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This monograph is focused on intercultural issues, particularly in the global auto industry. The foreign direct investments (FDI) reasons are the result of globalization, of the need of growth and of achieving synergies. Most of the professionals consider that FDI is one of the most significant business phenomena in the past decades, but warn about the FDI dangers. The most challenging part of the FDI process is the integration of two entities that present different organizational and national cultures.

This monograph emphasizes the relationship between culture and FDI performance in the global auto industry. The main goal of this book is to uncover intercultural issues that managers encounter during the FDI, M&A or global alliances. The expectation of the authors of this monograph is that the conclusions would help forewarn scholars and practitioners of the need to thoroughly understand the cultural issues influencing the global automotive industry. The monograph will be useful for academic researchers, postgraduate students, for MBA/Executive Education and for practitioners.

Innovations and Challenges in Human Resource Management for HR4.0
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To sustain competitiveness in today’s highly local and global markets, an organization needs to excel in all its key dimensions. The world is facing a new industrial era marked by digitalization in various multidimensional sectors; experts call it Industry 4.0. Humans are slowly but steadily being replaced by mechanical automation and technological digitalization in driving the economy. The potential benefits of Industry 4.0 are improving the speed of production flexibility, improving service to customers and increasing revenue. Challenges in human resources management include strengthening the management system and processes of an organization to improve performance and create value for stakeholders.

This book provides international insights to manage business performance improvements and companies’ value creation dynamics. Readers will learn how to use multi-functional area tools, techniques, innovative frameworks, practices and approaches for understanding, assessing and managing the strategic value drivers of business excellence. This book provides a rich repertoire of tools and techniques across business functions researched, tested and validated in various business settings, and provides a new stream of thoughts by a few fine researchers in the domain of business management.
students and the communities that they serve. Increasingly, college and university academic programs are being taught by part-time and temporary faculty who are paid less than their elementary and high school counterparts who lack their educational preparation, level of knowledge, or responsibility in preparing students for their chosen careers. Non-governmental organizations also struggle to earn the respect of the public, and their trustworthiness has been called into question as chief executive officers and staff receive high salaries, but lack accountability for achieving results or acting with integrity. Those who work in the media are as a group no longer trusted to provide an objective and unbiased assessment of the news. Even religious institutions are under attack and their leaders are being asked to be accountable to the standards which their doctrines advocate. Implicit in ethical conduct is the responsibility to identify the far goals of human achievement – rather than short-term interests that undermine long-term value creation and outcomes that best serve society. Abraham Maslow has wisely noted that the pursuit of efficiency must be evaluated in terms of the specific goals intended to be achieved, but the ramifications of individual and collective actions often seem to be out of focus, misdirected, and short-sighted.

The purpose of this book is to identify key ethics-related issues facing individuals and organizations in the 21st century, and to offer recommendations and encouragement to those who choose to raise the bar for their standards of conduct. This volume combines established thinking about ethics and morality with new insights and ethical perspectives that have never before been addressed by traditional business ethics. The authors are comfortable in challenging the status quo and failures of so many leaders and organizations who have been unable to earn the trust of the general public. In criticizing the failures of institutions and their leaders, this book is also a plea to those who lead to rethink the standards and criteria which they have adopted about duties that they owe to others. Many of the insights contained within this book invite readers to begin from within themselves by examining their identities and their assumptions about their ethical beliefs. The evidence about personal ethical standards suggests that individuals rarely make conscious decisions regarding their own actions, and fall into patterns that they later acknowledge to be questionable and less than ideal. This book challenges the way that leaders make decisions about moral conduct and asks those who read this book to reassess the impacts of the choices that they make.

Finally, this volume encourages readers to discover the best version of themselves. Only when people strive to achieve their highest potential are those individuals likely to optimally benefit others and create a better world. Ultimately, ethics is about each person’s responsibility to constantly improve and to help others along the way. We trust that this book will challenge the thinking of its readers, that it will become the source of dialogue and even possible disagreement about duties and obligations. Our intention is that this book will ultimately inspire individuals to think more clearly about the way that they interact with others and how they can best fulfill their highest purpose in life.

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**East European Culture and Business Ethics**

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This book concentrates on some leading questions in business ethics research in the last two decades and tries to find explanations concerning cultural issues. It focuses on the alignment or congruence between business ethics and cultural contexts with a special emphasis on Eastern European countries. The core of this book is doing business in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in order to throw light on the cultural issues related to business ethics. Its primary purpose is a finer view of the impact of national, organizational and professional cultures in business ethics. The general questions encountered in this book are related to the nexus between culture and ethics in (CEE), national, organizational and professional cultures’ link to (CEE) countries’ ethics. The aim of this book is a deeper understanding of the cultural differences in Central and Eastern Europe. This might help organizations provide better opportunities for doing business across a wide cultural spectrum. With the increase of global mobility, cultural and ethical issues become more and more important. Multi-national corporations might garner a competitive advantage when they understand the importance of local culture and ethics. International business professionals may benefit from a deeper understanding of cultural values that affect the perceptions of individuals during negotiation and decision-making across cultures. Multinational companies that do not take into consideration or minimize the importance of cultural and ethical issues expose themselves to a higher risk of failure. The expectation of the authors of this book is that the conclusions would help alert international business scholars and practitioners of the need to thoroughly understand the cultural issues influencing ethics.

**Economics**

**Brain Drain vs Brain Circulation (Central Asia)**  
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The volume examines the issue of brain drain in Central Asia. The chapters analyse the causes of brain drain and the methodologies of addressing it with case studies in the region. They also investigate various policies that could lead to brain circulation and eventually brain gain. The volume demonstrates that some of countries in the region are facing the problem of brain drain more than others and no action has been taken, therefore it requires immediate action by policymakers and economists. The volume is a useful addition to the scant literature dealing with brain drain policies for a sustainable economic development, and policymakers will find it useful in designing policies for achieving development policies. The volume will also be useful for higher degree research students, especially in the area of economic and sustainable development.

**Progress in Economics Research. Volume 45**  
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This compilation discusses the two latest economic crises, 2009 and 2020, and the public policies used to mitigate the recession, improve economic growth, and save people from the dangerous coronavirus. The authors summarize the principal legislation and recommendations that, from the point of view of corporate governance, have been established in the Spanish context in relation to: risk control and management, the role of audit committees in the supervision of risk control and management function and transparency in all these issues. The development levels of central and eastern European countries which transitioned from socialist economies to market economies and experienced major changes in their institutional structures are assessed. Additionally, an optimal control problem of water management is examined in the context of the conjunctive use of two interrelated water sources: groundwater and rainwater.
Unemployment: Issues, Benefits and COVID-19

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The 116th Congress recently enacted benefits related to two unemployment insurance (UI) programs: Unemployment Compensation (UC) and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Congress has continued to consider modifications to these two programs within the federal-state UI system to provide weekly income replacement for individuals unavailable to work or unemployed. This book looks at the important issues concerning unemployment as a result of COVID-19.

Geopolitics and the Business Ecosystem in the Middle East and Europe

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This manuscript was largely completed in the period preceding the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) designation of COVID-19 as a global pandemic. The ensuing economic dislocation and loss of lives are having a chilling effect on consumer and investor confidence, heightening uncertainties involving trade and investment protectionism amid increasingly hostile rivalry between the West and China. As protectionism grows, prompting countries to turn inwards and implement measures to boost supply and value chain resilience and self-sufficiency, competition for international investment and private sector development is becoming more intense, putting pressure on governments to refresh and reform their regulatory regimes. With all of the above and the geopolitical antecedents of the Middle East and Europe as a backdrop, this manuscript draws on a subset of twenty six countries from the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business country-level dataset to analyse the business ecosystem in the Middle East and Europe. It unearths evidence of a regulatory quality attainment gap, proffering a number of recommendations for achieving its closure. Moreover, it adduces balance of payments data to challenge the conventional notion that success with improving the quality of the regulatory environment through implementation of reforms along the lines of the 10 Doing Business Reform (DBR) benchmarks consistently confers a substantial net direct investment dividend. Instead, it shows that some sample economies with fairly predictable and transparent regulatory regimes nonetheless exhibit a dependence on volatile net portfolio investment to shore up their external position.

With the published literature on conventional consumer-based brand equity (CBBE) as a foundation, the manuscript critically analyses the attention-interest-desire-action (AIDA) framework as well as the Keller and Aaker brand equity models. It proposes a Conceptual Model that synergistically amalgamates the Aaker model, inbound marketing (IM) and thought leadership (TL) as a new integrated consumer-based brand equity framework (ICBBEF) that supports small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) scaling in the digital age. By probing some of the cultural and cognitive inferences that decision makers in SMEs frequently encounter when managing their brand equity assets, the manuscript identifies the adoption of a resource-frugal heuristic by SMEs. Key themes from the literature together with five (5) qualitative case research interviews are then synthesised into a new Heuristic Brand Management Framework (HBMF). It comprises a holistic fusion of the Aaker model, inbound marketing, thought leadership, a customer satisfaction feedback mechanism for continuous improvement, frugality in resource allocation and use and a Power-cum-Task culture orientation. The manuscript also explores the search for new and more resource-frugal approaches to residential property investment in the Netherlands. Thus it adopts a hedonic approach to property price estimation and assessment as the basis for constructing a Liveability Framework supporting frugal residential property entrepreneurship in that country.
applied by sample SMEs; Part III investigates the theme of frugal entrepreneurship in the Dutch residential property market.

**Economic Development**

**Workforce Development: The Key to Prosperity in the 21st Century**  
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For the century of approximately 1870 through 1970, America’s ongoing industrialization brought growing prosperity to much of its citizenry and, after World War II, created a broad middle-class society. After the mid-1970s, however, de-industrialization or the movement of manufacturing production to other countries resulted in growing economic and social stress on many of the working class who did not possess a college education. Donald Trump was the first major U.S. politician to recognize this problem and promise to create “good jobs” for working-class Americans. Yet, his most dramatic policy initiatives in the areas of trade, immigration, and deregulation did not produce dramatic change during his first term. A more positive trend is bubbling up from state and local governments, with the encouragement (but not funding) from the Trump administration. This is the growing importance of workforce development programs, which seek to develop the skills necessary for America’s 21st century economy through education reform, industrial apprenticeships, and tax incentives. Does the future of the national economy rest in safe arms with the new re-industrialization strategy and education reform? States and local governments must ascertain what mix of higher education reform, K-12 reform, career readiness, and high-tech training is the best equation for the growing workforce deficit and waning middle-class. In addition, education reform must consider high-tech automation, robotics, and artificial intelligence as a curriculum component in education reform. This policy area must be constructed in ways that not only broadens the middle-class but helps the victims of deindustrialization and reindustrialization.

Chapter 1 provides an overview of the challenges facing the working class in the United States and an outline of the book. Chapter 2 describes the stage of industrialization (1870-1970) that created a middle class society. Chapter 3 discusses the periods of deindustrialization (1970-2000) and reindustrialization in advanced manufacturing (early 21st century). Chapter 3 then analyzes the causes (globalization, organizational change, public policy, business strategy, and automation) and consequences (the emergence and shrinkage of a broad middle-class society) of the changing dynamics of industrialization. Chapter 4 presents a case study from the state of Alabama, demonstrating how manufacturing reduces inequality. Chapter 5 discusses how work-based learning programs promote racial diversity. Chapter 6 investigates modern apprenticeship and work-based learning programs. Finally, Chapter 7 considers the implications of this study and argues that workforce development policies hold the key to American prosperity in the 21st century.

**Finance and Investments**

**Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac: Background, Reforms and Legislation**  
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Congress chartered Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, also known collectively as the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), to promote homeownership for underserved groups and locations by providing liquidity to the secondary mortgage market. National mortgage rates tend to fall as the supply of funds in this market increases, making homeownership more affordable. This book describes Fannie Mae’s and Freddie Mac’s activities and mission and summarizes the progress made to date on FHFA’s initiatives.
A loan that uses real estate as collateral is typically referred to as a mortgage. The U.S. mortgage market is one of the largest markets in the world, with approximately $10 trillion in debt outstanding. The mortgage market can be thought of as having two major components—the primary market in which mortgages are originated and the secondary market in which existing mortgages are bought and sold. This book recent developments and several housing finance issues stemming from them.

A "foreign direct investment" is defined as an investment in which a resident or a firm in one country has long-term influence and control over at least 10% of the ordinary shares or voting powers of an incorporated firm, or equivalent for an unincorporated firm in another country. This compilation contrasts foreign direct investment decisions between hierarchical internalized multinational enterprises and the emerging network multinational enterprise. Money, goods and corporate rights, intellectual property, securities rights and requirements for the exploitation of natural resources as a form of foreign investment are also considered.

The concluding research analyzes the patterns of foreign direct investments and regional disparities in India from 1990 to 2020, comparing states with coastal locations, industrial infrastructure and port availabilities to interior backward states.

While the world is witnessing a new wave of financial slowdown and great recession due to the coronavirus pandemic, the understanding of financial crises has not been complete. The contributors of this book look into financial crises from economic, legal, political science, social science lens with the aim of understanding the types, causes, consequences and impacts of financial crises in a comprehensive way. More importantly, the authors investigate regulatory responses, regulatory effectiveness, regulatory responses by applying a variety of approaches and methodologies through the study of financial, corporate, business, healthcare, capital market, banking sectors.

This is a timely contribution to our understanding of financial crises and preparation for the next financial recession on the horizon.
Industries / Tourism and Hospitality

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Exploring Cities and Countries of the World. Volume 2 first provides a brief overview of Pakistani history, culture and economy, particularly providing insight on the cultural diversity of the country in terms of language, food, religion, arts, gender orientation and family structure.
The authors analyse spatial and temporal urban expansion in the medium-sized city of Coimbra in Southern Europe during a ten year period. A better understanding of these dynamics may be a helpful contribution to the planning and organisation of local human activities for sustainable urban development.
Street food in Italy, born many centuries ago, is discussed in the context of its cultural implications, along with advice for choosing healthier and more sustainable options. Some typical cakes such as the cassata and the pastiera are described, along with some considerations for bakery products of the future.
The authors also analyze and discuss public policies of gastronomy actors focused on local cuisine, highlighting that policies of this nature consider that sustainable tourism can represent a considerable instrument of social strength and economic development.
The relationship between gastronomy and destination brands is also examined, expanding these reflections by contextualizing gastronomy in Minas Gerais. Subsequently, the status of science research in Singapore is described, along with the crucial role this has played in making Singapore a model for sustainable development.

Management

Emerging Human and Techno-Human Business Management Dynamics in a Globalized Environment
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An exponential stride in globalization, impressively expedited by advanced technology, has brought about immense changes in the backdrop of world markets. Big data and digital technologies like Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence, assisted this progression by improving efficiency and effectiveness of the way ‘things are done’! All of these factors, in conjunction, have highly influenced the how, where and when of business management today! Leveraging on them has enabled advanced markets to establish themselves further, and new markets to start emerging spectacularly! In this novel environment of emerging human and techno-human business management dynamics, virtual influencers and gamification started becoming the norm of the day. What’s more, businesses are in constant competition to achieve brand loyalty among their customers through bolstering up the branding of their products and services. Advancement in technology though comes at a price, as it leads to an increase in fraudulent activities. In this climate, ethical leadership is required to lead people. Management by mission and evidence-based management can be tools to steer towards better and more transparent decision making in organizations. Amidst this, the role of crisis management is vital to assist in crisis and disaster preparedness.
Public Finance

Public Debt: Impact, Management and Challenges
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This book comprises four chapters, each of which examines public debt from a specific economic perspective. Chapter 1 studies potential fiscal externalities of the public debt in the framework of a monetary union. Chapter 2 examines the theoretical literature concerning how and if public debt impairs economic growth and finds no univocal and straightforward answer. Chapter 3 discusses the economic impact of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and addresses the question of whether limits to public debt ought to be respected or disregarded in the face of huge unemployment, collapsing tax revenues, and generous public expenditure programs. Lastly, Chapter 4 analyzes the response of central banks in emerging inflation targeting countries with floating exchange rates to changes in public debt.

Small Businesses

Small Business Issues during the COVID-19 Pandemic
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The Small Business Administration (SBA) administers several types of programs to support small businesses, including loan guaranty and venture capital programs to enhance small business access to capital; contracting programs to increase small business opportunities in federal contracting; direct loan programs for businesses, homeowners, and renters to assist their recovery from natural disasters; and small business management and technical assistance training programs to assist business formation and expansion. This has grown especially acute in recent months due to the widespread, adverse impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the national economy. This book looks at some of the issues small businesses may face during the pandemic.

Special Topics

Sustainable and Shared Value Creation: Innovative Strategies for Organisational Success
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In the process, the traditional problem performs two major functions. First, Chapters 1 to 4 set the context for the book. Chapter 1 defines (education) policy, and draws conceptual leverage on the phenomenon described as the ‘policy implementation paradox’, the policy/practice gap to bring understanding to the messiness and contested nature of (education) policy processes. To help solve definition of policy is juxtaposed with the process model, an alternative business model for the Australian banking and property industries, based on emerging components from industry-wide interview responses.

Our research resulted in many findings that showed a number of industry-wide differences. However, the notable and main difference was that a) banking organisations predominantly leverage sustainability based on product/service innovation at the bottom of the pyramid level, and b) property organisations predominantly leverage environmental sustainability based on the application of clean technology through redefining the value chain.

The four thematic components explored in this book are a) clean technology, b) sustainability vision at the bottom of the pyramid, c) reconceiving products/services and d) redefining the value chain. In the context of social and economic value creation by the Australian organisations, the underlying objectives of the book are to a) explore the adoption of components of the applied sustainable value and shared value business models by Australian banking and property organisations for social and economic value creation; and b) empirically develop an alternative business model for the Australian banking and property industries, based on emerging components from industry-wide interview responses.

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The primary interview data analysis suggests that the selected Australian sustainable and shared value organisations also emphasise the co-creation of value based on their engagement with customers, stakeholders, and communities. The secondary data analysis suggest that the selected Australian property organisations ensure a higher increase in net profit after tax and return on equity compared to the selected banking organisations.

The main recommendation emanating from industry case interviews and presented in this book is an empirically developed alternative business model for value co-creation based on two new thematic components, which are a) stakeholder engagement and b) community resilience.

The book will come as a guide to future academic researchers and practice managers in implementing the recommended value co-creation business model to create social and economic value.

Education and Public Policy

Re-Conceptualizing the Paradox in (Education) Policy Implementation: Unravelling Perspectives on the Policy/Practice Gap
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This book re-conceptualizes this policy phenomenon for rumination. The book essentially unravels perspectives on the policy implementation paradox, and through that exemplifies the ‘best’ suited approach for demystifying the policy/practice gap to bring understanding to the messiness and contested nature of (education) policy processes. To help draw conceptual leverage on the phenomenon described as the ‘policy implementation paradox’, this eight chapter book performs two major functions. First, Chapters 1 to 4 set the context for the book. Chapter 1 defines (education) policy, and in the process, the traditional problem-solving definition of policy is juxtaposed with the process model, and through that a
third conception (i.e. the theoretical eclecticism approach) is gauged to help provide both practical and theoretical bases for understanding how policy and practice exist in dynamic and iterative relationships. Chapters 2 and 3 give insights into how education policy-making is made and implemented respectively to unravel some of the influences on policy processes.

Chapter 4 explicates (from within relevant literature) the policy paradox to assist readers to understand perspectives that are advanced in latter chapters to unravel and/or explain the existence or occurrence of this policy phenomenon. Second, Chapters 5 to 7 draw on literature from disparate sources to unravel perspectives on the policy implementation paradox, whilst Chapter 8 presents the key messages that are tangential to achieving the objectives of the book. Overall, the Chapter 8 performs three functions, namely it:

1. Summarizes perspectives presented in the scholarly literature to demystify and unravel the policy implementation paradox and outlines the relevance (and/or justifications) of the post-modernist conception of policy as both ‘text’ and ‘discourse’ as a framework for understanding the policy implementation paradox and the dynamism of policy processes at large.

     The contribution of this book is seen particularly in its ability to leverage the post-modernist conception of policy as both ‘text’ and ‘discourse’ to stress the importance of recognizing the role of implementation in actually changing policy. The book argues that the post-modernist philosophy to such an extent that older ideas of fixed structures conditioning behaviour and imposing regularity and predictability on social life have become considerably weakened, if not demolished completely. Essentially, the modernist thinking on which this book draws, is that simple policy descriptions of practice do not capture the multiplicity and complexity of the practice of policy on the ground, as such, the implementation of policy in practice almost always means outcomes differ from policy-makers’ intentions. Against the backdrop of these three reasons alluded to, the book attributes the underlying causes of the policy implementation paradox to two interrelated factors. One, it is argued that the paradox in policy implementation occurs mainly because of what post-modernist thinkers call policy refraction. That is to say, because policies in practice tend to evolve through the interactions of a multiplicity of actors, they become distorted and less coherent as they are interpreted and put into practice by the ‘ground-level’ actors and implementers. Two, it is contended that the emergence of post-modern theory (with its contemporary understanding of the nature of reality and how to ‘go on’ in life) has undermined the modernist philosophy to such an extent that older ideas of fixed structures conditioning behaviour and imposing regularity and predictability on social life have become considerably weakened, if not demolished completely. Essentially, the book argues that the post-modern theoretical movement has had tremendous effect of stressing the unpredictability of human behaviour in policy implementation processes, and by extension, the unpredictability of policy outcomes as against policy intentions.

### Elementary and Secondary Education

**Early Childhood Teachers: Global Practices, Challenges and Prospects**

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This compilation first discusses the formation of the teacher and the production of images by children. Following this, the authors present prospects, challenges and future implications for the development of the teaching profession in Nordic countries.

The schooldays of children with hearing loss are assessed in terms of their perceived challenges due to hearing loss and peer support received from each other. The closing study describes how early childhood education of the Sámi in Finland is implemented according to Sámi early childhood educators.
General Education

Progress in Education. Volume 65
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Progress in Education. Volume 65 opens with an experimental study examining whether the language mindset of English as a Foreign Language pre-service teachers significantly relates to their task-oriented state-anxiety, changes in epigenetic activity, and task performance on a translation task.
Following this, the authors review published research studies focusing on the use of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by students and teachers in higher education.
This compilation also examines intellectual maturity, taking into account the specific features of interaction between teaching staff and learners in conditions of anthropological crisis.
The authors analyse the new research models in education sciences born from the emergence of information and communication technologies, with the objective of determining the structures presenting in the last decade.
The phenomenon of Massive Open Online Course courses is described, seeking to objectively determine what their advantages and disadvantages are, as well as how to improve their implementation.
The concluding chapter reports on the results of a pilot study introducing a chatbot to assist with the development of learning communities at a small, largely international London university.

Special Education / Communicative Disorders

Manual Sign Acquisition in Children with Developmental Disabilities
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Manual signs are used worldwide to support the communication and language development of children who have developmental disabilities. This book provides an overview of forty years of research and practice by recognised experts, from a developmental perspective. Uniquely, the book includes contributions on both sign languages and sign systems, linking the two fields of Deaf studies and Augmentative and Alternative Communication which have historically been seen as separate. This text is the most authoritative single text to date on the topic, providing an invaluable resource for speech pathologists, researchers, psychologists and educators. The main sections of the book include: the typical development of sign language and of gesture; literature reviews on sign acquisition in children with disabilities such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, L’Mandau Kleffner syndrome and deaf blindness. An important chapter deals with the latest research on sign language impairments in deaf children with developmental language difficulties, or autism spectrum disorders. The third section of the book addresses assessment and intervention, covering vocabulary, sign production difficulties and intelligibility, grammar and multi-signing, and pragmatics and discourse skills. The final two sections are concerned with use of signs in context: in the home, in school, and in different cultures. Throughout, care is taken to ensure that the voices of users are present and vivid, whether these be family members, teaching staff or the children themselves, with an entire chapter given over to an interview with a young adult’s reflections on her use of sign since childhood. The book concludes with a call for a multimodal perspective on augmentative communication to be adopted in the future.
Academic Plagiarism: Librarians’ Solo and Collaborative Efforts to Curb Academic Plagiarism
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This edited collection is a compilation of practical case studies from academic libraries and librarians working with other college departments, faculty, and/or students. It chronicles their efforts to combat ongoing concerns related to intended and accidental student plagiarism due to the variety of definitions of plagiarism.

The contributors to this collection are associated with colleges and universities from around the United States. The authors have a broad range of educational and professional experience and offer unique insights into the wide variety of methods used to help combat student plagiarism in academic libraries.

This collection begins with the work of Sarah Clark (University of Manitoba) and Vickie Albrecht (University of Manitoba) as they share how the Academic Integrity Office, Academic Learning Centre, and Libraries at their university collaborated to pilot a program to deliver educational support to students involved in academic misconduct. Their chapter discusses the details of this pilot, as well as the challenges and opportunities that exist in offering educational support in a post-discipline setting.

The work of Amy Dye-Reeves (Texas Tech University) shares how a librarian (Dye-Reeves) formed a partnership with the department of clinical psychology at Murray State University to create an academic dishonesty workshop. She describes the collaborative processes taken to develop a disciplinary-specific academic integrity workshop to curb students’ plagiaristic behaviors.

Sherri Brown (Florida State College at Jacksonville) shares how librarians and English faculty collaborated to design an assessment of students’ information literacy skills in an English course. They subscribed to ProQuest’s Research Companion database to identify how to cite correctly, paraphrases, and summarizing. This chapter shares the results from the assessment.

Monica D. T. Rysavy (Rysavy & Michalak Consultants) and Russell Michalak (Partners in Rysavy & Michalak Consultants and Directors at Goldey-Beacom College) discuss how the Office of Institutional Research & Training and the Library and Learning Center’s Information Literacy Assessment (ILA) program teaches students how to cite, and to write. The authors, who appended a survey to the ILA program, asked students to provide their definition of plagiarism and rate their perceptions of their peers’ plagiaristic behaviors at Goldey-Beacom College.

The contribution of Kimberley K. Vardeman (Texas Tech University) Cynthia L. Henry (Texas Tech University) discuss how as librarians, they partnered with IT, Worldwide E-Learning, and the Ethics Center to integrate the software (Turnitin and iThenticate) into the Learning Management System and to educate instructors about it. This chapter shares the benefits and drawbacks of librarians’ serving as the role of enforcing academic integrity as opposed to serving as a support resource for the campus.

Navadeep Kahnal (University of Missouri at Columbia) and Rhonda K. Whithaus (University of Missouri at Columbia) describe how students, as new initiates and trainees in the scholarly communication field, need to be trained not to plagiarize through education. The training students receive should show them the correct practices of scholarly communication and the reasons for it as well as the consequences of committing plagiarism.

This collection is concluded with the work of Emmett Lombard (Gannon University) who discusses librarians’ accommodations of international students, and how and why international students use the library. This chapter helps to frame how academic librarians can help international students avoid plagiarism.

We believe this collection of chapters provides a unique overview of academic libraries and librarians partnerships with other departments at colleges and universities to help combat the continued concerns related to student plagiarism – both intended and accidental – due to the variety of definitions of plagiarism.
Communication and Mental Health Promotion in Early Childhood Education

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This book attempts to shed light on Mental Health Promotion and Communication both examined as key factors for improving interpersonal relationships in Early Childhood Education. It is a book that promotes common mental health issues and counselling interventions, mental health promotion in pre-school and early childhood context, communication in the school environment between teachers, students and parents. In addition, it discusses common mental health issues that teachers have to deal with in early childhood education and describes counselling interventions in school context as well as strategies for addressing these issues in the school environment.

Within this framework, this book actually focuses on the definitions’, forms’ and activities’ of Mental Health Promotion and Communication Impact upon relationships and interactions taken place in everyday Early Childhood Education environment. Moreover, it stresses the importance of cultivating the emotional intelligence of all the members of school community in designing preventive interventions. An emotional intelligent school unit can contribute to the prevention of mental health issues. Emotional intelligence is related to communication skills and communication competence. The development of emotional intelligence and communication competence fosters healthy interpersonal relationships within the school community and reduces emotional and behavioral difficulties. It can also provide parents with ideas for improving their relationship with their children, eliminating, thus, communication problems and negative parenting practices which are associated with mental health problems.

This book is aiming at providing readers with practical ideas and suggestions in order to avoid conflict situations that harm their relationships with the valuable others, parents, teachers, students or classmates. In this book special terms and rarely used vocabulary are avoided, so it will be easy to be read not only by professionals, scholars or experts but also by the students, parents and all interested reading public which concerns about relationships’ improvement among school community members. Moreover, this book attempts to improve teaching procedure and ameliorate learning effectiveness, keeping classroom in calmness and classroom participants in discipline, according to modern classroom management rules.

Developing Teacher Competences: Key Issues and Values

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This special edition presents a snapshot from around the world of the current state of the research devoted to the issues of professional development of teachers. Teachers’ professional and pedagogical activity is significantly changing today. In many respects, these changes are explained by a new understanding of the purpose and result of education, which is formulated in the documents of educational reform in Russia and in the world, in the context of achieving a new quality of mass education. The question that becomes extremely important is: “How exactly should the teacher's professional and pedagogical activity change in order to provide a new quality of education meeting the “challenges of the time?” These issues are described in the works of the leading Russian and foreign researchers in the field of teacher education who participated in the Fifth International Forum on Teacher Education held on 29–31 May, 2019 in Kazan Federal University (IFTE-2019) (http://ifte.kpfu.ru/en/home-page/). Researchers share their views and
research results on the issues of modernization and development of the content of teacher education. They discuss
questions related to values and priorities within the field of modern teacher education, to modernization processes and
contents of teacher education including the requirements of a competency-based approach. Key issues of teachers’
professional development within this and other essential topics related to teacher education are also touched upon in 16
papers included into this book. The authors of the papers issue represent a variety of positions and address a number of the
questions raised in the high quality debate. The evidence they present emanates from different nations and different
universities.

Education in Africa: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges
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This book comes at a time when Africa is attempting to reinvigorate itself, putting
itself on a path for continued stability and economic growth. These reformations have
been more pronounced in the educational system, as educational institutions in Africa
try to find new ways of making themselves more relevant and repositioning themselves
to respond to numerous problems confronting the continent. The book tackles wide-
ranging and topical issues that include the decolonisation of education, the implications
of COVID-19 on institutions of higher learning, pandemic discourse and education in
Africa, gender issues in education, indigenous knowledge systems, transnational education (TNE) partnerships and
distance learning issues. This book is a timely contribution that includes views from seasoned scholars from different parts
of the continent, such as Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Kenya, as well as the African Diaspora
such as Germany and the United Kingdom. The book will be a useful resource for educators, policymakers and students in
various sub-fields related to education.

Education in America: Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities
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Throughout American history, education has served as an institution of support, safety,
growth, stability, and has risen to serve the public in times of great national need. In
2020, educational institutions have demonstrated the strength of schools, the creativity
and innovative practices of educators, and the public’s desire and need for compulsory
and higher education to support the youth of America to lead the nation in new
directions. Yet, despite the work of educators and even entire institutions, schools,
colleges, and universities in the United States are still deeply flawed and in need of support for continued growth to meet
the needs of the public in the 21st century. We are living in tumultuous times, whether the challenges come from known
enemies, internal social unrest, vicious politics and lacking leadership, discrimination in multiple forms, and a global,
deadly pandemic, the difficulties that face members of the American community are deeply entrenched and are positioned
to be a formidable force for the foreseeable future. Until the institution, its leaders, and policy-makers acknowledge the
relationship between these challenges and the needs of the youth, education’s most important asset, the teachers, are left to
fight a battle that cannot be won by individual effort. The future of American education depends upon institutionalized
changes in how youth and adults are prepared to be active, participative, members of society. The works in this collection
highlight vulnerabilities in education, focusing on matters of social justice; each chapter contributes measures to confront
injustices in education and offers resolutions. The needs are clear, the works are persuasive, and the recommendations
applicable.
Educational Leadership: Perspectives, Management and Challenges

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All 21st century leaders must be forward looking and have a well-developed capability to anticipate or envision the future. They will need to have wisdom and the ability to think outside the box and possess the ability to turn crises and threats into opportunities. Thus, the topic of educational leadership remains a hot topic for debate and development. This book provides a strong base of reliable, verifiable knowledge needed to foster development of educational leadership capabilities across a diversity of domains and it shares a diversity of perspectives, experiences, theories and philosophies related to educational leadership across all levels of education.

Globalization Unchained: Seven Major Challenges Facing Education

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Globalization Unchained: Seven Major Challenges Facing Education is a book whose time has come. Ilghiz M. Sinagatullin demonstrates fresh insights and his remarkable gift in revealing how contemporary globalization impacts various facets of education. The author indicates that the phenomenon of globalization and its relation to education has never dropped from the agenda within the previous three to four decades. Some politicians, scholars, educators, and students vehemently hate and do not accept this phenomenon. Others are somewhere in the middle: They are trying to gain an insight into this notion. Still others completely accept the idea of globalization, show their full understanding of this actuality, and associate with it current progressive changes in the new century’s sociocultural and educational space. Sweeping all over the world and posing huge challenges to education, contemporary globalization:

• represents a grandiose challenge itself, permeating all cells of human society;
• necessitates the realization of global education, a key objective of which is developing school, college, and university students’ global competence for them to productively function within their own microculture, mainstream culture, and within an interdependent world;
• has brought into the world scene the neoliberal agenda, the advocates of which call out loud for employing market principles across educational systems;
• has brought into the global educational space the English language, which has become a necessity for young people across the world, including also far-thinking and forward-looking educators and teacher educators;
• promotes a rapid moving from the classical to information paradigm;
• makes us pay particular attention to rural education, an entity too often ignored, unnoticed or wrongly interpreted by educators, teacher educators, and education policy makers;
• necessitates that those who teach and learn, lured by the charms of globalization and digitalization, should not forget the greatest educators and thinkers of the past, whose invaluable ideas and inestimable pedagogical experience have a strong influence on the contemporary generation of the teaching/learning public.
Science and Mathematics Education for 21st Century Citizens: Challenges and Ways Forwards
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This book addresses the challenges that face science and mathematics education if it is to be relevant to 21st century citizens, as well as the ways that outstanding specialists from several countries around the world think it should deal with those challenges. Starting with the issue of science and mathematics teacher education in a changing world, it moves on to deal with innovative approaches to teaching science and mathematics. It then discusses contemporary issues related to the role played by technology in science and mathematics education, the challenges of the STEM agenda, and ways of making science and mathematics education more inclusive. Finally, it focuses on assessment issues, as the success of science and mathematics education depends at least in part on the purposes for which, and ways in which, students’ learning is assessed.

There is a worldwide trend towards providing meaningful science and mathematics education to all children for the sake of literacy and numeracy development and a need to produce enough science and technology specialists. This trend and need, coupled with the concern raised by students’ disengagement in these two knowledge areas and the role that technology may play in countering it, put increasingly high demands on teachers.

As shown in this book, science and mathematics education may offer a unique contribution in developing responsible citizens by fostering skills required in order to assume wider responsibilities and roles, focusing on personal, social and environmental dimensions. For instance, it offers unique insights into how teachers can build on students’ complicated and interconnected real-worlds to help them learn authentic and relevant science and mathematics.

Additionally, the book highlights potential positive relationships between science and mathematics, which are often envisaged as having a conflicting relationship in school curricula. By uncovering the similarities between them, and by providing evidence that both areas deal with issues that are relevant for citizens’ daily lives, the book explores ways of linking and giving coherence to science and mathematics knowledge as components of everyday life settings. It also provides directions for future research on the educational potential of interconnecting science and mathematics at the different educational levels.

Therefore, this is a worthwhile book for researchers, teacher educators and schoolteachers. It covers theoretical perspectives, research-based approaches and practical applications that may make a difference in education that is relevant and inclusive for citizens in the 21st century.

The Digital Era of Learning: Novel Educational Strategies and Challenges for Teaching Students in the 21st Century
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Students of the 21st century, typically those of the Millennial (also referred to as ‘Gen Y’) or Gen Z generations, were born into a digitally advanced world. Unlike in the 1960’s when the smallest computers occupied entire rooms at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) complex, today’s digital landscape is smitten with the abundant use of modern laptops, tablets and smart phones. Modern computing technology has evolved due to the marriage with extremely powerful computing software, which collectively has resulted in the commonplace use of modern technology on a regular basis throughout all aspects of everyday life. This relatively unrestricted access to computers is coupled with an unfettered access to the internet, providing ‘users’ unlimited freedoms to search for boundless amounts of information. This constant stream of electronically-accessible information, the ‘digital highway’, has subsequently led to the creation of novel strategies to teach today’s students.

Today’s students, or more aptly referred to as ‘modern learners’, are quite unique compared with previous students of the Baby Boomer or Gen X generations. Students of the Gen X generation were the first students to experience wide-spread access to computers during high school and undergraduate studies, whereas the majority of students from both the Gen Y and Gen Z generations have been literally bombarded with computer technology since birth. This access has created an ‘on-demand’ lifestyle that relies on searchable databases, instant access to live-streaming events and the ability to communicate electronically (in various formats) from almost anywhere on the face of the planet. This on-demand lifestyle has permeated every facet of everyday life to the degree that many of these technologies are now incorporated routinely into all forms of business and science, and used throughout all levels (elementary, secondary and professional) of education. Thus, the constant use of modern technology – coupled with the on-demand lifestyle – has led to profound changes in learner expectations, resulting in the need for educators to develop new strategies and face unique challenges on a regular and often recurring basis.

This book provides a detailed overview into those educational strategies and various challenges faced by today’s educators. It is conveniently divided into two parts. The first part includes chapters examining different strategies for teaching a wide variety of students covering multiple age groups. The second part includes chapters providing unique insights into some of the varied challenges facing today’s educators. The vast majority of strategies – and challenges – are focused on how the emerging technology of the early 21st century has resulted in profound influences for both learner and educator expectations and limitations, and how technology has opened up endless opportunities that will ultimately alter the modern educational landscape.

The Next Big Thing in Education
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The next big thing in education is an anthology of forward looking insights by leading scholars, leaders and practitioners in the field of education regarding what may lie ahead for students and educators alike. As communities and leaders the world over struggle to adapt and thrive vis-à-vis ever growing challenges, education, in all its forms, is acknowledged as one of the major resources that will help propel individuals and societies into the unfolding millennium. That being said, what lies ahead? What opportunities, changes, and challenges are we about to meet as we step forward into the unknown?

This book picks the brains of some of the leading minds in the field of education and asks them a simple, yet challenging question: “what is the next big thing in Education?” . The answers we received paint a fascinating, multifaceted and complex picture. Educators, students, researchers, theoreticians and members of the general public who take special interest in education and human development may find inspiration, directions for future planning and even ideas for future research.

Universal Primary Education in Africa: English Speaking Countries
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Many countries all over the world are struggling to achieve for all. As part of such effort, they have strategized to provide universal primary education which normally refers to the enrollment of all school age children in primary schools, namely achieving one hundred percent of the net enrollment. While such efforts have been realized in many developing countries, it is a major challenge in most developing countries, especially in Africa following the attainment of independence. This book focuses on the influence of donor agencies in setting for the development of education in Africa leading to the preliminary interventions by different African English countries through the provision of free primary education. It is noted that most of the countries which introduced fee remission through free primary education experienced massive enrollments as many children from disadvantaged groups took advantage of the policy intervention to send their children to school. However, the push for it came to be identified with increasing deterioration in the quality of primary education right from the provision of physical facilities, teaching and learning materials, deployment of teachers, performance and transition from primary to secondary education. The quality of infrastructure and teaching and learning materials were in a deplorable state, especially in the rural areas, where such enrollments were well above the official recommended number of pupils per classroom. It proceeds to provide an interesting and easy to read accounts of the development of universal primary education in selected countries analyzing successes and challenges. Among the key challenges identified in the implementation of the UPE policy include; the lack of adequate planning, financing, inadequate infrastructure, and the HIV/AIDS scourge. On the basis of the above challenges, it is important that policy measures are put in place to improve the quality of primary education in many countries.

**HUMANITIES**

**Art**

**Women Painters of the World**

*Walter Shaw Sparrow*

In series: *Historical Figures*

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357 pp.

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Women Painters of the World presents an illustrated history of Women painters from the time of Caterina Vigri (1413-1463) to Rosa Bonheur and more.

**History**

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*Orison Swett Marden*

In series: *Historical Figures*

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How They Succeeded is the life-stories of successful men and women Each story contains the elements that make men and women successful; and they are intended to show that character, energy, and an indomitable ambition will succeed in the world, and that in this land, where all men are born equal and have an equal chance in life, there is no reason for despair.
Some Heroes of Travel

W. H. Davenport Adams

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Publication Date: 09/18/2020
311 pp.
Hardcover: 978-1-53618-626-0, $230.00
e-book: 978-1-53618-663-5, $230.00

There is no pleasanter mode of learning geography than by studying the works of distinguished travellers. The narratives which are contained in this book have been selected with a view to variety of interest. They range over Mexico, Western Australia, Central Africa, and Central Asia. They include the experiences of the hunter, the war correspondent, the geographical explorer; and a lady traveller.

Ancient and Classical History

Ancient Egypt

George Rawlinson

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An interesting and very detailed history of ancient Egypt with an emphasis on the architecture.

The Legacy of Greece


In series: Geography and History of the World
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303 pp.
Hardcover: 978-1-53618-946-9, $230.00
e-book: 978-1-53618-986-5, $230.00

In spite of many differences, no age has had closer affinities with Ancient Greece than our own; none has based its deeper life so largely on ideals which the Greeks brought into the world. History does not repeat itself. Yet, if the twentieth century searched through the past for its nearest spiritual kin, it is in the fifth and following centuries before Christ that they would be found. Again and again, as we study Greek thought and literature, behind the veil woven by time and distance, the face that meets us is our own, younger, with fewer lines and wrinkles on its features and with more definite and deliberate purpose in its eyes. For these reasons we are to-day in a position, as no other age has been, to understand Ancient Greece, to learn the lessons it teaches, and, in studying the ideals and fortunes of men with whom we have so much in common, to gain a fuller power of understanding and estimating our own. This book—the first of its kind in English—aims at giving some idea of what the world owes to Greece in various realms of the spirit and the intellect, and of what it can still learn from her.
The Italian Campaign is truly an amazing, and often heartbreaking, story, and it certainly generates sympathy as well as respect for the soldiers who fought there, particularly the sacrificed Texas and Polish soldiers as well as the British “D-Day Dodgers.” In addition to the British soldiers, you gain a new and far greater appreciation of the men in the 36th Texas and Polish Divisions because of their commitment, heroism and sacrifice in these battles, much less the many others from multiple nations who fought in Italy in 1943 and 1944. This book is the second title in the NOVA Science Publishers Homeland Security Series presenting a walking tour of World War II battle sites in mainland Italy:

- A Walking Tour of Italy’s WWII Battlefields: From the Salerno Landings to San Pietro Infine
- A Walking Tour of Italy’s WWII Battlefields: Breaking the Gustav and Hitler Lines
- A Walking Tour of Italy’s WWII Battlefields: From the Anzio Landings to Rome.

These books were derived from the sights and sounds experienced while on Marty Gane’s South Mountain Expeditions 2014 tour called WWII Invasion of Italy: From Sicily to Rome. The late Edwin Cole Bearss [1] was the lead South Mountain historian for the tour, and helped select our expert history guide British Lt Col (Retd) Frank de Planta de Wildenberg, a deservedly renown Italian battlefield tour leader. Franks designed the tour route, providing the specific strategic and tactical on-the-ground details we experienced at each stand (tour location) we visited. Ed Bearss provided insightful commentary and likened situations to his own combat experience as a Marine in the WWII Pacific theater. This book provides the images and narration of Frank and Ed as we were taken on the tour of battle sites as the Allies tried four times to break through the Gustav Line and then another battle for the Hitler Line. Nowhere has the importance of terrain in ground combat more apparent, and perhaps more exaggerated, than in Italy, and even more so in and around Montecassino. This book documents Frank’s and Ed’s accurate and insightful narrative and many photographs drawn from tour video. We were continuously impressed with the full visibility of the Liri Valley floor from the surrounding heights above Rte. 6, the chosen Allied route to Rome. These heights enabled domination of the battles fought for the Gustav Line by physically underpowered and tactically overmatched Allied armies. Creating this book series brought back many emotive sights, sounds, stories and emotions (unfortunately, not the food) experienced on the tour. We hope it provides some sense of that experience for the reader.
Social Sciences

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This book provides the images and narration of Frank and Ed as we were taken from the Allied seaborne landings at Salerno to the fights for the high ground surrounding the beachhead to the devastation wrought at San Pietro Infine, the subject of a well-known period film by John Houston. During the development of the Ed Bearss memoir trilogy books (see Footnote 7 above), I created the preliminary Italian tour history that has been reviewed, vastly improved and supplemented by Frank de Planta, necessarily and deservedly the book’s first author. Working with someone like Frank de Planta, as with both Ed Bearss and Barney Nolan in their memoirs, has proven (almost) as enjoyable as touring the Italian battlefields. Creating this book series brought back many emotive sights, sounds, stories and emotions (unfortunately, not the food) I felt while on the tour. We hope it provides some sense of that experience for the reader. Many excellent academic books have been written explaining Italian battlefield events to the detail, and we include these books in Frank’s exhaustive bibliography. However, this book brings the tour experience, being there on the ground, as close as possible to reality for the reader by showing you many images from where the armies fought and died to set Italy free and attack the “soft underbelly” of the Third Reich. Its purpose is to have the reader experience the tour as we did, incorporating images from the extensive video I took that September in Italy. It was hard to imagine the violence that happened there over 75 years ago. Our tour guide, Frank de Planta, with color commentary from Ed Bearss, provided an emotive and accurate explanation of the events, the scenes, and the sacrifice. We hope this book provides at least a fraction of the experience many on this tour experienced there.

**Croatia: Past, Present and Future Perspectives**
*Matko Marušić (University of Split, Croatia)*

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Croatia is today popularly known as a beautiful country, with an excellent soccer team, but the rest of its long history is still not well known outside scholarly circles. It is less known for example that Croatia started as an ancient kingdom established in the 7th century. It lost its independence in the 11th century and had a troubled history until the first democratic elections in 1990 and independence in 1991. Since the Great Schism in the 11th century, Croatia has been the easternmost country of the Catholic West facing the Orthodox East. Attacked by the Ottoman Turks in the 15th century, it has been called ever since Antemurale Christianitatis (The Bulwark of Christianity). Croatia went through difficult times during the two World Wars and in the inter-war and the post-war periods until it won its independence and later gained membership to the European Union in 2013. This book reveals important information about its history, the struggles it endured to gain independence, the key problems of post-communist social and economic transition, and prospects for the future, summarized at the end as an analysis of its strengths and weaknesses, as well as its external threats and opportunities. The book is divided into two parts, “Croatian History Timeline” and “Past in Present and Future”, because the Croatian past informs its present and future in a profound way.

There are few sources in English that present so many until-now unknown aspects of this European country as does this book. It may be said that it is the first reliable and objective guide to give essential understanding of the Republic of Croatia published so far in the English language.
Georgia - The Land of Unique People and Songs
Anzor Erkomaishvili (Music Director, Ensemble “Rustavi”
Head, International Center for Georgian Folk Song, Tbilisi State Conservatory, Tbilisi, Georgia)

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The author of this book, Anzor Erkomaishvili, is one of the most well known, recognized individuals in Georgia: a singer and choirmaster; a composer and performer; one who seeks out and publishes unique recordings scattered in the archives of various countries; the founder of the world famous Rustavi Ensemble; and a steadfast director for half a century…

This ensemble has held up to 6,000 concerts in 80 countries and has recorded more than 900 folk songs and released them on CD. These tour impressions have not been depicted in any of Anzor Erkomaishvili’s books. This ensemble receives ovations in world famous concert halls. Volumes of books are filled with the impressions of audience members enraptured by what they have heard. “The talent and expertise revealed by the singers, dancers, and instrumentalists of the Rustavi Ensemble evoke delight,” the New York Times wrote (April 7, 1991) following a concert at the Beacon Theater on Broadway.

It is possible to say that these writings by Anzor Erkomaishvili can be considered his “selected works”. The book consists of eight chapters.

The first chapter is titled “At the Origins”. Here the author tells us about his ancestors and the search for Georgian recordings scattered about in foreign archives.

The second chapter is “On Tour”. Here two countries are singled out from a gigantic tour map: France and the United States of America.

“Unforgettable Encounters” is the third chapter. This chapter describes meetings with intriguing people.

The fourth chapter is “A Man’s Fate”. Here you will read some essays permeated with special artistic expressions and emotions.

“Mysterious Voices” is the fifth chapter. Here the reader will get acquainted with some impressionable portraits of unique performers of Georgian folk singing.

The sixth chapter is “Precious Silhouettes”. Some interesting essays introduce readers to distinguished Georgian composers and opera singers.

“To Save Singing” is the title of the seventh chapter. The author’s credo is disclosed in this chapter: “If we want to save folk singing, we must teach it to children and make them fall in love with it.” The way this credo became embodied within the creation of the Martve Children’s Ensemble and its great success is discussed.

The last chapter is titled “Reflections”. Here are some thoughts the richly creative biographer has jotted down at various times. These are statements imbued with a humility characteristic of Erkomaishvili and expressed with the excellence and laconic forms that Jorge Luis Borges demanded from this genre.

Latin American and Caribbean History

Cuba: Past and Present
Jeffrey K. Martinez

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Based on extensive research at the Cuban National Archive, Cuba: Past and Present examines how the Spanish Administration established the embargo of properties during the Ten Years War in April 1869.

Results of training in pregraduate and postgraduate studies in the universities of Holguín and Cienfuegos are examined in an effort to study the processes of inclusion in higher education.

The authors investigate inequality trends in Cuba in recent decades through applying quantitative and qualitative methodologies on existing household/individuals surveys.
Encyclopedia of Latin America (12 Volume Set)

*Anders N. Toft and Jacob M. Andreasen*

In series: *Central America and the Caribbean*

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3672 pp.

Hardcover: 978-1-53618-629-1, $1,850.00

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Encyclopedia of Latin America organizes researchers from around the world in Latin American studies and related disciplines and maintains an up-to-date reference work for readers worldwide. Please review the Table of Contents for more in-depth information.

Honduras: Economic, Political and Social Issues

*Eric S. Riordan*

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This compilation first details the ways the Plan for the Alliance for Prosperity in Honduras sought to generate sources of employment, develop human capital, improve citizen security and access to justice, and strengthen institutions. The authors go on to explore the transformation of the Honduran agricultural sector in the context of the modernization process of the past four decades. A framework for discussion on agricultural value chains, competitiveness, sustainable landscape and markets is proposed in closing.

U.S. History

History of the Expedition under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark, Volume 1

*Meriwether Lewis and William Clark*

In series: *American History, Culture and Literature*

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342 pp.

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History of the Expedition under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark, is a fascinating account of the first exploration of the Missouri River, the journey over the Rocky Mountains, and the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean. This 2 volume book contains an accurate diary of the journey to discover the Northwest Passage, commissioned by and reported to Thomas Jefferson.
History of the Expedition Under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark. Volume II
Meriwether Lewis and William Clark

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Metropolitan Areas: Past, Present and Future Perspectives
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The present collection ‘Metropolitan Areas: Past, Present and Future Perspectives’ represents a complex material with respect to the cities, urban places, and metropolitan areas. This book may be considered as a course for students and scientists that are focused on the Human Geography, Space and Spatial Planning, Territory and Cities Evolution. The first chapter illustrates very well the wonderful city of Saint Petersburg, Russia. In the second chapter, the sustainability in the metropolitan areas is presented. The details of the challenges and geotechnologies in the urban management were well presented with the study case of metropolitan area of Rio de Janeiro, that is in chapter 3. In the chapter 4, the conservation and revitalization of the historic centers from Italy were analyzed. The transportations and communications in the cities and urban areas of Mures County, Romania were analyzed in detail in the chapter 5. The core indicators, correction factors, and sustainability of the London metropolitan area were treated in the chapter 6. The last chapter is referring to the groundwater vulnerability in the Ruhr region, Germany. This book, combines both theoretical and practical aspects of the analyses of the urban and metropolitan areas. We encourage the readers to study this collection for several aspects: is a scientific book, it has a consistent basis, and it contribute for courses of academic professionals.

Susan B. Anthony: Rebel, Crusader, Humanitarian
Alma Lutz

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To strive for liberty and for a democratic way of life has always been a noble tradition of our country. Susan B. Anthony followed this tradition. Convinced that the principle of equal rights for all, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, must be expressed in the laws of a true republic, she devoted her life to the establishment of this ideal. While her goals for women were only partially realized in her lifetime, she prepared the soil for the acceptance not only of her long-hoped-for federal woman suffrage amendment but for a worldwide recognition of human rights, now expressed in the United Nations Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights. She looked forward to the time when throughout the world there would be no discrimination because of race, color, religion, or sex.
The Colonies 1492-1750
Reuben Gold Thwaites
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In this book American colonization is considered in the light of general colonization as a phase of history, Englishmen in planting colonies in America brought with them the institutions with which they had been familiar at home: it is shown what these institutions were, and how, in adapting themselves to new conditions of growth, they differed from English models. As prominent among the changed conditions, the physical geography of America and its aboriginal inhabitants receive somewhat extended treatment; and it is sought to explain the important effect these had upon the character of the settlers and the development of the country. The social and economic condition of the people is described, and attention is paid to the political characteristics of the several colonies both in the conduct of their local affairs and in their relations with each other and the mother-country. It is shown that the causes of the Revolution were deep-seated in colonial history. Attention is also called to the fact, generally overlooked, that the thirteen mainland colonies which revolted in 1776 were not all of the English colonial establishments in America.

Emergent Literacy Spectrum of Bilingual Children in India
Prema K.S. Rao, PhD (Former Professor of Language Pathology, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, Mysuru, India)
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Literacy is an individual’s ability to read and write. The complexities of skills required to be literate raise an intriguing question: “how does one become literate?” Literacy skills emerge during early childhood (known as emergent literacy) and lead a child towards the path of reading. Many precursors such as oral language skills, phonological awareness skills, and written language (print) awareness skills facilitate the development of emergent literacy. The subcomponents within each of these precursors have a very intricate relationship with one another. The attempts made over the last few decades to understand the components of literacy, the stages of literacy acquisition in children, and literacy failure in school children are evident in research reports, but the focus appears to be skewed towards monolingual children. As a result, a void exists when one encounters a bilingual child for assessment. However, studies from linguistically diverse countries in recent years highlight the differences in early literacy behaviors of monolingual children and bilingual children. As a consequence, the knowledge gap is slowly narrowing to recognize the emergent literacy spectrum in bilingual children who are known to have cognitive advantages. Since cognition, language, and literacy fall on a continuum, there are bound to be advantages for bilingual/multilingual children in the development of early literacy behaviors. The available information supports the idea of cognitive benefits derived through exposure to languages, emphasizing that communication is more important than the specific linguistic units used by the teachers. Emergent Literacy Spectrum of Bilingual Children in India describes the concepts, components, and dimensions of literacy and emergent literacy; bilingualism; language and script—diaspora in the Indian context; the continuum of language and literacy; language policy for education in India; challenges for identification, assessment, and promotion of emergent literacy skills in India; and typical examples in Indian languages with research evidence for understanding the spectrum of emergent literacy in bilingual children. A theoretical rationale is given for each of the concepts followed by simple descriptions, examples, and illustrations. The book provides crucial knowledge and useful tips for professionals, teachers, and informed parents in their teaching-learning activities with children. Researchers may explore the ideas discussed in the monograph by pursuing studies to augment our knowledge of the acquisition of literacy in bilingual children.

The author’s many years of experience as a speech-language pathologist in the Indian subcontinent suggests that there is scanty information on emergent literacy in Indian bilingual children. Several interactions held with professionals and preschool teachers during workshops and seminars have indicated that there is a great need to enhance the knowledge base on emergent/early literacy, its development, and the likelihood of failures in literacy acquisition in children. The publication is useful to all professionals working with young children, educational administrators as well as policymakers.
Literacies, Culture, and Society towards Industrial Revolution 4.0: Reviewing Policies, Expanding Research, Enriching Practices in Asia
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This book began as one of the publication outlets for two flagship conferences in 2019: 12th Conaplin (Conference on Applied Linguistics) and 3rd Icollite (International Conference on Language, Literature, Culture, and Education) which bring forth broad topics in the fields of education, applied linguistics, and literature organized by the Indonesia University of Education (UPI – Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia). Conaplin is one of the first annual conferences held by UPI, organized by the Language Centre in collaboration with the English Language Department. Icollite, on the other hand, emerged from the local scientific forum into an international conference to showcase the latest insights offered by new doctoral graduates in the Faculty of Language and Literature Education.
For the themes of 2019 put forth by the two conferences, 12th Conaplin’s “Applied Linguistics and Industrial Revolution 4.0: Reviewing Policy, Expanding Research, Enriching Practices” and 3rd Icollite’s “Bridging Literacies, Culture, and Society towards Education 4.0”, we highlight the importance of current buzz words in the language and education fields. We have observed that the proliferation of the use of these terms signals how communities in general, especially those in higher education, are grappling with responding to rapid changes in the IR 4.0. In the era we live in, humanity is being reshaped at an unprecedented speed and scale, mainly due to the advancement of technology. In order to maintain balance in our educational system so that social and cultural aspects can work harmoniously with the advancement of technology that can sometimes be isolating and impersonal, we collectively need to identify new and innovative ways in which we support the full potentials of our students, colleagues, and communities in interconnected global interactions. To this end, we need to review our existing policies in education, expanding our research to foster more collaboration and interdisciplinary connection to provide solutions and alternatives to problems that might arise as the consequence of the changing times.

Philosophy

Creative Intelligence: Essays in the Pragmatic Attitude

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Creative Intelligence: Essays in the Pragmatic Attitude represents an attempt at intellectual cooperation. No effort has been made, however, to attain unanimity of belief nor to proffer a platform of "planks" on which there is agreement. The consensus represented lies primarily in outlook, in conviction of what is most likely to be fruitful in method of approach. As the title page suggests, the volume presents a unity in attitude rather than a uniformity in results. Consequently each writer is definitively responsible only for his own essay. The reader will note that the Essays endeavor to embody the common attitude in application to specific fields of inquiry which have been historically associated with philosophy rather than as a thing by itself. Beginning with philosophy itself, subsequent contributions discuss its application to logic, to mathematics, to physical science, to psychology, to ethics, to economics, and then again to philosophy itself in conjunction with esthetics and religion. The reader will probably find that the significant points of agreement have to do with the ideas of the genuineness of the future, of intelligence as the organ for determining the quality of that future so far as it can come within human control, and of a courageously inventive individual as the bearer of a creatively employed mind.
Studying philosophy means unraveling reality in all its aspects. By contextualizing today’s reality in its social, political, ecological, spiritual and also aesthetic context, the chapters in this edited volume present research findings complementing or even challenging ongoing scholarly discussions in philosophy and humanity. The chapters are divided into five sections based on the issues being discussed: (1) Law and Politics, (2) Economy, (3) Humanity and Wellbeing, (4) Rethinking Spirituality, and (5) Arts. Besides the obvious urgency to problematize these issues due to the dynamics of paradigm and theories in the field of philosophy, there will always be a need to constantly create new conversations. The wide variety of aspects of humanity that are being analyzed in the chapters are done by non-Western scholars, in this case Indonesian scholars, and this provides alternative ways of interpreting philosophical concepts in relation to everyday realities. The issues being discussed might seem universal as depicted in the choices of texts, which come from different countries. However, the specificity of each context contributes to a more complex discussion of various philosophical aspects. The readings and interpretations of the philosophical theories build a non-Western scholarship which is definitely needed to enrich the process of knowledge production in the humanities and social sciences. The multiplicity of the texts chosen as case studies in each chapter is the primary specialty of this edited volume since there are not a lot of projects that cover multiple issues coming from different locales in one book with an interdisciplinary approach.

Jean Gebser (1905-1973) was a philosopher who examined how cultures are generated, situated and oriented in the world. He explored meaningful interconnections between cultures, seeking to provide a fuller account of their nature and workings. Gebser was a man of science, the arts and mysticism, who was interested in the direct human experience of unity with the divine. He perceived the fullness of humankind to occur in the coalescence of spirituality and consciousness. This essay provides an intellectual biography of Gebser's two-volume work, The Ever-Present Origin, Part I: Foundations of the Aperspectival World and Part II: Manifestations of the Aperspectival World. An overview of the chapters in this volume, emphasizing the preeminence of myth and the decline of instrumental reason, is then presented. Gebser’s writing offers a valuable contribution to understanding how humans are situated in the all-of-life with respect to our contemporary spatiotemporal condition of chaos. The collection of essays represents the Gebserian way to explicate the limits of modern Western deficient mental structure, in the form of “instrumental reason”. The work of Gebser is well known in various parts of the world and has now appeared in Lithuania where it is received with great interest, specifically in light of questions of national identities, mythological backgrounds, and questions of globalization. The essays represent research from scholars of diverse disciplines and civilizations; their contributions to Gebser's scholarship and the understanding of the current turmoil form a framework on how any local culture can benefit from Gebser's work.
The Earth in Fragments: A Memoir by Michael Charles Tobias

Michael Charles Tobias

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As a child, Michael Charles Tobias encountered a wolf caged in a zoo. Gazing upon the pacing, desperate animal, Tobias asked his Father, “Why is he in jail?” For over half a century, Tobias has roamed the earth in search of an answer. This memoir is a testimony to Tobias’ field research, expeditions, deliberations, and some answers to that haunting question. Systems ecologist, philosopher, historian of ideas, anthropologist, ethicist and philanthropist, Tobias has emerged as one of the most influential and far-reaching ecological philosophers of this generation. The Earth in Fragments: A Memoir by Michael Charles Tobias chronicles many of his most incisive areas of research, activism and philosophical inflections.

Much of the data, conveyed in a personal and enlightening series of recollections, lends incisive clarity to the emergence and escalating challenges of the environmental and life sciences fields. Tobias shares glimpses into many of the often ethically-harrowing research conundrums confronting him and his wife, Jane Gray Morrison, as they have effectively endeavored throughout the globe, focusing upon animal rights and conservation biology initiatives. Their more than 50 books and 75 films have shed a powerful spotlight on many of the most pressing issues of our time.

The anecdotes pour forth, from an ancient monastery in the Sinai, across the Himalayas, to the Arctic and Antarctic, where Tobias was among the first to draw global attention to the crises mounting across the Last Continent. We see him behind the scenes, directing the ambitious ten-hour drama, “Voice of the Planet” in two-dozen countries, examining the Gaia Hypothesis; conducting a project in the heart of the 1989 catastrophic oil spill in Alaska; his irrepressible quest to understand the runaway train of human overpopulation across the planet in his book and accompanying PBS film “World War III.” We follow his probing philosophical meditations-in-action as an animal liberationist from California, Mali, Kenya, China, Greece and Russia. We see his appeal for a “new human nature” in cutting-edge scientific research calling for an interspecies revolution that is at once pantheistic, ethically holistic, and as imaginative and ecologically paradoxical as it is pragmatic.

The reader is led through a dazzling and provocative labyrinth of deeply moving eco-science in countries like New Zealand, Madagascar, Brazil, Chile’s Rapa Nui, and throughout Europe, West Africa and Asia. From the Ecuadorian Amazon to Haiti; from Mozambique, Yemen, and Namibia to Borneo, Tobias and Morrison have worked to bring critical conservation strategies and policy priorities to government leaders and scientists throughout the world.

With insights from paleontology, Renaissance art history, deep demography, and the most recent advances in biodiversity conservation and biosemiotics, Tobias leads readers on an exquisite and uplifting journey that, while describing much devastation, provides hopeful glimpses into a near future that is not only possible, but essential for the well-being of the world, as viewed, lived and chronicled by one man at the heart of the Anthropocene.

Religion

A Visit to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Italy

Ida Pfeiffer

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Ida Pfeiffer travelled alone in an era when women didn't travel. She commenced her journey alone, without companions, but fully prepared to bear every ill, to bid defiance to every danger, and to combat every difficulty. That this undertaking should have succeeded may almost be looked upon as a wonder. Every evening, though often greatly exhausted with heat, thirst, and the hardships of travel, she never failed to make notes in her diary. A Visit to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Italy is the translation of her diary.
We notice that many innocent people suffer in this world. If God is all powerful, He could prevent the innocent from suffering. If God is all good than He would not want the innocent to suffer. This paradox is known as the problem of evil. Most theologians believe in the necessity of answering this question. Liberal theologians believe in the necessity of a revision of Christian doctrine, trusting that science excludes the belief in divine intervention. However, divine intervention is perfectly in agreement with the laws of nature and science. Accordingly, there is no reason to reject the Bible and traditional Christian doctrine. A new model of the coexistence of religious and secular discourses is revealed in this collection. Most of the existing papers focus on the problem of the relationship between church and state in the modern era. In this collection, different experiences are presented along with their significance for specific countries, mostly the Georgian experience on the issues of church and state relations. The role of the religious leader in modern society is described, focusing on his spiritual mission in restoring, enhancing and developing traditional values in society. In particular, the role of His Holiness and Beatitude, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, Ilia II is examined for his multifaceted endeavors to strengthen Georgian society and develop traditional spiritual values after the perennial atheism. This collection is intended for readers interested in the problems of the main right of humanity, freedom of belief, in the modern global era and in the age of secularism. Today, there is a lack of spirituality around the world. Traditional spiritual values are inhibited; in many European countries, the activity of church figures is stalled, and people are not allowed to choose education based on traditional values. This causes great dissatisfaction in society, as it is believed that traditional spiritual values are the main markers of national identity, and their development and preservation are essential. Hence, this book will be of great interest for readers interested in the problems of spirituality in both Christian and non-Christian countries. It will be of interest for scholars, as well as for political figures who often encounter such problems in their activities.

Religion and Public Life

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See No Evil: Secularization versus Sacred Scriptures

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The subjective depends on the situation, the people involved, the time, and the environment. The objective is true for all situations, all people, all times, and in all environments. Many issues are uncontroversially subjective. However, is anything objective? Current intellectual secular culture (which includes Post-Modernism, Post-Modernity, Atheistic Existentialism, Pragmatism, and Post-Structuralism) claims that there are no objective truths (everything is subjective) and that each individual can pick his or her own goals and values. This book investigates the inadequacies of this secular approach when dealing with the purpose of life and the problem of evil by contrasting the behavioral imperatives of secular culture with what the sacred texts of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Theravada Buddhism say.

If everything is subjective then each individual does not have inherent worth. “Inherent worth” implies an objective value—a value that is not determined by the situation. The notion that everyone has inherent worth is the foundation on which lying, stealing, murder, rape, adultery, and genocide are judged as “wrong.” If everything is subjective then we cannot condemn Adolf Hitler for wanting to kill all the Jews or for one group of people for wanting to enslave all of another group.

There are two important consequences of current intellectual secular culture’s rejection of all objective values. First, by interpreting everything as subjective and self-centered, current intellectual secular culture cannot provide purpose to life that is bigger than the individual. In contrast, the five religions considered in this book demand that people embrace goals that are bigger than their self-centered desires. Second, current intellectual secular culture’s rejection of all objective values makes it impossible to condemn some acts as evil. When evil is not condemned, it thrives. The five religions examined do condemn evil and provide answers to the following “problem of evil.”

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Thus God must either not be all good or not all powerful. This is a particularly difficult problem for the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) because they affirm an all-powerful and all-good God. This is less of a problem for Hinduism and Buddhism because these eastern religions believe in reincarnation. Under reincarnation, what may look like an innocent suffering is actually a guilty person paying for his or her evil deeds from this or a previous life. However, the sacred texts for all five religions provide answers to this problem, but not the answers that we often hear from theologians. This book aims at satisfying some of humanity’s greatest needs – the need for purpose and the need for an answer to why innocents often suffer.

**Buddhism**

*Exploring the Life and Teachings of Mahayana Buddhists in Asia*

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Buddhism is one of the world’s oldest and largest religions having about 490 million followers. Mahayana Buddhists represent approximately two-thirds of the total Buddhist population. A large portion of Mahayanists resides in East Asia. They cannot be said to follow an undivided doctrine and have a unified religious lifestyle. Mahayana Buddhism, rather, consists of a multitude of ideas and practices with its followers holding various behaviors and attitudes. This book explores the lives and teachings of Mahayana Buddhists, who reside in Mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Myanmar, as well as in the ancient Gandhara region (today’s north Pakistan and east Afghanistan). The time frame covered is from the beginning of the Mahayana movement in the Ancient Gandhara region in the first several centuries of the Common Era to the present-day lifestyle and practices of the Mahayanists as they respond to 2020’s COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the historical and doctrinal views of Mahayana Buddhism, the book features thematic chapters on topics, such as pandemic responses, Mahayana scriptures and sculptures, modern Mahayana teachings, charity, suicide, and ethnicity. The book also considers such social constructs as family and community and modern Buddhist movements in reshaping the traditional structures and cosmological beliefs of Chinese Mahayanists. In sum, this book is a unique effort to define the nature of Mahayana Buddhist life in the past and in the present as well as its teaching in Asia. It does so from various multidisciplinary perspectives.

**Christianity**

*Life of St. Francis of Assisi*

*Paul Sabatier*

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Francis of Assisi is pre-eminently the saint of the Middle Ages. Owing nothing to church or school he was truly theodidact, and if he perhaps did not perceive the revolutionary bearing of his preaching, he at least always refused to be ordained priest. He divined the superiority of the spiritual priesthood. Saint Francis of Assisi (Italian: Francesco d'Assisi), born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco (1181/1182 - 3 October 1226), was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on 16 July 1228. Along with Saint Catherine of Siena, he was designated Patron saint of Italy. He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment, and it became customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October. He is often remembered as the patron saint of animals. In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan to put an end to the conflict of the Crusades. By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the Order. Once his community was authorized by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. Francis is also known for his love of the Eucharist. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene. According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received
the stigmata during the apparition of Seraphic angels in a religious ecstasy making him the first recorded person in Christian history to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of 3 October 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142.

The Analogy of Religion to the Constitution and Course of Nature
Joseph Butler
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In this book, Joseph Butler examines Christianity. He discusses its importance, its proofs, the unavoidableness of its containing strange things, the absurdity of expecting fully to comprehend its statements. He answers not only the objections to Christianity, but the objections against its proofs; which he shows are very different things.

Islam

Islamism: Global Surveys and Implications for the Future of the Arab Countries
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This work is a collection of essays on Islamism and global opinion surveys, focusing on their implications for the future of Arab countries. Much of Western academia and the media still seem to be unable to come to terms with the real challenges posed by Islamism two decades after 9/11 and half a decade after the horrendous Paris 2015 terror attacks.

What is at stake is the question of whether moderate Islamist political movements can and should be partnered with the West. President Obama personally issued the Presidential Study Directive 11 (PSD-11) in 2010, ultimately concluding that the United States should shift from its longstanding policy of supporting “stability” in the Middle East and North Africa to a policy of backing moderate Islamic political movements. The present book squarely contradicts this perspective. Bassam Tibi maintains that only liberal Islam approves of democracy, while Islamism absolutely does not.

The empirical basis of the book is based on estimates of the development of civil society in the Arab World by using comparative opinion survey data based on the evaluation of the World Values Survey and other global and regional surveys. Variables of trust, non-violence, gender justice and tolerance towards homosexuals indicate some of existing deficits in the development of civil societies in the region. Thus, Inglehart and Norris correctly foresaw that the real distinguishing parameter for Huntington’s theory is not his opinion on democracy, but his societal opinion on gender issues.

This perspective is followed up with an empirical analysis of the gender ideology of Islamism and its gender values, all based on World Values Survey data. Muslim feminism, which implies the rejection of Islamism and the veil, and the democracy movement in the Muslim world are closely interrelated.

In a chapter on Islamism and anti-Semitism, the book identifies the extent of relationships between anti-Semitism, the current economic and social situation, religious data, and opinions on terrorism among the global Muslim society. Islamism is deeply connected to anti-Semitism.

The book also explores which factors contribute to the approval of terrorist acts, measured by such variables as opinions on suicide bombing and the favorability of terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah. The book shows how wrong it is to neglect the underlying ideological radicalism which characterizes the support of organizations such as the Muslim Brotherhood and its affiliates in the region. Along with most radicalized factions of Islamist terrorism, they share intense hatred of Jews and Free Masons and Western civilization.

In a concluding chapter, the book analyzes globalization, the environment in the Arab World and the future “greening” of Arab politics.
**Special Topics**

**Books and Printing: A Treasury for Typophiles**

*Paul A. Bennett*

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Books and Printing: A Treasury for Typophiles is a collection of articles by some of the most famous book designers and historians, including Beatrice Warde, Updike, and Morison. Some of the subjects included, are printers’ marks, the fine art of printing, typefaces, calligraphy, and the parts of the book. This book will be of interest to anyone who wants to know about the art of printing and book making.

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**Politics**

**African Politics, Economics and Security**

**Africa: Economic, Political and Social Issues**

*David Murphy and Ethan Mason*

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Africa: Economic, Political and Social Issues opens with a study wherein four research questions are addressed using the structural functionalist approach to the study of family, drawing from the views of Durkheim, Radcliffe-Brown and Fortes.

A comparative analysis of social protection for older persons in Eswatini and Lesotho, countries located in Southern Africa, is provided. The authors discuss the relevance of socio-economic rights in Kwazulu-Natal, particularly how the state should fulfill its constitutional mandate to provide the citizens of the province with access to healthcare services.

The ambiguous relationship between Swaziland as British-protected territory and Britain in the period from 1903 to 1968 is also explored, highlighting how the Swazi traditional authority endeavored to protect its power and the sovereignty of the nation through British protection in 1884. Approximately 15% of the world production of titanium dioxide is mined in South Africa, and over 60% of this is recovered from heavy, mineral-rich Cenozoic Age dune sand deposits on the eastern coastline. As such, the authors conduct a microprobe analysis of 455 rutile grains from these sediments.

The role and influence of the wildlife economy in Kwazulu-Natal is explored through a decade-long study of the wildlife sector in South Africa. The concluding study uses bivariate scatterplots and correlations analysis to elucidate the hydrogeochemical controls of salinity in typical circumneutral coalmine groundwater.
American Government and Politics

Sabine Schmidt
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Election Day is the day legally established to select public officials in the United States. General elections for federal offices—President, Vice President, and U.S. Congress—were held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. This book deals with the many issues surrounding the upcoming 2020 elections, including: security in the aftermath of Russian interference during the 2016 elections, the problems caused by the COVID pandemic and the Electoral College.

Is the U.S. Postal Service Sustainable?
Malissa R. Rojas
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An independent establishment of the executive branch, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is required to provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to the public. While USPS is to be self-sustaining, it lost about $78 billion from fiscal years 2007 through 2019 due primarily to declining mail volume, increased employee compensation and benefit costs, and increased unfunded liabilities and debt. To address these challenges, USPS has taken a variety of actions such as providing increased self-service options and reducing facility hours. This book looks at the current actions needed for sustainability, nonpostal offerings and same day delivery.

Key Government Reports. Volume 38
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This book is a comprehensive compilation of all reports, testimony, correspondence and other publications issued by the GAO (Government Accountability Office) during the month of July, grouped according to topics. This book is focused on the following topics:
· Information Security
· Science and Technology

The Border Wall: Effect on Tribal and Private Landowners
Alexander Durrell
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Private, tribal, and state-owned land constitutes 70 percent of the border. In order to construct barriers across this land, the administration has used eminent domain, a process by which the government can forcibly seize privately-owned land for public use in exchange for compensation. This book look at the effect of the border wall on private and tribal landowners.
The Supreme Court: Rulings, Conduct and the Appointment Process
Suzanne J. Ragusa
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The Supreme Court term that began on October 7, 2019 was one of the most eventful in recent history. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic colored much of the Court’s work, leading the Court to close its building to the public indefinitely, postpone oral arguments originally scheduled for March and April of 2020, and, for the first time in history, telephonically conduct oral arguments in roughly a dozen cases over two weeks in May 2020. The Court, which typically recesses for the summer in late June, continued to issue opinions through the second week of July 2020 because of delays caused by the pandemic. And substantively, the October 2019 Term included the Court issuing several orders concerning litigation over various state-government responses to the pandemic.

The Supreme Court’s October 2020 Term is set to begin on October 5; thus, it is likely the Term will at least begin with only eight Justices. The appointment of a Supreme Court Justice is an event of major significance in American politics. Each appointment is of consequence because of the enormous judicial power the Supreme Court exercises as the highest appellate court in the federal judiciary. To receive appointment to the Court, a candidate must first be nominated by the President and then confirmed by the Senate.

This book provides an overview of these important issues, including a discussion of their broader implications.

Asian Countries: Economic, Political and Social Issues
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Over the last four decades, Asian countries have experienced a substantial increase in their global competitiveness. While some of this is due to their economic activity, politics are also a contributing factor. Technological advances, particularly concerning the internet and social media, have also contributed, as have many other factors. We expect information and communication technology led by the development of the internet to make the transformation of knowledge easier and more efficient, thus contributing to faster economic growth worldwide. Sound macroeconomic policy and political conditions facilitate this process.

Many Asian countries have learned from the experience of the Asian Crisis of 1987 when the Thai baht lost its value due to a shortage of reserves by the Central bank of Thailand, and capital outflow spread throughout the region. Asian countries now know that to avoid such a run on foreign currencies, they must hold enough reserves to support their own currency. Sound fiscal and monetary policies, as well as an exchange rate policy combined with an efficient banking system, are required to enhance the reserve policy. Another requirement for the effectiveness of macroeconomic policies is desirable political conditions to enhance international confidence in these countries. Strong political stability requires sound rules, laws, and democratic institutions that must be transparent. Granting excessive power to any one ruler has proved to lead to corruption which is an impediment to growth. This book addresses the issues above by providing theoretical and empirical evidence using data from some countries in Asia.
Hong Kong: Past, Present and Future
Wei Tang

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Hong Kong: Past, Present and Future first explores the “non-national” features of Hong Kong citizenship by analysing its development in relation to three key features: people’s identities, uneven political participation, and the development of civil society. The subsequent study explores ideological detachment from ideas of “nation-ness”, if English language discourse is to produce a stable model of Hong Kong identity. The authors examine the discourses of young people and older people pertaining to socio-political issues concerning Hong Kong, reviewing major research studies conducted in Hong Kong on young people’s attitudes towards the society. The closing review provides an extensive summary on phonetics and phonology research on Hong Kong English in the past two decades, and also discusses how the codification and standardisation of Hong Kong English would aid in its development.

Southeast Asia

Burma: Background, U.S. Relationship and Human Rights Abuses
Mateo Kavanagh

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Major changes in Burma’s political situation since 2016 have raised questions concerning the appropriateness of U.S. policy toward Burma (Myanmar) in general, and the current restrictions on relations with Burma in particular. Various developments in Burma between 2010 and 2016 led the Obama Administration and others to perceive positive developments toward the restoration of a democratically elected civilian government in that nation after nearly five decades of military rule. Based on that perception, the Obama Administration waived most of the sanctions on Burma, particularly after Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy won the 2015 parliamentary elections and a new NLD-controlled Union Parliament took office in April 2016. Certain events since 2016, however, have led some to call for the reinstatement of some of the waived sanctions and/or the imposition of new restrictions on relations with Burma.

Rural Development in the Era of Globalization in Bangladesh
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Rural Development is a deliberate transformation towards the advancement of the financial and societal standard of living of the rural poor through amplified production, impartial delivery of possessions, and empowerment. In general, a deliberate transformation towards rural institution building and progress in technology. Bangladesh, nearly 50 years into its liberation, stays on the route to development and the country is looking forward to transitioning into a developed state by 2041. There is global pressure also. Rural development plays a key role in attaining the targets. The Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) is a pioneer institute for attaining rural development in Bangladesh. The academy is acknowledged as a center of excellence regarding training, research and action research. The institute was established in 1959 with the intention of provide training to the public officials and representatives of the local government and village institutions on diverse matters concerning to rural development. Still, the institution provides training to diverse stakeholders. Moreover, a large quantity of international clientele comprising scholars, research fellows, experts, government bureaucrats, affiliates of diplomatic corps and global
organizational visit the academy. The academy has been steering socio-economic study from the time of its beginning. Research outcomes are used as training resources and contributions for introducing action research by the Academy itself. It also works as data resources and policy ideas for the policy makers, Ministries, and Planning Commission. In certain circumstances, these are also dispersed among the global organizations and institutes. BARD conducts investigational projects to progress models of better-quality institution, managerial arrangements in addition to harmonization and approaches of production. The project events generally include the villagers’ development institutes, local bodies and public officials. To this point the Academy has directed more than 50 investigational projects on different facets of rural development. Finally, in the era of globalization and pressure of implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the book provides an immense knowledge on “Rural Development” issue in Bangladesh perspective.

India

India: Environmental, Political and Social Issues

*Jules Lessard and Orson Rivière*

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India: Environmental, Political and Social Issues first highlights the environmental conditions of Uttarakhand such as relief, structure, drainage, climatic conditions and forest types, as well as the influence of these aspects on aspects of demographic structure such as population distribution, growth, sex ratio and literacy. The authors go to present findings indicate that the Tropical Lowland Rain Forests in Sri Lanka are capable of recovery, in terms of biodiversity and stature, if sufficient recess is provided following land use practices such as selective logging and chena cultivation in spatial and temporal contexts.

As a desert state, the climate of Rajasthan is uniquely characterized by low rainfall, dryness and extreme temperature. Fauna of this region are specifically adapted to this hostile environment. In this compilation, threats to fauna of Rajasthan are assessed. Later, after presenting a short introduction to the historical and cultural background, the authors narrate Karunanidhi’s most decisive film, Parasakthi (Supreme Power, 1952). It challenges certain cultural stereotypes such as the sexual exploitation of women, social discrimination, corruption, religious superstition and so on.

The closing study examines the effects of socio-economic determinants on child malnutrition in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous and malnourished state of India. Using data from NFHS-4, this study highlights district-wide variations in the nutritional status of children less than five years old in the state.

Kerala: Past, Present and Future Perspectives

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Kerala, a narrow stretch of land on the foothills of the Western Ghats is bestowed with nature’s magic and ranks highly among tourist destinations globally. Kerala's society has evolved through spectacular religious and reform movements. The book is a compilation of 17 chapters which promulgate the rich traditions, biodiversity, politics, governance, climate change and health of Kerala, outlining the past, present and future. The book is helpful for those who seek answers about the multicultural society ladder and success stories with an in-depth and panoramic approach.
Globally, industrialization and urbanization are leading to improvement in society’s economic condition which is often accompanied by lifestyle changes including physical inactivity, unhealthy diet and harmful use of tobacco and alcohol. These altered lifestyles bring about non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like obesity, hypertension (HTN) and diabetes mellitus (DM). The risk factors of the lifestyle induced NCDs are measurable and largely modifiable. So, continuous surveillance on the levels and patterns of risk factors is of fundamental importance to control NCDs. Chapter 1 focuses on this and conducted a study on 1216 male individuals of different socio-economic status residing at Kolkata, West Bengal. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was initiated in India in 2006 with a view to creating more wage employment in rural areas thereby ameliorating rural poverty. But after the completion of more than a decade, the effects and roles of the scheme are found to be manifolds. Particularly, if we consider the impact of women. Chapter 2 looks at how the role of women have changed, especially in the family, and how that impacts society.

In chapter 3, the authors performed a study to assess age trends in anthropometric measures and nutritional status among adult Mahali females. It was a community-based cross-sectional study, carried out in selected four villages of Bankura district, West Bengal, India.

**Middle Eastern Politics**

**Syria, the Desert and the Sown**

*Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell*

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Syria, The Desert and the Sown covers Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell’s travels through Palestine and Syria. The book contains a valuable firsthand account of Syrian life and customs.

**Politics of Europe**

**200 Years and Beyond Britain and America since the Industrial Revolution**

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This book examines the changing social political and economics landscapes that continue to shape and define the Britain and America that we know today. The industrial Revolution was defined by technology in cotton spinning, in the building of canals, railways and telegraphy. The intensity of economic change meant changes in social and political expectations from the Chartists seeking to widen the franchise in Britain to Civil War and slavery in America. Social progress ebbs and flows; nothing
in history is linear. Strikes were won and lost. Coxey’s army marched to show the plight of unemployment as many others would do during the Depression of the 1930s. America had the New Deal and Britain provided social forms of protection to deal with unemployment. The 1950s to 1970s are described as the years of calm waters of fully employment continuing prosperity people buying their first cars their first homes and domestic appliances. Stagflation became the problem for the 1980s of dealing with inflation and revisiting unemployment to new prosperity of the 1990s and the financial meltdown of 2008. People in 2020 have different lived experiences to those of 1820. Yet life in 2020 brings new but different challenges to 1820. The books is aimed at students of history of economics of social change and politics. It is however also aimed at a wider readership as it tries to tell 200 years of history as a journey that continues to shape both countries.

Armenia and Azerbaijan: Countries in Crisis
William Mitchell
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Armenia and Azerbaijan both used to be part of the Soviet Union, but since that crumbled, ethnic tensions between Armenians and Azerbaijanis increased in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. Nagorno-Karabakh is recognized as part of Azerbaijan, but is predominantly populated by ethnic Armenians. The long-simmering conflict has been escalating in recent months. This book looks at the background and upheaval in these two countries.

Special Topics

A Focus on Human Rights
Christiane Baasch
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Congress has guided and shaped the U.S role in the current international human rights architecture, which grew out of the atrocities and destruction of World War II. The United Nations (U.N.) Charter, signed in 1945, included broad expressions of support for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This book addresses human rights issues.

Differences in the City: Postmetropolitan Heterotopias as Liberal Utopian Dreams
Jorge León Casero and Julia Urabayen (Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain)
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Although it is one of the most vague and ambiguous concepts proposed by Foucault, the term “heterotopia” has been, and continues to be, one of the most widely used in technical as well as in human and social disciplines. Coinciding with the rise of postmodernism and the supposed crisis of the great unitary stories of the West, the great heterogeneity of urban and spatial phenomena and typologies referred to in the
Foucauldian notion was further expanded, with the explicit intention of using it as part of the new urban ideology that neoliberal theorists of architecture and urbanism were beginning to implement under the leitmotif of the city by fragments. In this way, neoliberal urban ideology appropriated the concept of heterotopia, making it pass for libertarian and endowing it with the ability to exert political resistance to economic and urban planning by public administrations. This is why the concept of heterotopia has been used simultaneously and repeatedly as a tool to praise the beatitudes of neoliberal urbanism as well as to defend its emancipatory character by social movements and activists. In this sense, the emancipatory potential that heterotopias could have had in the disciplinary arrangement of space has ended up transforming into a magic formula with which to transform the impositions of the neoliberal (de)arrangement of the territory into a hymn to freedom of movement, to a socio-cultural diversity without class conflict.

The aim of this collective and interdisciplinary reflection is to prove that heterotopias are spaces that cannot be considered a priori as directly emancipatory but apart from an effective political project. As we live in a postmetropolitan word, we should ask: Are these post-metropolitan heterotopias capable of shaping themselves as the new nerve centers of anti-capitalist resistance or are they only capable of subverting the disciplinary power of public administrations already brought to crisis-point decades ago by neoliberal capitalism? Can they function as the spatial tools of an antagonistic politics for the common or, on the contrary, is their operation intrinsically neoliberal? This book brings together various analyses and investigations that maintain conflicting positions on the emancipatory or ideological-alienating character of heterotopias with the dual objective of avoiding their Western-centric bias and preserving any possible trait of emancipatory potential that may be rearticulated from an epistemological diversity viewpoint. With these objectives in mind, we have organized the twenty-two articles that make up this book into five major thematic sections, coinciding with some of the main topics around which socio-spatial debates dedicated to heterotopias have taken place in the last twenty-five years: the postmetropolis, public space, the right to the city, gender relations and their symbolic condition. Although these five categories should not be understood as unrelated compartments—but quite the opposite—we have chosen to use this classification as an analytical tool to illuminate some of the focal points around which to exercise effective critique of one of the most frustratingly incomplete, inconsistent [and] incoherent concepts of socio-spatial theory.

Encyclopedia of Elections (7 Volume Set)

Bryan Martin and Peter Morris

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Encyclopedia of Elections organizes researchers from around the world in political studies and related disciplines and maintains an up-to-date reference work for readers worldwide. Please review the Table of Contents for more in-depth information.

Geopolitics in the Twenty-First Century: Territories, Identities, and Foreign Policies

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This book is dedicated to geopolitics in the 21st century. Several scholars from slightly different backgrounds (geopolitics, international relations, history, and political science) have come together to develop the geopolitical research program as an approach to international relations. This book includes research on the great powers that have permanent seats on the UN security council, as well as Japan and Brazil, as regional powers that may increase in influence in the 21st century international arena.

Despite the methodological richness of the individual contributions, all chapters address the core(s) of geopolitical thought — the territorial and identity-based realities that shape politics, foreign policies, and grand strategies — thereby adding value to the research agenda of geopolitical studies.
Nationalism: Past as Prologue
Bruce Elliott Johansen (School of Communication, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, USA) and Adebowale Akande (IR GLOBE Cross-Cultural, Vancouver, BC, Canada)
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351 pp.
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The “mother” discipline of organizational behavior has deep roots in psychology, particularly industrial and organizational psychology. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that new and theoretically incommensurate findings involving human moral behavior have been met with calls for a more psychologically informed investigation of ethical behavior in organizational contexts (DeCremer and Tenbrunsel, 2012; Reynolds and Ceramic, 2009). This project, aimed at a fuller understanding of the psychology of ethical behavior, typically falls under the label of Organizational Ethical Behavior (OEB).

Peru in the 21st Century: Progress, Trends and Challenges
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This book intends to provide the reader with a number of perspectives about the complex political landscape of Peru. Further, its main objective is to shed light on some of the topics that often get ignored when trying to assess the country’s identity and its positioning as a player in the Latin American region, and the world. Its final intention is to spark informed conversations where there are none, and enrich the ongoing ones.

Refugee Crisis: Global Perspectives, Challenges and Issues
Paul Leclair
In series: Social Issues, Justice and Status
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Due to Greece’s geographical position and socio-political background, the country is at the heart of the migration phenomenon. As such, Refugee Crisis: Global Perspectives, Challenges and Issues first reviews the new technologies by which the borders of Greece are secured. The authors study and analyze the phenomenon of irregular immigration, particularly with respect to its causes and potential security issues. Continuing, this compilation seeks to determine the diversity of Estonian-language and Russian-language discourses in the context of immigration-related issues, questioning whether the refugee crisis has influenced the political identities of the dominant majority and the Russian-speaking minority in Estonia.

The collaborative projects of UNHCR-Pakistan related to Afghan refugee children’s education in Pakistan are explored, aiming to assess the actions that have been taken by Pakistan for Afghan refugees. The refugee migration from Syria has been called the humanitarian crisis of our time. In closing, after examining other System Dynamics models that relate to the refugee crisis, the authors build a model to incorporate a sub-model of the Syrian civil war, along with a sub-model of the movement of refugees and their eventual immigration.
Structural Realism and Systemic Geopolitical Analysis: Convergences and Divergences

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This book emphasizes the comparative study of theoretical as well as hypothetical issues of structural realism of international relations theory vis-à-vis those of systemic geopolitical analysis. Are they scientific fields evolved in parallel, common philosophical and cognitive roots? Could they be used as complementary theoretical tools or their relation is disjunctive and contrapuntal? When decoding the core hypotheses of structural realism and systemic geopolitical analysis, an effort takes place for the sake of the central scientific aim; i.e. the untainted descriptive analysis without ontologically groundless claims.

The debate on interstate relations and the framework, on which these are structured, is long-term with its philosophical background detected at the juxtaposition between those referring to “sein” and the others expressing the “sollen”. This research struggles to explain the converging and diverging points of view between the neorealist approach of international relations theory and the systemic geopolitical analysis.

The Cosmopolitan Businessman: World and Worldview of Greek Merchant-Entrepreneurs

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The author investigates cases of distinguished personalities and prominent Greek merchant-entrepreneurs and shipowners shedding light on their activities and ideas, and on how they appraised their business and their competitors. Vikelas, the first President of the International Olympic Committee, along with the Melas, Mavros and Basileiou families, Malta-based broker Pappafy, an influential businessman of the British and Mediterranean economic world and a celebrated philanthropist, the Rallis, Petrochinos and Salvagos, Syngros and the Zarifis, are only few of the many captivating figures appearing in the book.

Moutafidou thoroughly looks into sources such as memoirs, literature, archives, commercial trade books, the press as well as family records and references made by rival businessmen. She compares various historical times, regions and ethnic groups, and draws useful parallels and/or differences with the Greek case. In the process, she investigates the relations between distinct, ethnic mercantile communities, using the Greek case in particular and the paradigm of leading Jewish merchant-bankers West and East, such as the Bischoffsheims, Oppenheimers, or Camondos, and exploring the themes of internationalization, competition and cooperation, risk and innovation. Her method allows her to enrich our knowledge about early globalization, about the importance of liberalism, and the operation of capitalist activity.
An original book, unique in its field. Historians, their students, and an interested public as well, will greatly appreciate this significant contribution to the study of economic, social and cultural history of the Greek mercantile diaspora, Europe and the Mediterranean world.

The Just War Doctrine in Catholic Thought
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The just war theory is a doctrine, which is related to and at times interchangeable with such concepts as military tradition, military ethics, the doctrines of military leaders, conflict theology, ethical policy-making, and military tactics and strategy. The purpose of the just war doctrine is to attempt to guarantee that a war is morally justifiable through a series of criteria, all of which must be met for a war to be considered just.

The criteria are split into two groups: “right to go to war” (jus ad bellum) and “right conduct in war” (jus in bello). The first concerns the morality of going to war, and the second the moral conduct within war. Recently there have been calls for the inclusion of a third category of just war theory known as jus post bellum that is concerned with the morality of post-war settlement and reconstruction. Just war theory postulates that war, while terrible, is made less so with the right conduct. It also assumes that war is not always the worst option. Important responsibilities, undesirable outcomes, or preventable atrocities may justify war. There is a just war tradition, a historical body of rules or agreements that have applied in various wars across the ages. The just war tradition consists primarily of the writings of various philosophers and legal experts through history. This tradition examines both their philosophical visions of war's ethical limits and whether their thoughts have contributed to the body of conventions that have evolved to guide war and warfare.

The Myth of the West
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The Myth of Western Civilization: The West as an Ideological Category and Political Myth has set for itself two different but complementary targets. The first is to show that what is commonly taken as a historical given, “Western Civilization”, is actually an ideological construction that has come to absorb the most disparate of contents. It is a common acceptance to intend Western Civilization as the liberal-democratic way of life and capitalist economy that apply in Euro-America. Many among those who believe in the existence and paramountcy of Western Civilization at the same time sustain that Western Civilization can be traced back at the very dawn of Europe and that, depending on who makes the claim, it can be linked to the birth of Greece and Rome and, successively, to Christianity and democracy, often establishing relationships between these varying cultures. While showing the difficulty of considering them instances of the same historical event, The Myth of the West highlights the essential contribution by civilizations like the Phoenician and the Arab to the development of the classical world and modern Europe.

United Nations: Human Rights, Peacekeeping and Funding
Alex Pereira Goncalves

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The United Nations (U.N.) is a global organization dedicated to international peace and stability. The U.N. was established in 1945 following the events of World War II. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The United Nations can take action on the issues confronting humanity in the 21st century, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian
and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, food production, and more. This book looks at issues involving the United Nations.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Adolescence and Youth

Emerging Adults and Adulthood
Ashley Demoura
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This book comprises three chapters that each approach the subject of emerging adults from a different perspective. Chapter One examines the impact that parental involvement has on the personal development of emerging adults in China, with a specific focus on mental health, romantic involvement, and peer relationships. Chapter Two discusses the challenges faced by East Asian American girls and emerging adults and the protective factors that help mediate the core challenges this population faces. Lastly, Chapter Three provides a comprehensive literature review from a cross-cultural comparative perspective of the complicated pathways emerging adults face today and identifies key protective buffers and predictors that promote mental health, self-competence and identify achievements that lead to a more successful emergence into early adulthood.

Anthropology

The Evolution of Man
Ernst Haeckel
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The Evolution of Man provides a perspective on how life can start and evolve from a simple elemental form. This book will be of interest to those interested in the history and development of evolutionary science.

The Homo within the Sapiens
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While creativity and solidarity form the main constructive profile for our species, the primal animal drive for dominance involving basal brain circuits places our future at risk. This bipolar nature distorts the global perspective of our collective future and ecological conditions. Our species’ behavioral construction has its roots in ancestral habits and survival drives that were crystallized in basic neurobehavioral circuits over
millennia, be it as predators or potential prey. Its expression acquired further complexity through the development of social/cultural cues, and was kept-in-check by conditional inhibitory processes. How much of our current drive – individually and as a global community – is caused by those inherited traits imprinted in our animal condition? This book analyses the increasing bipolar construction in terms of dominant groups affecting critical access to current knowledge and information, a profound gap among populations concerning a modern humane quality of life, and present trends pertaining to our ecological habitat. These dynamic processes seem to be in a free-running mode, only conditioned by the prevalence of power concentration in the hands of worldwide minority groups. This worldwide disjointed perspective is further distorted by diverse cultural profiles and interests accessing information and its impact on lifestyles. Our species’ true nature has highly conserved remnants of our animal origin expressed as animal drives embodied before and during the evolutionary process as Homo and under inhibitory social control. These involve territorial, survival, and dominant cues on top of which sapiens’ cultural development profiles have taken place; that is, the hidden ancestral human nature. Competition to control and prevail in those domains has unveiled a long-lived struggle for dominance in political and financial (corporate- or state-bound) prevalence. Below this stratum of power-seekers, a large proportion of the service-bound and marginal populations crawl for their survival, often approaching inhuman conditions. Fundamentalist beliefs, the disregard of environmental abuse, belligerence to resolve discrepancies, personal and group-centered greed, growing inequalities, disinformation from dominant carriers, and intolerance to alternative viewpoints describe our species’ developmentally immature collective behavior.

If not just an evolutionary stage, then we in fact belong to the “wrong species” (Colombo, 2010), and are on a path toward our demise or a bipolar evolution of our species, but not necessarily a collective, cooperative, shared development that respects various cultural profiles. The increasing speed of knowledge development widens the gap among populations with different cultural values and those that are underdeveloped or living in subhuman conditions. Since we exited the period of egalitarian-prone hunter gatherers, we have been conditioned by elite or institutionalized dominant powers and given limited access to information, which is used as a means for domination. Hence, our future depends not only on our social, political, and financial decision-makers but also on the degree of our permissive, functional absence from such a scenario.

Archeological Investigations by Gerard Fowke explores the geological structure of caves and examines the life of the “cave-dwellers”. Certain conditions are to be taken into account in deciding whether a cave afforded a desirable permanent shelter to primitive man. It should be accessible; the floor should be dry, at least fairly level, and sufficiently free from large rocks to allow the inmates to move about freely; the entrance should be large enough to permit free passage and to light the interior to a distance that would insure protection from the elements.

Research Advances in Communication Studies – I Fluency: Its Bases by S. R. Savithri (Former Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Manasagangotri, Mysore, Karnataka, India) This book is written in response to several demands. Of course, the information presented in it is available in several other books and journal articles on fluency and stuttering. Nevertheless, the book puts together information that most books and journal articles have not considered in the literature commonly available in India, with the exception of articles in international journals. This information will be helpful to graduate students, researchers, and faculty, I hope. Several books have provided extensive literature on particular topics, but a comprehensive compilation is not available. Therefore, this book is written.
A Closer Look at Cultural Values: The Case of French Guests and Vietnamese Hosts

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With a history of attracting French tourists since the 19th century and particularly during the colonial period, Vietnam has re-emerged as one of the most popular Asian destinations for the French. A number of factors augur well for a further increase in visitation. As a former colony, Vietnam has nostalgic appeal for many French visitors. After the release of the films L’Indochine, L’amant, Le Cyclo, Papaye Vert, and the documentary-drama Dien Bien Phu in 1993, France became the main tourism source market for Vietnam.

As the ethnic composition of France has changed, the French are interested in learning about cultures generally and Asian cultures, in particular. The prospect of discovering new destinations and cultures encourages them to travel long-haul. They are quality conscious and culture loving, and prefer to use their own language when traveling overseas, favouring their own cuisine even though they do enjoy the cuisine of the host countries. Travel to Vietnam offers the prospect of fulfilling a number of their preferences. Another attraction for French tourists is that Vietnam is a member of the Francophone Community. Since 1988, the French legacy has experienced a resurgence with the renovation of colonial-style properties and restaurants. Tourists have been impressed by the French-style architecture, accommodation and cuisine that is available.

Despite Vietnam’s long history of contact with France, Vietnamese service providers are relatively ignorant about Western countries, their people and their values. Up to now Vietnam’s tourism authorities have paid little attention to the role of cultural understanding in the tourism development process and Vietnam’s overseas tourism promotions have given minimal acknowledgement of the cultural characteristics of source markets including those conducted in France. Servicing French tourists is likely to be a challenge for Vietnamese service providers because of the substantial differences between the respective host and guest cultures and rules of behaviour.
International tourism generally involves a cross-cultural component, particularly in the case of encounters between tourists and service providers. If it is accepted that the cultural values of Western travellers are different, it seems reasonable to conclude that the Vietnamese service providers need to consider the effect of this cultural dissimilarity on tourist-host mutual perceptions and social interaction in the intercultural service encounters. An understanding of areas of potential tourist dissatisfaction may assist the service providers to anticipate prospective negative perceptions and to address them, thereby contributing to overall holiday satisfaction, and improve the prospects of repeat visitation. It is common for destinations to attract visitation from different source countries and cultures. Nonetheless, consumer behaviour literature on cross-cultural perceptions and interaction have been largely limited to homogeneous sample populations from Western countries. Furthermore, until now there are no published studies have specifically examined tourist-host service encounters interaction and mutual perceptions in the context of Vietnam as a holiday destination. Consequently, this research has both practical and academic significances. From the theoretical perspectives, this study provides an augmented comprehension on Argyle’s, Rokeach and SERVQUAL models. From the practical standpoints, this study offers service managers and marketers a heightened understanding of cross-cultural awareness for improving customer satisfaction. It acclaims an evidence base that can guide provision to meet the needs of international tourists with particular reference to the impact of rules of behaviour on tourist-host service encounters interaction. It accentuates the effect of cultural backgrounds on tourists’ perceptions towards and satisfaction with service quality. By this means, it applies the empirically based models to development related challenges confronting the tourism sector in the cross-cultural settings for designing appropriate strategies with the aim of gaining a competitive advantage.

Keywords: French Guests, Vietnamese Hosts, Cultural Values, Rules of Behaviour, Interactions, Satisfaction, Service Attributes and Performances.

Hydraulic Heritage in Ibero-America
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The hydraulic heritage and water culture in Ibero-America result in a man-made cultural landscape, century after century, where the legacies of several peoples are superimposed. Water is here an element of landscape differentiation and constitutes, therefore, as a distinctive mark in the territory and local memory. The approach to the theme of water from the patrimonial point of view as a material and immaterial good, whose cultural manifestations, derived from its use and application by the peoples, require efforts for its conservation and diffusion. In this context, this work intends to understand the past, present and future of Water Heritage and Culture in its interrelationship with multiculturalism and to promote the investigation of the processes of constitution of memory, identities and local values in Ibero-America.

“Claiming water as a world heritage and also as a fundamental human right” is a statement included in the European Union’s 2000 Water Framework Directive which serves as a motivation in the presentation of this work highlighting the patrimonial nature of water associated with culture of the people. Water as patrimony is an inexhaustible subject of studies that exceeds the pretensions of this work. The approach to the theme of water from the patrimonial point of view as a material and immaterial good, whose cultural manifestations, derived from its use and application by the peoples, require efforts for its conservation and diffusion. This work will be supported by the research characterized by the difficulty to find the information and to deepen the knowledge related to the water heritage and culture. The explanation lies in the scarcity of materials elaborated on this subject and the difficulty in accessing the respective files and sources. The cultural heritage associated with water is immense. There are innumerable objects associated with water heritage, not least the offices of those who work with this resource in traditional occupations, which only remain in the memory of older people or in cultures that keep their traditions alive. For centuries, human intervention has harnessed the resources and natural environments related to water, resulting in a series of high quality heritage elements that contain important cultural, environmental, landscape and socio-economic values.
The consideration of water as heritage includes both material culture: objects, technologies, places, infrastructures ... and the immaterial culture that has been appearing throughout history. Water forms part of the territory. It determines the so-called landscapes of water, defined by the physiognomy of the territory with its natural and anthropogenic elements linked to the emotions that awaken its contemplation. Water landscapes have gained notoriety and, at times, exclusive spatial prominence, given that they are cultural footprints present in many of the municipalities of the Ibero-American countries that are still less well perceived and considered by social collectives.

The development of a civic conscience on the conservation of water heritage and culture, which presses to declare them as goods of Community interest and to include them in the heritage of the Ibero-American regions, is therefore absolutely necessary and falls within the scope of this work.

### African American Studies

**African American Women in Academia: Intersectionality of Race and Gender**

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African American Women face a variety of issues in the academy, community and society. The strength of this group often lies in sisterhood, as to many, the saying “you are your sister’s keeper” rings true. This series addition addresses the concerns of African American Women in academia at the micro, mezzo and macro levels that can be used as the foundation for developing policies and intervention strategies to assist on their journey. Theoretical perspectives and practices that have impacted African American women in academia related to their individual and collective experiences are also explored. The literature provides a clear understanding of the intersectionality of being Black and a Woman.

African American women employed in academia must balance perceived roles related to being Black and a Woman. This is a difficult balancing act for many due to the systemic racism and gender bias that exist within the institutions, along with those that exist in society as a whole. The authors describe a variety of circumstances that have impacted their perceptions related to academic experiences. It is imperative that African American women learn how to successfully navigate systems and uncomfortable situations that occur within the academy. It is the responsibility of those who understand the academic process and have been successful in addressing issues that arise to reach back and assist those that will follow. They must continue to lift as they climb!

### General Race and Ethnicity

**Ethnic Differences: An Overview**

*Jeppe E. Larsen*

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Ethnic Differences: An Overview opens with a study evaluating the extent to which ethnic/racial differences are present in the reading achievement of Texas grade four boys and girls in special education. In addition, the degree to which differences are present in the reading performance of grade four Texas students as a function of their ethnicity/race is examined. The degree to which differences are present in the assignment of Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program placements as a function of the ethnicity/race in Texas grades six, seven, and eight boys for the 2012-2013 through the 2015-2016 school years is also addressed.

Differences in second semester GPAs for students with dual credit enrollment status in Texas community colleges are analyzed for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 academic years. Continuing, a multiyear, statewide investigation is used to assess the graduation rates of Hispanic and white students in Texas community colleges for the 2008-2009 through the 2014-2015 academic years.
The concluding study reviews prevention and treatment techniques for Asian scars, including steroids, surgery, laser and fat grafting. The importance of preventing scarring and specific treatments for Asian populations are also discussed.

**Masculinity Studies**

**Masculinity and Femininity: Past, Present and Future**  
**Eliano Barese**

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Masculinity and Femininity: Past, Present and Future first focuses on the way in which the #MeToo movement has challenged men to respond to the widespread exploitation of women by men, raising questions about men’s ethical responsibility. Following this, the authors examine how the construction of masculinity is changing in the global south and how more men are demonstrating progressive versions of masculinity. Traditional masculinity in the workplace is explored, particularly in the context of parental leave, presenting a framework for action at the institutional, community and individual level.

The authors discuss the formation of a distinct feminine subjectivity within the Kurdish political movement of early 21st century in Turkey, which they trace through the self-narrations of women local representatives nominated and/or elected for the 2009 local elections.

Jack Halberstam’s new vision of gender and feminism which embraces queer and trans* experiences within the categories of womanhood and femininity is presented as a more inclusive feminism which fits the twenty-first century.

**Women’s Studies**

**Women: Opportunities and Challenges**  
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Women: Opportunities and Challenges first compares the state of women’s representation in the political leadership positions of South Africa and Cameroon after more than two decades of democracy, as well as its impact on women and society at large. Based on actor perspectives from female Members of Parliament and the national women’s organizations in Ghana, the authors analyse insider/outsider dynamics between women inside the state and women outside the state.

Following this, the role of the media in the acceptance of Eurocentric Black hair transformations amongst Black South African women is examined. For decades, the debate has raged on the Eurocentric definition of beauty as promoted by various media channels and its possible effect on how Black women define their identity, self-worth, and acceptance into various social classes.

The short-lived nature women’s post-disaster empowerment is addressed, and the factors that enable and soon challenge that empowerment are theoretically and empirically explored.

Barriers to sexual assault intervention related to victim race as well as bystanders’ own intergroup contact experiences are studied in an effort to determine whether bystanders may be more likely to help potential victims who are perceived to be similar to themselves.

The authors theorize the influence of women’s conditioned minds and bodies on their gendered subjugation, pinpointing embodied inferiority and learned helplessness as invisible prime enablers of the perpetuation of domestic violence against women.

This compilation also explores how U.S. singer, performer and activist Janelle Monáe challenges and complicates the stereotypical myths surrounding African American girls and young women by deconstructing heterosexual normativity and gender conformity in her music, performances and music videos. The closing study focuses on the Spanish Civil War, which displaced half a million people outside of Spain and exiled more than two hundred thousand across the world, concentrating them into refugee communities in France, Mexico, Argentina and the Soviet Union, among others.
Discrimination and Race Relations

Confronting White Supremacy: Consequences, Response and Challenges
Steven Mathis
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White supremacists today constitute the most significant threat of domestic terror in the United States, but the Federal Government lacks a comprehensive and cohesive strategy for addressing the problem. In recent years, we’ve seen white supremacists increasingly resorting to the use of violence to achieve their ideological objectives. And today, for the first time since September 11, 2001, more people have been killed in racially motivated or right-wing terrorist incidents in the United States than in attacks perpetrated by Islamic extremists. If we are to marginalize and isolate white nationalist terrorism, a whole-of-society effort is required, one that encompasses civil society and the private sector as well as government.

Chapter 1 will examine the government’s efforts to collect accurate statistics on and combat white supremacist hate crimes and domestic terror. It will also discuss the impact on the communities most victimized and targeted by white supremacists. Chapter 2 will examine the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to combat white supremacist extremist violence, including their budgets and allocations of personnel, data collection practices, and strategic plans. Chapter 3 looks at white supremacist violence as a transnational terrorist threat to national security. The domestic and global threat of white nationalist terrorism is discussed in chapter 4.

Family and Relationships / Bullying

Peer Victimization: Theory, Research and Practice
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This book provides key empirical findings from a study measuring the degree of perceived victimization and/or actual attack experienced by a sample of minority adolescents in an urban setting. The project uses a systematic sociological approach to examine the effects of violence on these adolescents by including measures of adjustment outcomes resulting from the stress experienced in these harsh environments. Central to the analysis is the discovery of the linkages between risk factors relating to peer-, community-, and school-level victimization and patterns of coping among youth. To further develop the study, the project determines the perceived level of fear and exposure to violence among urban youth, followed by investigations of variations in adjustment outcomes (i.e., delinquency, anxiety, depression, academic achievement, self-esteem) as they relate to dimensions of violence. Finally, the study focuses on the extent to which coping strategies moderate risk factors among minority adolescents across levels of adjustment outcomes. While the significance of this work is the determination of the relationships between victimization, adjustment outcomes, and coping strategies in urban, minority adolescents in environments at higher risk for violence, the greatest implication of this research is to provide an understanding of the role of particular risk factors and coping strategies used to explain differences in delinquent and anti-social behavior among socially vulnerable youth, many of whom are victimized, and influenced, by delinquent peers. These understandings will provide an empirical basis on which to dismantle structural inequality, develop mental health interventions, reinforce societal- and community-level change, and promote coping behaviors to offset the detrimental impact of violence on the lives of marginalized youth in many communities. Youth victimization and violence are not solely public health problems, but remain severe health disparities, as many neighborhoods and families plagued with elevated violence and systemic poverty need further support to help youth flourish.
A Book About Lawyers
John Cordy Jeaffreson
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A Book About Lawyers provides a glimpse into the history of lawyers in London in the 19th century.

Export Controls: Background, Reforms and Regulations
Mathias Wechsler
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Difficulty with striking an appropriate balance between national security and export competitiveness has made the subject of export controls controversial for decades. Through the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), the Export Controls Act of 2018 (ECA), and other authorities, the United States restricts the export of defense articles; dual-use goods and technology; certain nuclear materials and technology; and items that would assist in the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons or the missile technology used to deliver them. U.S. export controls are also used to restrict exports to certain countries on which the United States imposes economic sanctions.

International Criminal Law of Children
Farhad Malekian (Uppsala, Sweden)
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This book addresses the international criminal law of children, which constitutes one of the major branches of public international criminal law. It brings together the imperative key codes of the international humanitarian law of armed conflict, international human rights law, international criminal law, and international criminal justice in conjunction with the legal statute of children, with a diverse range of methods and positions on the origin of national criminal laws. It proves that children are an especially precious subject of international jurisprudence, and therefore violating their rights in the time of armed conflict is not only a crime of international character, but also an assault against the most elementary, ethical philosophy of universal moral justice. The book also addresses questions relating to the rape, torture, or killing of minors/children in different parts of our globe. The theme of the book condemns various brutal conducts authorized by governments against children both in times of war and of peace such as genocide or recruitment of child soldiers. Through this, the book evaluates the principles of jus cogens and erga omnes which have been constantly violated by various states over the last several centuries up until today.
The powerful theory of the book is strongly recommended to all law and public libraries in the world. It should be read by students of law and politics, international lawyers, researchers of criminal law, military offices including peacekeeping missions.
Farhad Malekian (Uppsala, Sweden)

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Malekian introduces two new terms into the system of international criminal law. These are the law of somebodiness and the law of nobodiness. From the lowest to highest level of the provisions of international human rights law, international criminal law, and the Statute of the Permanent International Criminal Court, the philosophical assumption throughout is to preserve the heritage of the body of the law of somebodiness and prevent the imposition of the law of nobodiness. Individuals and groups, regardless of their ethnic composition, possess a certain universal united essence which should not be disregarded, and which should not put them in the position of nobodiness in the legislation of any state. Therefore, the law of somebodiness is the missing ingredient in our legal system, and its existence contributes to the collective good of humanity. The law contests any law which authorises the use of force, the production of weapons for war, or which grants permission to kill under any circumstance. In contrast, the law of nobodiness is a brutal law which violates the rights of human beings, and which may be used to conceal crimes and contribute to the deaths of millions of individuals by presenting the false truth in order to allow the monopolisation of economic resources, the rights of victims, property, and land. The unique and innovative principles of this book establish the right reason for justice in international legal and political disciplines.

This book is recommended to all those who are engaged in questions of human personal values as a union of true law. It includes not only students of law and politics, but lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and politicians as well.

Jurisdictional Agreements and Burden of Proofs in EU, English and US Courts
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The present survey aims to focus on the delimitation of some definitive findings. The simple choice of terminology is charged with consequences on the conceptual level: "agreements on the forum", "clauses derogating from jurisdiction" or "agreements on the extension of jurisdiction"? While when we talk about agreements on jurisdiction we have in mind especially the phenomenon in its civil and commercial declension, in the sense in which these expressions are traditionally used in international instruments as we see in a comparative manner with our research.

The second part of the present work is based on a theoretical and jurisprudential discourse that seeks, at a monographic level, to introduce the central theme of our investigation: How the burden of proof is actually distributed in common law systems? We have decided to deal with all the theoretical aspects of the question, including the matter of presumptions which, as we know, is a topic that can conceptually be traced back to that interests us, given that the main effect of the application of a presumptive rule is to altering the natural allocation of probative costs. The concrete conduct in our paragraphs will be specifically dedicated to a case study of the distribution of the burden of proof as implemented by the American jurisprudence.

Paralysing International Criminal Justice
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Even though the injustices occurring against the Palestinians are alarming, no government is assisting the victims. The gavel of lady justice has been stolen by the permanent members of the Security Council, and thus, no state has spoken out against the injustices. The judges and prosecutors of the international courts are threatened by the dialogues of the powerful authorities, and they even celebrate the mourning of the broken dreams of the innocent children. The Palestinian population has been subjected to genocide, annihilation, banishment, and terror at the hands of the grandchildren of those who themselves greatly suffered from the genocide in Europe -- and still this situation has been referred to as the deal of the century. For a long period of time, the territorial integrity, the traditional sovereignty, the spiritual capital, and the international legal personality of one of the oldest nations of the world have been suffering, arguably to feed the political laundering of other nations. Without any hesitation, the principles of dignity, justice, and equality allegedly upheld by the UN should be questioned given the inequity in voting and membership within the organization. This book seeks to expose the grave violations of international criminal justice in Palestine and elucidate the fact that the notions of irresponsibility, non-accountability, and impunity are stronger than the corpus of the permanent International Criminal Court. The pillars of this book are addressed to every single individual of the universe who cares for the virtue of moral justice.

**Police Reform in the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death**

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The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN, while he was in the custody of law enforcement, combined with several other recent high-profile deaths of African Americans at the hands of the police, have generated congressional interest in legislation to reform state and local policing practices, and to require law enforcement agencies to collect more data on law enforcement actions and activities and share these data with the public. Two major pieces of legislation that contain police reform proposals are before Congress: H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020—passed by the House on June 25, 2020—and S. 3985, the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere (JUSTICE) Act. This book discusses the current issues associated with police reform.

**The Recovery of Human Rights**

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Human rights were established in law many decades ago and were primarily intended to ensure that citizens could be protected from the absolute authority of the State. However, things are completely different today: first, the power of the state has declined substantially for many reasons, primarily the fact that a great number of functions, formerly performed by the state, have been taken over by private enterprises, who work for their own interest, nor for the public good.

Moreover, these enterprises are no controlled either by domestic or by international legal instruments or organizations. The United Nations are nominally responsible for all the people of the world, according to their own Charter, but in this case as well, their authority is undermined by other entities keen to establish their power and to advance their economic interests, while the protection of human rights, of human life and dignity, are not considered.

Finally, it is not only the legal infrastructure that has changed substantively, but the classic human rights of long ago are far different from the rights that need to be protected today. Climate change and the ongoing destruction of nature, the presence of land grabs, are now viewed as crimes against humanity, as they represent conditions that did not exist in earlier times. Similarly, the racist disregard for Indigenous Peoples and their rights are increasingly prevalent today. The conditions that exist today, where the threats to human health and life go far beyond what existed at the time human rights were established, such as the pandemic that reigns globally since 2019, has rendered our attempts to recover the respect and protection of human rights, which therefore require a radical reformulation.
Constitutional Law

Procedural and Organizational Aspects of Constitutional Justice in Albania
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How do you defend democracy? How do you protect your rights? How can you repeal a law that interferes with your sphere of rights? These are some of the questions that any citizen in a democratic country should know in order to enjoy his/her freedom and rights. Even a small country like Albania is no exception. New and modern Constitutions, aim to regulate the exercise of state power, based on the principle of separation of powers and to the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Despite the fact that this important principle helps to control the activity between different state institutions, the history has shown that this has not always been an efficient solution. So, the world is full of examples where a parliamentary majority, that have come to power through democratic processes, has used its power to control the others power of a country and had violated the human rights and fundamental freedoms. For this reason, the drafters of the constitution after the Second World War in Western Europe and after the fall of communism in Eastern European countries, have established and regulated the creation of the Constitutional Court as an institution which can defend the sphere of the competencies of other institutions with constitutional nature and the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. This possibility can only be realized using procedural means, through which the Constitutional Court is put into motion. The purpose of this book is precisely, to analyze these procedural mechanisms with regard to the principles of the constitutional process, the jurisdictions, the admissibility of the applications, the procedural position of the parties, the terms and their calculation, procedural acts and evidence that can be used, as well as, procedural characteristics for each constitutional process. A good knowledge of these principles and rules of procedure helps the different applicants who presented themselves to the Constitutional Court to have higher chances to succeed and to be accepted instead of being dismissing because of procedural deficiencies. This book show all of this aspects in the content of the Albanian experience.

Psychology

A Socio-Economic and Demographic Analysis of Mental Wellbeing: The Indian Case
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A Socio-Economic and Demographic Analysis of Mental Wellbeing: The Indian Case takes a multidisciplinary look at the mental health problem in India with contributions from psychologists, economists and a psychiatrist. Such a novel multidimensional view is necessary as the mitigation of the problem requires the design of appropriate institutional frameworks for medical treatment and counselling based on cost-benefit analysis; an appreciation of the socio-economic triggers of mental illness and how these can be neutralized through policy; and the identification of vulnerable groups as well as important mechanisms through which these groups can protect themselves from mental illness.

This book will serve as a catalyst for the further use of interdisciplinarity in tackling the mental health problem in India and other developing countries: while psychologists and psychiatrists can develop appropriate institutional strategies for dealing with mental health problems, the economist plays an important role in measuring the costs and benefits associated with alternative strategies and in optimizing choice.

The significance of this book can be attributed to the fact that one of every six people in the world live in India: any notable success in reducing the incidences of mental illness and deficient mental wellbeing in this country will lighten the socio-
economic burden on the world by a significant amount. The Indian story, with its successes and failures, can also be an important guide for policy in other developing countries. This book is accessible to any interested person (a layperson, policy maker or an academic) in any part of the world. At the same time, the arguments and conclusions are derived with enough rigour to satisfy the most demanding reader.

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Advances in Psychology Research. Volume 142 addresses the intrinsic relationship between Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and the development of personality disorders, with an emphasis on environmental risk factors, particularly socio-emotional traumatic experiences.
An overview of the literature on suicide assessment and prevention and suicidal ideation is provided for psychiatrists, emergency department providers, general practitioners and other personnel involved in the multidisciplinary assessment and management of suicidal patients.
Adaptations and modifications to mindfulness specifically for gambling are described. Gambling is distinct from many other addictions, both substance and behavioral, in that cognitive distortions and beliefs about gambling and winning are deeply rooted and resistant to modification with traditional cognitive-behavior therapies. The authors provide a review of the relationships between Theory of Mind and metacognition. A specific field of metacognition, the understanding of the mental operations underlying learning, is explored in detail. Following this, the diagnostic and phenomenological characteristics of alcohol use disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder are studied, and an overview of research on common risk and resilience factors for the development of both disorders is presented.

A few of the most important elements of self-esteem are reviewed, as self-esteem plays an important part in our lives and can have major influence on decision-making and task performance.
In the penultimate study, a sample of 243 older adults from the UK were asked to complete a measure of state body image. They were then randomly assigned to watch a film of a first-person walk in a natural environment or a built environment before completing the same measure of state body image as before in an effort to determine the impact of film exposure. Lastly, the authors describe the process used to adapt the Children’s Perception of Interparental Conflict Scale to Portuguese, report on its validation, and discuss its limitations and potential developments.

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Advances in Psychology Research. Volume 143 first considers the characteristics of digital teaching resources capable of facilitating independent learning that can support the development of new capacities. Following this, the authors focus on factors that may lead to problematic gaming and the theories/frameworks that explain such behavior, ways to mediate excessive game play, and summarize the risks and benefits of video game play. This compilation also explores how different responses to emotional distress may increase risk for addictive behaviors. Research suggests that individuals may engage in risky or addictive behaviors such as drinking, drug use, and bulimia as a way to ameliorate feelings of emotional distress.

In the closing study, an analysis of five qualifying works of a psychiatrist on the subject of organizational and methodological component is carried out, with the goal of demonstrating that the participation of the psychiatrist in continuing medical education is an organizational advantage.
Anger: From Primordial Rage to the Politics of Hatred and Resentment
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This work explores and analyzes anger. We examine it as a single emotion, and as it commonly occurs in combination with other emotions in complex social relationships that often involve power dynamics. We utilize Robert Plutchik’s primary-emotions classification to hierarchically categorize anger and other basic and complex emotions, and we compare constructivist and basic-emotion theories of emotion. We conceptualize the primary emotions—including anger—as prototypical adaptive reactions to key existential problems: temporality, social identity, exchange, and hierarchy; these are represented by the elementary social-relations models, communal-sharing (CS), equity-matching (EM), hierarchical-ranking (HR), and socioeconomic-exchanging (SE). Basic emotions are adaptive reactions to these social-relations models: positive and negative experiences of CS yield joy—happiness and sadness—grief; EM, acceptance/incorporation and disgust/rejection; HR, anger and fear; and SE, anticipation and surprise.
Anger is uniquely reactive to both positive and negative experiences of social power. Anger is typically elicited by a perceived threat to the self or to the self's project to preserve or attain valued status, resources, or goals. Anger triggers activate a three-stage sociocognitive appraisal process in which the self: (i) perceives that its social position or valued resource is at stake; (ii) endeavors to modify another actor’s social intentions concerning norms of social sharing and social cohesion; and (iii) develops an intention act.
We examine emotions in power-based social relations, and define secondary emotional pairings that include anger. We conceptualize a pride-shame system, wherein the emotions of pride (an angry joy) and shame (a fearful sadness) accompany outcomes of success and failure in dominance competitions. We also consider the aggression—alarm system, comprised of aggressiveness (anger and anticipation, and alarm (fear and surprise).
We identify two potentially toxic, complex emotions—hatred and resentment—as the essential political emotions. Both share anger as a key component, and also include contempt. While anger—rage is central to hatred, hatred is significantly different for it can be harnessed for pernicious ends, becoming an expression or instrument of power; resentment is more typically an emotion of the powerless, arising as a reaction to unjustified suffering.
We link anger, hatred, resentment, and other emotions to contemporary United States politics, particularly to competing political ideologies of globalization—neoliberalism, democratic socialism, and nationalism—populism. Globalists’ anger includes disgust, even hatred—directed toward opponents of neoliberal economic globalization. Democratic socialists’ and populists’ anger can advance from helpless, Nietzschean resentment, to a forceful resentment. This process is characterized by an inversion of the four primary emotions of powerlessness (acquiescence, fear, sadness, expectation) into the opposite emotions of empowerment (disgust, anger, joy, and surprise). We hypothesize a parallel inversion of the secondary-level emotions of powerlessness (submissiveness, anxiety, resentment, pessimism, fatalism, and shame) into the opposite secondary emotions of empowerment—contempt, outrage, derisiveness, delight, shock, and pride.

Comprehensive Thematic Abbreviation Dictionary in Psychology and its Relevant Sciences
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This manuscript includes all generally used and professional abbreviations and acronyms in Psychology and its branches like Analytical, Clinical, Cognitive, Educational, Emotional, Family, Forensic, General, Human, Individual, Industrial, Sexual, Social, and Sports Psychology and also its related fields of science and practice, for example: Addiction, Behavioral Science, Counseling, Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Hypnosis, Neurology, Neuroscience, Social Work, Psychosomatic Medicine, Mental Health & Hygiene, Sociology and Parapsychology. Geographical Considerations - relevant abbreviations in other European languages and Psychology Abbreviations usually used in English- Speaking Countries – have been added too. It is an extensive Abbreviation Dictionary with thematic classification of about 400 Entries (Chapters). The book also includes an additional section titled “Concise List of Psychology Terms” (Psychological Terminology) at the end of it. The main remarkable and probably innovative specifications of the book are as follows:
1. Comprehensiveness, Breadth and Variety of Content
2. Thematic Classification (based on subjects)
3. Entries (Chapters) in other European Languages and Countries

**Positive Psychology and School Leadership: The New Science of Positive Educational Leadership**
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This is an essential guide for all school leaders, aspiring school leaders and leadership educators to help them incorporate positive psychology in their practice. It provides teaching professionals with the necessary knowledge to understand the gap that currently exists in educational leadership along with a starting point to address it. Research indicates that less than 10% of texts in educational leadership convey positive aspects of leadership. Therefore, we know more about problems, deviance and disengagement, than how to create a positive climate in schools, and help teachers to thrive and to achieve their optimal human potential.

This accessible, evidence-based guide to fostering trust, authenticity, growing leadership wisdom, spotting employees’ potential, strength-based leadership, developing team’s resilience, psychological capital, job crafting, positive identities and many more, is an invaluable resource and must-read for all teaching professionals.

**The Psychology of Management: The Function of the Mind in Determining, Teaching and Installing Methods of Least Waste**
L. M. Gilbreth

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The Psychology of Management: The Function of the Mind in Determining, Teaching and Installing Methods of Least Waste provides an insight into industrial organization thinking at the turn of the century.

**What to Know about Mindfulness**
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Neurobiology and related disciplines, such as neuropsychology, analyze the relationship between our behavior and the brain. As such, What to Know about Mindfulness opens with a review on the relationship between the practice of mindfulness and compassion and the changes that they produce at the brain level. The authors comprehensively study mindfulness-based psychotherapies and related research, and generally refer to mindfulness techniques and their applications. Additionally, a definition for mindfulness is provided, and the strengths and challenges of using mindfulness for mental wellness are described. Mindful-compassion programs for adolescents that may promote positive mental health outcomes and emotional resilience to protect against the challenges of adolescence are explored.
A Multi-Dimensional CARES Model in Clinical Practice with People with Borderline Personality Disorder: A Comprehensive and Empathetic Articulation

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People with borderline personality disorder are always known as the most difficult client group to human service professionals. It is partly because of their highly fluctuating moods and relationships with others as well as their impulsivity and highly risky behaviors such as attempted suicide, self-harm behaviors and substance abuse. Coupled with these are a variety of co-morbid mental illnesses including depressive disorder, hysteria, anxiety disorder and brief psychosis.

This book begins with a comprehensive articulation of diagnosis and etiology of borderline personality disorder. Four borderline conditions are clinically identified; they are pre-borderline condition, full energy condition, low energy condition and post-borderline condition. Among these four conditions, many different types of manifestations are explored. A multi-dimensional articulation of different perspectives of borderline features are mentioned including trauma, attachment, self-splitting and emotionality. Based on the writers' 30 years of clinical work and supervision of clients with borderline personality disorder, this book is the first step in integrating various clinical perspectives and constructs a comprehensive, empathic and multidimensional CARES model in intervention and practice. “C” implies “Companionship with Chronic Loneliness”; “A” means “Affective Concern behind Projective Anger”; “R” refers to “Reflection of Emotion, Responsibility and Empathy”; “E” implies “Evolving Real Self Constructively”; and finally, “S” means “Soothing and Healing Abandonment Trauma”.

Educational and School Psychology

Dynamic Assessment of Gifted Children

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The book DYNAMIC ON-LINE ASSESSMENT OF GIFTED CHILDREN offers educators, counselors and parents of 3-16-year old gifted, talented, curious, and creative children and youths a new, original tool of assessing their interests and abilities. As this book has been published during the second wave of the covid19 pandemic, it concentrates on ways of assessment that can all function on-line as well. All offered activities have been tried both before "corona-time" started, when on-line therapy, let alone – on-line giftedness identification, was not practiced for children. The case studies presented in the book have all been written since March 2019, proved effective, enriching the knowledge of the counselor. They were also described as "easy", "nice", pleasant and "interesting" by the children involved, and thus are recommended as unlike formal identification they put no pressure either on the child or on her or his parents.

The first assessed child described is a 3-year old girl, who was identified as highly gifted in mathematics. The "game" played was "the geometrical shapes game", during which she was asked "what do you want me [the counselor] to paint?" and then: "what color do you want me to use?" During the "game" the child showed a wide knowledge in both 2- and 3-dimensional shapes, she always insisted on using the exact mathematical terms, and each time she approved on the result she was very happy.

The next "games" described were all word games. In "The associations game" the counselor writes a word and the child adds another one without thinking, and this goes on alternately for as long as the counselor decides, depending on the child's age, her or his attention span, level of hunger or thirst, etc. This "game" is suitable toddlers, kindergartners and first grader. The "ugly words game" is suitable especially for children with emotional and social problems. "Writing a story" is most suitable for kindergartners; it does not only reveal many important characteristics of the child but also enables them to express themselves freely, knowing that the story is imaginary. "Writing a story together" is the last suggestion for on-line assessment through a word game.
Modern psychology is an attempt to bring the methods of scientific investigation, which have proved immensely fruitful in other fields, to bear upon mental life and its problems. The human individual, the main object of study, is so complex an object, that for a long time it seemed doubtful whether there ever could be real science here; but a beginning was made in the nineteenth century, following the lead of biology and physiology, and the work of the investigator has been so successful that there is quite a respectable body of knowledge to assemble under the title of scientific psychology. Psychology: A Study Of Mental Life by prominent psychologist Robert S. Woodworth is an introduction into scientific psychology.

Psychotherapy: Perspectives, Strategies and Challenges first discusses the biological components of psychotherapy from the perspective of mechanisms of learning, readaptation, and possible mechanisms of neurogenesis. Following this, the authors highlight recognizable stages of growing from a novice therapist into a seasoned clinician. The nuances of the psychotherapeutic process of dynamic psychotherapy are explored, analyzing the role of patients’ timing in reaching treatment goals, time as a therapist’s tool to provide specific interventions and time as a continuous process of the patient’s growth, which does not stop with the end of therapy.

Previous reports showing the ameliorating effects of religious interventions on infectious diseases are reviewed, and possible underlying mechanisms are suggested. This compilation also reviews the major historical psychoanalytic approaches to psychotherapy that address political issues. Insights from the discipline of psychology on shame and its relation to aggression are presented in the context of domestic violence and political structures from a critical and feminist standpoint. The relevance of psychotherapeutic interventions for female breast cancer patients is explored, using accounts that provide crucial information about the psychological experience of the disease. Additionally, successful psychotherapy for depressive adolescents with suicide attempts is studied in a hospital context. The effectiveness of psychotherapy and intervention programs conducted with mothers and their children is assessed in an effort to inform families to seek effective treatments and researchers to advance their intervention methods and techniques, which contribute to the healthy development of society. In closing, it is argued that politically sensitive or socially responsible approaches are bound to play a major role in the renewal of psychotherapy.
Security Issues

Understanding Cyber Threats and Attacks
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In 1961, Leonard Kleinrock submitted to the MIT a PhD thesis entitled: "Information Flow in Large Communication Nets"1, an innovative idea for message exchanging procedures, based on the concept of post-office packet delivery procedures. It was the seed of ARPANET, a wide area data communication network, implemented in 1969, considered the origin of the Internet.

At the end of the 1970's, digital transmission and packet-switching allowed the building of ISDN (Integrated Services Data Networks). Voice and data were integrated in the same network, given birth to electronic offices combining computation and communication technologies.

The electronic miniaturization and the popularization of micro-computers in the 1980's, brought computer communication to home, allowing the integration and automation of many domestic tasks and access to some daily facilities from home. A new technological breakthrough came in 1989, when Tim Berners-Lee, a British scientist working at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), conceived the world wide web (www), easing the communication between machines around the world2.

Nowadays, combining Kleinrock and Berners-Lee seminal ideas for network hardware and software, Internet became all pervasive in the daily life around the world, transforming the old telephone set into a small multipurpose computer.

Consequently, human life radically changed. Our dependence on computer networks became undeniable and together with it, harmful programs or malwares, developed to damage machines or to steal information, represent permanent threat to individuals and society.

In computer science a new work research line emerged: cyber-security, which includes developing models, routines and software to protect machines and networks from malicious programs. This new discipline has attracted researchers to develop ideas for protecting people and corporations.

Cyber-security is the object of this book, that presents hints about how the community is working to manage these threats: Mathematical models based on epidemiology studies, Control of malwares and virus propagation, Protection of essential service plants to assure reliability, the direct impact of virus and malwares over human activities and behavior, Government entities which are highly concerned with the necessary preventive actions.

As cyber-security is a new and wide subject, the intention was to give a general idea of some points, leaving to the readers the task to go ahead.

Sexuality

Validation of Instruments for the Investigation of Sexuality in Vulnerable Groups
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In Health Sciences it is necessary to have measuring instruments that allow analyzing various phenomena for better understanding, including those related to human sexuality. Undoubtedly, it is a sensitive issue to discuss, so it is important to have empirical indicators that are capable of measuring as accurately as possible concepts that interest researchers.

The book Validation of instruments for the investigation of sexuality in vulnerable groups is written with the purpose of guiding the process of adaptation and validation of various instruments in the field of sexuality step by step to researchers, teachers and students. This is a book that can be used in basic, intermediate and advanced research courses, as well as in research seminars or on methodology. It contains various validated instruments that make it useful for any area of health science and social science.
This book collects, updates and analyzes the instruments currently available for the measurement of sexual health, provides a detailed guide to the questionnaires prepared, translated and validated so that health professionals can choose the instrument to use according to the subject of interest. Also, the information provided could be useful to researchers who want to know how to validate an instrument and consider carrying out research studies on issues related to human sexuality. To facilitate understanding, conceptual references related to the methodological design and the study phenomenon are included.

Social Policy and Welfare

A Look at Human Trafficking
Stephanie P. Garcia
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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. It imposes social and public health costs and undermines government authority. This book looks at human trafficking issues.

Crime and Criminal Justice

An Introduction to Criminological Theory, Penology and Crime Prevention
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This book combines three key issues in the field of criminology: criminological theory, penology and crime prevention. Thus, the book addresses three fundamental criminological aspects, namely: explaining the causes of criminal/deviant behaviour, explaining the process of dealing with deviants/criminals, and articulating ways for preventing criminal activities. This is an essential book for researchers and students undertaking undergraduate and post-graduate programmes in criminology and criminal justice. The book is also essential for security and correctional practitioners such as police officers, correction officers, probation officers and private security players, as well as criminal crime control policy makers. As a lecturer in the field of criminology for some time, I discovered the challenges that most students face in comprehending various divergent aspects of criminological theory, as well as other issues in the areas of penology and crime prevention. However, this essential book logically presents the criminological theories, penology and crime prevention aspects in simple language, and anyone who reads it will find it easy to grasp all the various aspects it covers. To assist with comprehension, summaries of main issues and discussion questions are placed at the end of each chapter. The book is comprised of eight chapters. Chapter one, the introductory chapter, explains key concepts such as criminology, crime, deviance, criminal justice and crime statistics. The chapter also gives a brief history of criminology and outlines the role of the criminologist, among other issues. Chapter two to chapter six cover criminological theories in classes as follows: chapter two covers the classical and neoclassical school of criminology; chapter three covers the positivist school of criminology; chapter four covers socio-structural theories; chapter five covers social process theories; and chapter six covers critical theories. Chapter seven covers white-collar criminology and, given that most of the pioneer criminologists mainly focused on street crime, the chapter looks at white-collar crime, which is even more harmful. Chapter eight focuses on penology, which is the study of punishment and the treatment of offenders. It covers areas such as theories of punishment, forms of punishment, the death penalty, restorative justice and recidivism. Lastly, chapter nine focuses on crime control and prevention. The chapter starts by looking at two models of the criminal justice process, the crime control
model and the due process model. The bulk of the chapter then looks at crime prevention, which entails any action designed to reduce the actual level of crime and/or the perceived fear of crime. Among others, the chapter looks at crime prevention through environmental design, situational crime prevention, crime prevention through social development, as well as various policing strategies for crime prevention.

Contemporary Issues in Criminology in Africa
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This book is a collection of both empirical and theoretical chapters on some significant and enduring issues in Africa. The various chapter submissions are compelling and do make substantive contributions to the literature on criminology in Africa.

Given the clandestine nature of superstitious induced crimes, it is imperative and relevant for government agencies in African countries to strategically collaborate with media and civil society organisations to launch massive public campaigns against all forms of superstition-driven crimes.

The second chapter highlights some ethical and administrative challenges that a researcher could encounter in his/her quest to study incarcerated offenders. The study concludes that, while it is crucial to conduct a prison-based study, the researcher would have to adapt to institutional constraints of the respondents, to undertake considerable impression management and negotiations with both staff and inmates, and factor in the heightened security concerns that may affect the quality of the study and the safety of the researcher.

The third chapter examines crimes against the state and the extent to which such issues are being tackled in Ghana. It concludes that the initiatives by various regimes to prosecute and to punish administrative crimes have yielded nominal outcomes.

The fourth chapter probes the prison condition in South Africa (SA). The author argues that the prison situation is no better than those in other African countries, however, its historical racist system sets it apart from other African countries. The chapter concludes that the post-apartheid regimes’ prison ideals have yet to be realized.

The fifth chapter explores roles played by education, civil society organisations, and state institutions in the democratization and strengthening of the Ghanaian Criminal Justice System. Since Ghana relaunched its democratization initiative in 1992, the country has sustained successful presidential and parliamentary elections. Marked improvements have been seen in terms of human rights observation, freedoms, political tolerance, and openness to the global socio-economic and political landscape, yet there is still more room for improvement.

The final chapter examines the lived experiences of students who have suffered crime on the University of Cape Coast campus. The analyzed data showed that factors such as negligence on the part of students, poor security services, and poor lighting systems on campus were the major contributing factors of crime (or conducive conditions for criminal activities). The study recommends that proper security measures such as the provision of tools and logistics and increasing the number of security personnel should be considered.

This book is relevant for academicians in criminology, criminal lawyers, civil society organizations, policy makers, and human rights advocates.

Hate Crimes in the United States
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Reports of hate crimes have been steadily increasing over the past several years, particularly against certain groups; there were reports of 6,121 incidents in 2016 and 7,175 incidents in 2017 (a 17 percent increase). Hate crime experts are unsure if this increase reflects a rise in hate incidents, a willingness on the part of victims to report, or better reporting practices by law enforcement (or a combination of these factors); regardless, these crimes have lasting and far-reaching effects for victims, their communities, and for the nation.
Advances in Sociology Research. Volume 31
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This compilation opens with a focus on social validity, which refers to the extent changes in a target skill brought about by instruction actually make a difference in students’ lives. Following this, the authors examine whether marijuana policy continues to feature morality- and values-based arguments. Urbanization and related housing issues in Burkina Faso are assessed through an analysis of urban development, housing supply and demand, and financing systems. Additionally, information that facilitates a specific form of qualitative analysis is examined, as well as how fragmented modes of urban basic utilities governance is hampering the perceived benefits of urbanization across the global south. The authors investigate how women’s employment in Indonesia depends on the family structure, particularly how women’s employment differs depending on whether the woman lives in an extended family or in a nuclear family.
The management of cemeteries within the urbanised areas of Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta is studied, examining the unconventional methods of conducting a burial. The penultimate chapter aims to demonstrate that, for most people who gamble, gambling is a fundamentally social activity. The closing study assesses the way in which religious beliefs may influence the choice of a contraception method, as all methods of conception control, except natural ones, are totally forbidden by most religions.

Advances in Sociology Research. Volume 32
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Advances in Sociology Research. Volume 32 first introduces the historical development of language diversity from the perspective of the economy and politics in China. The timeline is as follows: Qin Dynasty, Song Dynasty, Ming Dynasty, Qing Dynasty. Following this, a study is included wherein 11 different demographic, socioeconomic and entrepreneurial lenses were used to examine the demographic-socioeconomic-entrepreneurial nexus of more than 3000 U.S. counties. Later, the authors focus on the challenges of housing the urban poor in Jakarta, one of the largest capitals in developing countries. Particularly, urbanization and population growth issues are discussed. Mobilizations regarding migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees in Greece are investigated, as well as pro-migrant and anti-migrant citizen mobilizations and initiatives of solidarity and hostility.
In the closing study, the authors check for the presence of power law degree distributions in Facebook Page Networks, analyzing data collected from 325 Facebook fan pages from an Argentinian city.

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Advances in Sociology Research. Volume 33 first looks at the efficacy of a racially defined Black community (Gemeinschaft) in mobilizing participants in the “riots” in English cities in August 2011. Following this, the authors examine the causes behind the crisis in the welfare state, from its establishment to the present day.
Additionally, a brief look at the different constitutions of the welfare state on both sides of the Atlantic is provided to assess what kind of welfare state should be modernized in Germany. One study argues that the COVID-19 pandemic ironically benefited the ruling Patriotic Front and opposition parties in campaigning for the August 2021 general elections in Zambia. The authors go on to discuss blame games, socially-situated and discursively-mediated processes that attempt to assign meaning to harmful events. The logistics of turning the rural community's challenges into opportunities within their existing social structures and conditions to develop a healthier rural community are evaluated. Lastly, cipó-preto is explored in the context of its symbolic value for social actors, particularly focusing on activities involving its collection, production and the sale of handicrafts.

Special Topics

First Responders: Communications, Support and Safety
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Major natural disasters in the past 3 years, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, have heightened attention to the nation’s ability to respond to these types of emergencies. Police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel are often the first to respond to a crisis or emergency. This book looks at issues faced by first responders.

Fostering Giftedness: Challenges and Opportunities
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This book contains two parts. The first part, Chapters 1 to 14 provide a systematic insight into key aspects of gifted students starting from different approaches to defining giftedness, then identifying the gifted, their role in the society, gender differences, socio-emotional development, mentoring gifted students, creating an optimal environment for their development, evaluating the work of the gifted, underachievement of the gifted, methods and programs of working with the gifted, use of modern technologies in teaching gifted students, and training of teachers to work with the gifted population. The second part of the manuscript includes a case study, or empirical research on the development of students gifted in mathematics. The research method is explained first, including a description of the participants and data collection instruments. The research conducted is a case study showing the development of gifted mathematicians both in schools and in the family environment, from early childhood to higher education. The research includes many factors in the family environment such as: socio-economic and educational status of parents, learning conditions, number of children in the family, parents’ assistance with school obligations, parents’ reaction to children’s successes and failures, punishment, etc. The research also includes many in-school factors that could have a positive or negative, motivating or restraining effect on the development of the mathematical gift of the respondents. Some of these factors are: identification of the gifted, methods of working with them, rewards, punishments, programs of working with them, teacher-student relations, and the like. In addition to the development of respondents in the family and school environments, their motivation was also investigated. Based on the interviews conducted with the respondents, the factors that induced our respondents to develop into mathematically gifted students were presented. The development of students gifted in mathematics is also described on the basis of the analysis of their pedagogical documentation, through which their abilities outside mathematics were
determined, along with whether there were any crucial moments that had a positive or negative effect on them, i.e. their mathematical development. Finally, the results of the research were summarized and the factors that could have contributed to the mathematical gift of the respondents were listed. Moreover, certain recommendations are given to parents and teachers for more efficient work with the gifted population.

**Immigrant Students: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges**
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This compilation delves into the attitudes of teachers in the Greek educational system concerning their cooperation with the parents of newcomers through a questionnaire employed as a quantitative tool and results analyzed through a statistical analysis. In one study, the authors examine DREAMers' motivations for attending college and for persisting throughout the college application process. Particular attention is paid to their parents' influence during this process. Practices that teachers can use for promoting immigrant students' social relationships and participation are described using research took place in North-Finland and included immigrant students from a variety of countries. The closing study examines acculturation, a process resulting in the imprinting of the host culture on the non-native culture.

**Sports**

**Contemporary Research in Sports, Exercise and Health: Measurement and Protocols**

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With reference to the theme Contemporary Research in Sports, Exercise and Health: Measurements and Protocols, we have assembled eminent researchers from Malaysia to share their expertise and research findings in various subdisciplines of sports, exercise and health. A major aim of this book is to provide scientific evidence and in-depth exploration of the various types of measurements and protocols used in research in the area of sports, exercise and health. This book has been
specifically prepared with the needs of both students and teaching staff in exercise and sports science in mind. However, we strongly believe that it is also relevant for students in other related fields, and of interest to athletes, coaches, fitness instructors, sports nutritionists, and health practitioners.

**Terrorism**

Suicide Terrorists and Terrorism: A Suicidologist Critically Reviews the Research

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There has never been a thorough review of the research and speculation on suicide terrorism. The author has read roughly 600 articles on suicide terrorism for this book. 250 are cited because they had something to offer. 350 are listed separately as a reference source for others. There have been almost no experts on suicide writing on the topic. The author found only three articles on suicide terrorism in suicidology or death journals. Those writing on suicide terrorism have little or no expertise in the field of suicidology. This review is written by a suicidologist. For example, writers on suicide terrorism never cite work on suicide in the oppressed, imitation and contagion effects in suicide, typologies of suicidal behavior, or mass murder. (The present author has written a book on mass murder and published research on mass murder in addition to his extensive work on suicide.)

The book starts with introductory chapters on suicide and mass murder to provide a setting for the review. The book is a critical review and so will be provocative. All the speculations are mentioned, and the research is reviewed and, if appropriate, critiqued.

The Fight against Terrorism

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Terrorism remains one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. As terrorist threats have multiplied in their scope and scale so has the efforts to prevent and combat terrorism, including addressing conditions that create fertile ground for terrorist groups to recruit. This book looks at the many different ways to prevent future terrorist attacks.

**Urban Studies**

Mobility Management in Urban Areas: Models and Perspectives

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Smart cities rely on information and communication technologies to enhance the quality of life of their citizens. This includes better use of transportation infrastructure, use of public transport, clean fuels, efficient utilization of parking spaces, and carsharing through the use of technologies such as internet of things, cloud computing, and blockchain while keeping in account environmental goals. Mobility management in urban areas is challenging yet critical. For the smooth transportation of goods and
people, a detailed study of the city system elements from multiple perspectives is required. In this book, theoretical models, literature reviews and case studies to improve mobility in smart cities are provided. The key problems addressed are the allocation of pay and display parking machines, electric vehicle charging station location optimization, facility location planning under stochastic disruption, pedestrian safety planning using internet of things, assessing the environmental effect of airports on cities and populations, antecedents and outcomes of reverse supply chain and social sustainability practices, discrete event simulation for carsharing fleet management strategies, data mining models for road transport GHG emissions prediction, bibliometric analysis on smart city mobility, and blockchain for supply chain traceability application. Simulation, optimization, machine learning and qualitative methodologies are used. The book will serve as a very useful resource to academicians and practitioners working in the field.

Revisiting Kathmandu Valley’s Public Realm: Some Insights into Understanding and Managing Its Public Spaces
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Contemporary urban development of Kathmandu Valley, the major urban centre of Nepal, has largely failed to deliver positive outcomes, with direct consequences on its public realm. While the problem demands effective management of urban growth and change, there is also a need to expand scholarly dialogues on the impact of urbanization on public space quality. This book responds to this need and aims to instigate a new debate on contemporary issues of public realm by engaging readers with the challenges of the ongoing transformation and management of public spaces. The book consists of six chapters written on a range of topics, covering both the traditional and contemporary public spaces. Chapter One reviews public realm in the traditional towns of the Kathmandu Valley and reinforces our current understanding of the provision and use of historic urban squares. Chapter Two takes the study on the historic urban squares into a new level by examining these public spaces in relation to contemporary city identity in the context of urban change. The third chapter examines the current transformation of historic riverfronts in the Kathmandu Valley, outlining the physical features and the cultural and religious activities taking place in the riverfronts from the perspective of the cultural landscape theory. Chapter Four is an analytical wrap up on the changing nature of the public spaces in the urban fringe of a historic town. Chapter Five presents the case study of a major civic space in Kathmandu, which is currently in dispute due to encroachment and has become a matter of serious concern among local architects and planners. The final chapter examines how Guthi as a traditional institutional setup for civic governance may be reconsidered to devise a new model for public space governance at present.

Urban Development and Lifestyle
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One of the issues of urban development and urban lifestyle, which can be studied from the sea to space, has posed important challenges for humanities, environmental management of cities and urban areas, and the economy. This field is one of the pillars of sustainable development from urban studies towards sustainability welfare. Research and development (R & D) in this part plays a crucial role where urban problems are always alive and increasing every year because of changing customer preferences and needs. City authorities must make appropriate policy choices to protect the provision of equitable housing, health, and transportation services in the future. The megatrends 2030 triggered by the Industrial Revolution 4.0 estimates urbanization will increase sharply, massive move from rural to urban areas, and the land is getting narrower, especially in Asia. New directions and developments in this field and discussion of future priorities must be well anticipated, meticulous, dignified, and innovative. This book highlights the latest views and solutions to technological innovations adapted to achieve prosperity in urban sustainability. For instance, adapting new buildings for urban needs with low-cost and modern design materials, the
housing environment and the layout of city space, weather changes to disaster, and smart transportation systems are also taken into account. It also involves electricity, environmental management, and ways to use agricultural land to increase income. The ease of technology produced will change the business model.

This contributed volume presents solicit selected papers of the 2020 International Conference on Urban Sustainability, Environment, and Engineering (CUSME 2020) with the theme “Urban Life and Technology”. The book covers the point of view in urban architectures with green technology, sustainable environmental, management, agrotechnology, and smart transportation systems. The impact of urban development such as psychological and cultural influences, communication and social complexity, information systems and technology is also discussed with various solutions offered. The outcomes of the conference will certainly support government policy, stakeholders, policymakers, scientists, and engineers by bringing together their latest findings towards achieving a sustainable economy, improved quality of life, and protecting the environment. The findings of this study will create opportunities for further collaboration and are expected to improve the welfare of humanity.

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### Urban Regeneration of Underused Industrial Sites in Albania

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Industrial heritage can be considered a significant asset of modern civilization, predominantly epitomizing the living patrimony of industrialization processes. Notwithstanding, it represents today under-valuated heritages, the result of massive industrial site closures due to political and economic changes through the years.

This book focuses on the recognition of underused Albanian industrial sites, mostly built during the communist period, and proposals for potential regeneration models, based on successful international examples. The majority of Albanian degraded sites are deemed as an objective of high priority from central government and municipalities, taking in consideration their large areas and good possibilities of these “silent” assets redevelopment, having the opportunity to become the promotors of the development of cities. The book follows with a descriptive analysis of international positive cases, reflecting how these interventions can be appropriately applied for Albanian cases. Consistent reuse methodologies have been proposed based on three pillars: economic and urban, environmental and heritage. Finally, the book presents a general conclusion for practical applications of the above-mentioned methodologies, as a positive approach to promote sites revitalization and promotion at a national and international level.

### Expected Publications

**Education**

**Assessment, Evaluation and Research Methods**

**Education in Europe: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges**

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This book is a comprehensive collection of chapters focusing on current techniques and strategies in education policy planning and application, summarizing the debate for the future and prospects of education, within the current socio-economic development and growth spectrum.

This book considers a broad perspective to increase the information base and derive broader conclusions about education policies and activities. More specifically, this book presents a discussion of the environment, institutions and education policy issues, focusing on the institutional setting, as well as literature relating to education policy and practice. Moreover, this book identifies and examines relevant key research issues, building a conceptual framework drawing on the application of education and socio-economic development and growth process, enabling a comparative analysis in European level, explaining also any related socio-economic consequences. This book also presents a survey of the choices concerning education policy regarding development and efficiency enhancement, describing the instruments, the actors involved, the actions undertaken, and those which, although promoted in the context of other policies, affect the same channels or pursue similar aims. Moreover, this book explores and studies core dimensions of the interaction between education, research and development, efficiency, new paradigms, methods and techniques along with socio-economic links. Overall, this book describes the main kinds of policy interventions that are implemented, providing at the same time some useful elements, in order to understand the assumptions and theories which underpin them.

This book fills a gap in education literature by exploring and studying various dimensions of the interaction between one of the most important socio-economic aspects, namely education, and interactions between related factors (both theoretically and empirically). Special focus is put on the appreciation of the ways in which education activities and policies change and adapt in the presence of new constraints of changing configurations of the knowledge-based economy combined with the emergence and adaptation of institutional or economic structures. Within this framework, this book acts as a platform for theoretical and empirical research, rendering a creative source for motivation, scientific dialogue, collaborative approaches, as well as knowledge creation and dissemination.

To achieve its aims, the book consists of seven chapters by fifteen expert contributors.

**Education in India: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges**

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Education builds the individual, so it builds the nation. Education is the primary means of socialization in every society and plays a very important role in the economic development of any country. Education helps people increase knowledge, results in skill development, and enables them to know their rights and duties towards their family, society, and the nation. Various future prospects have been considered and policies have been drafted to ensure quality education in India. The aim of education should always be to improve and raise the entire system and to impart knowledge, develop vision and good moral values. The rapid changes and complexity of today’s world present new challenges and put new demands on our education system. In confronting this challenge, it is necessary to understand the various perspectives and opportunities of education. This edited collection mainly focuses on the following issues regarding education:

- Higher Education System: Ancient to Modern Age
- Human Rights Education: Needs and Future Actions
- Mixed Mode Course Contrive and Distribution
- Open and Distance Education
- Reflective Practice in Teaching and Learning
- Changing Scenario in Higher Education of India
- Indian Education System: Opportunities and Challenges
- New Education Environment: Issues, Challenges and Constraints.

**General Education**

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This compilation deals with a variety of topics related to education, ranging from the challenge of reintegration in Ukraine to biological influences on behavior and learning. Chapter One describes the mental health issues that children can face in the school environment related to depression and suicide and discusses how schools can improve suicide prevention efforts. The second chapter outlines the innovative teaching method of flipped classes wherein class lectures become home activities and homework becomes an in-class activity and presents the results of a study focused on this style of teaching.
Following this, Chapter Three focuses on Ukraine, where conflict with Russia has impacted many aspects of civic life, including public education. The fourth chapter explains how the booking platform Airbnb impacts the social fabric of Berlin and how this social change can be taught in schools. Chapter Five explores Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in India and proposes improvements for these courses. The sixth chapter discusses solutions to continue effective teaching during the pandemic, and the seventh chapter examines how cortisol can impact a student’s performance from a biochemical point of view. The final chapter aims to establish how best to integrate psychology education into the pre-registration nurse training curriculum to enhance clinical practice.

**Special Topics**

Service Leadership Theory: Origin and Nature

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Service leadership is conceived as “satisfying needs by consistently providing quality personal service to everyone one comes into contact with, including one’s self, others, groups, communities, systems, and environments.” Effective service leadership is determined by three Cs – “Competence,” “Character,” and “Care.” To nurture these important leadership qualities in university students, the “Service Leadership Education Initiative” was launched in eight public universities in Hong Kong. The introduction of this new concept is due to the fact that worldwide economic structure has shifted from manufacturing economies to service economies. The key concepts and propositions in service leadership theory (SLT), such as the strong emphasis on humanity, moral character, caring, and trust, have deep theoretical roots in the existing well-established theories and empirical findings in the social science literature. In addition, these important elements of service leadership have been successfully practiced and proved to exert beneficial influences on personal and organizational success. These findings give support to the validity of the SLT and its further application in education and industry. We earnestly hope that service leaders and organizations can put SLT propositions into practice to achieve success.

The Essential Guide to Information Literacy

Dierk Kopp

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Chapter one embodies a glossary from A to Z, presenting specific terms in the field of information literacy. For that purpose, the vocabulary found in similar works and reference documents is analyzed and presented for specific, current, and detailed glossary as a result. The author’s aim in the study in Chapter two is to describe the experiences parents have
gained during six months of working remotely with a child at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The research results highlight the importance of supporting children’s information literacy skills in the family environment.

**Humanities**

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*A History of Italian Literature*
*Richard Garnett*

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This book summarizes the history of Italian literature from its inception to the early twentieth century and analyzes it in the context of other contemporary European literature as well as the literature of antiquity.

**Politics**

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*Ewan Burns*

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The United States and the People’s Republic of China (PRC or China) are involved in a prolonged stand-off over trade and in competition that is spilling from political and military areas into a growing number of other spheres, including technology, finance, and education, severely straining ties of diplomatic relations. The two lead the world in the size of their economies, their defense budgets, and their global greenhouse gas emissions. This book looks at the current status of the U.S.-China relationship.

**Elder Justice: Abuse, Legislation and Financial Exploitation**
*Vince D. Anderson*

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Seniors in nursing homes are among the people most vulnerable to life-threatening consequences of abuse and neglect. Across the country, that vulnerability is being exploited in unimaginably cruel ways in nursing homes that are unsafe, understaffed, and uninterested in providing even the most basic humane level of care. Chapter 1 looks at elder abuse and especially nursing home abuse.

Elder abuse is a complex issue. As such, it often leads to calls for a multifaceted policy response that combines public health interventions, social services programs, and law enforcement. Chapter 2 provides a brief legislative history of the Elder Justice Act, summarizes elder justice provisions enacted as part of the ACA, and describes administrative efforts related to implementation and funding, along with several issues for Congress regarding the act’s reauthorization.

Elder financial exploitation—the fraudulent or illegal use of an older adult’s funds or property—has far-reaching effects on victims and society. Chapter 3 examines the status of HHS’s efforts to compile nationwide data through NAMRS on the extent of financial exploitation and the challenges involved, and what is known about the costs of financial exploitation to victims and others.
**Asian Political, Social and Economic Issues**

**Challenges of Law and Governance in Indonesia in the Disruptive Era I**  
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**Challenges of Law and Governance in Indonesia in the Disruptive Era II**  
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**Governance and Security Issues in South Asia**  
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South Asia represents an extravagantly diverse region with a multitude of asymmetrical characteristics with regard to size, population, biodiversity and economy. Governance and Security issues in South Asia incarnates a comprehensive peep into the nature, gravity, navigation and drivers of governance and security issues across the South Asian region. While canvassing the different aspects of governance and security issues in the region, the authors have critically portrayed security dilemmas and governance pitfalls. The book is useful for academicians, policy makers, scholars, researchers, development professionals, think tanks and people involved in South Asian affairs.

**Politics of Europe**

**World War II: Background, Aftermath and Impact**  
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This edited collection exhibits research that considers economic, educational, technological, and strategic planning that contributed to nations’ involvement in and the lasting impact of engagement in World War II. Written by historians and social scientists from around the world, each chapter offers an insight into the experiences and implications of those involved in the war – as leaders, civilians, politicians – and the continued strains resulting from diplomatic relationships and the casualties on and off the battlefield. The Second World War devastated the world – not equally in all areas or nations, but it altered the course of human history. These works contribute to the ability to make sense of this brutal war and in doing so, offer readers an opportunity to learn about some lesser-understood implications and results of the Second World War.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Archaeology

Characterization of Archaeological Materials by the Use of Light

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In this book Characterization of Archaeological Materials by the Use of Light the authors tried to demonstrate the high degree of technology used in laser scanning for archaeological sites. The data collection and review were obtained thanks to the conscious, proprietary data processing and individual knowledge of lidar products, by using the developed especially for archaeological analytical tools, visualization methods data and algorithms processing the point cloud, numerical models and their derivatives. The authors form an interdisciplinary team, they are both archaeologists and laser physicists. This book has four chapters titled: Aerial Laser Scanning, Laser in the conservation of archaeological monuments, Laser analysis of the chemical composition of ceramics and Laser applications to study various solid materials. We presents Airborne Laser Scanning (ALS) such as an advanced method of archaeological prospection. In the last few years an increasing number of applications of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data within World archaeology was noticed. At the same time, ALS is an extremely useful method for conservation purposes. On the other hand, carrying out successive measurements allows for monitoring of facilities, sites and landscapes over time. Along with the growing interest in the method and the growing number of its applications in archeology, it is worth paying attention to the efficiency of using the ALS and LiDAR.

Community Studies

Building a More Peaceful Society through Positive Intergroup Contact: An Ecologically Sustainable Approach to Community Wellness

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Currently our society is experiencing unprecedented conflict and violence from many different types of situations and causes. As our society is becoming increasingly more diverse, it has become more apparent that we need to rely on more environmentally sustainable mechanisms and cooperative behaviors to help address and reverse this trend. Political extremism, ethnocentric ideology and recent authoritarian leadership has resulted in an increasingly divided and polarized community. This book attempts to address the problems of violence and extremism through our evolutionary history in the need for all groups of individuals to work cooperatively and contribute to a healthier and more productive community where all individuals are afforded opportunities to share their skills in a more holistic, organic and collaborative process, what Ervin Staub (2013) refers to as the “constructive social process.” This book examines how natural and ecologically sustainable (i.e., “green space”) environments can help to promote more cooperative and prosocial behaviors within our communities and address the serious problems involving violence and ethnocentric ideologies.
Ecuador: Perspectives of the Past, Present and Future: A Multi-Criteria Approach to Social Evolution
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Ecuador is a diverse and multicultural country which has resisted the historical processes of homogenization and globalization. In it different peoples and ancestral nationalities coexist, as well as the heirs of the colonial process, appearing as strong contrasts in customs, languages and cultural expressions, arising syncretism, miscegenation and fusion. There is a fascinating natural diversity, which, despite being contained in a small fragment of world territory, gives an immeasurable environmental value to the country, America, and the world.

However, this cultural and environmental wealth is sometimes overshadowed by phenomena of exclusion, by social gaps, by gender inequality and by environmental degradation. These realities, which affect all of Latin America, have vernacular peculiarities, intrinsic to Ecuador as a country. Within this context, this publication aims to generate an investigative space from different perspectives and disciplines, contributing to the construction of a more inclusive and sustainable Ecuador.

Therefore, the philosophy and motivation in which the editorial spirit is inscribed is focused through the concepts of identity, culture, humanism, the environment and interculturality.

This work also presents the main results of research carried out by various universities in Ecuador, highlighting the contribution of the research project promoted by the postgraduate program of the Catholic University of Cuenca called “Sustainable Architecture Through Adequate Recycling of Plastic,” which has allowed the correct articulation of the themes exposed in this work.

We hope that this book, beyond becoming a useful instrument in academia and within research, may have an expansive and positive effect on the inhabitants of Ecuador, especially those most disadvantaged.

Children in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges
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When we focus on children younger than 18 years, when we focus to improve the life chances of children, we have the opportunity to shift a generation and transform a society. Children living on the African continent tend to live within challenging environments, in often challenging communities and challenging families but it is often within these contexts and environments that opportunities exist to develop and grow. This book, Child in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges, presents studies of children living on the African continent, children in the early years, children in the middle years and children in the teen years – all living in different environments on the African continent. The focus is on child and adolescent mental health, parenting, children and disability, parents living and parenting in adversity, how dental caries have a vast impact on early childhood development, adolescent identity in post-apartheid South Africa, hookah pipe use and relational aspects to families, young fathers, and intervening in adolescent health risk behaviour.
Social Policy and Welfare

Human Trafficking: Issues, Plans and Strategies
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The prevalence of human trafficking, forced labor, and child sexual exploitation throughout the world is an urgent humanitarian issue with direct and far-reaching consequences on the United States. Within the United States, human trafficking and child sexual exploitation are grossly prevalent and affect diverse communities. These crimes threaten our physical and virtual borders, our immigration and customs systems, our prosperity, our national security, and are a direct attack on Americans’ personal safety and our country’s public safety. The International Labor Organization estimates that as of 2016 over 40 million people were victims of human trafficking around the world, 10 million of whom were children. Despite efforts by the United States, and steadfast and dedicated individuals and organizations, exploitation of the less powerful continues. This book looks at the long-term approach for combating these crimes.

Special Topics

Critical Humanity: Embodying Leadership in an Age of Compassion and Empathy
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Critical Humanity: Embodying Actionable Leadership in an Age of Compassion and Empathy is scientifically grounded and empirically rich. In this book, Dr. Peter T. Keo argues that critical humanity is compassion and empathy in action to improve the lives of the world’s suffering. However, leaders must close the gap between what they say and the actions they take. Critical humanity has four key components. First, it favors action over passivity. Second, it favors collectivism over individualism alone. Third, critical humanity requires living in the space / tension between compassion and empathy. Fourth, it requires leaders to close the gap between what they say / believe and their actions, i.e., their espoused values and their action items, respectively. Dr. Keo refers to this gap throughout the book as the “values gap,” because it is a constant tension between the “what I say / believe” and the “what I am actually doing” to truly impact the communities served. Public servants and public service leaders – for whom this book was primarily written – can have a deeper and more meaningful impact by embracing all four components in their service to humanity. While the contents of this book are empirical in nature, at baseline, it is an expression of Dr. Keo’s personal truth, an epistemology that shares, in equal measures, the joy and pain of a life that is both hopeful and skeptical in humanity. It is an expression that recognizes the tremendous shortcomings and opportunities, again in equal measures, of leaders to properly and authentically serve historically marginalized populations. Dr. Keo had arrived at this realization after decades of embodying the life of a child of Cambodian genocide, war, systemic racism, and poverty. He has experienced life in disenfranchisement in two separate but related occasions, which have shaped his epistemology. The stories that have formed the impetus for and, indeed, triggered the curiosity undergirding this book, is this: the entanglement of misery and joy is the very essence of life. It is the curiosity of this entanglement – and the need to drastically untangle them to improve the lives of the world’s suffering – that compelled Dr. Keo to write this book, and to develop this new idea: critical humanity.

Forced Migrations and Refugees in the Mediterranean Basin and the MENA Region
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In the past migrations opened the world to knowledge, science, and understanding among peoples, but increasingly migrants are viewed with disfavour and even hate, especially in the Mediterranean Basin and the MENA Region. I had
published with two other scholars a book intended to promote the rights of migrants in 2015, but today the situation has become so much worse, particularly in our chosen area, that I believe the time has come to re-examine the situation. A number of issues conspire to render the fate of migrants truly desperate, as they are forced to leave their lands that, due to the increasingly grave effects of climate change, can no longer feed and support them and their families, while the ongoing conflicts in the area render their situation truly unlivable. In addition, in the last few years, extreme right-wing political parties in Europe have conspired to treat people of different colour, ethnicity, or religion as unworthy of the respect due to all human beings.

In 2019 a further disaster struck the whole world, a pandemic that imposed particularly harsh conditions to migrants, who were clearly unable to practice social distance and who found themselves in situations where testing, medicines and even sufficient food and water were not available. There are important aspects of this work that have global applications beyond the focus area we have chosen, such as the spread of racism, the fostering of conflicts to advance the interests of powerful countries, the dangerous spread of populism with fascist tendencies, and the spread of imperialism. Most of all, there is a lesson to be learned: walls to exclude and separate people provide no solutions for any of the grave problems we all face. Such problems can be solved all together or not at all; what is needed is a concentrated effort to acknowledge our need for each other, as only a belief in the true brotherhood of all can help.

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