2014. Chapter Three presents the most important stages and aspects of the history of the University of Wrocław and its academic community under the totalitarian communist regime, showing how the Communist Party (PZPR), the Secret Police (SB)

and the institutions of the totalitarian state hindered the university community. David Siegal presents in Chapter Four just how deep Russian influence runs in Central Asia. Chapter Five goes on to explore David D. Roberts's "totalitarianism as great politics" theoretical framework's potential to shed new light on one of the very few potential instances of the phenomenon that the American historian has not so far addressed: Pol Pot's Cambodia. In Chapter Six the authors analyze the use of the Internet and smart technologies to enhance the processes of intelligent colonialization. In Chapter Seven the author introduces the theme of the importance of death education and the necessity of organizing curricula in a systematic way. Chapter Eight is based on the results of the authors' personal research, observations and interviews among the Yezidis and converted Yezidis of Armenia and also includes materials from the media.

Linguistics



A Quantum Theory of Syntax

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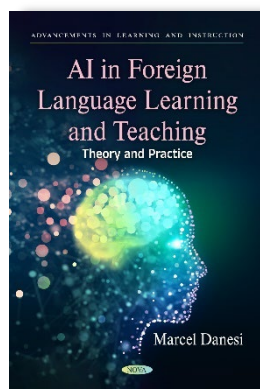
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All men speak. All human groups speak. Each indigenous society has its language. The slaves in tropical islands made their languages and spoke them. In modern societies, language is everywhere. It is uttered, written, kept in books or on records, and exchanged on social networks. In restaurants and streets and on phones, radio and TV, humans speak. Children speak a lot. Love implies language. Politics is founded on language. As early as 1250 BC, Ramses II used hieroglyphic writing for his propaganda. In modern societies, humans are solicited by enormous amounts of uttered sentences delivered on media, while written language has invaded their private lives through

technical documents, SMS and social network texts. Nowadays, an individual is submitted to a permanent receptive language flow. The new human era on earth is often called "anthropocene". It might be coined "language-cene." In this book, the author hypothesizes that syntax, precisely defined, is a cultural and functional autonomous entity with a profound specificity and particular internal mechanisms. We speak of a "basic syntax." We would like to understand how all types of human beings in the entire world, and possibly for millennia, have organized a basic sequence of their words, so that they can describe their environment, and express their thoughts, feelings, and beliefs.

Language and Literature



AI in Foreign Language Learning and Teaching: Theory and Practice

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The primary objective of this book concerns how to bring foreign language learning and teaching into the ever-expanding world of AI culture, so as to make the language learning experience consistent with what students are exposed to in their daily lives. Teaching and learning foreign languages today are no longer restricted to the “walled-in classroom,” where print materials, pedagogy, and face-to-face interactions have always been considered to be the central elements in bringing about successful learning outcomes. Today, the traditional classroom is on the verge of a radical transformation,

triggered especially by AI systems such as chatbots. Some initial work in using deep learning AI systems, which have the ability to interact with students and teachers in tandem, is showing how classroom-teaching can be enhanced with an “algorithmic tutor.” This book provides an overview of what the research says and what prospects AI bears for foreign language teaching at present and in the future. It will delineate concrete ideas that can potentially make the learning and teaching of languages relevant to the techno-savvy student, without compromising the role of the human teacher.

Musicology



The Art of the Music Critic

Max Stern

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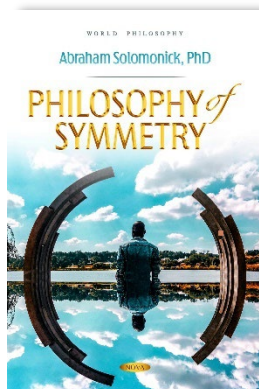
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This book attempts to illuminate and define the many criteria of music criticism in their aesthetic, social, historical, and cultural contexts. Music criticism is an art that balances perception with knowledge – intuition with understanding, critical analysis, and judgement. It is an aesthetic pursuit directed to the varied worlds of sound experience, and it is distinct from its more highly profiled cousins: art criticism (which focuses on the many aspects of the visual), and literary criticism (in relation to language and the word). While the attention of the music critic is primarily directed towards music and musicians, the critic’s outreach encompasses dimensions over and beyond the intricacies of musical composition to reviews of concert performances, previews and summaries of

cultural events and festivals, CD reviews, and book reviews along with topics of social relevance. Sometimes external events enter the picture and impinge upon concert life, while historic controversies may emerge as issues that call for our response. In addition, manifold aspects of personalities, biographies, commemorative notices, and obituaries need to be addressed. Because music criticism is a subjective art, opinions and facts often interact and overlap. Nothing is ever absolute or unequivocal. Nonetheless, let us move forward in search of objective paradigms for evaluating the vast and wondrous phenomenon known as the ‘World of Music.’

Philosophy



Philosophy of Symmetry

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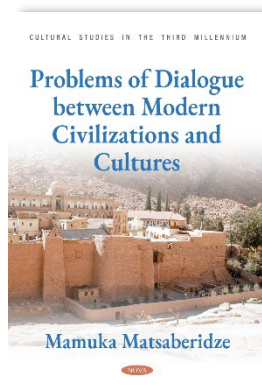
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Symmetry permeates our existence from end to end. It was born in space and on Earth long before the emergence of human civilization – the Solar system is proof of this. After man began conscious existence, he became imbued with natural symmetry in space and time. He also began to create symmetrically arranged things in his environment and events in his behavior. In the end, symmetry has become integral to human life, society, and our consciousness.



Problems of Dialogue between Modern Civilizations and Cultures

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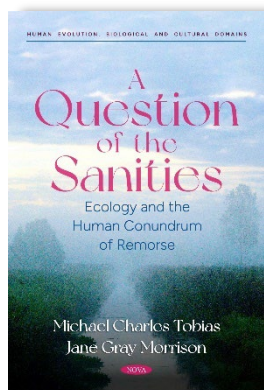
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This book presents several examples of organizing a platform for the dialogue of civilizations and cultures. The authors present several cases and strategies for facilitating dialogues between representatives of societies of different civilizations and cultures. One of the missions of this book is the formation of a systematic topology of intentions to solve the fundamental problems of the modern world. It will be beneficial to diplomats, sociologists, conflictologists, employees of international organizations, and governmental and non-governmental organizations.



A Question of the Sanities: Ecology and the Human Conundrum of Remorse

Michael Charles Tobias, PhD (Author, Ecologist, Filmmaker) and Jane Gray Morrison (Author, Ecologist, Filmmaker)

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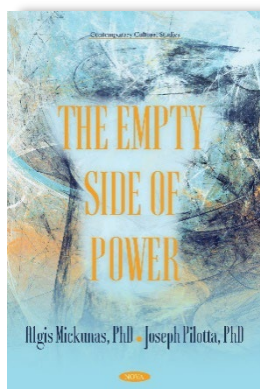
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This book is an in-depth examination of the long-looming crisis of ecological consciousness afflicting our species world-wide. While many have addressed the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, inequities between human nations and communities, this may well be the first work to seek out the psychoanalytic roots of that global set of debacles. By examining history, paleontology, ecosystem dynamics, the mathematical and quantum modeling utilized by biologists, biochemists, demographers and ecologists, the Authors examine with clinical and unstinting clarity the complex of self-destruction comprising ecological psychology and the natural sciences, philosophy and

the humanities, to ask and answer the question: Is our species destined to survive or fail?



The Empty Side of Power

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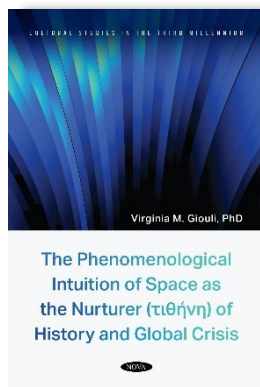
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The many discussions of power, from ancient India, China, through modern writers such as Nietzsche, theologies, ending up with postmodern essayists, locating power in discourses, there is hardly any hint why this theme became so prevalent. Apart from power as means of survival, every discussion discloses an excess of power beyond any

need for survival. An emperor, possessing everything in excess – everything in his empire, including his subjects, why does he send armies to appropriate all? What is the purpose, apart from such an irrational inscription: “I came, I saw, I conquered”. The text addresses this question at many levels, leading to the issue of “emptiness”. Many texts, both worldly and theological reveal a peculiar “desire:” emperors, gods, conquerors want to be worshiped. The subjects must pray to their Lords, must celebrate their victories, must kneel before them, thank them for life and “gifts”, beg for protection and forgiveness. The desire for worship is regarded as universal and hence power is used to extend the domain of the Lord across the universe. With every conquest more slaves are brought to worship the Lord. The mere mentioning of his name evokes fear a worship. But then the question must be answered: what such worship gets the Lord? (Lord here can be anyone: God of Gods, King with divine rights, dictator, famous name). First level: arbitrariness; he need not obey any rules since every uttered wish is the rule. Second, the wish is to be a possessor of all females as his. One famous variant: harem which includes convents whose inhabitants are married to some heavenly Lord. The disruption of this possession is the power of eros which cannot be reduced to possession. The text, then, opens to the personality types “hungry” for power. Their make-up is resentment, narcissism, populism, hypocrisy (usually using religion), cynicism, dramatic insecurity, and search for populist affirmation.



The Phenomenological Intuition of Space as the Nurturer (τιθήνη) of History and Global Crisis

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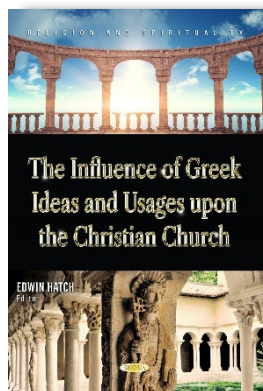
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Plato’s model of the matrix of history (τιθήνη, the nurturer) foreshadows the dynamics of a crisis matrix, as conceived by Adam Tooze. This crisis matrix model of the universe can interpret geopolitical global modern crises with the phenomenologist’s embracketing method. In order to embracket, the development of historical phenomena in space, their unfolding in space implies the suspension of all claims to actual reality. What is thus retained leads us to consider what really exists in history. The enquiry we have in mind is a conceptual analysis of ways of grasping how the historical process is unfolded in

space. It is necessary that we should begin with historical events unfolding in space and the problems this entails thus following the steps of the phenomenological method as Spiegelberg takes them up.

Religion

Christianity



The Influence of Greek Ideas and Usages upon the Christian Church

Edwin Hatch

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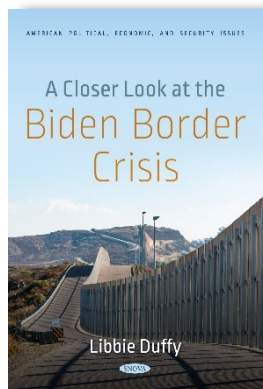
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How did Christian societies come to believe one proposition rather than another? How did they come to the frame of mind which attached importance to either one belief or the other? The change in the centre of gravity from conduct to belief is coincident with the transference of Christianity from a Semitic to a Greek soil. The presumption is that it was the result of Greek influence. This book will show this presumption is true.

POLITICS

American Government and Politics



A Closer Look at the Biden Border Crisis

Libbie Duffy

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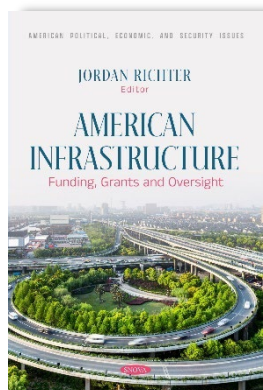
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On Inauguration Day the border was secure. The “Remain in Mexico” policy had slowed illegal immigration to a trickle, court-ordered deportations were being enforced, and the border wall was nearing completion. By the afternoon of that day, Joe Biden had reversed these policies, producing the largest illegal mass migration in history. The Biden Administration’s radical, open-borders immigration policies leave the United States susceptible to terrorism and crime.



American Infrastructure: Funding, Grants and Oversight

Jordan Richter

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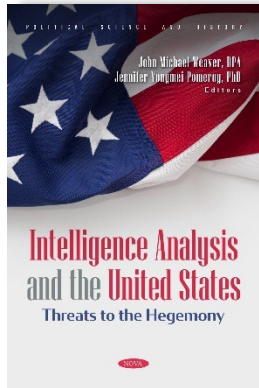
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Infrastructure investment is vital to the economic growth in America. The sorry state of our infrastructure right now is a recipe for national decline, and the United States continues to fall behind China and other countries on broadband, on roads, on highways, on ports, on rail, airports, housing, and in other areas. Chapter 1 looks at funding options for bolstering and improving the current infrastructure. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes a provision to review DOT’s process for evaluating and selecting INFRA projects for award. Chapter 2 examines DOT’s processes to solicit, evaluate, and select applications for INFRA grant awards. The nation’s 16 critical infrastructure sectors provide essential services such as electricity,

healthcare, and gas and oil distribution. However, cyber threats to critical infrastructure, such as ransomware, represent a significant national security challenge. Chapter 3 describes the reported impact of ransomware attacks on the nation's critical infrastructure.



Intelligence Analysis and the United States: Threats to the Hegemony

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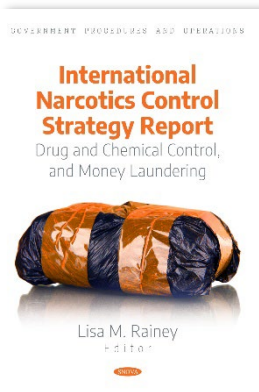
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As President Biden moves forward with an election year, there are several issues that pertain to national security. More to the point, there are state and non-state actors looking to weaken the United States. Accordingly, this book conducts a deeper dive into these issues and the authors conduct an analysis using two models: the York Intelligence Red Team Model and the Federal Secondary Data Case Study Triangulation Model. Both models have been vetted and used in numerous peer-reviewed publications over the last decade.



International Narcotics Control Strategy Report: Drug and Chemical Control, and Money Laundering

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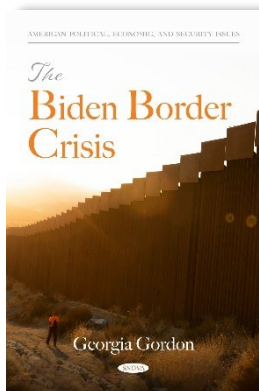
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In 2020, America's ongoing illicit drug crisis was compounded by the worst public health crisis in 100 years – the COVID-19 pandemic. After a slight decline in 2018, drug overdose deaths in the United States increased to over 72,000 in 2019, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In the 12 months ending in May 2020, the CDC recorded over 81,000 drug overdose deaths, the highest number ever in a 12-month period. Chapter 1 includes data on drug production, trafficking, seizures, and consumption that come from host governments or non-governmental organizations. Chapter 2 reviews the anti-money laundering (AML) of jurisdictions and highlights the most significant steps each has taken to improve its

legal and institutional infrastructure of jurisdictions and highlights the most significant steps each has taken to improve its AML regime.



The Biden Border Crisis

Georgia Gordon

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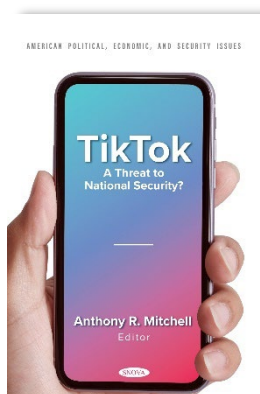
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Four point five million, that is the number of illegal aliens encountered by CBP officials just in the time since President Biden took office; 1.7 million, the number of illegal migrants that Joe Biden released into American communities; 2,378,944, the number of illegal migrants encountered by CBP on the Southwest border in 2022—the highest number ever recorded in a single year in our Nation's history; 251,487, the number of illegal migrants encountered by CBP on the Southwest border in the month of December of last year—the highest monthly number ever recorded; 8,100, the average number of illegal migrants encountered per day on the Southwest border in the month of December, 2022; 717,660, the number of illegal migrant encounters on the Southwest border in just the first three months of this fiscal year; 1.1 million, the number of known got-aways who have successfully crossed the Southwest border since President Biden took office; 856, the number of migrants who died attempting to cross the Southwest border during the past fiscal year—again, the highest number on record; 98, the number of aliens on the Terrorist Watch List encountered on our Southwest border during Fiscal Year 2022—yet another

record set by the Biden Administration. This book will explore some of the effects of Biden's open-border policies on everyday Americans and the communities in which they live.



TikTok: A Threat to National Security?

Anthony R. Mitchell

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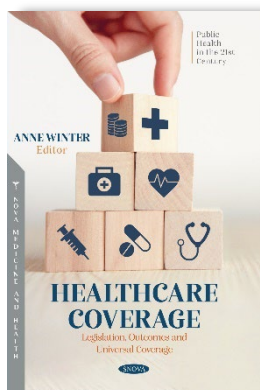
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TikTok collects nearly every data point imaginable, from people's location to what they type and copy, who they talk to, biometric data, and more. Even if they have never been on TikTok, their trackers are embedded in sites across the Web. TikTok surveils us all, and the Chinese Communist Party is able to use this as a tool to manipulate America as a whole. Internal recordings reveal there is a back door for China to access user data across the platform.

Laws and Legislation



Healthcare Coverage: Legislation, Outcomes and Universal Coverage

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More than 27 million people in the United States are uninsured, and even for some who do have insurance, it is not enough to insulate them from the significant cost of getting healthcare. Chapter 1 examines seven bills to improve Americans' healthcare and coverage. Chapter 2 looks at a proposal to transition our healthcare system to a national single-payer model where no patient is denied necessary medical care.

Asian Political, Social and Economic Issues



China's Role in the Fentanyl Crisis

Robert P. Calloway

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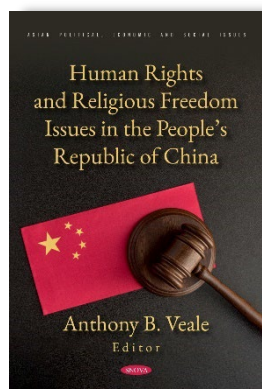
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Fentanyl is a poison that is afflicting every community in this country. This poison is synthetic opioid, 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Just 2 milligrams equal to 10 to 15 grains of salt is enough to be lethal. It is vital to understand the essential role that China plays in the fentanyl crisis. China is the primary source of the know-how and illicit materials that Mexican cartels use to manufacture lethal synthetic opioids. Moreover, despite the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP's) publicly-professed policy against the export of dangerous drugs for illicit use, the CCP supports the Chinese companies that export fentanyl precursors by offering them government benefits and preferential tax policies.



Human Rights and Religious Freedom Issues in the People's Republic of China

Anthony B. Veale

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The People's Republic of China is an authoritarian state in which the Chinese Communist Party is the paramount authority. Communist Party members hold almost all top government and security apparatus positions. Government officials and the security services often committed human rights abuses with impunity. Significant human rights issues included credible reports of: arbitrary or unlawful killings by the government; forced disappearances by the government; torture by the government; harsh and life-threatening prison and detention conditions; arbitrary arrest and detention by the government and child labor.

The constitution of the People's Republic of China (PRC), which cites the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), states that citizens "enjoy freedom of religious belief" but limits protections for religious practice to "normal religious activities," without defining "normal." The government recognizes five official religions: Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Protestantism, and Catholicism. Only religious groups belonging to one of the five state-sanctioned "patriotic religious associations" representing these religions are permitted to register with the government and are officially permitted to hold worship services.



Tensions in the China Seas: Background, Competition and Disputes

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Over the past 10 to 15 years, the South China Sea (SCS) has emerged as an arena of U.S.-China strategic competition. China's actions in the SCS—including extensive island-building and base-construction activities at sites that it occupies in the Spratly Islands, as well as actions by its maritime forces to assert China's claims against competing claims by regional neighbors such as the Philippines and Vietnam—have heightened concerns among U.S. observers that China is gaining effective control of the SCS, an area of strategic, political, and economic importance to the United States and its allies and partners. Actions by China's maritime forces at the Japan-administered

Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea (ECS) are another concern for U.S. observers. Chinese domination of China's near-seas region—meaning the SCS and ECS, along with the Yellow Sea—could substantially affect U.S. strategic, political, and economic interests in the Indo-Pacific region and elsewhere.



The Chinese Communist Party's Threat to U.S. National Security

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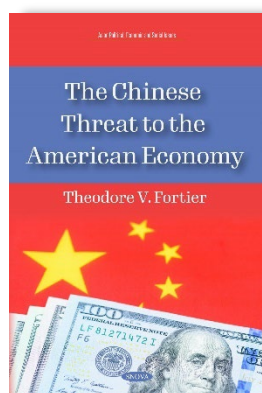
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The Chinese Communist Party threatens the safety and privacy of American citizens through economic espionage and theft of U.S. intellectual property, the theft of personal data of American citizens through cyber-attacks, the recent use of a spy balloon and other methods of surveillance to illegally gather intelligence on American territory, and the build-up of military capabilities that seek to eclipse the United States and our democratic allies. Under President Xi, the Chinese Communist Party has nearly tripled its defense spending in the last decade. Through the CCP's aggressive national strategy of Military- Civil Fusion, the People's Liberation Army and the Chinese government

are stealing information from U.S. military and civilian targets. Most of the threats China poses to the U.S. homeland security are occurring below the threshold of traditional conflict.



The Chinese Threat to the American Economy

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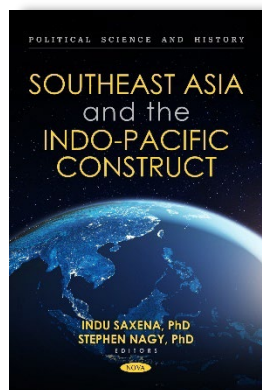
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The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will stop at nothing to undermine U.S. global leadership and weaken the economy. The CCP has invested heavily in artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. Paired with this investment, China is creating favorable environments for their private-sector companies and entrepreneurs to deploy and test these technologies. This has forced many American companies with global footprint and American innovators with cutting-edge ideas to consider a hard decision: whether to move their operations from American to Chinese shores. It is also allowing Chinese companies to invest and expand further, potentially endangering our own infrastructure and data security.

Southeast Asia



Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific Construct

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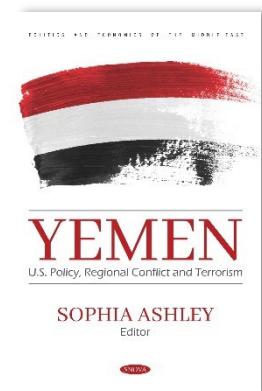
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This edited volume focuses on the changing regional security dynamics of Southeast Asia within the context of the U.S.-China strategic competition in the Indo-Pacific. On the one hand, China's growing influence and assertive behavior in the South China Sea and the Archipelago region are the main concerns of these countries. On the other hand, Southeast Asian countries are skeptical—if not hesitant—with the formation of new mini-lateral frameworks and emerging institutional cooperation such as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) and AUKUS. In this highly competitive strategic environment, these countries prefer to position themselves in a flexible mode of sometimes leaning toward the United States or China based on a nuanced balance of maintaining both strategic autonomy and opportunities that manifest in the region. In line with this flexible mode of engagement, Southeast Asian countries prefer to eschew an explicitly pro-position vis-à-vis the United States or China, cognizant of the turbulence ahead due to the deepening of U.S.-China strategic competition—this, despite the fact that freedom of navigation and a rule-based international order is much desired by Southeast Asian countries to establish and maintain peace and stability in the region. The strategic value of Southeast Asia has much significance to the deepening U.S.-China strategic competition. In this book, chapters examine the behavior, perspectives, and strategy of Southeast Asian countries toward the U.S.-China strategic competition in the Indo-Pacific. This book is aimed at scholars, strategists, policy makers, and students in the field of international relations and international security studies.



Middle Eastern Politics

Yemen: U.S. Policy, Regional Conflict and Terrorism

Sophia Ashley

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The United Nations has characterized the conflict in Yemen as one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. For over a decade, the Republic of Yemen has been torn apart by multiple armed conflicts to which several internal militant groups and foreign nations are parties. Collectively, these conflicts have eroded central governance in Yemen and

have fragmented the nation into various local centers of power. The gradual dissolution of Yemen's territorial integrity has alarmed the United States and others in the international community.

Politics of Europe



European Integration: Past, Present and Future Perspectives
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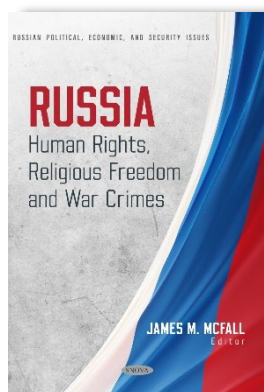
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This book is a volume consisting of several chapters that address various topics related to the European Union, development, integration, or the future of the member states in this large family. The book analyzes the most important current issues concerning the European Union. It is comprised of seven chapters that cover significant points in economic development, politics, and other sensitive issues such as corruption and the fight against organized crime. The first chapter is perhaps chosen to be the first because it directly addresses an issue related to the fundamental freedom of movement, which is also the main goal of the EU, the movement of persons and services, and something that characterizes and encompasses the topic of globalization and the respect for human rights. There are also current topics related to the future of the EU's green policies for climate sustainability, including the specific agreement between the EU and Ukraine. The subsequent chapters address topics related to the proper functioning of European institutions, as well as the criteria and standards set by the EU for membership in this large family of democratic states. The last chapter presents some data and information on EU missions in the candidate countries, especially the Western Balkans. The authors used analyzed a lot of sources, like the Stabilization and Association Agreement, the Berlin Plus Agreement, the Copenhagen criteria, the Green Deal, etc.



Russia: Human Rights, Religious Freedom and War Crimes
James M. McFall

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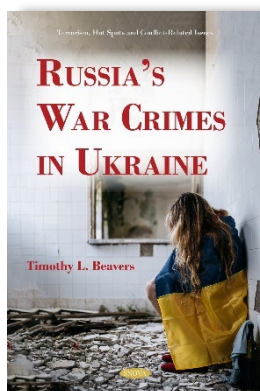
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The Russian Federation has a highly centralized, authoritarian political system dominated by President Vladimir Putin. The bicameral Federal Assembly consists of a directly elected lower house (State Duma) and an appointed upper house (Federation Council), both of which lack independence from the executive. The Ministry of Internal Affairs, Federal Security Service, Investigative Committee, Office of the Prosecutor General, and National Guard are responsible for law enforcement. There were reports that members of Russia's security forces committed numerous human rights abuses.

The constitution declares the state is secular and guarantees freedom of religion, equal rights irrespective of religious belief, and the right to worship and profess one's

religion. The law states government officials may prohibit the activity of a religious association for violating public order or engaging in "extremist activity." Religious groups and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) reported authorities continued to investigate, detain, imprison, torture, physically abuse persons, and seize their property because of their religious belief or affiliation or membership in groups designated "extremist," "terrorist," or "undesirable," including Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars, Hizb ut-Tahrir, Tablighi Jamaat, followers of Turkish Muslim theologian Said Nursi, the Church of Scientology, Falun Gong, and multiple evangelical Protestant groups.



Russia's War Crimes in Ukraine

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From the beginning of Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, Russian troops have been engaging in unspeakable acts against the Ukrainian people. Putin's illegal unprovoked invasion has inflicted brutality on the people of Ukraine. Russian airstrikes have destroyed schools, flattened apartment buildings, killed mothers and babies in maternity wards. The book exposes Russian war crimes and other atrocities in Ukraine.



Sanctions on Russia: What Comes Next?

Leonardo E. Woodall

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Sanctions are a central element of U.S. policy to deter, alter, and counter malign Russian activities. The United States maintains sanctions on Russia in part to reverse Russian aggression in Ukraine and to deter Russian aggression against other countries. The U.S. support a robust use of sanctions amid concerns about Russia's international intentions and actions. Since the onset of Russia's 2014 invasion of Ukraine, the United States has coordinated many of its sanctions-related decisions with the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), and other allies and partners.



The Russia-Ukraine War: Policies, Implications, and Sanctions

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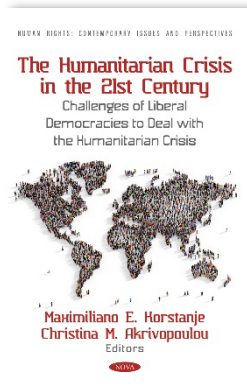
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In the wake of Putin's invasion of Ukraine, democratic nations came together to isolate his regime with coordinated condemnation and a punishing set of sanctions. They have reduced revenues from trade and petroleum products, pushed more than a thousand companies to pull out of Russia, and isolated the country's financial industry. Yet, the Russian economy only shrank by 2 percent in 2022. Russia has dramatically increased trade with other autocratic nations including China and Iran, not to mention India. The Russian economy is surviving better than any thought it would, and part of that has been the laundering of dirty money in Switzerland.

Special Topics



The Humanitarian Crisis in the 21st Century: Challenges of Liberal Democracies to Deal with the Humanitarian Crisis
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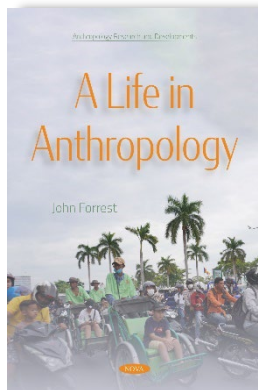
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One of the main dilemmas of the current humanitarian crisis is the lack of interest of Western cultures in dealing with current immigration issues. In this book, we explore not only the ebbs and flows of migratory issues but also the lack of global jurisprudence to cope with human rights violations in the world. Although the nation-state is inclined to protect the lay citizens' rights, under some conditions it acts as a key driver to systematic human rights violations. In our times, a moment of humanity where the "other" is considered as "undesired guests," a hot debate on the future of human rights and the challenges faced by liberal democracies to manage the current humanitarian crisis is necessary. The selected chapters have been authored by well-versed authors who dedicated their lives to the study of this phenomenon. The book interrogates further the failure of the United Nations to give a firm legal background to be applied contextually in practical terms.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Anthropology



A Life in Anthropology

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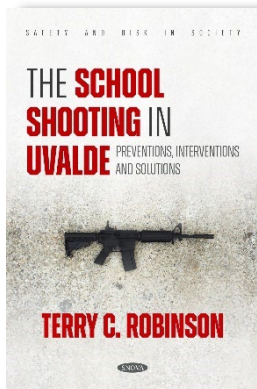
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This book is a series of essays for people who are interested in anthropology, whether they be school leavers considering possibilities for university, or simply curious minds looking for alternate ways of thinking about the world we live in. The book is not in any sense meant to be exhaustive in terms of the things that interest anthropologists, nor completely definitive in terms of the current state of play within the discipline, but, rather, a look at how the anthropological lens can be helpful in viewing the world, particularly as it relates to problems that you encounter – maybe on an everyday basis. The chapters are based on my experience as a fieldworker and lecturer in anthropology for over forty years.

Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience

Human Behavior



The School Shooting in Uvalde: Preventions, Interventions and Solutions

Terry C. Robinson

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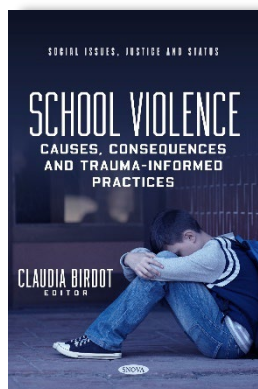
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There is nothing we can do to heal the wounds suffered by the Uvalde community, nothing that can redress the loss of 21 souls stolen from their families and friends. This book critically examines the contributing factors to the horrific massacre at Robb Elementary School to try to provide answers and prevent similar tragedies in the future. A safer environment for all children is one of the ways we can honor the memory of the students and teachers murdered in Uvalde.

Child Safety



School Violence: Causes, Consequences and Trauma-Informed Practices

Claudia Birdot

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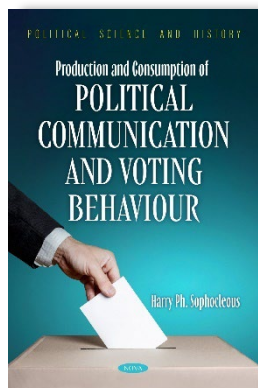
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The multifaceted construct of “school violence” includes a wide variety of acts, such as physical assault and battery, physical aggression, noncontact aggression (e.g., throwing things), broadly defined externalizing behavior, bullying, fighting, robbery, unwanted sexual contact, weapon possession, and verbal threats. Chapter 1 takes a comprehensive look at the research on the predictors and consequences of violence in schools. Today, many children are prevented from reaching their full potential because they are suffering from the significant long-term effects of trauma. In fact, 34 million children, or 45 percent of children, have endured an adverse childhood experience that can hinder their ability to learn and grow. Chapter 2 explores implementing trauma-informed school

practices.

Communication and Media Studies

Political Communication



Production and Consumption of Political Communication and Voting Behaviour

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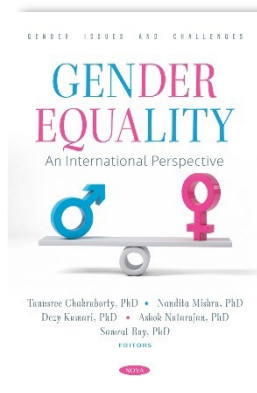
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Voters consume political communications that are produced by the political system and partly shaped by the political issues of society. Electoral behavior is a practice of consumer behavior, and the voter is the prospective consumer of the “political market.” This book addresses the production and consumption of electoral communications and attempts to clarify the association between the ideological positions shaped by the parties and the ideological wants that are perceived and consumed by the electorates.

Cultural Studies

General Gender Studies



Gender Equality: An International Perspective

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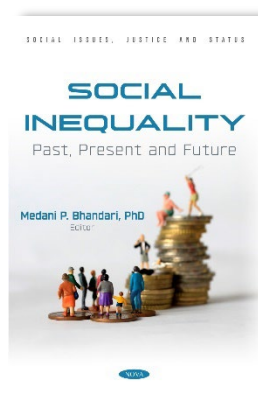
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This book is an exploration of various facets of women's advancement and empowerment in the modern world. It delves into a range of topics, shedding light on the challenges women face and offering insightful strategies for change. From science education and healthcare organizations to entrepreneurship and decision-making styles, it examines global implications and highlights the need for gender equality. The book begins by focusing on the status of women in science education in the 21st century, with a special reference to Nigeria. It delves into the barriers hindering girls' access to education, particularly in rural areas, and investigates the consequences of this gender gap. By examining the unique challenges faced by Nigerian women, valuable insights are provided that can be applied to similar contexts globally. Moving on, the book explores gender differences in employee engagement and managing diversity in healthcare organizations. It also delves into the globally relevant issue of the glass ceiling effect on women in managerial positions. By addressing the underlying causes and offering strategies for breaking through the glass ceiling, the book advocates for gender parity in leadership roles worldwide. Furthermore, the book investigates gender differences in personality profiles and cognitive dimensions of students with diverse professional academic orientations. The book also analyzes gender perspectives on employability skills among teachers and explores the role of microfinance in women's economic empowerment worldwide. This provides valuable insights into how microfinance programs can be designed and implemented to effectively support women's economic empowerment globally. With comprehensive case studies and empirical research, the book addresses various facets of gender inequality, including access to education, workplace dynamics, entrepreneurship, decision-making, and economic empowerment. It presents a collection of global perspectives, highlighting the challenges, strategies, and implications for women's advancement in modern society. This thought-provoking book inspires action, fosters dialogue, and advocates for gender equality, aiming to create an inclusive and equitable world where women thrive and reach their full potential.



Social Inequality: Past, Present and Future

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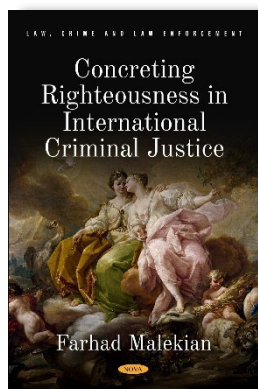
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Inequality stands as one of the enduring chronic diseases afflicting human societies throughout history. Among its various forms, social inequality emerges as particularly formidable, intricately woven into the fabric of societal structures, and notoriously challenging to dismantle. Despite the proliferation of scholarly works and literature addressing social inequality, significant knowledge gaps persist in this field, compounded by a lack of comprehensive geographical representation. Recognizing this lacuna, the book under discussion endeavors to fill this void by offering a panoramic

view of social inequality across the globe. This book presents a rich tapestry of perspectives and analyses, offering valuable insights into the complexities of social inequality across different contexts and regions. Through its interdisciplinary approach and diverse authorship, the book contributes significantly to the ongoing discourse on inequality and provides a foundation

for future research and action in addressing this pressing societal issue. Each chapter is grounded in factual truth and supported by an appropriate knowledge base, offering readers a sobering yet illuminating depiction of the realities of social inequality. The authors express hope that policymakers will utilize this comprehensive resource to formulate effective policies aimed at addressing the systemic issues perpetuating inequality. Through its meticulous analysis and compelling narrative, the book endeavors to provoke meaningful dialogue and catalyze actionable change in the ongoing struggle against social inequality.

Law and Society



Concreting Righteousness in International Criminal Justice

Farhad Malekian (Uppsala, Sweden)

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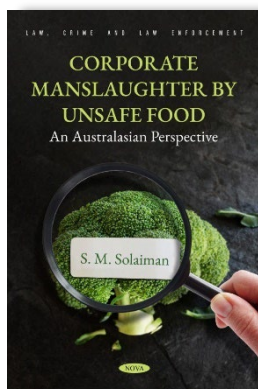
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The philosophy of being righteous essentially sustains our existence, questioning the sphere of morality in man. It reaches the colossal connotation of the royal essence of our natural virtue—if it exists—which can then institute the soul of all international human rights and criminal conventions. No matter what we include in our arguments and reasoning in relation to the content of justice itself, it is the sugarcoated perception of the improper use of our obligations that undermines its major philosophy. All divisive interpretations of the nature of rights and justice ultimately reveal how fragile our human rights ecosphere is and why there is a lack of criminal accountability for those who commit core international crimes. The truth is that justice is served without using any

metaphysics of categorical righteousness. Consequently, the axiomatic merit of justice remains conceptually indistinct, as it cannot face the noble spirit of the forum of humanity. Justice becomes a simple metaphor. The very merits of being righteous decline, and the actual notions of cruel injustice escalate. This is not my assumption, nor is it the judgment of national or international courts. It is proven, it is seen, and it is waged. We will witness that those very major and invaluable provisions of justice have been recycled “in the name of humanity” to slaughter populations of millions in order to gain control of their resources.



Corporate Manslaughter by Unsafe Food: An Australasian Perspective

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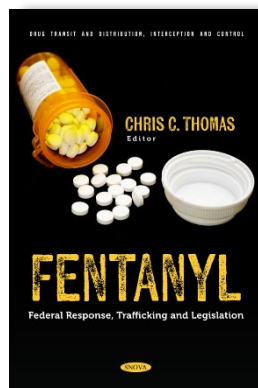
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This book promotes the relatively new concept of food manslaughter or manslaughter by unsafe food and is presented in light of the laws of Australia, Bangladesh and India with sporadic references to the laws of the United Kingdom, the United States and a few countries from the Asia-Pacific region. Analysis persuasively justifies the characterisation of this heinous crime as criminally negligent manslaughter considering the elements of the offence together with different theories of criminalisation and deterrence. This book provides novel research and is the first of its kind in the existing literature. It will be an immensely useful resource for researchers, academics, practitioners, prosecutors, regulators, and consumers in general to fight for the right to safe food.



Fentanyl: Federal Response, Trafficking and Legislation

Chris C. Thomas

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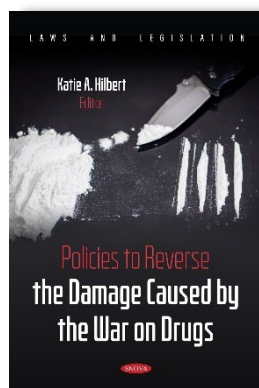
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The opioid crisis in the United States is exacerbated by both the ubiquity and potency of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times

stronger than morphine. Fentanyl is commonly mixed surreptitiously with other illicit drugs—such as heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine—and thus is often taken unknowingly, which has driven an increase in opioid overdoses in recent years. The CDC estimates that there were about 110,000 drug overdose deaths in 2022, and of those, roughly 75% were due to fentanyl or other synthetic opioids.



Policies to Reverse the Damage Caused by the War on Drugs

Katie A. Hilbert

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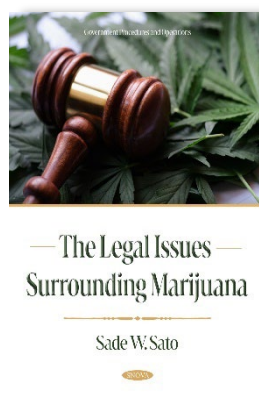
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The war on drugs marked the start of a dramatic rise in the U.S. prison population. This policy became an engine for mass incarceration, as it resulted in an increase of Federal funding for drug control agencies, proposed measures such as mandatory and excessive sentencing laws and, yes, the now well-known and destructive no-knock warrants. The totality of these punitive measures does not increase public safety; rather, it produces permanent harm and disrupts the entire equilibrium of justice. This book examines how to repair the damage wrought by these overly excessive penalties.



The Legal Issues Surrounding Marijuana

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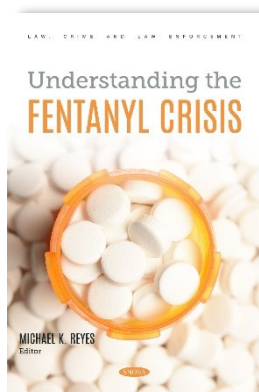
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The legal status of marijuana has been a topic of recurring interest in recent years. Marijuana was initially placed and today remains as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). As a result, a person who grows, possesses, uses, sells, transports, or distributes marijuana, even if it is done in a way that is consistent with State law or authorized by a State license, is nonetheless in violation of the CSA and remains subject to Federal prosecution. This book outlines the laws that apply to controlled substances like marijuana, then analyzes several approaches that can be taken to change those laws.



Understanding the Fentanyl Crisis

Michael K. Reyes

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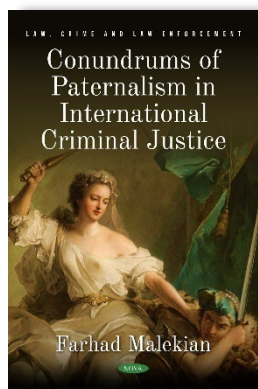
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Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids have devastated communities all over the United States, fueling the worst drug crisis in American history. Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl. America's drug crisis is so severe compared to other countries because of its position in drug supply chains. Mexican cartels import synthetic chemicals from China and make synthetic drugs like fentanyl at very low cost, which are then smuggled through the southern border. Every day, transnational criminal organizations use America's complex highway systems to smuggle illicit drugs, such as deadly fentanyl, into our country. These criminal organizations pose an enormous threat to the United States, as they undermine public safety and flood the streets with drugs.

International Law



Conundrums of Paternalism in International Criminal Justice *Farhad Malekian (Uppsala, Sweden)*

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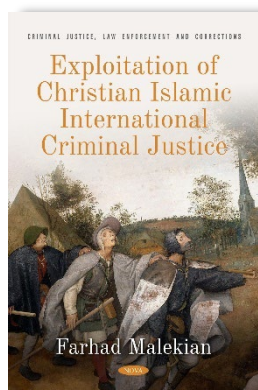
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The Statute of the United Nations promotes a very disastrous image of the inequality of arms. If we conclude that the inequalities in Chapter VII of the Charter must be respected because states have given their consent, we can argue that the extraction of information through the use of torture is lawful since victims of torture have confirmed this statement. Ultimately, the contemporary modern bodies of international criminal justice and human rights are chained to a system of paternalism that has gradually infringed upon an independent taboo norm of dignity, which in turn represents the decree of immorality by a superior order. Paternalism is the successor to the traditional colonial rules of control and intends to guide governments as to what to do when it comes to their natural resources, security, and international legal personalities. Therefore, paternalism

represents control through sanctions and resolutions. Paternalism also monopolises the basic principles of the legal discipline to promote political, military, and economic interests. The author coins new phrases “human-snaking rights” and “snaking justice” to express how paternalist governments impose rules and inject their dangerous, venomous fangs into legal and political resolutions against other governments. These resolutions function like saws because it does not matter which direction a member state chooses, since they will ultimately be cut into pieces. The veto of paternalism is a conundrum that poses a potential existential threat to international criminal jurisprudence when it comes to serious questions of criminal justice. Paternalism imposes its decisions on groups, governments, prosecutors, and judges of international criminal courts. Those who fail to listen are sanctioned through various means.



Exploitation of Christian Islamic International Criminal Justice *Farhad Malekian (Uppsala, Sweden)*

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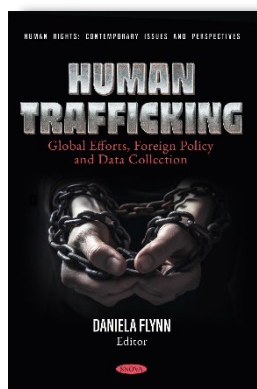
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In order to avoid international crimes, the concept of international peremptory criminal law promotes nonviolence on a unilateral, bilateral, and multilateral level. It is the duty of governments to defend international common norms. Similar parallel conclusions exist within the concepts of Christian Islamic justice, which identifies the parts of the law that are irrevocable. Apartheid, discrimination, slavery, torture, aggression, the unlawful use of weapons, genocide, corruption, harassment, rape, war crimes, the misuse of the natural environment, and other crimes against humanity are serious violations of Christian Islamic jus cogens norms. Essentially, Christian Islamic justice means moral values for the truth, wholehearted forgiveness, brotherhood, tolerance,

loving your neighbour, and striving for equality between races, ethnicities, religions, and sexes. It also demands open-mindedness to cultivate amnesty, eagerness to decrease punishment with knowledge, alleviating the predicament of victims or the abuse of power, encouraging the intention of the principle of ex injuria jus non oritur, and consolidating the principle of ex factis jus oritur. Beyond all, the element of universal love with compassion should be the novel substance of religious discourse. A philosophy that clashes with the God of all gods should also constitute a peremptory norm of pure Christian Islamic spiritual harmony. However, almost all theological leaders of organised religions throughout the history of human civilisation have been violators of their own identical shared value of peremptory justice, and this trend persists to this day.



Human Trafficking: Global Efforts, Foreign Policy and Data Collection

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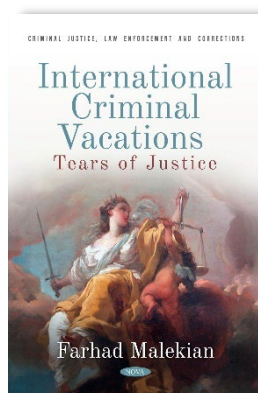
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Human trafficking (also known as trafficking in persons) refers to the subjection of men, women, or children to exploitative conditions that may be tantamount to modern-day slavery. Human traffickers exploit vulnerable individuals for commercial sex and forced labor in a variety of legal and illegal industries, both across the United States and around the world. This book provides an overview of human trafficking and a discussion of the challenges involved in combatting and tracking its prevalence.



International Criminal Vacations: Tears of Justice

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Justice tears continue to bleed due to the orchestrated façade of power-tionist egalitarianism within the global criminal justice system. The establishment of the International Criminal Court was intended to halt the perpetration of international crimes and the culture of impunity, both of which erode accountability within the framework of criminal justice. However, the Court contradicts its fundamental philosophy, illustrating its vast deviation from its original principles. Instead, it operates as a tool of the largest and most influential governments, solely to advance their own interests while shifting blame onto others. The embrace of the concept of international criminal vacations gravely tarnishes the standards of justice on a global scale, akin to a wart on

its integrity. This perspective doesn't merely criticise the international criminal justice system cynically; rather, it regrettably exposes a lamentable contemporary ideology at the core of the Court's crucial role. The Court was established to uphold the violated rights of victims in its judgments, not to bestow a license upon criminals. This unveiling sheds light on the characteristics of a cartelised assembly of puppet prosecutors and judges within the Court who, under the guise of humanitarian justice, indoctrinate the global populace to uphold their absurd authoritarian statutes. A comparative analysis of the Court's practices reveals the shortfall in moral wisdom that it delivers. This starkly implies that the true face of international criminal jurisprudence involves mass victim deaths due to weaponry, sanctions, or the granting of international vacations without prosecuting the wrongdoers. Thus, these vacations embody the most perilous ongoing crime, leading to a flood of victims' tears.

Psychology



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This volume contains nine chapters that detail advances in psychology research. Chapter One discusses the use of template analysis (TA) in exploring the post-traumatic growth among nurses following the COVID-19 pandemic. Chapter Two addresses mindfulness in parenting. Chapter Three describes Behaviorism and Cognitivism. Chapter Four aims to investigate university students' perceptions about problem solving when interacting with different interlocutors. Chapter Five identifies the similarities between different approaches to psychoanalysis and person-centered psychotherapy. Chapter Six aims to introduce helicopter parenting behaviors in the light of current literature. Chapter Seven addresses the following question: What is the readability of written scripts used in

physical activity research? Chapter Eight reviews the available literature on the Parenting Styles and Dimensions

Questionnaire's (PSDQ) convergence with other parenting measures, in an attempt to shed more light on its construct's validity. Lastly, Chapter Nine discusses the cognitive manifestations of substance abuse.



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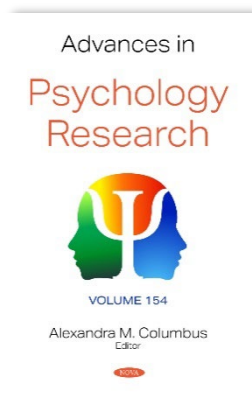
165 pp.

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This volume contains nine chapters that detail advances in psychology research. Chapter one presents findings from a comprehensive investigation conducted between 2020 and 2021 among doctoral students from a large Italian University. Chapter two discusses the identity of philosophy and science as species of organizational psychology. Chapter three examines the perceptions of instructional, test, and curricular accommodations among college students with reading disabilities, math disabilities, and ADHD and compares these students' perceptions to the perceptions of students without disabilities. Chapter four aims to uncover the real purpose and meaning of addiction. Chapter five offers a first-person (AK) account of dealing with Multiple Sclerosis, from diagnosis to

acceptance of the disease. Examining the impact of emotional drivers on employee sustainability in a successful organization is the goal of chapter six. Chapter seven explores the reasons for the conflictual findings on the association of the use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), and vaccine hesitancy reasons, and also assesses the extent to which discourses from CAM practitioner-authors have permeated lived ideologies of lay people. Chapter eight discusses the illusion of seeing Bigfoot. In the final chapter, the authors provide a discussion on how parental accommodation negatively influences obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) symptoms in children as well as its impact on the family dynamics.



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This book discusses advances in psychology research. Chapter 1 outlines why therapeutic relationships are critical; examines UPR through the lens of Behavioural Momentum Theory, exploring therapist-as-context in the process; explores the implications of this view for ABA and PCC; and highlights some limitations to any such translation. Chapter 2 delves into how leaders through technological advancements such as virtual communication and online meetings, despite their inherent challenges, can foster unique avenues for the articulation of diverse opinions and the matching of specific skills with corresponding tasks. Chapter 3 discusses how esports have become a significant social and economic phenomenon and poses a new challenge for sports psychology. Chapter 4 reviews a study done on financial literacy and its role in an individual's financial well-being. Chapter 5 discusses Theory of Mind (ToM) which is the ability to represent one's mental states and those of others. Chapter 6 aims to identify and discuss the main post-pandemic challenges for career counseling with emerging adults. Chapter 7 explores the role of motivation in the context of Alzheimer's disease, based on self-determination theory. Finally, Chapter 8 explores the rare coexistence of science and art through Freud's perspective, examining how these two different approaches contribute to the interpretation of psychoanalysis.



The Psychology Behind Second Language Acquisition

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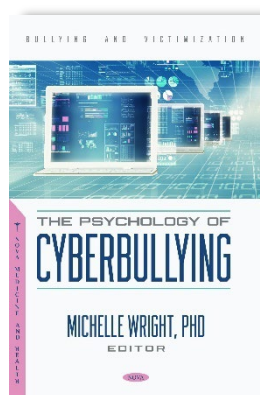
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Investigating the psychological dimensions of second language acquisition is essential for advancing language education, promoting multilingualism, and fostering intercultural understanding in our diverse and interconnected global world. This comprehensive volume of theoretical and empirical studies provides a variety of perspectives on the intricate interplay between psychology and second language

acquisition that can significantly influence the processes of second language learning and teaching. The book discusses diverse factors such as age, motivation, anxiety, learning styles, and learning strategies, underlying the direction and extent of second language learners' behaviours; focuses on the role of working memory in cognitive linguistics, with a specific focus on vocabulary acquisition and the long-term retention of linguistic expressions; draws on sociocultural theory; presents a communication model that encourages diverse educational relationships based on a highly interactive classroom experience; examines the impact of audiovisual education and vlogging on second language acquisition; and examines the application of second language acquisition theories for teaching methods and English learning materials development. The book is an invaluable resource for scholars and practitioners who are attempting to understand the underlying mechanisms that shape the journey of acquiring a second language.



The Psychology of Cyberbullying

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"Psychology of Cyberbullying" addresses the pressing issue of cyberbullying in today's digitally connected world. It offers a comprehensive understanding of cyberbullying and its profound impact on individuals, communities, and society. Cyberbullying, characterized as a dark aspect of the digital revolution, involves using technology to harass and harm others. The book delves into the lives of those affected by cyberbullying, particularly focusing on its toll on mental health. Beyond merely highlighting the problem, it empowers readers by equipping them with knowledge and tools to combat

cyberbullying effectively. Exploring the psychological motivations of bullies, the dynamics of cyberbullying, and the role of bystanders, the book aims to promote empathy, resilience, and digital responsibility. Acknowledging the ever-changing nature of technology, the book advocates for staying informed and vigilant, adapting responses to this evolving threat through ongoing research. Encouraging open dialogues, it emphasizes the collective power of individuals in creating a safer digital world by uniting against cyberbullying.

The Psychology of Mentalizing

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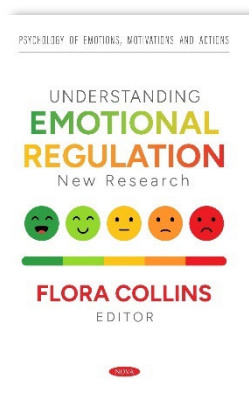
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This book aims to bring together recent research in the field of mentalizing. This mental capacity has been defined as the ability to keep the mind in mind, understanding overt behaviors in terms of their underlying emotional basis. The literature converges on the highlighted role of mentalizing in promoting healthy emotional development across the lifespan, emerging within the context of a secure parent-child attachment relationship. In other words, a parent can only understand the emotional world of their child through curiosity and questioning, providing a sense of safety and modeling for the child to be able to experiment and better make sense of their internal world, and thus themselves. This book starts off with a brief history of the development of the construct of mentalizing, from early psychoanalytic writing to its recent endorsement within the neuropsychanalytic field. The focus then turns to the concept of epistemic trust and its crucial role in the development of mentalizing, whether as part of the parent-child and teacher-student relationships, or through more mature supervisory relationships. The book closes with two chapters focused on mentalizing across cultures, with a special focus on the Arab world and the role played by mentalizing in breaking the intergenerational transmission of war trauma. The authors of the various chapters are mentalizing specialists and have extensive experience working on the clinical applications and research development of this construct.



Understanding Emotional Regulation: New Research Flora Collins

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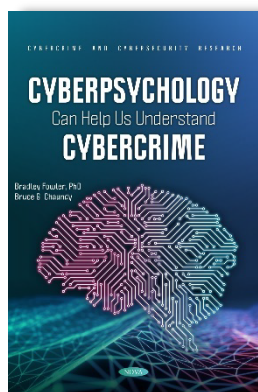
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This book is composed of seven chapters on emotional regulation (ER). Chapter one proposes that ER plays a crucial role in understanding the connection between neuroticism and academic engagement. To foster fantasies in individuals with psychiatric disorders, the author of chapter two proposes a picture book as part of treatment to help people who are suffering from mental illness or who are unable to integrate themselves into society. Chapter three focuses on the general impact of psychological traumas on the formation of emotion regulation skills and the adaptive psychological stress-coping mechanisms across the lifespan. Chapter four explores the use of a clinical wellbeing measurement system within a creative health project and the development of an alternative approach that focuses on emotional regulation. Chapter

five outlines an overview of integrative and/or transtheoretical approaches, strategies, and tasks to intervene in affective dysregulation. Chapter six builds on previous evidence and clinical studies and suggests that imbalances in neurobiological systems associated with dysfunctional coping styles deepens our understanding of emotional dysregulation and vulnerability to psychopathological disorders. Chapter seven aims to explore the associations between nonconscious affective processing (induced by subliminal emotion stimulation) and dispositional states and contextual states.

Applied Psychology



Cyberpsychology Can Help Us Understand Cybercrime Bradley Fowler, PhD (Capitol Technology University) Dissertation Chair, Canton, MI, USA) and Bruce G. Chaundy, MSc (Graduate Student, Southern New Hampshire University, NH USA)

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Cyberpsychology is a growing central phenomenon that helps us understand human behavior as it correlates with technology. This book provides knowledge about cyberpsychology and its ability to help us understand the mental and emotional motivation behind cybercriminals deployment of cybercrime and cyber-attacks, domestically and internationally. Research in this book examines forty-two countries' experiences with cyberattacks and explores how cyberpsychology can help us deter cybercriminals from engaging in cybercrime activities.

Developmental Psychology

The Psychology of Argumentation and Reasoning

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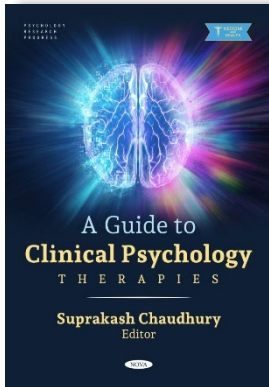
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The present book proposes a collection of different international scientific contributions coming from professionals and researchers working the topic of argumentation and reasoning in various fields of psychology and education. The interconnections of these scientific investigations provide, on the one hand, a perspective on reasoning as a social activity, and, on the other hand, contribute to contextualize the relationship with argumentation under the lenses of psychological studies. The volume offers the space for a dialogue among different scholars, to learn from their complementarity and enrich our understanding of argumentation and reasoning in psychology.

The different chapters highlight how argumentation and reasoning are strictly context-dependent activities through the presentations of studies based on a plurality of methodologies and approaches dealing with different contexts and cultures.

In the first section, a series of contributions present some relevant theoretical and empirical elements highlighting the pertinence of looking at argumentation and reasoning through different and complementary psychological perspectives. In the second section, a series of contributions dealing with educational and non-educational settings of activity are proposed through the analysis of situations of argumentation and reasoning with children and adults in various cultural and organizational contexts. All together, these contributions offer precious insights toward a more integrated view of the psychology of argumentation and reasoning, although similarities and differences remain fundamental in their essence.

Other



A Guide to Clinical Psychology: Therapies

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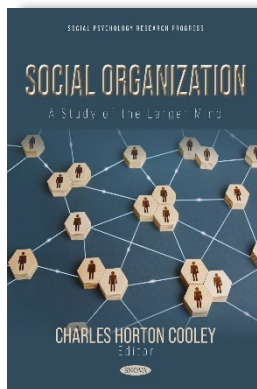
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The field of clinical psychology has shown explosive growth and today is the single largest subfield of psychologists. "A Guide to Clinical Psychology: Therapies" is a concise and up-to-date introduction to the various therapies in the field of clinical psychology and their applications in some disorders and some settings. It covers the history, theories, methods, and applications of clinical psychology in a balanced and engaging way. This book provides an overview of the main topics and issues in clinical psychology, such as assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and research. The book is written by leading experts in the field and includes case studies and examples to enhance

learning and understanding. This book also describes how clinical psychologists conduct evidence-based treatments for common disorders. This book also discusses how clinical psychologists work with diverse populations, such as children, older adults, and women. This compilation includes contributions of mental health professionals working in diverse areas related to clinical psychology. Topics include approaches to counseling, the psychological counselling process, mindfulness, emotional intelligence, stress management, existentialism, positive psychotherapy, metacognitive therapy, transactional analysis, family therapy, memory disorders, efficacy of cognitive rehabilitation, psychosocial management of cognitive changes in old age, mindfulness based cognitive therapy, dialectical behaviour therapy, alcohol dependence, internet addiction, cyber fraud, impact of social media, obsessive compulsive disorder, autism spectrum disorder, postpartum psychosis, psychological management in general hospital setups, and Indian approaches to management of mental illness. "A Guide to Clinical Psychology: Therapies" is an essential resource for students, instructors, and practitioners who want to learn more about the science and practice of clinical psychology.

Social Psychology



Social Organization: A Study of the Larger Mind

Charles Horton Cooley

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Our life is all one human whole, and if we are to have any real knowledge of it, we must see it as such. If we cut it up it dies in the process: the various branches of research that deal with this whole are properly distinguished by change in the point of sight rather than by any division in the thing that is seen. Social Organization: A Study of the Larger Mind is focused on the enlargement and diversification of intercourse, which is called Social Organization, the individual, though visible, remaining slightly in the background.



The Past, Present, and Future Directions of Migration/Immigration

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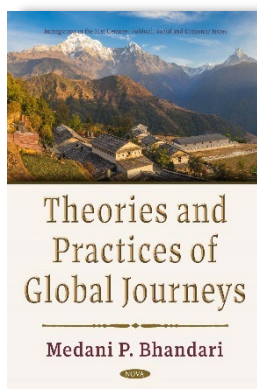
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This book offers a comprehensive exploration of human history and the intricate patterns of migration that have shaped the world. Drawing on a combination of desktop research and personal experiences and knowledge, it delves into the rich tapestry of human movement across continents and millennia. This book provides a panoramic

view of human migration, highlighting its diverse drivers and consequences. This underscores the dynamic interplay of historical, economic, political, and social factors that continue to influence global migration patterns.



Theories and Practices of Global Journeys

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In a world marked by ever-shifting demographics, the movement of people across borders has become an undeniable facet of contemporary life. Theories and Practices of Global Journeys provides an in-depth exploration of the intricate tapestry of human migration, offering fresh insights into the challenges and triumphs that define the experiences of immigrants, migrants, displaced individuals, and the stateless. This

compelling volume delves into seven distinct chapters, each a standalone repository of knowledge. It not only unravels the complexities of migration but also bridges theory and practice to understand the vast landscape of human mobility. In a deeply personal narrative, this book provides a case study of internal and external migration, sharing transformative experiences across different countries and cultures. It reflects the duality of life as a migrant, from adjusting to new surroundings to pursuing advanced studies. This book is a profound exploration of human mobility that transcends academic boundaries. It is a vital resource for scholars, development agencies, policymakers, and all who are committed to the welfare of humanity. Through these pages, we hope not only to expand our understanding of migration but also to contribute to the ongoing dialogue on social well-being, public welfare, and the betterment of our global community.

Security Issues



Security Risks to American Innovation: The Balancing Game

Thomas P. Couey

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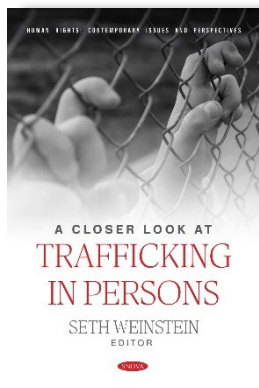
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Openness is one of the most important tenets of scientific research. Broad dissemination of results and data and the free exchange of ideas help facilitate wider evaluation and confirmation of results and spark new collaborations and avenues of inquiry. While there are domains in which openness in science can be detrimental to national competitiveness or security, fundamental research has been generally exempted from security restrictions since President Reagan's National Security Decision Directive in 1985. The directive does not claim that the open sharing of fundamental research is without risk. Rather, it asserts that openness in research is so important to competitiveness and security that it warrants the risk that adversaries may benefit from scientific openness as well. This book

explores the risks to research integrity and security posed by undue foreign influence in the U.S. research enterprise. It examines the ongoing efforts at universities and federal science agencies to address these risks and the need for additional clarity regarding the scale and scope of the risks and best practices for securing federally funded fundamental research. Also, discussed are the risks of overcorrection, including the impact on researchers, institutions, and the competitiveness of the U.S. research enterprise.

Social Policy and Welfare



A Closer Look at Trafficking in Persons

Seth Weinstein

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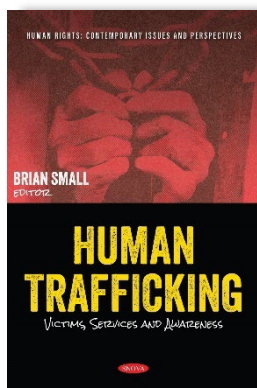
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Trafficking in persons (TIP), also known as human trafficking, occurs across the United States and around the world. Traffickers exploit vulnerable individuals for commercial sex and forced labor in a variety of legal and illegal industries. For over two decades, Congress has legislated to counter human trafficking in the United States. This book provides a background on human trafficking and the federal government's role in countering it. It specifically discusses the federal role in providing protection and services for victims and outlines federal grant programs authorized under the TVPA that provide funding for victim assistance.



Human Trafficking: Victims, Services and Awareness

Brian Small

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Trafficking, which involves the buying and selling of human beings to profit from their labor or sexual degrading, is a crime with life-shattering effects for many of the victims. Through threats or deceit, human traffickers force the most vulnerable members of society into servitude to meet the demands for cheap labor and sex workers.

Poverty, Emotions and State Interventions. Before and After the COVID-19 Pandemic
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With the rise of poverty, welfare state crises, health crises, and populist governments, state intervention and social policies are greatly affected by emotions. Based on sociological research carried out in Argentina, this book aims to examine state interventions at a global level and identify the emotions that shape social policies addressing nationwide poverty. In

understanding the social structures of the 21st century, it is crucial to analyze social policies from psychological and physiological perspectives. Thus, this book explores the connection between emotions, well-being, and feelings to women's participation in social policies and the dimension of uncertainty, trust, and fear from these interventions. Further, this book examines cash transfers and energy insufficiency in social policies that address poverty. Moreover, it seeks to understand new social architectures by discovering the sensibilities configured over the years in impoverished populations and recipients of state policies.

Sociology



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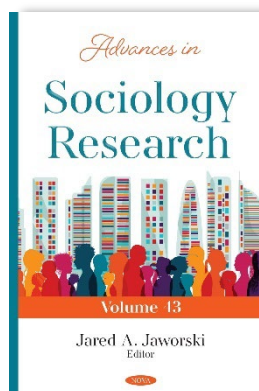
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This volume is comprised of nine chapters that detail advances in sociology research. The first chapter explores the impact of the new constitutional amendments implemented after the Arab Spring, on the opportunity of establishing a parliamentary government, and questions its application in the Jordanian context. Chapter Two delves into a critical yet often overlooked facet of international relations – the significance of social relationships and friendships among diplomats in the context of UNSC reform. The authors in Chapter Three explore the topic of adolescents' mental health in the United States and China, characterized by increasing rates of anxiety and depression. Chapter Four contributes to the conversation on intimate partner violence and argues

that the "achieve gender equality" principle of Sustainable Development Goal Five means that males and females should be treated equally. Chapter Five depicts the preliminary results of the comparative research project "Local Alliance for Integration (LION/GSRI/University of West Attica/81018) Migrant and Refugee integration into local societies during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Greece and Spain" implementing a qualitative methodology. The aim of Chapter Six is to determine the mediating role of work and family and the satisfaction of marriage, family, and life of women faculty members. Chapter Seven goes on to explore the importance of digital skills and competencies for the workforce in the changing labour market due to technological advancements. Chapter Eight is a research study that examines Greek parents' views on ethnocultural diversity, the impact of attending and socializing with diverse students on their children's performance, and the educational practices implemented for the smooth integration of these students in schools. The final chapter analyses the evolution of the Ukrainian refugee crisis due to the full-scale armed conflict that started on February 24th, 2022.



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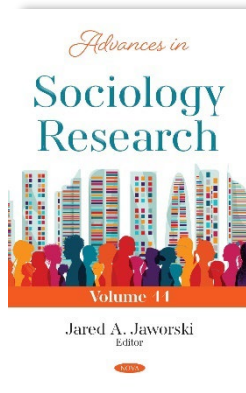
191 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-542-0. \$250.00

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This volume is comprised of seven chapters that detail advances in sociology research. By comparing two tales of the Caucasus and by understanding them within the context of Russian imperialism, the author shows that Hadji Murad is the culmination of Leo Tolstoy's thinking on civilization and man, of nature and of natural morality. Chapter two proposes a systematization of modernization tendencies affecting secularization, and extensively discusses predictors of religiosity. The author of chapter three discusses some of the cognitive foundations that underlie vaccine hesitancy. The aim of chapter four is to closely examine the effects COVID-19 response has had on gender equity as well as on the disabled employees in the tourism sector in Zimbabwe and to suggest strategies that can be employed to mitigate these effects. In chapter five, the main

objective of the study is to reduce poverty in Zimbabwe through informal sector support. Chapter six discusses agroforestry practices based on local wisdom of the indigenous people on the island of Java. In the final chapter, the author provides an examination of an international historiography on legal history, the two World Wars and the Cold War.



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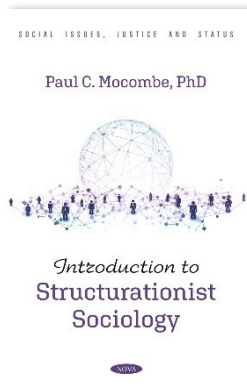
181 pp.

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This volume is comprised of eight chapters that detail advances in sociology research. Chapter one analyzes SMMML situations from the standpoint of the capabilities approach. Chapter two evaluates the salient features of those liberal values in the amphitheatre of immigration control and measures its compliance to liberal democratic ideologies and thus explores the dilemma -if any- faced by the UK in what is referred as the 'liberal democratic paradox.' In chapter three the model of deliberative democracy – as a set of principles, a methodology for solving publicly significant problems, and procedures for conducting legitimizing public communication – is considered an ideal of liberal democracy. The main goal of chapter four is, through philosophical analysis, to determine to what extent the pendulum has moved away from the approach of J. Maritain and closer to the

understanding of sovereignty as understood by C. Schmitt, and in what way the movement of the pendulum will affect the future of the fundamental ideas of liberal democracy. Chapter five delves into the clash between two prominent theoretical approaches within musicology: representational and constructivist theories. Chapter six addresses Obstetric Violence (OV) as a form of gender-based violence, particularly affecting female individuals. Chapter six examines the major candidates who managed to collect substantial amounts of money (about USD 100 million) and spent it on their election campaigns in the political seasons of 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020. The final chapter provides an introspection about the real conditions and challenges faced by differently-abled women in Indian society and proposes remedies at the rudimentary level for the better and harmonious development of disabled women.



Introduction to Structurationist Sociology

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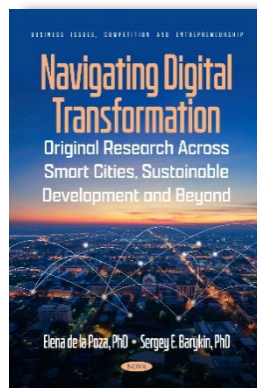
118 pp.

Softcover: 979-8-89113-811-7. \$ 82.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-854-4. \$ 82.00

This book outlines the tenets and problematic of structurationist sociology. In resolving its problematic — the structure/agency problematic of duality — the author posits a structurationist sociology, consciousness field theory, and phenomenological structuralism that is tied to an emergent logico-metaphysical materialist account regarding the constitution and perpetuation of the multiverse, consciousness, society, and the individual. The author concludes that consciousness field theory and

phenomenological structuralism fix structurationism and make it a formidable (universal) theory and methodology for all of the social sciences.



Navigating Digital Transformation: Original Research Across Smart Cities, Sustainable Development and Beyond

Elena de la Poza, PhD (Associate Professor, Centro de Ingeniería Económica, Universitat Politècnica de València, Valencia, Spain) and Sergey E. Barykin, PhD (Professor, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, St. Petersburg, Russia)

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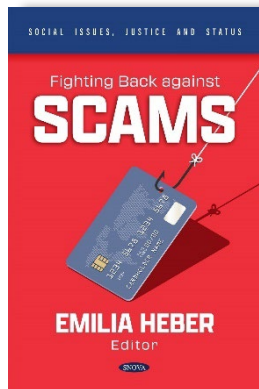
e-book: 979-8-89113-879-7. \$270.00

This book is a well thought out compilation of up-to-date research ranging miscellaneous academic disciplines, including management, green logistics, supply chain management and smart cities sustainable development. Illustrating the legacy of its distinguished forerunners, this highly desired edition encompasses an anthology of chapters that offer insights into new inquiries into the intense effects of digital transformation on today's

complicated market forces.

This book embodies a collaborative endeavor by leading scholars, researchers and experts from around the globe. Within its pages, readers will uncover various subjects, ranging from smart cities and sustainable development to digital logistics, meta-marketing, intelligent supply chains and more. Each contribution offers a distinctive perspective on how the digital revolution has fundamentally reshaped conventional market paradigms ushering in unprecedented opportunities and intricate challenges.

Special Topics



Fighting Back against Scams

Emilia Heber

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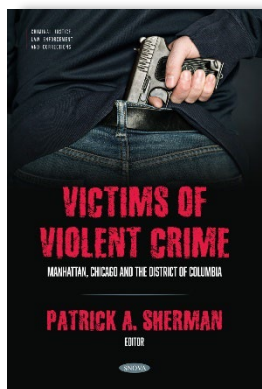
227 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-544-4. \$115.00

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In 2022, the top scam types reported to the Committee shared many similarities to those reported by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC): imposter scams and prizes, sweepstakes, and lottery scams are both cited as some of the top reported categories. Though many of the same types of scams present themselves year after year, the methods through which scammers contact victims have diversified—Artificial Intelligence (AI) and social media now play a prominent role. Scammers are also using new payment methods, making losses difficult to trace. Gift cards are the main payment method used by scammers to request and steal money from older adults. In 2021, 27 percent of adults 60 and older who lost money paid a scammer using a gift card or a reloadable card. Peer-

to-peer payment apps, like Zelle, Venmo, CashApp, and PayPal, are also increasingly used by scammers.



Victims of Violent Crime: Manhattan, Chicago and the District of Columbia

Patrick A. Sherman

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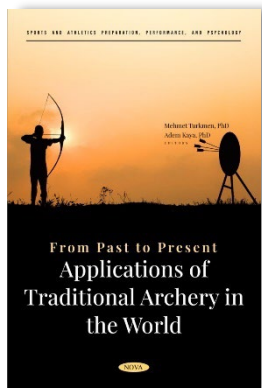
261 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-861-2. \$125.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-926-8. \$125.00

The FBI classifies violent crimes as those involving force or the threat of force. Violent crime encompasses four specific offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Each year, millions of people suffer the impacts of violent crime. Innocent people are victimized by a justice system that cares more about political correctness than punishing the criminals who harm them and their families. This book looks at the victims of violent crime in Manhattan, Chicago and the District of Columbia.

Sports



From Past to Present: Applications of Traditional Archery in the World

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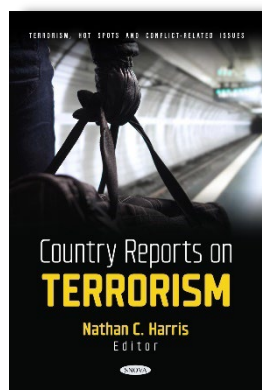
424 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-698-4. \$230.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-821-6. \$230.00

Applications of Traditional Archery in the World covers the world's most popular traditional archery sports from a historical perspective to present day. Historically, traditional archery has been widely used, and it changed the way people fought wars, hunted, and spent leisurely time. In addition to covering traditional archery from a historical point of view the book also provides guidance about culture, current applications, and present rules and regulations of traditional archery that everybody in the field of traditional sports and games needs to learn. The well-written book is a contribution of twenty-five authors and experts from sixteen countries with many popular traditional archery sports. It is the most comprehensive work on the subject matter to date, and it will be of extreme value to teachers, athletes, coaches in traditional sports, scholars in sports science, sports historians, physical educators, people in sports ministries, and agencies. In addition to educating and entertaining, this book gives readers a connection on a personal level to all those united by this shared physical and cultural heritage, and it will advance understanding of and enjoyment for the sacred games of traditional archery.

Terrorism



Country Reports on Terrorism

Nathan C. Harris

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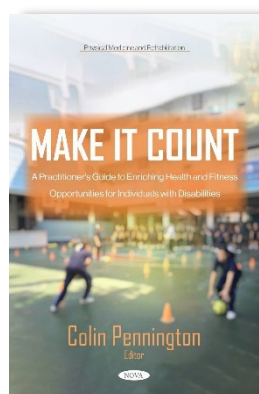
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Following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the United States established a strong and sophisticated counterterrorism enterprise to reduce the threat of large-scale terrorist attacks on the homeland. More than 20 years later, the terrorist threats are more ideologically and geographically diffuse. At the same time, the United States is confronting a diverse and dynamic range of other national security challenges, including strategic competition, cybersecurity threats, and climate change. To tackle evolving and emerging terrorist threats within the context of broader national security priorities, the United States inaugurated a new counterterrorism policy, shifting from a U.S.-led, military-centric approach to one that prioritizes diplomacy, partner

capacity building, and prevention. Striking a new balance between military and civilian counterterrorism efforts recognizes the need to deploy the full range of counterterrorism (CT) tools and ensures a more sustainable whole-of-government and whole-of-society CT approach with allies and partners around the world. This book is a brief overview of the United States' ongoing counterterrorism efforts.

Sports



Make it Count: A Practitioner's Guide to Enriching Health and Fitness Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

Colin G. Pennington, PhD (Assistant Professor, Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia, USA)

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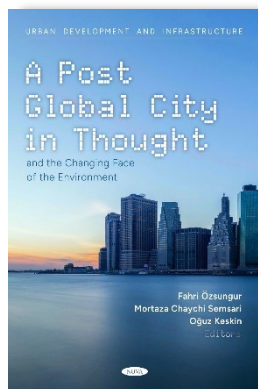
Softcover: 979-8-89113-379-2. \$95.00

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Welcome to this book! On behalf of my collaborators and myself, I am very pleased you have chosen to read this work. That you choose to read this book is evidence you aspire to further develop your skills, competencies, pedagogy, and strategies towards providing health-enhancing opportunities for students, athletes, and individuals with disabilities who are under your care. This book contains collected works from kinesiology, sport pedagogy, coaching, and physical education professionals at the graduate level, as well as observations and ideas from myself - a professor of kinesiology and sport pedagogy

and former personal trainer and grade-school coach and educator. While enrolled in respective undergraduate and graduate courses aimed at enhancing movement, exercise, physical activity, physical education, and sporting experiences for individuals with disabilities, the authors thoroughly researched numerous disorders and/or physical disabilities, explored ideas to enhance movement opportunities for students with said conditions, and wrote chapters for this book aimed at providing suggestions and improvement strategies for teachers, coaches, and other health and movement professionals. Each chapter explains the fundamental characteristics of the disability and describes how educators, coaches, and facilitators of exercise and physical activity can accommodate individuals with said disorder and adapt and/or modify physical education, physical activity, and movement experiences for individuals with the disability under their care. Each chapter also takes steps in educating you - the reader - on how to accommodate, modify, and support physical education and physical activity experiences for individuals in need of adaptation and/or modification.

Urban Studies



A Post Global City in Thought and the Changing Face of the Environment

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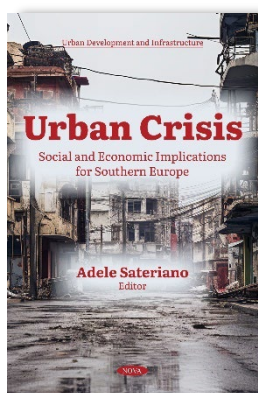
Publication Date: 05/03/2024

269 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-524-6. \$195.00

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In this conceptual study, the stages of globalization are examined and the future of the post-globalization world order is discussed. The study focuses on the impact of post-globalism on cities, the redefinition of the city, and what it corresponds to both in today's power world, as well as in the future.



Urban Crisis: Social and Economic Implications for Southern Europe

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In series: *Urban Development and Infrastructure*

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178 pp.

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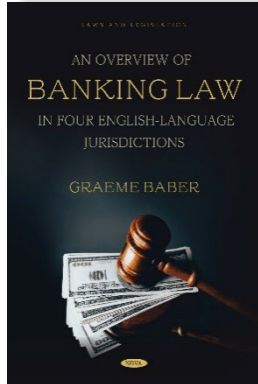
A comprehensive understanding of mechanisms underlying metropolitan growth provides a more general contribution to the clarification of economic and social development processes on a local and regional scale. Thus, placing the territory at the center of the debate on sustainable, spatially balanced, socially cohesive, and environmentally friendly models of urbanization. In this sense, cities are no longer places of tradition and history. Over time, they have become regions of increasing complexity in all the pillars of sustainability. The most recent international reports on

urban growth have highlighted how cities play a never secondary role in the increasingly pervasive global transformations that we persistently observe on our planet. This includes climate change to water scarcity, and poverty to environmental migration. The inherent difficulty in analyzing how urban systems are articulated, and consolidated, gradually growing or declining, highlights the complexity of this issue. Research tools should therefore adhere to a multidisciplinary vision that integrates different methodologies and empirical approaches. Based on the use of a large collection of indicators, our book allows the investigation of integrated dynamics of growth and development at different observation scales in a specific class of European cities, highlighting common growth paths and peculiar individual behaviors. Focusing on Mediterranean urbanities, the book traces back to specific historical phases, regional social contexts, economic cycles, thus contributing to the understanding of how urban development can adhere to long-term sustainability principles.

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BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Banks and Banking



An Overview of Banking Law in Four English-Language Jurisdictions

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270 pp.

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In each of Chapters 1 to 4, the monograph introduces the legal system of four English-Language jurisdictions, namely Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America, and then considers the regulators, and some of the laws that regulate, banking activities there. Chapter 5 comprises concluding comments, based upon the work performed for the earlier chapters. In all three federal jurisdictions, namely, Australia, Canada, and the United States of America, banking law falls within the purview of the federal government. Notwithstanding this, the structure and content of

the laws differs to some extent – which is a result, in part, of the particular history of the jurisdiction.

Business Ethics



Roles of Female Executives in Corporate Governance Practices: Evidence from China

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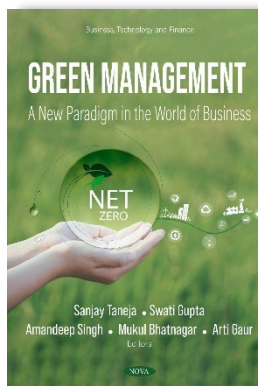
413 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-88697-695-3. \$230.00

e-book: 979-8-88697-748-6. \$230.00

In order to fill up the significant inadequacy of literature on the role of female executives' within Chinese enterprises, the book, for the first time, systematically investigates both the negative and positive consequences of female executives' participation in corporate governance under the background of China, with the theoretical purpose of identifying the roles of female executives in corporate governance practices, and the practical purpose of making full use of the positive effects of female executives' participation, while minimizing the potential negative consequences of female executives'

participation. Specifically, the book respectively reveals the direct effects of female executives on financial performance, social responsibility performance, accounting conservatism, cash holdings and competitive strategy, and explores the indirect moderation effects of female executives on CEO power and staff turnover.



Business Technology

Green Management - A New Paradigm in the World of Business

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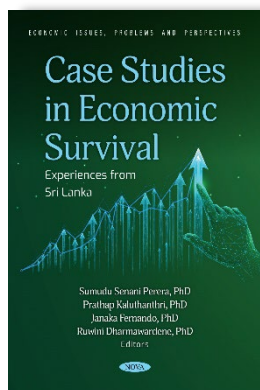
230 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-89113-343-3. \$160.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-411-9. \$160.00

“Green Management - A New Paradigm in World of Business” is a thorough handbook for balancing economic success with environmental conservation in today's eco-conscious world. This work carefully investigates the relationship between company operations and environmental responsibility, showing how profitability and sustainability may coexist. The book explores green business practises and shows how financial advantages and environmental objectives are linked. Green HRM and its transformational implications on modern organisations are covered. It also examines how customer involvement, sustainability, and Green Marketing are linked in the fast-paced consumer products business. Corruption, economic development in MENA, and new Green HRM practises are examined internationally in the book. Green Banking, particularly Indian banks' eco-friendly efforts, is covered in the financial sector. The book also links sustainable development, financial inclusiveness, and India's digital revolution. With a focus on fintech, the book shows how new technologies are changing green banking. This study examines India's green payment services' support for sustainable finance using SERVQUAL. “Green Business Management” is essential for researchers, professionals, and everyone interested in business and sustainability. It will motivate you to combine business success with environmental responsibility as you read its chapters.

Economics



Case Studies in Economic Survival: Experiences from Sri Lanka
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In series: *Economic Issues, Problems and Perspectives*

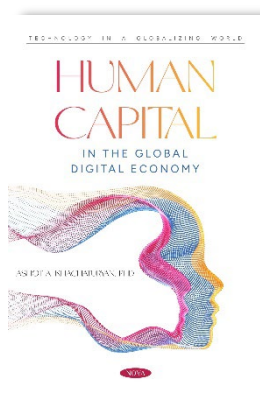
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147 pp.

Softcover: 979-8-88697-786-8. \$82.00

e-book: 979-8-89113-139-2. \$82.00

This ‘Case Studies in Economic Survival: Experiences from Sri Lanka’ is the product of the Business Forum, one of the main events featuring under the 19th International Conference on Business Management (ICBM) - 2022 organized by the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce (FMSC) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka. The purpose of publishing Case Studies in this nature is to help people learn the body of knowledge we call management and then apply it to their business organizations. The book is arranged in a logical sequence of case studies that continually builds on and connects with the chosen theoretical perspectives. This book also creates a platform to a meaningful partnership between the academia and the industry to support the growth of the next generation of businesses and their leaders. It has been kept to a reasonable length with seven stories of different organizations that have been connected into a cohesive body of knowledge. These stories typically provide wide-ranging evidence about the business situations in question, the problems encountered in the pandemic, how they were approached, and to what results. The ICBM 2022 in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka makes history by launching this case study book exposing resilient organizations in Sri Lanka that surmounted challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the pertinent theme of the ICBM 2022 conference, “Equitable Recovery Amidst Economic Crisis: Post-Pandemic Challenges and the Way Forward”, we initiated writing of the ‘Case Studies in Economic Survival: Experiences from Sri Lanka’ as a collaborative endeavor by the academia and the industry. These meticulously and scholastically developed case studies fill the gap hitherto left by the dearth of case studies carried out in the Sri Lankan context. Professionals in different fields may use case studies as part of their research into various issues of interest for their organizations.



Human Capital in the Global Digital Economy

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In series: *Technology in a Globalizing World*

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161 pp.

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Digitalization creates prerequisites for a radical paradigm shift in social structure, changing people's consciousness and their worldview. The digital economy forces society to evolve from the solidarity relations of the industrial age to individualized,

fragmented, unstable, often virtual relations. An increasing number of jobs may be at risk of closure, and workers freed up by digitalization may become not only unemployed, but redundant altogether. How to ensure their socialization in modern society and how to support them? This book may be useful for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students and researchers studying human capital development, the digital economy, globalization, the release of workers and unemployment. It may also be useful for practitioners dealing with corporate human capital management issues.



Progress in Economics Research. Volume 50

Albert Tavidze

In series: *Progress in Economics Research*

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282 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-88697-546-8. \$250.00

e-book: 979-8-88697-596-3. \$250.00

This volume contains eight selected chapters covering progress in economics research. Chapter One is an investigation into the quantitative importance of oil price on aggregate economic activity in the UK. Chapter Two is an analysis of naturally occurring patterns of growth in asset management based off of theoretical mathematical models. Chapter Three analyzes new global challenges stemming from the digitalization of the economy. Chapter Four examines quantitative effects of the Reaganomics taxation program. Chapter Five looks to progress in general equilibrium modeling of involuntary unemployment through the case of Diamond-Type OLG models. Chapter Six reviews military expenditure and growth in OECD countries. Chapter Seven examines

Lithuanian armaments acquisition. Chapter Eight looks at the case of Bulgaria from 1999-2020 through the lens of a monetary business-cycle model.



Progress in Economics Research. Volume 51

Albert Tavidze

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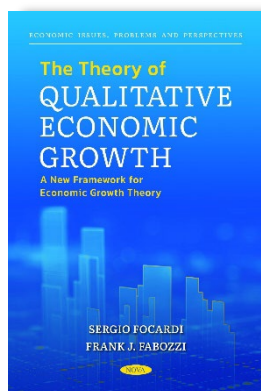
Hardcover: 979-8-88697-955-8. \$250.00

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This volume includes eight chapters that detail recent progress in economics research. Chapter One uses the Ordinary Least Squares regression with robust standard errors to test for a relationship between nominal exchange rates and indexes. Chapter Two evaluates quality of life, using the human development index (HDI) as a proxy, in two countries: the United Kingdom and Qatar. Chapter Three details the growth story of emerging market economies, as well as prospects and challenges to suggest to policymakers the direction of an apt policy design. Chapter Four gives answers to the following academic and practical questions: "What is Agrarian Governance?" and "How to Assess Agrarian Governance?". Chapter Five examines the effects of Bill Clinton's income tax reform on welfare by conducting various computational experiments using a

dynamic general equilibrium model. Chapter Six analyzes the economic performances of 18 emerging market economies (EMEs) over a 30-year sample period as well as attempts to identify changing dynamics after the global financial crisis (GFC). Chapter Seven discusses how the economy can be divided into two components – "constructive" and "speculative". Finally, Chapter Eight details the relationship between taxation, affordability, and expenditure in the cigarette market.

Economic Theory



The Theory of Qualitative Economic Growth: A New Framework for Economic Growth Theory

Sergio Focardi (Founder of Economics and Complexity, Bargagli, Italy) and Frank J. Fabozzi (Professor of Practice, Carey Business School, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland)

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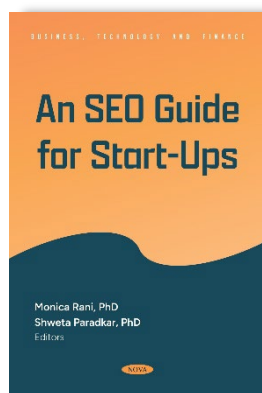
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This book develops the theory of qualitative growth. This theory provides a major overhaul of economic theory. Modern economies are evolutionary complex systems subject to a process of rapid innovation that makes aggregation very difficult. Mainstream economics is based on aggregating variables. When aggregation is impossible, mainstream economics creates idealized economies without any empirical basis. Our theory of qualitative growth is based on the principles of modern empirical science where models might include terms and variables that acquire meaning through global theory and its measurement processes. That is, in modern empirical sciences, variables are ultimately defined by the process of observation. However, the observation process might include the entire theory. For example, we do not observe temperature directly but only through instruments that exploit how temperature is linked to other variables such as the elongation of a column of mercury. We develop an integrated monetary economic model where the real economy is represented by hidden abstract variables that include quantity, quality, and generalized inflation. These variables do not have a direct observation process but are in relationship with observables such as the Economic Complexity Index. In this way, we develop an economic theory able to support decision making for qualitative growth while in contrast mainstream economics would label qualitative growth as a recession. The idea of qualitative growth, put forward by Capra and Henderson in 2009, is the basic notion that growth is a good and essential feature of human societies, but it must be understood as organic development of qualitative aspects of life. Qualitative growth responds to the basic need of “decoupling” growth from the use of natural resources which is now recognized as a pillar of the green transition.

General Business



An SEO Guide for Start-Ups

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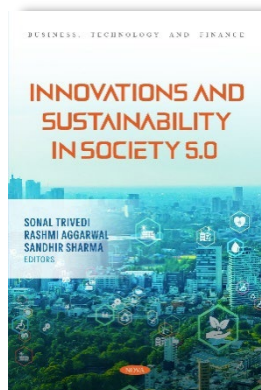
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SEO is important for every business no matter its industry or competition. Optimizing a website will enable web developers to create content that is in line with the needs of the audience. While building a brand, many factors can't be controlled but you can improve a few of them by using SEO. By simply optimizing the website, we can make it visible to the target audience without paying anything, unlike the ad campaigns. This book covers aspects of performing SEO in an ethical way and how it can benefit a business to grow leaps and bounds. Apart from ethical techniques of SEO, it cautions the web developers about the penalties of following unethical techniques. It also draws the attention of the readers to the advantages of building a responsive website for different audiences using multiple-sized devices. The book also discusses different approaches that may benefit the start-ups to make informed business decisions converting visitors to loyal customers. Key features include: Requirements and benefits of SEO for Start-Ups; Parameters and tools needed for optimizing the website ; Desktop and Mobile SEO; and Recommendations to Start-Ups.

Industries



Innovations and Sustainability in Society 5.0

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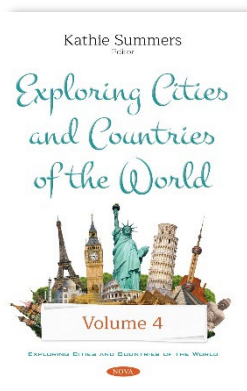
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In every situation, the SDGs must be accomplished with the help of society's collective creativity, knowledge, technology, and financial resources. There are many diverse perspectives on Society 5.0. While Industry 4.0 is mainly about linking things together, some futurists say that Society 5.0 is about the collaboration between humans and machines on manufacturing floors. On the internet, there are several discussions and blogs about Society 5.0. The concept of Industry is introduced in this book, in which robots are connected with the human brain and act as collaborators rather than competitors. This book also details a number of significant characteristics and concerns regarding Industry 5.0 that every manufacturer, policymaker, or academician may have. It also highlights many scientific breakthroughs that can be applied to Society 5.0 applications and surroundings. Finally, the economic and productivity implications of Industry 5.0 on the manufacturing industry and general economy are explored in this book, with the question of whether Industry 5.0 will generate or eliminate jobs being debated. The concept of Society 5.0 is introduced in this book, in which robots are connected with the human brain and act as collaborators rather than competitors. This book will also detail a number of significant characteristics and concerns regarding Society 5.0 that every manufacturer, policymaker, or academician may have. It also highlights many scientific breakthroughs that can be applied to Society 5.0 applications and surroundings. Thus, this book is targeted for every manufacturer, policymaker, academician, research scholars, and students.

Tourism and Hospitality



Exploring Cities and Countries of the World. Volume 4

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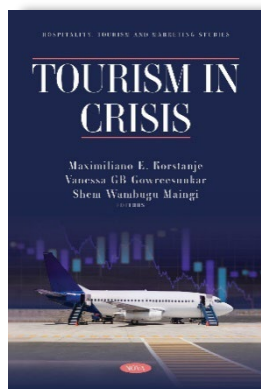
This book contains seven chapters exploring the cities and countries of the world, including commentary on modern issues. Chapter One explores the effects of Korea-ASEAN cooperation in a modern era of competition between the US and China. Chapter two reviews the institutionalization of SDGs and CSR policies in Estonia. Chapter Three proposes a new method for conservation and management of the Iranian literature through literary tourism and film-induced tourism. Chapter Four looks at influencing factors of rural community involvement in tourism development in the Gunung Leuser National Park in Indonesia. Chapter Fives reviews sustainable tourism through niche tourism, specifically through the lens of tea and coffee tourism in African destinations. Chapter Six reviews the question of what affected South Korea's behaviors in hosting the Olympic Games. Chapter Seven reviews methods to improve youths' entrepreneurial abilities to strengthen the future of Finland.

Tourism in Crisis

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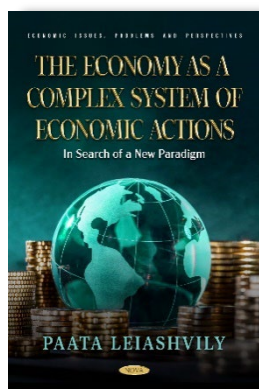
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From its outset, the specialized literature in tourism fields has adamantly focused on the fragility of the industry. As it is best known, service sectors are inevitably sensitive to external or internal threats. Over decades, tourism research explored different academic paradigms in quest of answers to a pungent question: what is the future of the tourism industry? From different angles, scholars have devoted considerable time and effort to implement conceptual models to protect the tourism and hospitality industries. Nevertheless, the turn of the century witnessed a new stage of uncertainty, fear and anxiety for the West. Just after the attacks on the US in 2001, policymakers, practitioners and academicians enthusiastically adopted the risk perception theory as a valid guideline for understanding how the organic image of affected destinations can be protected. From that moment onwards, it was argued that the industry was in jeopardy because of countless global risks. These risks included political violence, terrorism, crime, natural disasters, and the environmental crisis, without mentioning virus outbreaks. It is difficult to resist the impression that these global dangers plausibly altered the forms of defining tourism as well as leisure activities worldwide. With the benefits of hindsight, far from being solved, these problems have certainly aggravated in the threshold of time. The radicalization of political violence, associated with an acceleration of climate change paved the pathways for the rise of new paradigms. Ultimately, experts agreed we live in a context of constant crisis. The concept of prevention or the precautionary doctrine (which illuminated scholars' works in past years) has very well set the pace for adaptation (adaptancy) as a main conceptual corpus of applied research today. New (morbid) forms of tourism have come to stay. Having said this, the present book, which gathers well-known and global experts specialized in the tourism crisis, explores not only the different crises the sector is facing but also its future in the years to come. The main argument toys with the belief that any crisis opens the doors to new opportunities, stages or moments that lead to the mutation of the industry. This book is recommended to post-graduate students, policy-makers, practitioners, and scholars who are interested in the turbulent times the tourism industry is going through.

Macroeconomics



The Economy as a Complex System of Economic Actions: In Search of a New Paradigm

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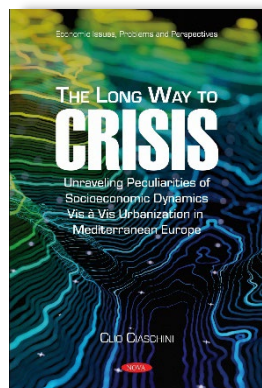
187 pp.

Hardcover: 979-8-88697-909-1. \$160.00

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Based on a dialectical analysis of purposeful activity, a decentralized economy is presented as a complex nonlinear living system of economic actions. In such an economy, the general laws of the universe, which dialectics and synergetics studies, manifest themselves in a specific form. This allows us to see many well-known economic phenomena in an unusual light and to discover in them what cannot be detected by standard methods of orthodox theory. The monograph presents a system of concepts, based on which the fundamentally new interpretation of how the market economy functions and how it has evolved from its inception to the present is given. It is shown that behind the external chaos of economic life hiding surprisingly ordered, symmetrical, deep structures that provide self-regulation of a competitive market economy. Like all living systems, the economy is developing, which results in the monopolization and financialization of the economy. But over time, it loses the ability to self-regulate. Regulation becomes necessary, because of which the role of centralization of the economy increases.

The search for new methods of regulating such an economy becomes inevitable.



The Long Way to Crisis: Unraveling Peculiarities of Socioeconomic Dynamics Vis à Vis Urbanization in Mediterranean Europe

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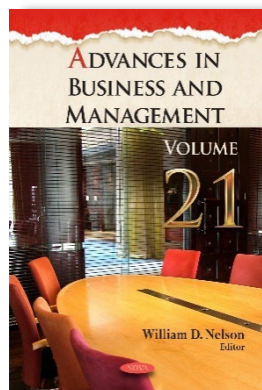
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The book aims at performing a detailed and multifaceted study to show the advantage of the adoption of territorial statistics, in particular local ones, at national and international

levels to deal with the spatial analysis of locally articulated socio-economic processes. The book includes different stand-alone contributions connected to each other with reference to the topic analyzed, adopted methodologies and statistical database. The study of local systems is performed by means of linear and nonlinear methodologies, using several statistical tools such as, exploratory, descriptive, inferential, and multivariate statistics. Beside this computational aspect, a wide usage of geographic information and tools, are used, i.e., maps and geographic information systems have been made to unravel the territorial complexity and deepen the knowledge of the Italian economic geography and highlight territorial differences within a particular country and between different countries.

Management



Advances in Business and Management. Volume 21

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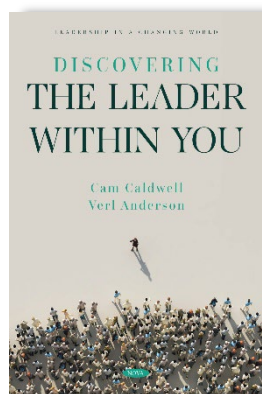
255 pp.

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This volume includes eight chapters that detail recent advances in business and management. Chapter One examines the link between industrialization and economic growth through a three-single-country analysis of their manufacturing output. Chapter Two details the impact of digitalization on women's entrepreneurship. Chapter Three outlines research on strategic and operational analysis methods in the contemporary operational environment using integrated methods and analyses. Chapter Four analyzes the evolution of agribusiness from a transdisciplinary research framework based in a circular economy to determine strategies for its successful application for sustainability of agribusiness and biorefineries of the 21st century. Chapter Five aims to understand

the investment strategy of migrant workers: options, and sector of choice, to model their investment trajectory on local investment. Chapter Six maps out the emotional intelligence, experiences, perceptions and subsequent actions of higher education leaders in a change process, and also charts the perception of leaders on how employees respond to change. Chapter Seven builds on Maslow's hierarchy of needs and draws on human behaviour and human psychology on leadership management to propose a new theory linking the success of change initiatives and organizational performance. Lastly, Chapter Eight presents Fintech as a solution to financial inclusion in India.



Discovering the Leader Within You

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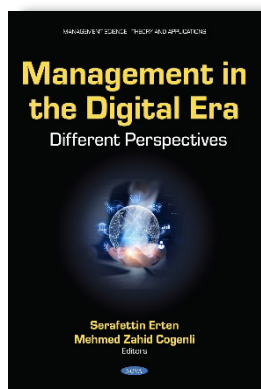
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Within each individual lies the potential for greatness -- as a leader, as an example, and as a servant to others. Nonetheless, the discovery process for achieving that potential requires great effort and the willingness to invest in self-analysis and self-improvement in the quest for self-mastery. Leaders owe a "covenantal" set of duties to themselves, to the world, and to those individuals with whom they work. In every sense, those who lead most effectively honor a complex set of moral and ethical responsibilities that enable

them to fulfill the calling of leadership. This book offers insights into the nature of the self-discovery process that every great leader goes through and offers encouragement and counsel to those individuals willing to discover the leader within.



Management in the Digital Era: Different Perspectives
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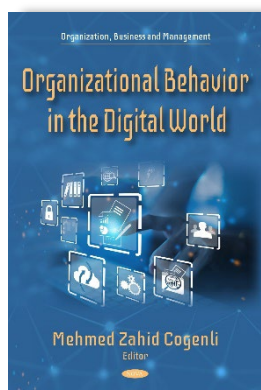
339 pp.

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This book reveals the impact of the digital transformation on management, which has accelerated with the new digital age. The digitalization process, which is advancing rapidly in the world, creates a lasting impression and sea of changes in management activities. The studies done include research that evaluates many aspects of digital transformation in the management activities of organizations. The book consists of 17

chapters, with the contribution of 21 scholars, discussing various management activities and strategies in terms of digital transformation in many disciplines from the point of content and extent.



Organizational Behavior in the Digital World

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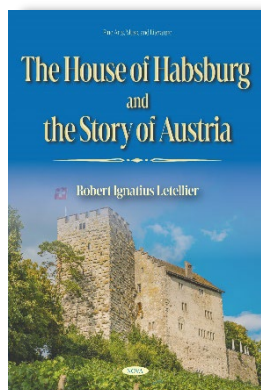
395 pp.

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The impact of digitalization emerges as an indispensable part of human life, including working life. This causes us to define the world we live in with new names and to see it as the beginning of a new era (Digital World - Digital Era). Industry 4.0 has completely transformed and renewed all production activities and working life, just like in the first industrial revolution. Digital transformation has become a necessity for all organizations to continue their activities. Thus, this great technological transformation experienced by the changing and developing world has led to a major change in the direction and evolution of scientific research. In this study, our aim is to deal with the transformations

that the new period has brought about and can bring in the field of organizational behavior with different dimensions. In this context, selected research and opinions for many sectors are included. The book, in which 35 scientists contributed to 25 chapters, is a remarkable scientific publication with many research titles. Considering the changing, developing and transforming world with the "digitalization" phenomenon in the context of "Organizational Behavior" is extremely important in terms of its scientific contribution. We hope, this study will contribute to the management and organizational behavior literature with this multi-dimensional aspect.



The House of Habsburg and the Story of Austria

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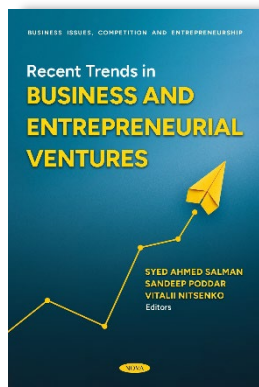
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This book examines the crucial role of the Habsburg dynasty in European affairs over 700 years, from the election of Rudolph as emperor (1273) through the great Empress Maria Theresa (1740-1780) to the long-lived Emperor Franz Joseph (1848-1916). The Danube Monarchy brought together nine different nations in an irenic unity in diversity. The book also examines in detail the flowering of culture under the Habsburg rule: the extraordinary artists from the Carolingian Era to Expressionism; some of the greatest composers of all time who made Vienna the world capital of music; and some of the most remarkable analytical authors of modern times. This cultural efflorescence reached

a highpoint from the 18th to the early 20th centuries with figures like Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert, later Strauss, Mahler, Bruckner, Kokoschka, Schnitzler, Musil and Freud, a veritable chronicle of achievement.

Marketing and Sales



Recent Trends in Business and Entrepreneurial Ventures
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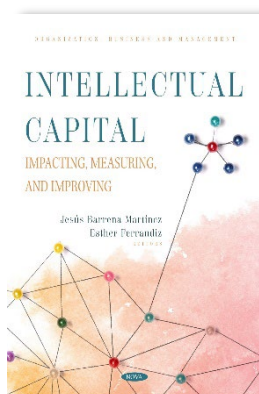
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This book is one of a kind in many respects; to begin with, it contains a variety of articles that will expand the reader's horizons of knowledge. Second, the purpose of this book is to assist readers in developing and directing their creativity and appreciating the external factors that affect the organization. Thirdly, the student will be able to reflect on a path to establishing an enterprise that uses their fundamental knowledge and experience with the help of the book's guidance. At the very pinnacle of business administration, the manager is expected to have an overarching perspective on how the company functions. The candidate will understand the workings of the business and how the various functional and business units interact through the study of this topic. In addition, the book discusses multiple additional business-related issues, including challenges and novel ideas for the industry.

Special Topics



Intellectual Capital: Impacting, Measuring, and Improving
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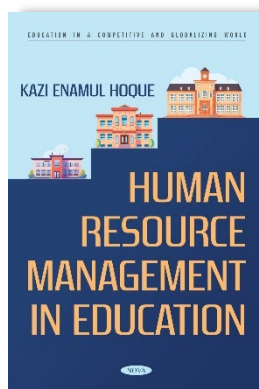
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Intellectual Capital has been considered in the last decades one of the most relevant intangible assets in the process of generating value. This book across different chapters aims to show how this intangible asset in different kind of organizations and institutions can be described, measured and finally how impact and improve society.



EDUCATION

Classroom Management

Human Resource Management in Education
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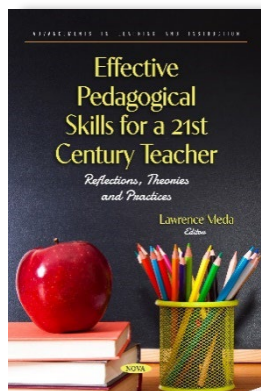
356 pp.

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To fill this gap, this book offers 15 chapters on human resource management (HRM) at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels of education. Beginning with the evolution of HRM theory in education, the book gradually covers nearly all HR activities, including HR planning, recruitment and selection, training and development, human capital management, compensation and benefits, health and safety, succession planning, performance management, discipline management, dismissal and retirement, among others. The book uniquely concentrates on all levels of education—including elementary, secondary, and higher education—for all HR procedures. As ICT is being employed for HR operations, a section “the role of digitalization” has been included for all the chapters of HR practices.

General Education



Effective Pedagogical Skills for a 21st Century Teacher: Reflections, Theories and Practices

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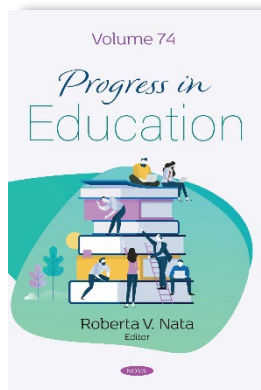
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In this ground-breaking and innovative collection, in-service teachers proved they can significantly contribute to the scientific body of knowledge by writing scholarly personal narratives about the dynamic and ever-changing 21st century teaching-environment. This collection offers a unique glimpse into academic writing and effective pedagogical practices which are suitable for teaching in the digital era. The book explored different themes related to effective teaching and students' engagement. The main themes explored are collaboration in teacher education; innovative techno-pedagogical approaches; redefinition of pedagogy within a flipped classroom; innovative ways of applying TPACK in teaching science; improving students' literacy skills using an adaptive tech tool; and the attainment of 21st century skills. Six of the seven chapters of the book were written by in-service teachers who were postgraduate diploma in education (PGDE) students and novel researchers. They received professional guidance to produce chapters which were double blind peer reviewed by experts in the field. In addition, chapters were critically read by an experienced professor of education who praised the initiative. Anyone interested in learning effective pedagogical strategies for the future is invited to read the robust and thought-provoking scholarly personal narratives contained in this collection.



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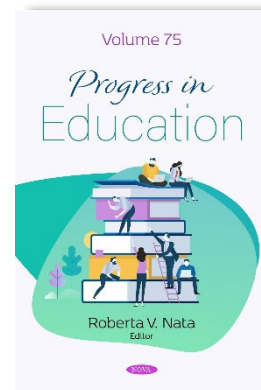
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Progress in Education. Volume 76

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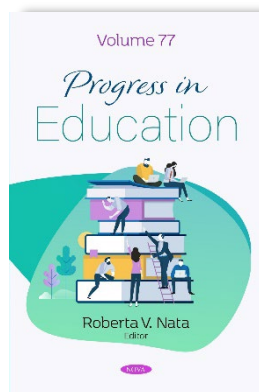
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266 pp.

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This book focuses on the latest developments in education research.



Progress in Education. Volume 77

Roberta V. Nata

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188 pp.

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This volume contains nine chapters that detail progress in education. Chapter One discusses reframing the pedagogy. Chapter Two examines the vital role that school leaders have in influencing student accomplishment while examining the many facets of principal leadership and how they affect academic results. Chapter Three explores the contribution of a new route into teaching that offers prospective teachers the opportunity to train to teach part-time or via an employment-based route. Chapter Four inspects effective teaching methods for behavioural economics, an interdisciplinary field that integrates insights from psychology, sociology, neuroscience, and economics. Chapter Five discusses cooperative learning and its relation to transactive communication in education. Chapter Six examines the perceptions of school administrators (principals and assistant principals) and teachers regarding the management of parental involvement. Chapter Seven aims to shed light on parental involvement while describing situations from teachers' work and drawing conclusions about the processes that teachers, pupils, and parents underwent during the pandemic. Chapter Eight ascribes the person-environmental theory to better understand and evaluate the likely challenges and benefits

of integrating technology as a pedagogy within the South African higher education framework. Lastly, Chapter Nine addresses the extent to which poverty influenced the English I End-of-Course exam performance of Emergent Bilingual students.



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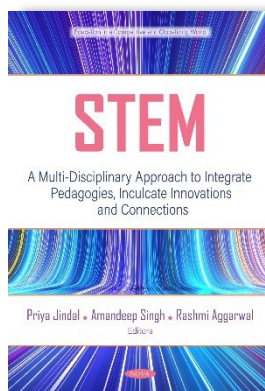
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This volume contains nine chapters that detail progress in education. Chapter One discusses teachers' experiences working with traumatized students. Chapter Two presents models for classroom management. Highlighted in Chapter Three are four missing links in language teaching approaches methodologies as a result due to globalization are highlighted. Chapter Four investigates the degree to which there were differences were present in the percentages of students who completed dual-credit courses based as a function of on their ethnicity/race and economic status. Chapter Five reveals the results of a study conducted to determine the degree to which differences were present in the distribution of Social Work Services dollars spent per student at the

elementary, middle, and high school levels in Texas. Chapter Six investigates the impact of flipped classrooms with learning communities on both novice and experienced university instructors' Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK). During two 5-year spans in Texas, Chapter Seven studies the breakdown of student demographic characteristics and teacher demographic characteristics by ethnicity/race, student economic status, and teacher gender in Texas during two, 5-year spans. Chapter Eight determines if using the Sail App to practice speaking Japanese with native speakers will enhance their speaking and listening ability. Lastly, Chapter Nine discusses virtually teaching motivational interviewing to kinesiology students.



STEM: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Integrate Pedagogies, Inculcate Innovations and Connections

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STEM education is a multi-disciplinary approach that incorporates various pedagogies to offer a comprehensive and engaging learning environment. Beyond the classroom, the impact of STEM education is extensive. It is an interdisciplinary method of teaching

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Undergraduate Research Perceptions and Experiences: A New Zealand Study

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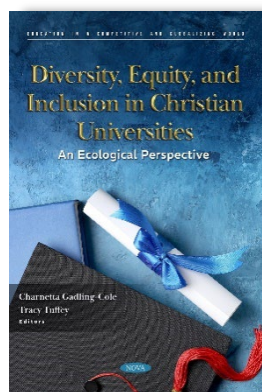
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Are universities producing graduates that are employable and possess the required knowledge, skills, and attributes to be lifelong learners and global citizens? Research into graduate outcomes through undergraduate research is a little over two decades old and there is much-needed research and development by universities in improving the graduate profile outcomes for undergraduate students so that graduates are ready for the changing future career demands as well as participation in postgraduate studies by research. This book investigates undergraduate students' perceptions and experiences of research in their programmes of study. It offers a conceptual framework for understanding undergraduate students' research learning experiences in New Zealand

and suggests good research teaching and learning practices for universities that aim to support undergraduate students' confidence and competence in research. It is time to call for a re-contextualization of undergraduate research teaching and learning in New Zealand research universities by re-negotiating the balance between the value of research and the value of employability skills and its impact on future graduates, preparation, and readiness for higher education and employability. The refocus on undergraduate research in New Zealand by universities and higher education institutions is pivotal and should be actioned with urgency. This resource is designed to inform: the strategic direction for universities in Australasia when enhancing undergraduate research in the present state; for government policy decisions on university funding; standard-setting bodies on qualification standards; for researchers and academics on student expectations for the teaching of research in undergraduate programmes.

Higher Education



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Christian Universities: An Ecological Perspective

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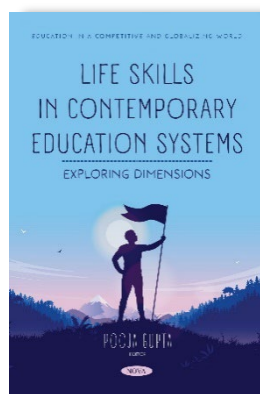
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It's my right to share who I am, but why am I afraid to tell you that I am a Christian? This question has seeped into the catacombs of the minds of humanity throughout the ages. Fear of reprisal from mainstream society intimidates the Christians to the point of frustration. People from every walk of life rally in the general public to present their

platforms but it's the Christians who are afraid to "Come out of the Closet." This conversation is necessary and I am elated that through this great work scholars will address the inequities that loom in and outside of Christian Universities. The former is more egregious as horror stories are shared by individuals hired in "Christian" Universities who were met with racism, misogyny, inequities in salaries ageism, marginalization of their intelligence and a hypocritical dance around scripture which expresses love but it is not practiced. People of Color are invited to these universities but are forced to leave because of the trauma inflicted through microaggressions and the subversive antics displayed by members of "the host" team. May this great work open up the discussion and parlay a treasure cove of scholarship around this topic. The Message Bible James 1:22-25 says, "Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!" Those individuals who speak scripture but refuse to practice what they've learned are not walking in the word of God, but are walking in error; that is why they can express love but spew out hate. Hopefully, this great work would net a "Man in the Mirror Response" for all readers.



Life Skills in Contemporary Education Systems: Exploring Dimensions

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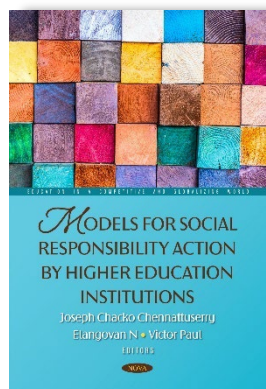
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This book is a diverse collection of experiential learning and reflects upon the conceptualization of life skills in education settings, thereby highlighting the importance of teaching and inclusion of life skill courses in the mainstream curriculum, in the global context. Life skill-based education is expected to bring major changes in the education system by making it more practical, pragmatic, and progressive. This book is comprised of nine chapters written by experienced and passionate academicians and professionals from varied disciplines which gives this book a multi-disciplinary outlook. The chapters deal with reformations in the education system with a focus on critical thinking and holistic inquiry-based, discovery-based, discussion-based, and analysis-based learning, to develop an individual equipped to deal with 21st-century challenges.



Models for Social Responsibility Action by Higher Education Institutions

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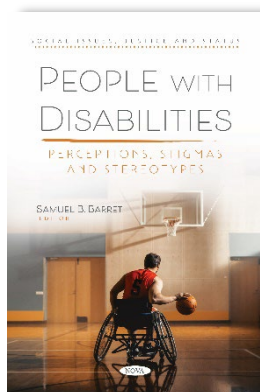
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This book offers 18 chapters on replicable models for social responsibility actions for universities and other academic institutions. The chapters are broadly classified under two major areas: sustainable development models and social sensitisation programmes. The chapters capture the efficient and successful models of social responsibility practiced by Indian and foreign universities. The models are proposed based on the evidence from a rigorous research process. Universities across the world can benefit from the best practices and implement the same successfully. The models will be helpful to universities in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and rank higher on the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). The research-based chapters will have significant benefits to researchers in expanding the domain of social responsibility of higher education institutions. As a text, this book will serve students of higher education in sustainability and social responsibility related courses.

Special Education



People with Disabilities: Perceptions, Stigmas and Stereotypes **Samuel B. Barret**

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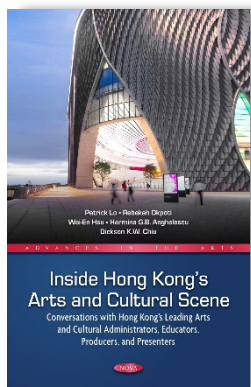
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Chapter 1 of this book aims to describe and analyze all literature reviews about perceptions of people with disabilities about vocational rehabilitation programs and their employment. Chapter 2 reports research studies which were designed to verify whether the wide range of attitudes toward people with disabilities and disability models are attributable not only to contextual variables but also to universal psychological mechanisms. Chapter 3 examines salient workplace factors that contribute to the overall positive or negative experiences that autistic youth and young adults encounter on the job, specifically in a competitive employment environment.

Chapter 4 explores how and when young people with autism disclose their condition and request workplace accommodations; and how employers have disclosure discussions and provide accommodations. The objective of Chapter 5 was to analyze the implications of disability in health care processes. Chapter 6 seeks to elucidate the themes of the authors' experiences as disabled drama therapists in training and subsequently aims to offer a call to action to consider ways of redefining the paradigms around disability research.

HUMANITIES

Art



Inside Hong Kong's Arts and Cultural Scene: Conversations with Hong Kong's Leading Arts and Cultural Administrators, Educators, Producers, and Presenters

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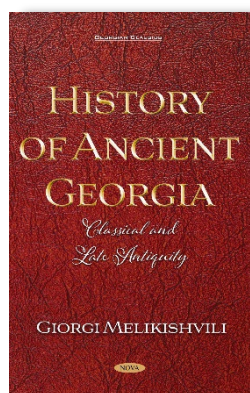
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In the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong, the rich and complex cultural scene thrives under the guidance and stewardship of visionary leaders. These exceptional individuals, leading arts and cultural administrators, educators, producers, and presenters possess a deep understanding of the transformative power of the arts and work tirelessly to shape the cultural landscape of the city. A series of insightful and inciteful conversations take readers on a captivating journey into the personal lives and professional achievements of prominent players who have contributed to shaping the development of art institutions and fine arts practices that have established Hong Kong's artistic identity. Through inspiring stories of the individuals who envisioned these institutions and brought them to life, we recognise the challenges they faced, their innovative approaches, and the lasting impact of their visionary leadership. For those who are in Hong Kong and plan to enter the business of Arts Management, this book is a must-read. It maps the locations, cultural venues, and spaces available. There is huge potential and opportunity for new businesses and artists in Hong Kong. Recognising the potential impact and importance of public art and finding new ways to engage each various strata of the local community would be an interesting place to start developing your business model. For those who are not based in Hong Kong and are looking into this scene, we can gain a new perspective on what innovation looks like.

History



History of Ancient Georgia: Classical and Late Antiquity **Giorgi Melikishvili, PhD (Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, member of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute of History and Ethnology) and Marine Khuroshvili (Translator)**

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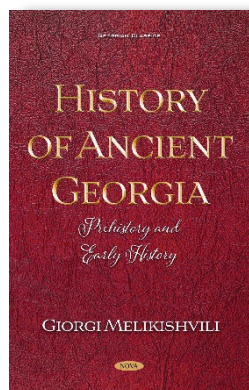
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This book "History of Ancient Georgia" written by a widely recognized Georgian scientist Giorgi Melikishvili covers the fundamental issues of the ancient history of Georgia. It presents a picture of the social structure and the social layers of the Kartli (Iberia) population; the book studies and analyzes the political and social institutions. A complex analysis of the history of ancient Georgia based on different sources: archaeological

findings, linguistic data, Assyrian, Urartian, Graeco-Roman, Armenian, and Georgian medieval chronicles together with texts and original linguistic and methodological observations have been used. They have allowed the creation of new prospects in Kartvelological and Caucasological studies and helped to reconstruct the history of ancient Georgia, the picture of the formation of the ancient political entities of Diauehi, Colchis and the first united Kartvelian state. The reader can notice the influence of Soviet ideology: however, the book remains a standard work in the field even today. It is significant that even where the methodological basis and the questions have changed substantially in today's science (for example, the understanding of ethnos, ethnogenesis, and some other issues), we cannot ignore the material and argumentation brought by the great scholar, Professor Melikishvili. Moreover, the general understanding of the history of ancient Georgia, its periodization, and the list of primary sources is still the same as set by this work. The editors hope that this fundamental work on the history of Georgia will attract specialists and interested readers.



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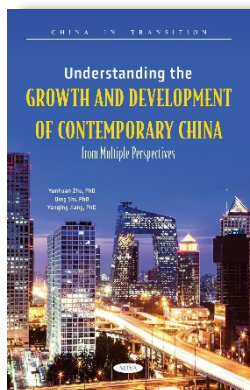
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Asian History



Understanding the Growth and Development of Contemporary China from Multiple Perspectives

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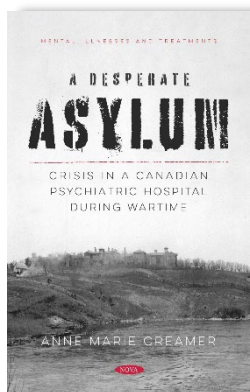
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This book discusses economic development of contemporary China from multiple perspectives. China was historically the world's largest economy and enjoyed one of the most splendid civilizations. China's GDP consisted of about one third of the world's total by 1820. However, because of the stagnation in national science and technology development and the impact of war, China fell behind the world economic development soon after. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China and especially since the initiation of the Reform and Opening Up, China's strong economic growth and development has made the country the focus of world attention. People all over the world are curious to know more about contemporary China and its economic development: how the Chinese economy is and where it is going. Such issues not only concern everyone's vital interests, but also have important influences on the whole world economy. This book discusses related issues and strives to suggest answers to a host of important questions. The book is divided into eleven connected chapters that collectively provide a comprehensive and coherent discussion of the book's central focus. Each of the eleven chapters is also sufficiently self-contained and can be read on its own, which potentially enhances the usefulness of the book.

Canadian History



A Desperate Asylum: Crisis in a Canadian Psychiatric Hospital During Wartime

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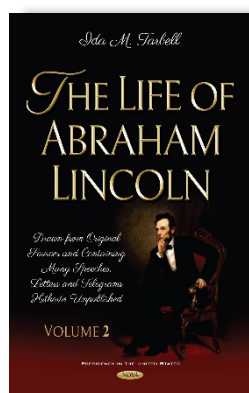
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In 1945, *The Standard*, a Montreal newspaper, published three shocking articles that reported stories of neglect, abuse and deplorable conditions at New Brunswick's only psychiatric hospital. Within days the provincial government established a Royal Commission. This book traces the remarkable people, events and findings of the Commission. Allegations of wiretapping, missing medications, tangled relationships, clandestine nighttime treks through the hospital, a gang of predatory patients, an undercover reporter, conspiracies about government interference, a Jewish psychiatrist

who fled Nazi Germany, covert links between nongovernmental agencies and the media, and a patient who seemed to orchestrate events were set against the backdrop of a hospital whose critically depleted staff were straining to provide care. The establishment of the Royal Commission formalized a scrutiny of the hospital and its operations at that time, casting light on both the darker, hidden side of the institution and some of the bright, positive efforts that were being made to improve the

lives of those with a mental illness. And now, all these years later, because of the Commission, there exists an extraordinarily detailed description of the day-to-day life in the hospital and the work of its attendants, physicians and nurses during the war.

U.S. History



The Life of Abraham Lincoln: Drawn from Original Sources and Containing Many Speeches, Letters and Telegrams Hitherto Unpublished. Volume Two

Ida M. Tarbell

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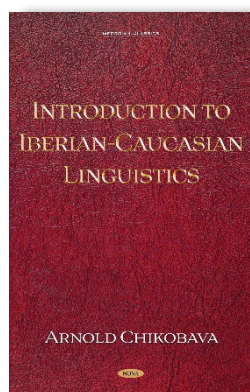
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The work here was begun in 1894 at the suggestion of Mr. S. S. McClure and Mr. J. S. Phillips, editors of "McClure's Magazine." Their desire was to add to our knowledge of Abraham Lincoln by collecting and preserving the reminiscences of such of his contemporaries as were then living. In undertaking the work it was determined to spare neither labor nor money and in this determination Mr. McClure and his associates have never wavered. Without the sympathy, confidence, suggestion and criticism which they have given the work it would have been impossible. The author was asked to prepare a

series of articles on Lincoln covering his life up to 1858 and embodying as far as possible the unpublished material collected. These articles, which appeared in "McClure's Magazine" for 1895 and 1896, were received favorably, and it was decided to follow them by a series on the later life of Lincoln. This latter series was concluded in September, 1899, and both series, with considerable supplementary matter, are published in the present volumes. The new material collected will, we believe, add considerably to our knowledge of Lincoln's life. Documents are presented establishing clearly that his mother was not the nameless girl that she has been so generally believed. His father, Thomas Lincoln, is shown to have been something more than a shiftless "poor white," and Lincoln's early life, if hard and crude, to have been full of honest, cheerful effort at betterment. His struggles for a livelihood and his intellectual development from the time he started out for himself until he was admitted to the bar are traced with more detail than in any other biography, and considerable new light is thrown on this period of his life. The sensational account of his running away from his own wedding, accepted generally by historians, is shown to be false. To the period of Lincoln's life from 1849, when he gave up politics, until 1858, the period of the Lincoln and Douglas Debates, the most important contribution made is the report of what is known as the "Lost Speech." The second volume of the Life contains as an appendix 196 pages of letters, telegrams and speeches which do not appear in Lincoln's "Complete Works," published by his private secretaries Messrs. Nicolay and Hay. The great majority of these documents have never been published at all. The source from which they have been obtained is given in each case. No attempt has been made to cover the history of Lincoln's times save as necessary in tracing the development of his mind and in illustrating his moral qualities. It is Lincoln the man, as seen by his fellows and revealed by his own acts and words, that the author has tried to picture. This has been the particular aim of the second series of articles.

Linguistics



Introduction to Iberian-Caucasian Linguistics

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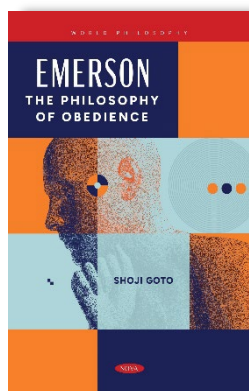
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This book is the only theoretical guide characterizing the main features of the languages of the minority ethnic groups of the Caucasus and establishing their common origin (genesis) by comparing this data. The author of this book is the creator of the theory of kinship of the Iberian-Caucasian languages and the founder of the corresponding scientific school.

This book aims at presenting a systematic analysis of the significant phenomena of

phonetics, morphology and syntax of the Iberian- Caucasian languages. According to the author, the obtained results will be an important basis for forming the final picture of comparative phonetics. The book will be useful for those interested in acquiring more knowledge of the diverse linguistic world of the Caucasus and, if interested, in the further scientific study of these languages.

Philosophy



Emerson: The Philosophy of Obedience

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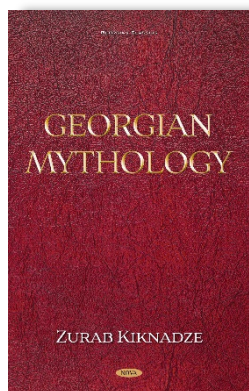
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This book, Emerson, the Philosophy of Obedience, attempts to trace Emerson who sought to integrate Western and Eastern thoughts to found a new philosophy in the new world. An ardent admirer of Plato, he is at the same time an enthusiast of Eastern philosophy. "Memory," for example, is one of his last lecture series, "Natural Method of Mental Philosophy," in which men are all taken as the halves, because men have aftersight, but not foresight. Memory is, to Emerson, not only to call forth the past knowledge to the present, but also there is something related to the future, because some past things memorized in the mind are changed into "a possession of its law." This is called "a mutation in quality,"

by which past things in the mind come into "a possession of its law," obeying the law, just as, in Phaedo, "all the apparent equals strive to attain absolute equality." The Platonic method of Analogy works doubtlessly in Emerson. Men obey this law, because "Nature and [Man] are from one source, and that he, when humble and obedient, is nearer to the source." The mind is such a movement, as he finds that "The mind yields sympathetically to the tendencies or laws which stream through things." The idea of "humble and obedient," or humility and obedience, comes originally from the Chaldaean Oracles and the Heetopades, which have a decisive influence on Emerson, through "the light-armed arrive at the summit," and "the flower of the mind." Because of this profound Eastern thought and ideas, he is called "this student of Eastern philosophy."



Georgian Mythology

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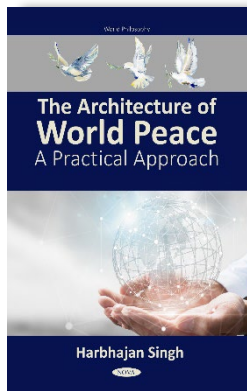
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Zurab Kiknadze (1933-2022) was a famous Georgian Orientalist, Semitologist, and Sumerologist, Emeritus Professor of Ilia State University. He researched the cultures of the ancient Near East, issues of Bible Studies, Christology, Georgian folklore, and mythology. "Georgian Mythology" introduces an unknown world of myths to English-speaking readers. Its creator is one of the world's oldest nations which traces the history of its

statehood back to the 4th century BC. The Georgian mythological world is valuable not only for its antiquity but, most importantly, for its originality. Its significance is further increased by the fact that in the mountainous regions of Georgia (especially in eastern Georgia), the traditional lifestyle was preserved until almost the middle of the 20th century and fragmentarily is still found today. The worldview, customs, and traditions of such a society are completely based on mythical stories. Myths tell us about everything that happened from the creation of the world to the establishment of social institutions - ancestors, heroic adventures of supernatural beings, secret initiation, and others. Georgian mythological texts are truly unique and universal; they provide us with invaluable information about the existence and life of traditional society. They introduce us to the ancient mytho-religious consciousness, moral and legal values, and spiritual culture of the Georgian people which, in the words of the author of the book, "fully expresses the hidden abilities of the whole nation, its potential." The book is notably valuable for specialists in various fields of humanities, researchers interested in traditional society, and students. Yet, every educated person will find it fascinating, especially a literate reader keen on the history of culture.



The Architecture of World Peace: A Practical Approach *Harbhajan Singh*

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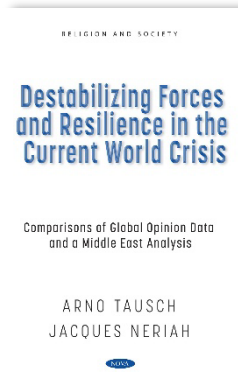
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This book focuses on innovative, multidisciplinary, and pragmatic approaches to social and political engineering for the search and formation of world peace. The roots of dilemmas, illusions, and problems associated with education, law, justice, politics, human rights, poverty, violence, war, environment and the Earth in relation to the architecture of world peace are examined and the solutions are presented. This critique ultimately signifies establishing a crime-free biosphere, war-free world, and new humanity on Earth.

Religion

Islam



Destabilizing Forces and Resilience in the Current World Crisis: Comparisons of Global Opinion Data and a Middle East Analysis *Arno Tausch (Visiting Professor of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa) and Colonel (Retired) Jacques Neria, PhD (Former Head of Assessment, Israel's Directorate of Military Intelligence, Senior Researcher, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs; Senior Security Commentator on i24news TV channels)*

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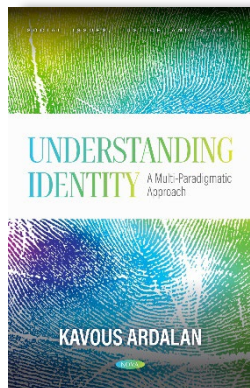
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The present study of destabilizing forces and resilience in the current global crisis, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, is a combination of global comparisons and a study of the Middle East. The non-Muslim countries that voted for the resolution on Ukraine in the General Assembly represented only 31% of the world's population, while the Muslim countries that voted for the resolution on Ukraine represented 12.38% of the world's population. With the current shifts in global energy supplies, the Gulf countries have increased their share of Western energy supplies, making the interdependencies in global politics and global energy greater than ever before. A realistic study of the destabilizing forces and resilience in the current global crisis must therefore be based on a combination of global comparisons and a Middle East survey. Our analysis of resilience in the Middle East is based on the methodology of international politics and intelligence studies, which is widely used in the literature. Our assessment of global resilience is based on open data from the World Values Survey and the European Values Survey, the first comprehensive, empirical and multivariate study of global resilience, covering more than 5 billion global inhabitants, representing about 66% of the world's population, in 88 countries and territories, collected between 2017 and 2022. These high-quality, representative social science survey data, based on excellent sampling techniques and large samples, were analyzed in our research using IBM SPSS Version 29 multivariate statistical software. For the first time in the global literature, we analyze, among others, very recent data on the willingness to fight for the country in the context of a multivariate factor analytic model that uses a great number of dimensions from our multivariate data to contextualize global willingness to fight for the country. Our study also compares the performance of Russia and Ukraine according to the sub-components of our parametric factor analytical index of resilience, and also shows how the differences in performance between the two countries are structured. Russia has an advantage in the subcomponent trust, in the subcomponent absence of xenophobia and racism, in the subcomponent satisfaction and happiness of the population, in the subcomponent willingness to fight for one's country, and in the subcomponent acceptance of egalitarian needs by the higher social classes, while Ukraine has a clear advantage in the subcomponent acceptance of gender justice, in the subcomponent no demoralization, and in the subcomponent respect for human life. We undertake a similarly structured comparison for resilience in the People's Republic of China and the United States. There, China is ahead on the trust sub-component, on the acceptance of redistribution by the upper classes, on the Calvinist work ethic, on the willingness to defend, on the respect for human life, on the support for social liberal democracy,

on the absence of demoralization and on the happiness of the population. Quite a clear advantage over the United States! Our analysis also holds dire predictions for the ability of the Western world to maintain the level of support it has hitherto given to the Ukraine. We also calculated the partial correlation of global support for Vladimir Putin, holding constant the Human Development Index in 2018 and the square of the Human Development Index, also in 2018. The highest positive statistical relationship with support for Putin is with an economy's dependence on CO2 emissions.

Special Topics



Understanding Identity: A Multi-Paradigmatic Approach Kavous Ardalan, PhD (Marist College, New York, USA)

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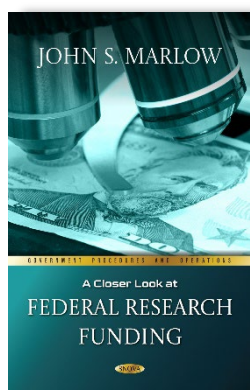
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This book is about understanding identity through a multi-paradigmatic approach. For this purpose, the book starts with a discussion of the four most diverse worldviews or paradigms (i.e., functionalist, interpretive, radical humanist, radical structuralist). Then, it discusses identity and several aspects of it (i.e., human nature, identity, place attachment, nationalism, racism, feminism, discrimination, multiculturalism) from the viewpoints of the four most diverse worldviews or paradigms. The book concludes by recommending paradigm diversity. The book crosses two existing lines of literature; social philosophy on the one hand and identity on the other hand. The main theme of the book is as follows, social theory can usually be conceived in terms of four key paradigms: functionalist,

interpretive, radical humanist, and radical structuralist. The four paradigms are founded upon different assumptions about the nature of social science and the nature of society. Each paradigm generates theories, concepts, and analytical tools which are different from those of other paradigms. The book emphasizes that the four views expressed are equally scientific and informative; each look at the phenomenon under consideration from a certain paradigmatic viewpoint. An understanding of different paradigms leads to a more comprehensive and a more balanced understanding of the multi-faceted nature of the subject matter. In the end, the book concludes by recommending paradigm diversity. This book is unique in the sense that it is: (1) systematic and methodic, (2) fundamental and applied, (3) multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary, (4) multi-dimensional and multi-perspectival, (5) fair and unbiased, and (6) it is enlightening.

POLITICS

American Government and Politics



A Closer Look at Federal Research Funding John S. Marlow

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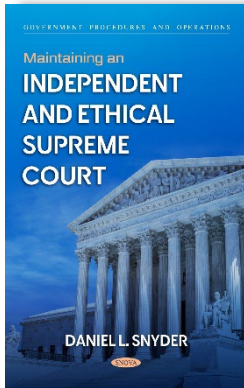
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The U.S. government supports a broad range of scientific and engineering research and development. Its purposes include addressing national defense, health, safety, the environment, and energy security; advancing knowledge generally; developing the U.S. scientific and engineering workforce; strengthening the capacity of U.S. institutions and firms to conduct cutting-edge scientific research and develop innovative technologies; and enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy. Most of the research and development funded by the federal government is performed in support of the unique missions of individual funding agencies. This book describes trends in federal research and development funding over the last 10 years, the funding and organization for

selected multi-agency research and development initiatives and federally funded research and development centers.



Maintaining an Independent and Ethical Supreme Court

Daniel L. Snyder

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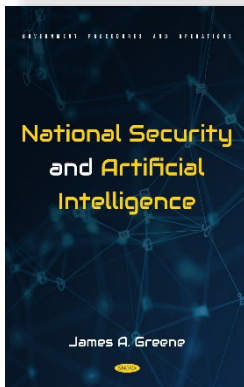
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The issue of the politicization of our cherished court system is an important one. At a time when our Constitution is under attack and our fundamental rights hang in the balance, the sanctity of the third branch is essential to the preservation of our fragile democracy. An independent and accountable court system is essential to a free and fair democratic society.



National Security and Artificial Intelligence

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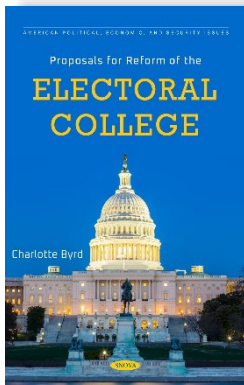
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Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly growing field of technology with potentially significant implications for national security. As such, the United States and other nations are developing AI applications for a range of military functions.



Proposals for Reform of the Electoral College

Charlotte Byrd

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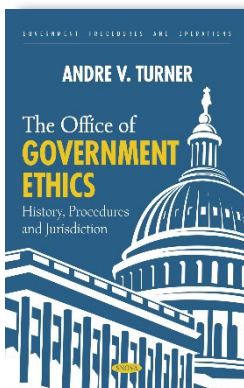
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Every four years, Congress gathers to count electoral votes and certify a winner of the presidential election. That process is usually uneventful. No longer—on January 6, 2021, supporters of former President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol, seeking to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory. There is a law meant to prevent the chaos of that day: the Electoral Count Act of 1887 (the "ECA").¹ This book will examine the ECA and argue that it is badly in need of reform.



The Office of Government Ethics: History, Procedures and Jurisdiction

Andre V. Turner

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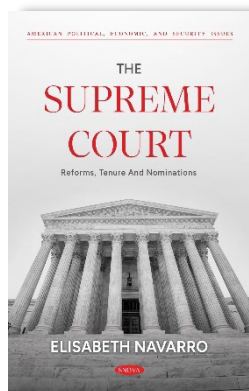
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The Ethics in Government Act of 1978 created the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) to provide "overall direction of executive branch policies related to preventing conflicts of interests on the part of officers and employees of any executive branch agency. OGE is an independent agency that provides guidance, training, and administrative support to agency and department ethics offices on the wide range of ethics, financial disclosure, and conflict of interest provisions of federal law and executive orders as described in chapter 1. Chapter

2 describes the history and rationale behind the creation of the OCE, its operations, and its relationship with the House Committee on Ethics. Chapter 3 outlines the background of ethics enforcement in the House of Representatives, including the creation of both the Select Committee on Ethics and the Committee on Ethics. Chapter 4 reports on the background of ethics enforcement in the Senate, including the creation of the Select Committee on Standards and Conduct and the subsequent renaming of the committee as the Select Committee on Ethics.



The Supreme Court: Reforms, Tenure and Nominations **Elisabeth Navarro**

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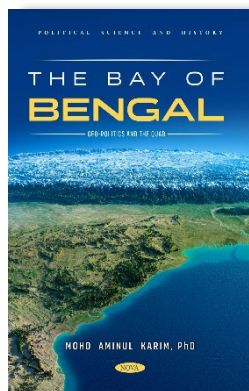
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Should the United States Supreme Court, the highest court in the United States and one of the most powerful judicial bodies in the world, abide by a uniform and binding set of ethics rules? Federal courts wrote and adopted an ethics code to bind themselves to better conduct but that code does not apply to the Supreme Court. If the justices of the Supreme Court will not act to safeguard their constitutional responsibilities as impartial judicial officers, then it is up to Congress to make laws governing the Supreme Court. Under prevailing interpretations of the Constitution and longstanding historical practice, Supreme Court Justices enjoy life tenure. Chapter 2 discusses proposals to alter Supreme Court Justices' tenure. Congress could consider whether to impose an age or a term limit,

as well as how long the Justices' tenure will last. Chapter 3 offers an overview of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's jurisprudence. It reviews broad areas of judicial philosophy that may apply in many cases, such as constitutional interpretation, statutory interpretation, and stare decisis.

Asian Political, Social and Economic Issues



The Bay of Bengal Geo-Politics and the QUAD

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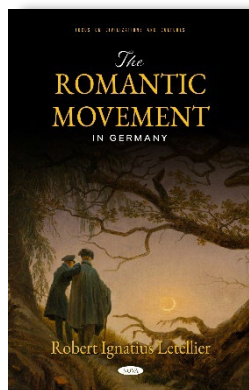
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The book provides an in-depth analysis of geopolitical dynamics of the countries along the Bay of Bengal and beyond. It covers the jostling for influence in the region by the major extra-regional powers such as the United States, China and Japan. The book explores the possibility of re-integration of South Asia with Southeast Asia. The book also looks into the possibility of the Bay as reservoir of resources such as oil, gas and fisheries as part of blue economy for the energy-starved countries such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka etc. The book also discusses the criticality of the sea lines of communication that pass along the Bay from the Persian Gulf to the Malacca Strait for energy security for the developed nations such as China, Japan, the United States, South Korea etc.



Politics of Europe

The Romantic Movement in Germany

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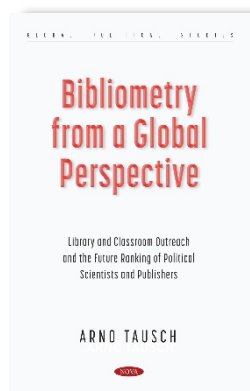
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The history, both political and intellectual, of Europe, but especially in the German-speaking lands, will be fundamental to consideration of the pre-Romantic and Romantic impulses that dominated the period 1770-1830. The Romantic Period in Germany is

investigated in terms of the historical and social background (its context, centres and legacy), aspects of the Romantic imagination (concepts of truth, creativity, transcendence, liberty and redemption), dominating personalities of immense influence (Goethe, Schiller, Beethoven), the great literary collections of folktale and folksong (the Grimm Brothers, Arnim and Brentano), the novel (Novalis, Tieck, Hoffmann, Eichendorff, Fouqué), the lyric (Uhland, Heine), the drama (Werner), the visual arts (Runge, Overbeck, Friedrich, Wackenroder, F. Schlegel), the music (esp. song and opera, Schubert, Weber). The wider legacy is also explored in the enduring influence of literary ideas on music throughout the nineteenth and into the twentieth centuries (Wagner, Humperdinck, Mahler, Richard Strauss). The centrepiece of the whole exercise is the Romantic opera *Der Freischütz* (1821). Using a folk tale from a popular collection of ghost stories, the poet Friedrich Kind produced a libretto that touched the very heart of the age, and inspired the composer Carl Maria von Weber to produce his masterly score that seemed to distil the every essence of Romanticism, and serves as an appropriate icon for the whole movement.

Special Topics



Bibliometry from a Global Perspective: Library and Classroom Outreach and the Future Ranking of Political Scientists and Publishers

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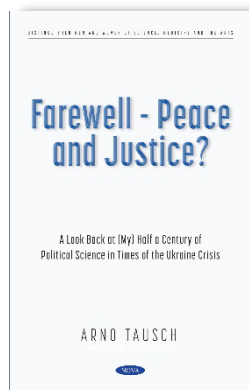
342 pp.

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This book, written by a political scientist born in the global North but now based in one of the departments of his discipline in the Republic of South Africa, is an attempt to focus on the global geography of political science and its global reach. All too often, the world view of scholars is shaped by the 'lens' of the global North, and there is little awareness of how the products of our scholarship are distributed in the world's libraries and classrooms, and

of the structures of centre and periphery that characterise the field. At the heart of our bibliometric considerations, beyond the usual citation indicators based on Scopus, arguably the most complete database of its kind in the world, is the idea of measuring the presence of scientific authors and/or book publishers in the world's library systems as well as in the world's lecture halls. These indicators - called Libcitation and Classroom Citation - are discussed and developed in the various sections of our book. As we show, the claim of "global political science" must now be challenged by the harsh reality of the regional concentration of our discipline in the Western countries of the world, as evidenced by the fact that the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States alone account for two-fifths of all political science titles recorded worldwide in Scopus-indexed journals from 1996 to 2021, and, also for more than 50% of the world's academic libraries recorded in OCLC WorldCat. Worse still, no less than two-thirds of the "global" political science journals indexed in Scopus are published in these three countries! With all the weaknesses of our new evaluation systems, which were first presented in German in a series of articles in the Gruyter journal *Bibliotheksdienst*, and which are now being presented step by step in an expanded English version, substantially supplemented by new contributions and perspectives, claim to be an innovation in a global academic world in which the "ranking" of scholarly communities and academic book publishers is unfortunately becoming more and more important. Our ranking systems focus on the real presence of scholarship around the globe.



Farewell - Peace and Justice? A Look Back at (My) Half a Century of Political Science in Times of the Ukraine Crisis

Arno Tausch (*Visiting Professor of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa*)

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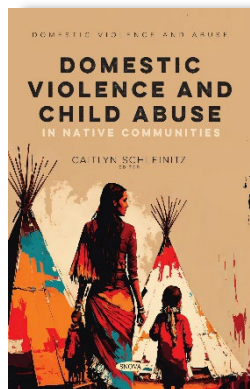
In this book, Austrian political scientist Arno Tausch, born in 1951, looks back on five decades of political science. Was the current global crisis preventable? Tausch, who has had a long career in academia and administration and is now Visiting Professor of Political Studies and Governance at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa,

tries to show in his scholarly memoirs that the unequal relations between centres and peripheries that he has analysed over five decades, as well as the long conflict-ridden cycles of the world economy and world politics, could have been avoided, and Putinism and nationalism and the end of peace and social justice in the West are also linked to the neoliberal model of

society in the West, which he learned to reject as a student of Nobel laureate Friedrich August Hayek in Salzburg from 1969 to 1971. He is one of the few political scientists in the world who, since 1991, has persistently warned against the hardening of Russia's course, including in leading Russian academic journals. In 1991 he wrote his book "Russia's Treadmill", the predictions of which have come true in an almost eerie way. But neo-liberal economic policy also corresponds 1:1 with the foreign policy vision of the "neocons", whose policy of NATO expansion first fuelled those destructive forces in Russia like an accelerant, leading to today's world crisis over Ukraine, which could end in a global nuclear catastrophe. The world must leave behind neo-liberalism, and return to political and economic concepts such as those of Michal Kalecki, Kazimierz Laski, Kurt Rothschild and Josef Steindl, whose basic structures he became acquainted with in the 1970s and which are still valid today: demand as the engine of growth, a stable or rising wage share, the growth of the public sector, fiscal coordination, international cooperation, coexistence and the rule of law within the framework of the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Adolescence and Youth



Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in Native Communities

Caitlyn Schleinitz

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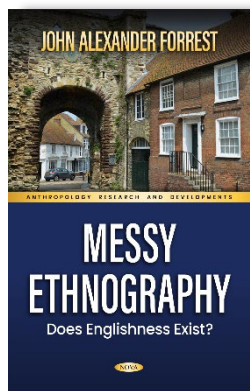
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The federal government has a unique duty to Indian Tribes to assist in the protection of the health and welfare of Native American people and children. Public safety in Native communities is a problem. Criminals prey on Native women and children and putting tribal communities in harm's way. Tribes that opt to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction can cut through the legal red tape to enforce protection orders and prosecute domestic violence crimes, all while safeguarding defendants' due process and constitutional rights.

Anthropology



Messy Ethnography: Does Englishness Exist?

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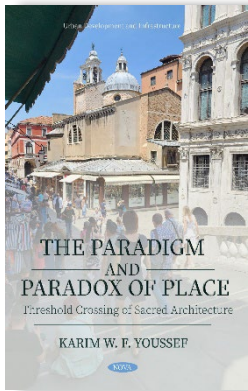
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Messy Ethnography takes this quotation seriously. Chapters 1 to 3 pursue a critique of traditional methods of qualitative research and ethnographic writing, not simply pointing out the many flaws, as has been done many times already, but presenting constructive alternatives where needed. The result is a clear eyed way forward. Chapters 4 to 15 put the lessons from the theoretical first chapters to the test using English culture as a case study. It asks the most obvious questions: Does Englishness exist? If so, where does it exist? What does it look like? etc. etc. The answers are found in a moderately holistic approach that incorporates data from physical anthropology, history and archeology, linguistics and

folklore as well as cultural studies. Considerable emphasis is given to how the Georgian and Victorian eras laid down so much of what is considered Englishness today. The book is somewhat autoethnographic, somewhat reflexive, somewhat emic, and somewhat etic (given that I was not born in England, but my mother was English, and I lived there for 9 years – and return regularly because I have family and close friends living there). I am not an insider, not an outsider.

Architecture



The Paradigm and Paradox of Place: Threshold Crossing of Sacred Architecture

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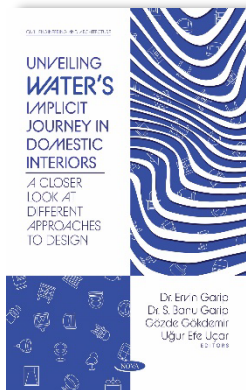
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The contemporary city needs redemption through the rediscovery of its sacred functions and the architecture of its built form. The contemporary city not only suffers a crisis of representation and imagination but also a crisis of contextualization and identity. The primary task of architecture is not the creation of a pretty building but an impulse for the construction of the human subject, defining what it is to be human. To achieve that, our

understanding of architecture needs to rediscover its core. Two converging calls for rediscovery of architecture's core are the return to the architecture of place and to the architecture of the sacred. The architecture of place raises issues of determinants of place such as identity, cohesion, character, and aura of place, issues that problematize the unity of architecture. The architecture of the sacred on the other hand raises issues of memory and imagination, moral virtue, truth, and beauty, issues that raise the symbolic quotient as the core of the sacred. The nature of architecture involves simultaneously a rediscovery of place and the sacred. After exploring the dimensions, properties, aspects, and dynamics of space, the book constructs a framework for sacred architecture based on theories of place, systematics, and our six main mental faculties. Inspired by the theory of human becoming, the framework for sacred architecture brings together several strands of scholarly literature and synthesizes perspectives on the sacred from several disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, and religious studies as well as architecture and urbanism, the latter two of which constitute the focus of the book. Sacred architecture is defined foremost as a place (event) of human becoming created to transform, empower, and originate. The book does not claim to have solved the enigma of sacred architecture, an enigma that harbors dichotomies between the material and the transcendent, the real and the ideal, matter and mind, the instrumental and the communicative. Nevertheless, the book points out the processes underlying the form of sacred architecture to further an understanding of this topic for architectural and urban design students, designers, and practitioners who face the challenge of creating meaningful, communicative, and transformative places.



Unveiling Water's Implicit Journey in Domestic Interiors: A Closer Look at Different Approaches to Design

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The book presents a methodology that uses a collaborative ground for research and design in interior architecture and focuses on water in domestic interiors in the scope of consumption habits, experiences, cultural attitudes and sustainability. The proposed methodology and related processes provide data for design, and create multiple discussion platforms within project studios as well as other design mediums for academics and professionals. The topic is discussed through the process, theoretical discussions and designed products that were revealed in scope of the International Masters Workshop 2022 of IMIAD (International Master of Interior Architectural Design) entitled "See The Water". In addition to expressing a physical action, the word "See" also connotes making visible, revealing and understanding what cannot be seen directly. It is aimed to unveil water's implicit journey in domestic interiors by discussing both the visible and invisible concepts of water and to discuss the problems at the micro-scale for achieving solutions at the macro-scale. Present approaches within the literature give cause to evaluate the profession over mostly finished and pictorial products rather than ontological and processual means. As a result, the context of the profession is perceived as ornamentation, cladding or decoration rather than spatial and contextual design. The methodology and design approaches presented within the book focus on design thinking and process

development together with the final products. Readers will be able to see different perspectives about interior design processes as well as different representation methods in the context of interior architecture.

Child Safety



Keeping Our Children Safe Online

Joyce B. Dew

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Increased internet usage presents many complicated risks such as children's online privacy. Growing bodies of research confirm the link between increased digital media use and depression and higher instances of addiction, anxiety, sleep deprivation, and obesity. As discussed in chapter 1, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) must be updated to safeguard children online. Chapter 2 surveys how selected countries from the European Union (EU), namely France, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom (UK) and the laws of the European Union (EU) itself, provide privacy rights for children online. While social media has changed the way the world communicates, it has also created privacy and safety concerns. Chapter 3 discusses

the benefits of social media for children and youth in foster care and provides tips for parents and caregivers who want to help them use social media safely.

Communication and Media Studies

Other Topics



Free Speech and the Internet

Albert Karcsi

In series: *Privacy, Property and Free Speech*

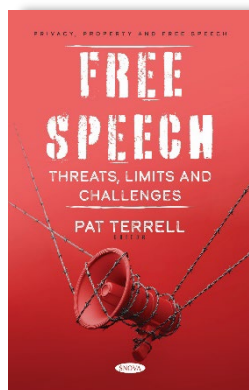
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Net neutrality prevents cable companies from filtering internet content without a court order and fosters freedom of speech. It is one of the most important digital rights issues. The internet is one of the most influential inventions ever, and it touches almost all aspects of our economy, culture, and politics. The repeal of the 2015 Open Internet Order had far greater impact than just removing the FCC's net neutrality rules.



Free Speech: Threats, Limits and Challenges

Pat Terrell

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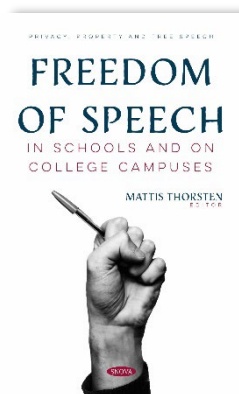
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Chapter 1 reports on freedom of expression and China's pervasive and unrelenting efforts to stifle speech at home and now increasingly abroad. Chapter 2 discusses the overarching First Amendment principles that bear on what the government may regulate under the First Amendment, including (1) the distinction between regulating conduct and speech; (2) the presumed invalidity of content-based laws; and (3) relevant "unprotected" categories of speech that generally can be restricted because of their content. The constitutional considerations in crafting new regulations of false speech are reviewed in chapter 3. Chapter 4 looks at how online political ads are more likely than their offline counterparts to include false claims and facilitate foreign influence in U.S. elections.

These criticisms have led to calls for more government regulation of online political advertising. Chapter 5 discusses how courts have decided significant First Amendment challenges to nonconsensual pornography laws at the state level. Chapters 6 and 7 explore the FACT Act and free speech.



Freedom of Speech in Schools and on College Campuses

Mattis Thorsten

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The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right of freedom of speech to all Americans, and the First Amendment states that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech. The First Amendment plays the central role in affording the public access to discussion, debate, and the dissemination of information and ideas. The First Amendment extends to school libraries, and the selective removal of books from school libraries because someone considers the content offensive directly and sharply curtails students' free speech and thought as reported in chapter 1. Chapter 2 addresses the rights of teachers and students to engage in free speech and learning in the classroom through the dissemination of basic facts and historical truths that are deemed by some politically incorrect or just uncomfortable. Chapters 4 and 5 discuss the extent to which colleges and universities are regulating free expression on their campuses which has been an issue of legal debate in recent years, with some contending that a large percentage of colleges and universities continue to implement policies that unlawfully restrict protected expression. Chapter 6 addresses the potential tension between free speech and impermissible sexual harassment in higher education.

Privacy Protection



Guidelines for Digital Identity Verification

Damon Solis

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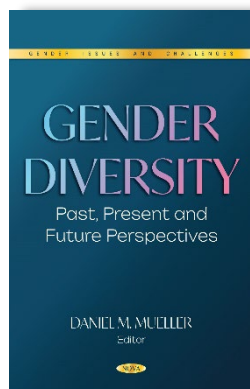
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Misuse of identity, especially through stolen passwords, is a primary source for cyber breaches. Enabling stronger processes to recognize a user's identity is a key component to securing an organization's information systems. Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12) mandated deployment of a common identity credential in 2004, which resulted in Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards and their supporting infrastructure. The goal was to eliminate wide variations in the quality and security of authentication mechanisms used across federal agencies as reported in chapter 1. Chapter 2 provides requirements for enrollment and identity proofing of applicants that wish to gain access to resources at each Identity Assurance Level (IAL). The requirements detail the

acceptability, validation, and verification of identity evidence that will be presented by a subscriber to support their claim of identity.

Cultural Studies

General Gender Studies



Gender Diversity: Past, Present and Future Perspectives

Daniel M. Mueller

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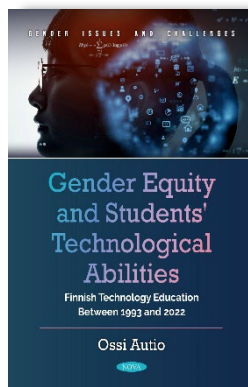
127 pp.

Softcover: 979-8-88697-960-2. \$82.00

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This book contains five chapters that detail gender differences and diversity. Chapter One analyzes the effects of women being present on corporate boards in Europe. Chapter Two investigates the gender differences in the relationship between networking behavior and career outcomes. Chapter Three highlights that gender stereotypes, work-life balance

difficulties, and limited access to resources contribute significantly to the gender gap in innovation. Chapter Four reviews and analyzes the effect of gender diversity in corporate finance policy, considering the evolution over the last decades. Lastly, Chapter Five highlights the extensive and persistent challenges that women, particularly those in leadership roles, encounter when seeking to establish and benefit from professional networks.



Gender Equity and Students' Technological Abilities: Finnish Technology Education Between 1993 and 2022

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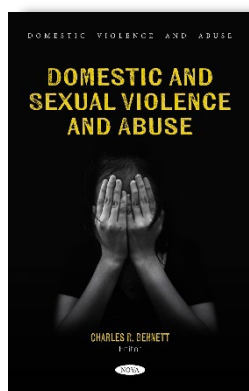
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During last 30 years, hundreds of different development projects have been made all over the world. In Finland, gender equity in technology education has been one main theme since 1970. The results of this research show some positive signs in girls' attitudes towards technology. However, the results in psychomotor and cognitive areas are not as promising and it can be concluded that an ideal solution in Finnish technology education has not been found. At any rate, the problem of inequality in the field of technology seems to be far more complicated than was previously thought. Technology education is not only responsible for solving such a complex problem, but society as a whole.

Family and Relationships

Domestic Partner Abuse



Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

Charles R. Bennett

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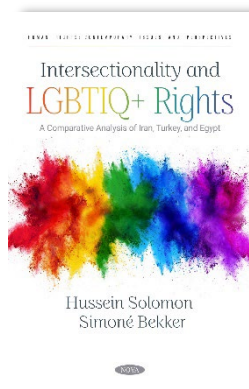
125 pp.

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This book contains six selected chapters on domestic and sexual violence and abuse. Chapter One evaluates psychomotor intervention in intimate partner violence, focusing on empirical support for preventive and therapeutic approaches. Chapter Two examines sexual assault in the military, seeking the risk factors and root causes of the issue. Chapter Three reviews the influence of abuse on obesity and metabolic pathologies associated with neglect of feeding in adolescents. Chapter Four looks at mindfulness and meditation-based interventions for intimate partner violence. Chapter Six examines child sexual abuse and the Sustainable Development Goals by exploring gender dynamics among adolescents in Ajegunle communities in Ikorodu, Lagos.

Human Sexuality



Intersectionality and LGBTIQ+ Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Iran, Turkey, and Egypt

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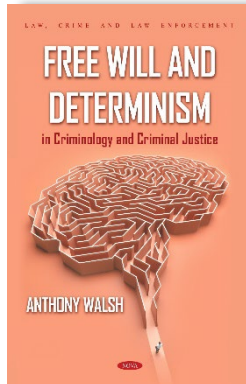
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"Intersectionality and LGBTIQ+ Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Iran, Turkey, and Egypt" delves into the multifaceted landscape of LGBTIQ+ rights in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. This meticulously researched book explores the challenges

faced by LGBTQ+ individuals and communities in Iran, Turkey, and Egypt while providing insight into the potential pathway towards achieving equality. Examining the socio-cultural, legal, and political factors influencing LGBTQ+ marginalization, the book uncovers the intersecting forms of discrimination prevalent in these countries. It sheds light on gender-based violence, social exclusion, and restrictive laws that contribute to the struggles faced by LGBTQ+ communities. By adopting an intersectional approach, the author emphasizes the need to understand and address the intricate issues surrounding LGBTQ+ rights. The book evaluates the roles of governments, civil society, international organizations, and multinational corporations in promoting and safeguarding LGBTQ+ rights. A valuable resource for scholars, activists, and policymakers, this book offers in-depth insights, recommendations, and future directions for advancing LGBTQ+ rights and fostering inclusive societies in Iran, Turkey, and Egypt. "Intersectionality and LGBTQ+ Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Iran, Turkey, and Egypt" comprises of six chapters, encompassing comprehensive analysis, case studies, and recommendations for governments and relevant stakeholders.

Law and Society



Free Will and Determinism in Criminology and Criminal Justice

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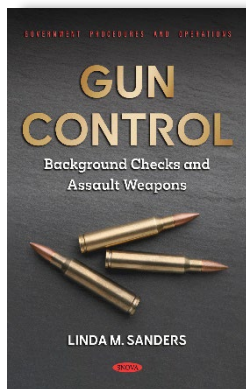
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Few issues bedevil criminology and criminal justice as much as free will versus determinism. It goes to the heart of the character of the people they deal with and how we should respond to them. People are held morally responsible for what they do only if we believe that they have the ability to make reasoned choices to act morally. Liberals tend to hold an external locus of control and are skeptical of free will, and conservatives tend to favor an internal locus of control and embrace free will. This liberal-conservative divide

reveals itself in the theories they favor as the best explanations of criminal behavior. Liberals favor explanations external to criminals such as an unfair economic system or criminal justice bias; conservatives tend to favor internal explanations such as low self-control or lack of empathy. In terms of responding to criminal behavior, there have been calls to abandon the idea of punishment and abolish prisons. Liberals may tend to view this as humanitarian while conservatives will tend to view them as incredibly naïve. The greater tendency of liberals to hold an external locus of control and their skepticism about free will lead them to view people's behavior as largely beyond their control, which accounts for their punishment abolitionist stance. The greater tendency of conservatives to believe in free will and an internal locus of control leads to a more punitive stance toward criminals. Many issues that divide liberals and conservatives in criminology-criminal justice may be traced to their beliefs about free will and determinism.



Gun Control: Background Checks and Assault Weapons

Linda M. Sanders

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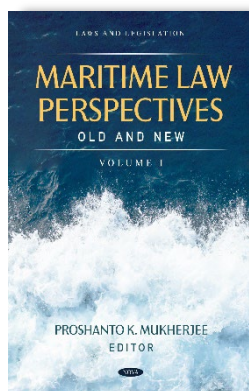
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Gun control is one of the most controversial and emotional issues in many countries, with debate often focusing on whether restrictions on an individual's right to bear arms are a restriction on liberty and whether there is a correlation between guns and crime. Chapter 1 provides an overview of federal firearms background check procedures and an analysis of recent legislative action. Chapter 2 discusses assault weapons and examines options for dealing with these particularly dangerous weapons of war.



Maritime Law Perspectives Old and New, Volume I
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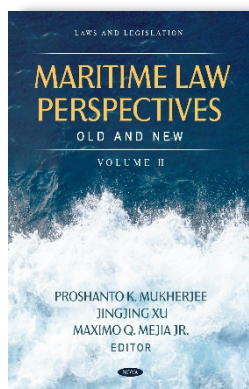
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Maritime law is a subject of ancient vintage which is both evolutionary and revolutionary in the context of the current milieu. It is still evolving as new areas of law are emerging mainly through international conventions and the technological revolution that is rapidly changing or modifying established principles and practices in the maritime field. The book *Maritime Law Perspectives Old and New* is the brainchild of the lead editor Proshanto K. Mukherjee, the proverbial “ancient mariner”, and is produced by the editorial triumvirate comprising him, Jingjing Xu and Maximo Q. Mejia who have collaborated on several past occasions. They are assisted by upwardly mobile maritime

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Maritime Law Perspectives Old and New, Volume II
Proshanto K. Mukherjee (Professor of Law and Foreign Expert, Dalian Maritime University, Dalian, China), Jingjing Xu (Professor, Academic Dean and Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (China Partnerships), Coventry University, Coventry, United Kingdom) and Maximo Q. Mejia Jr. (Professor, Head of Maritime Law and Policy, World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden)

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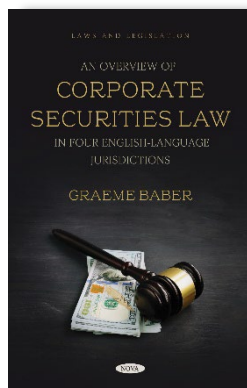
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Business Law



An Overview of Corporate Securities Law in Four English-Language Jurisdictions

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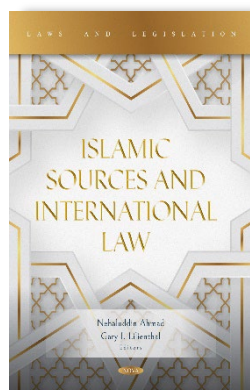
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In Chapters 1 to 4, this monograph introduces the legal system of four English-Language jurisdictions, namely Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America, and then considers the regulators, and some of the laws that regulate, transactions in corporate securities there. Chapter 5 is comprised of concluding comments, based upon the work performed for the earlier chapters. Canadian securities' law is enacted by administrations in its constituent provinces and territories, rather than by the federal Government, which creates a point of interest for this book.

International Law



Islamic Sources and International Law

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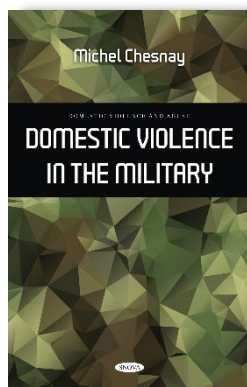
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This book has taken an extremely important and unexplored subject, Islamic international law, which has often been largely presented only within the theological texts. However, this book has made a sincere attempt to present this subject with the much needed academic rigor in the context of modern international law. The learned authors, through their in-depth research, have identified the following facts and principles. Both systems recognize the doctrine of pacta sunt servanda. Ahd, or pledge, or commitment, which have a huge significance in Islamic law.

Military and Veteran Issues



Domestic Violence in the Military

Michel Chesnay

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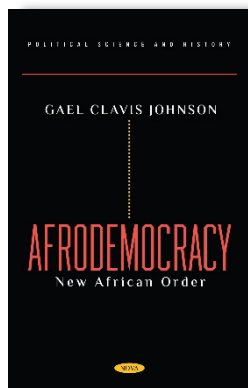
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In the United States, domestic violence, including intimate partner violence and child abuse, are significant problems that cause immense harm in our society. While the military's domestic violence and child abuse incidence rates are lower than comparable rates in civilian communities, both intimate partners and children die every year at the hands of military servicemembers. The Department of Defense must not rest until they eliminate violence and abuse of intimate partners and children within their ranks.

Political Science



Afrodemocracy: New African Order

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Afrodemocracy is an ideological approach to resolving African crises. It is the connection of uncommon ideas from the Pan-Africanist to the Pan-African; the rise of Afrodemocrats. Against the massacres of the Kongo peoples, and in support of the African separatists, there are ideals against dictatorship, the economic plunder and against the impoverishment of black people. These are realistic efforts for the socio-economic progress of African

States; countries duly reformed into Unions of Tribes as opposed to false republics. Supported by a series of arguments and perspectives against Western hegemony in Africa; this critical content is a new political orientation of emerging African leaders towards African global hegemony, unity, a return to lost mores of black societies before colonialism. For rapid and concrete development without Western intrusion, this book contains Afrodemocratic thoughts against imperialism and neo-colonialism for the benefit of authentic black people. Followed by scientific discussions for the recovery of lands confiscated under the presidency, weakening the West in Africa, the New African Order ensures a bright future for the black mother and child far from the assassination of African presidents in history.



The Conflict in Ukraine: Psychopathology and Social Aspects

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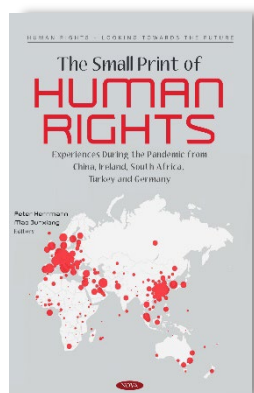
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The declared reason of the "special military operation", which began February 2022, was the anti-separatist activity of the Ukrainian army in the Donbas area since 2014. This activity has been exaggerated. In principle, combating separatism within national borders is justifiable, for example, Russian anti-separatist operations in the North Caucasus (1994-2009). The 1991 borders of Ukraine were recognized by all nations, including Russia. Any territorial claims should have been declared before resorting to war. It is a fact that the majority of residents in the southern and eastern parts of the country are Russian-speaking and some people in the Donbas area were disappointed that their region had not become a

part of Russia. Recent referendums in occupied territories should be met with skepticism, as residents have voted for the unification with Russia to avoid trouble, as they did not believe the situation will be reverted. The Soviet-trained collectivism has influenced referendums and elections. To be unbiased, the referendums must be performed under efficient international control within the framework of an international peacekeeping mission. Mental derangements in politicians are dangerous and must be diagnosed by psychiatrists on the basis of speech, writings, and behavior. More expert opinions are needed to substantiate necessity of the crue change. The rhetoric and propaganda of Russian officials, the appeals to use nuclear weapons and the declarations of jihad have developed on the basis of the ingrained Soviet atheism, while religious vocabulary is misused for political purposes. Certain non-European subjects of the Russian Federation may be interested to continue this fratricidal war, and there are concerns that Vladimir Putin has come under their influence. A preferred alternative would be leadership based on moral principles, modesty, and mutual help, aimed at preserving human life and wealth. Ukraine must become a testing ground for such international cooperation. Selected medical topics are discussed here in detail in order that our neighbors in Europe know what is awaiting them if the power shifts to the East. Among mechanisms contributing to the persistence of suboptimal and outdated methods has been the lack of professional autonomy and autocratic management style discouraging polemics and criticism. The war in Ukraine is distracting people from internal problems facilitating screw-tightening and postponing solutions in the field of public health and social affairs.



The Small Print of Human Rights: Experiences during the Pandemic from China, Ireland, South Africa, Turkey and Germany

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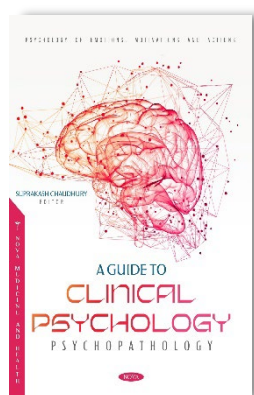
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This is the second volume of the book series Human Rights – Looking Towards the Future, edited by the Human Rights Centre of Central South University. The book is

timely not only as it deals with the pandemic, the topic dominating the headlines in many

countries, but also because it provides five succinct analyses – from China, Ireland, South Africa, Turkey and about Germany – directing attention to questions about Human Rights that are commonly underexposed.

Psychology



A Guide to Clinical Psychology: Psychopathology

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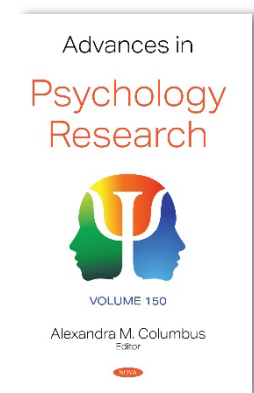
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Clinical psychology in the past few decades has shown explosive growth and today is the single largest subfield of psychologists. It focuses on the biological, cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral aspects of human functioning in varying age, socioeconomic, clinical, and cultural groups. While clinical psychology was mainly concerned with mental health, a number of sub-specialties have emerged including child mental health,

adult mental health, learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, substance abuse, geriatrics, female psychology and health psychology. Health Psychology is concerned with the psychological contributions to promote and maintain health, to study the etiological and diagnostic correlates of health and illness and to prevent and manage illnesses. This compilation includes contributions of mental health professionals from across the globe working in diverse areas related to clinical psychology. Topics include: Aggression, Stigma of Psychiatric Disorders, Psychological Aspects of Rape, Emotional Divorce, Domestic Violence against Women, Perimenopause, Female Sexuality, Suicide, ADHD, Schizophrenia, Delusional Misidentification Syndromes, Depression, Suicide, Alcohol Dependence, Smoking Cessation, Internet Addiction, Cyber Fraud, Social Media Use, and mental health effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Advances in Psychology Research. Volume 150

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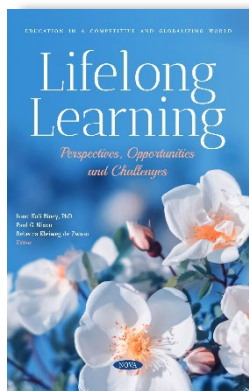
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This book contains ten selected chapters on advances in psychology research. Chapter One is a brief review, including therapy considerations pertaining to consensual non-monogamous relationships and romantic jealousy. Chapter Two discusses alexithymia, dissociation, and conversion in male and female victims of child sexual abuse. Chapter Three is a confirmatory factor analysis and exploratory structural equation modeling of the Factor Structure of Social Thoughts and Beliefs Scale (STABS). Chapter Four is a collection of case studies of autistic individuals' development. Chapter Five provides a cross-sectional mediation model of social anxiety and life satisfaction. Chapter Six is a

systematic review of current psychological interventions for bipolar disorder. Chapter Seven examines the predictive role of depression on life satisfaction. Chapter Eight reviews the social, environmental, and psychological aspects of the conflict in Ukraine. Chapter Nine looks at emotional skills and interpersonal conflict by testing the role of teachers' emotional intelligence. Chapter Ten reviews the impact of adverse childhood experiences by examining personality disorders in adolescence.



Lifelong Learning: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges
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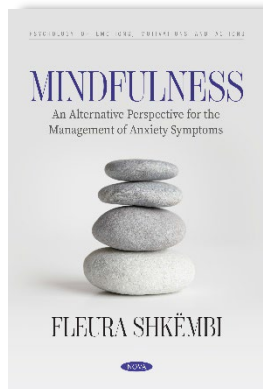
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Whilst in the eons of history the term lifelong learning may be a relatively new addition to the language, the practices and experiences are most certainly not. Throughout human existence people have tried to improve their living conditions by accomplishing their tasks in more efficient and effective ways. This can often be linked to the notion of work but lifelong learning, whilst important in the workplace, affects all parts of our existence. It not only aids us to understand our tasks but also how we fit into a wider society. Without lifelong learning our society, and we as individuals, would stagnate. It is not something that we always do purposively but is a part of being human. We acquire skills and knowledge and then apply them sometimes in unrelated scenarios. Lifelong learning has benefits not just in terms of our work but can also help in terms of socialization. It also has potential health benefits, for example, in terms of enhancing neuroplasticity and aiding in the development of emotional intelligence and empathy for others. We become more confident in what we do as we achieve increased knowledge and understanding through lifelong learning, as can be evidenced in many of the contributions in this edited collection. We all benefit from lifelong learning and have a role to play in both in terms of educating ourselves and a duty to help to educate others in order to create a better society. The contributors and editors hope that this collection can play even a miniscule part in that development and we have certainly been through new experiences that have contributed to our own lifelong learning.



Mindfulness: An Alternative Perspective for the Management of Anxiety Symptoms

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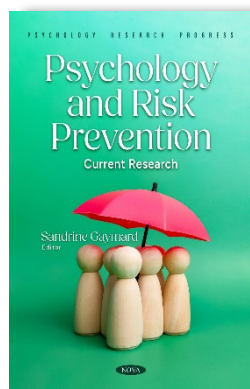
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The concept of transcendental (trance) states, also known as altered states of consciousness, has existed since ancient cultures with religious rites, ceremonies, prayers, meditation, yoga, etc. Because of the mysterious nature of consciousness, for a long time, altered states of consciousness have been characterized by opposing scientific stances and theoretical explanations. Only in the last decades, neuroscientific studies have determined that altered states of consciousness (such as rituals, hypnosis, breathwork, meditation, out-of-body experiences, near-death experiences, and the lucid dreaming state) share common neurocognitive characteristics such as lower perceptual boundaries, lack of reflective awareness, detachment from reality, feelings of relaxation and passivity. This book provides a comprehensive examination of the literature on altered states of consciousness, following with a detailed analysis of hypnosis, near-death experiences, and meditation, their scientific status as trance states, and their empirically supported benefits in treating anxiety disorders and enhancing well-being. The aim of this research work is thus to determine whether meditation and relaxation techniques can significantly improve stress and anxiety symptoms among young adults. For this purpose, a randomized experimental design was implemented to test the efficacy of guided meditation and deep breathing as mindfulness techniques in comparison to music relaxation (control condition) on anxiety levels (i.e., cognitive anxiety, somatic anxiety, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, heart rate, and self-esteem) among thirty-three university students in Albania. The intervention was carried out over four days, and the results showed that all groups (experimental and control) showed improved symptoms of anxiety, with guided meditation and deep breathing improving the majority of anxiety symptoms (systolic and diastolic blood pressure, heart rate, and

cognitive anxiety). Despite some limitations, these findings provide important theoretical implications for the mindfulness and meditation literature, as well as practical implications for the use of mindfulness techniques as effective treatments for stress and anxiety management and well-being enhancement.



Psychology and Risk Prevention: Current Research

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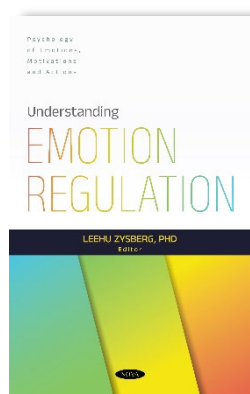
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This book covers several aspects of current research in the fields of social psychology, cognitive psychology, and the psychology of education on the topic of risk prevention. The research carried out by French, Spanish, and Canadian academics comprises various fields such as the prevention of road accidents, prevention in workplaces, prevention of sexism and racism, prevention of school failure, and prevention of adverse effects on health. The objective of this book is to highlight the contributions of major fields in the psychology of risk prevention from a perspective of understanding and targeting interventions: to raise awareness or change high-risk behaviors.



Understanding Emotion Regulation

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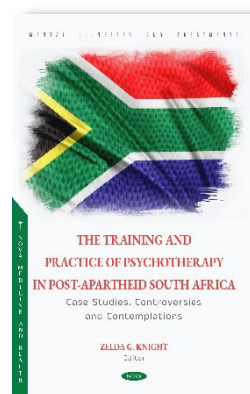
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Emotion regulation is a term referring to processes of acknowledging, processing and expressing emotions in a manner that is both well adapted and serves a goal or purpose. Decades of research show time after time how pivotal these processes are to our survival (both physical and psychological), adjustment and performance in diverse settings. But what's new? New realities, events and shifting perspectives reveal aspects and angles on this veteran concept that we have known very little about so far. This is a must read for psychologists, educators, and anyone interested in how emotions may shape our life.

Other



The Training and Practice of Psychotherapy in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Case Studies, Controversies and Contemplations

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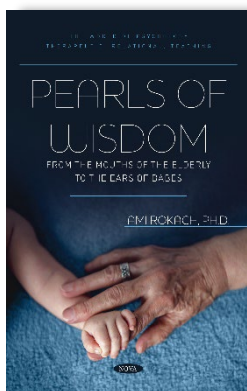
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This book has a focus on the training and practice of psychotherapy in post-Apartheid South Africa, with particular reference to case studies, controversies and contemplations. The authors' are all South Africans who are trained in the art of psychotherapy and have been working with a diverse population in diverse settings. Some of the authors are academics at universities and are involved in the training of student psychologists in

psychotherapy. With their unique histories and experiences, these authors together bring a vast amount of indigenous knowledge to the profession of psychotherapy. Using their own subjectivity and work-experience in the field of psychotherapy, they present different perspectives to the issues, conflicts, problems, what should change, what works well, what needs to be considered in psychotherapy. To this end, this book is about new ideas and new thoughts on psychotherapy. It begins with a chapter on the current training of psychologists in psychotherapy, the critical issues in training such as selection processes as well as the identification of a gap in training leading to the suggestion for the inclusion of transpersonal

psychotherapy. In the next chapter, an exploration is achieved of the shifts from the analytical couch to the virtual screen. Psychoanalytic psychotherapy has always presumed the presence of the therapist and the patient in a consultation room that is uniquely set for the psychoanalytic endeavor. This chapter aims to trace the journey of psychoanalytic setting from Freud's reclining couch, through the post-Freudian setting requirements, and finally to the modern smart gadgets to which the pandemic forced the provisioning of psychoanalytic treatment specifically in South Africa. An argument is made for the adaptability of the psychoanalytic situation. In a following chapter, the author focuses on the efficacy of somatic experiencing as a treatment model for adult survivors of child maltreatment. In this regard, a proposal is made for the consideration for teaching 'body-based trauma therapies', as opposed to those that focus only on the mind and leave the body out, to trainee psychologists. The somatic experiencing model is described and its value in forging the links between the mind-body gap is shown. Using phenomenological case study methods, there is a demonstration for the effectiveness of somatic experiencing model as an efficient psychotherapeutic treatment for adult survivors of childhood maltreatment. The book also has a chapter on child therapy or 'Theraplay' - a dyadic attachment-focussed psychotherapeutic approach. Based on semi-structured interviews with six Theraplay-trained South African psychologists, this chapter explores these therapists' perceptions regarding the implementation of Theraplay in South Africa. The book also details a 'process-based therapy' and its potential in accommodating a diverse post-apartheid South Africa. A novel meta-framework for understanding evidence-based psychotherapy, process-based therapy (PBT), offers guidance on how to use the science of psychotherapy in a way that is tailored to the unique individual, their context, and their goals for therapy. It includes case studies from the author's psychotherapy practice to show this kind of process and therapy. In the final chapter, the concepts and perspectives on grief and grief theory is examined. Death and grief theory often results in misconceptions and misinformation that leads to the disenfranchising of the experience of loss. Despite the number of individuals affected by grief, the training that psychologists receive in post-apartheid South Africa is minimal across universities. Discussion is offered to address this disconnect through highlighting grief theory from current thanatological literature.



Social Psychology

Pearls of Wisdom: From the Mouths of the Elderly to the Ears of Babes

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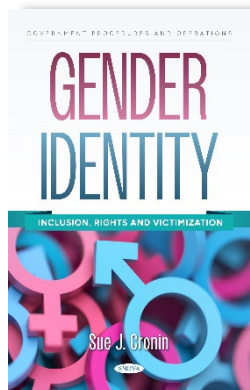
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The book opens a window to understanding what the elderly value, what they are sorry they missed, how they went about achieving their goals in life, and the wisdom they developed so the younger generation can understand, appreciate, and apply it to their lives.

Sexuality

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity



Gender Identity: Inclusion, Rights and Victimization **Sue J. Cronin**

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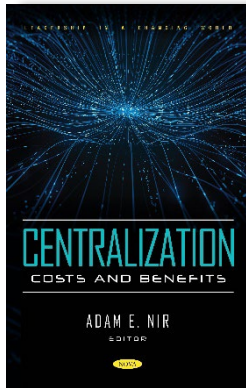
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Sexual, gender, and physical diversity is a feature of every society, culture, and country in the world. Great strides have been made in advancing equality for all people, including those who identify as LGBTQI+, although there is still much work to be done. Violence, discrimination, stigma and criminalization still affect the lives of millions of LGBTQI+ people around the world.

Social Policy and Welfare

Social Policy



Centralization: Costs and Benefits

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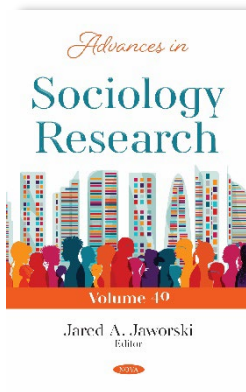
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The book brings an array of viewpoints coming from different contexts and disciplinary perspectives testifying to the benefit and drawbacks of centralized administration and control. Some of the chapters focus on particular national contexts attempting to assess the impact of centralized government in terms of benefits and limitations for national development and prosperity. Other chapters focus on the impact of centralization on specific issues such as crisis management, educational policy or public administration, discussing the extent to which centralized control may promote or undermine their effective management.

Sociology



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This volume contains ten chapters which detail advances in sociology research. Chapter One examines the well-being of construction professionals by modeling the root factors of job-related burnout among civil engineers at contracting organizations. Chapter Two is a comparative analysis of the state policy of national identity in Estonia and Latvia, focusing on the view of Russian ethnic minorities. Chapter Three provides a general outlook and strategies for the translation of cultural items. Chapter Four looks at gender inequality among individuals with minority sexual orientation, focusing on abuse and its factors among Filipino sexual minorities. Chapter Five reviews dating violence in adolescents in residential care in Spain. Chapter Six focuses on sexual orientation and

mental health, specifically addressing depression and anxiety in Filipino gay and bisexual men. Chapter Seven examines the effect of social and economic factors which cause changes in work outcomes preferences among women and men in Israel. Chapter Eight looks at the influence of mentor competence on mentee satisfaction. Chapter Nine provides a bibliometric analysis in the web of science in the last decade to evaluate school failure and gender. Chapter Ten is a review of cultural differences and their impact on parental involvement among Jews and Arabs in Israel.



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This volume contains eight chapters that detail advances in sociology research. Chapter One provides relevant information on pregnancies from rape/incest during the last decade, precocious puberty, and teenage/adolescent pregnancy. Chapter Two discusses reproductive health awareness of women and children. Chapter Three presents various initiatives that the government of India has enacted for the safety of women and children. Chapter Four examines a study of non-financial employment commitment in Israel. Chapter Five investigates if unskilled immigrants negatively impact the employment of native Canadian youths. Chapter Six explores various strategies for empowering non-

profits, including building capacity, developing programs and services, leveraging technology and data, and engaging stakeholders. Chapter Seven discusses ICTs and social policy in Greece. Lastly, Chapter Eight explores and tracks the targeting of destructive behavior, such as Machiavellianism, among university students.

Sports



Contemporary Topics in Movement Arts - Theories and Applications

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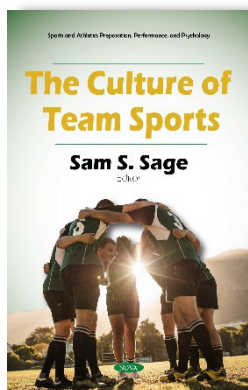
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This book is an advanced discussion forum for contemporary topics in the field of movement arts. The book covers topics ranging from perception, feedback, and judging to physiotherapy and nutrition in areas ranging from gymnastics over dance to circus and school. This edited collection combines significant contributions covering theoretical developments and practical applications in movement arts. It is recommended for readers in a university context (i.e., students, lecturers) and readers in practical settings (i.e., coaches, teachers).



The Culture of Team Sports

Sam S. Sage

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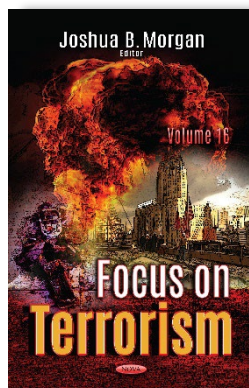
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This book contains seven chapters that detail the culture of team sports. Chapter One aims to evaluate the relational, emotional, tactical, and conditional dimensions of the game of tag. Chapter Two analyzes the relationships between pre-match well-being scores and high-intensity locomotor activities during official matches in professional soccer players. Chapter Three provides a guide to nutrition for children and adolescents in sports. Chapter Four aims to systematically summarize primary school-based team sport programs and their effects evaluated through randomized-controlled trials design. Chapter Five evaluates young footballers' tactical and conditional responses during a new and complex large-sided game. The goal of Chapter Six is to synthesize information regarding the importance, training methods, and evaluation of Change-of-Direction (COD) ability development in team sports. Lastly, Chapter Seven analyzes the specific relationships between fitness tests in professional soccer players.



Terrorism

Focus on Terrorism. Volume 16

Joshua B. Morgan

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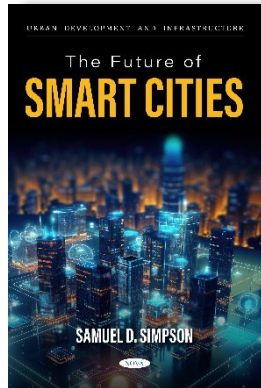
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This volume contains nine chapters that focus on terrorism. Chapter One deals with the scourge of terrorism in the society of information. Chapter Two discusses the cutting-edge role of technology in the struggle against terrorism. Chapter Three focuses on the ethical limitations of technologies, when they are subordinated to the ideals of zero-risk society.

Chapter Four continues a much deeper discussion ignited in the author's previous book, *The rise of Thana Capitalism and Tourism* (2017 Routledge). Chapter Five deals with HBO Saga, *Westworld*, a futurist and dystopian world where Robots (hosts) are subjected to torture, violence and even sadist practices by the hands of rich tourists (guests). The formula in "Robots We Must Trust" is placed under the critical lens of scrutiny. Chapter Six explores the philosophical dilemmas of the lone-wolf as well as its psychological motivations. Chapter Seven deals with the long-lasting effects of terrorism in western day-to-day life as well as our ways of understanding the alterity, with a focus on the HBO Saga *Westworld*. Chapter Eight further interrogates the epistemological dilemma of terrorism. Lastly, Chapter Nine explores the future of tourism in light of recent technological innovations, contrasted with the realities of the global risk of international terrorism.

Urban Studies



The Future of Smart Cities

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This book contains seven chapters that detail the future of smart cities. Chapter One focuses mainly on the practical barriers encountered by the author during the design and implementation of three Smart City projects as a project management consultants (PMC) team leader. Chapter Two argues for a greater focus on enabling and enhancing the growth of third places within smart city(ies), through closer business to municipal government collaboration to ensure that these human aspects are taken into consideration by urban planners. Chapter Three argues that current technocentric approach(es) to smart city(ies) design and implementation may create unforeseen negative externalities arising from inequitable access to the promises of digitisation.

Chapter Four discusses current developments and future research trends in smart technology(ies) within urban environment(s). Chapter Five includes insights from a robust literature review about inclusive transformation and an empirical study on inclusiveness in 21 smart cities in India along with a deeper qualitative study of Nagpur smart city. Chapter Six establishes that the formation and development of City Smart potential depends on a number of conditions and factors, which the authors divide into external and internal ones. Lastly, Chapter Seven provides a generalization of existing approaches to the definition of design and determinants of the smart awareness development among the youth of Ukraine, and describes the current state of perception of the Smart City Concept.

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