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The globalization of companies is the involvement of customers, producers, suppliers, and other stakeholders in the global marketing process. Global marketing therefore reflects the trend of firms selling products and services across many countries. Drawing on an incomparable breadth of international examples, Svend Hollensen not only demonstrates how global marketing works, but also how it relates to real decisions around the world. This book offers a truly global approach with cases and exhibits from all parts of the world, including Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Far East, North and South America. It provides a complete and concentrated overview of the total international marketing planning process, along with many new, up-to-date exhibits and cases, which illustrate the theory by showing practical applications. Extensive coverage of hot topics such as glocalization, born globals, value creation, value net, celebrity branding, brand piracy, and viral marketing, as well as a comprehensive new section on integrated marketing communication through social networking. Brand new case studies focus on globally recognized brands and companies operating in a number of countries, including Build-A-Bear Workshop, Hello Kitty, Ralph Lauren and Sony Music Entertainment. Video cases featuring firms such as Nivea, Reebok, Starbucks, Hasbro and McDonald's accompany every chapter and are available at www.pearsoned.co.uk/hollensen. Real-world examples and exhibits enliven the text and enable the reader to relate to marketing models.

During the last few years, a large number of science-based games, simulations and case studies have been developed, and these are now starting to be built into the curricula of our schools, colleges and universities. The use of such exercises seems certain to increase as more and more teachers, lecturers and curriculum designers become aware of their great potential. Until now, however, these developments have been hampered by the fact that there has been no basic text on science-based games, and no source book to which potential users could refer to find out what exercises were available in their particular field. This book has been written in an attempt to fill both these gaps. - Introduction.

Fuzzy Cognitive Maps (FCM) constitute cognitive models in the form of fuzzy directed graphs consisting of two basic elements: the nodes, which basically correspond to "concepts" bearing different states of activation depending on the knowledge they represent, and the "edges" denoting the causal effects that each source node exercises on the receiving concept expressed through weights. Weights take values in the interval $[-1, 1]$, which denotes the positive, negative or neutral causal relationship between two concepts. An FCM can be typically obtained through linguistic terms, inherent to fuzzy systems, but with a structure similar to the neural networks, which facilitates data processing, and has capabilities for training and adaptation. During the last 10 years, an exponential growth of published papers in FCMs was followed showing great impact potential. Different FCM structures and learning schemes have been developed, while numerous studies report their use in many contexts with highly successful modeling results. The aim of this book is to fill the existing gap in the literature concerning fundamentals, models, extensions and learning algorithms for FCMs in knowledge engineering. It comprehensively covers the state-of-the-art FCM modeling and learning methods, with algorithms, codes and software tools, and

provides a set of applications that demonstrate their various usages in applied sciences and engineering.

14th Nordic – Baltic Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Medical Physics – NBC-2008 – brought together scientists not only from the Nordic – Baltic region, but from the entire world. This volume presents the Proceedings of this international conference, jointly organized by the Latvian Medical Engineering and Physics Society, Riga Technical University and University of Latvia in close cooperation with International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE) The topics covered by the Conference Proceedings include: Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering; Biomechanics, Artificial Organs, Implants and Rehabilitation; Biomedical Instrumentation and Measurements, Biosensors and Transducers; Biomedical Optics and Lasers; Healthcare Management, Education and Training; Information Technology to Health; Medical Imaging, Telemedicine and E-Health; Medical Physics; Micro- and Nanoobjects, Nanostructured Systems, Biophysics

In this harrowing history of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, Paul Ham argues against the use of nuclear weapons, drawing on extensive research and hundreds of interviews to prove that the bombings had little impact on the eventual outcome of the Pacific War. More than 100,000 people were killed instantly by the atomic bombs, mostly women, children, and the elderly. Many hundreds of thousands more succumbed to their horrific injuries later, or slowly perished of radiation-related sickness. Yet American leaders claimed the bombs were "our least abhorrent choice"—and still today most people believe they ended the Pacific War and saved millions of American and Japanese lives. In this gripping narrative, Ham demonstrates convincingly that misunderstandings and nationalist fury on both sides led to the use of the bombs. Ham also gives powerful witness to its destruction through the eyes of eighty survivors, from twelve-year-olds forced to work in war factories to wives and children who faced the holocaust alone. Hiroshima Nagasaki presents the grisly unadorned truth about the bombings, blurred for so long by postwar propaganda, and transforms our understanding of one of the defining events of the twentieth century.

. . . the Handbook of Qualitative Research Methods in Entrepreneurship is an important contribution to the field, and should be referenced in any paper using qualitative methodologies to investigate the entrepreneurial phenomenon. Craig S. Galbraith, Journal of Enterprising Communities There is no hiding behind the ramparts of dry scholarship here. The credibility of the theory being spoken of is not the stuff of constructed proofs, but alignments of critical insight and utility. This is where qualitative work can make a difference to the field, and where this book makes its mark. Robin Holt, International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour and Research The Handbook of Qualitative Research Methods in Entrepreneurship is an unusually solid and multifaceted book on what qualitative methods have done, are doing and will do in entrepreneurship research. Every serious entrepreneurship scholar should read it. It points at the future! Björn Bjerke, University of Kalmar, Sweden I would warmly recommend this unique collection of qualitative methods of entrepreneurship research to both mature and beginning researchers as a menu to choose from for their planned empirical studies. For those who try to get away from only quantitative studies in both business practice and academic research, this book is their chance to find a rich inspiration in reflecting on entrepreneurship as a lived experience using grounded

theory and ethnographic, discourse and narrative approaches. It might convince editors of top journals of entrepreneurship research to welcome qualitative research submissions as an indispensable complement to quantitative only submissions. This domain is not physics. In bringing together such a variety of experts from so many nationalities in this Handbook, our Danish colleagues are making entrepreneurship research a realistic global venture. Jan Ulijn, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands Helle Neergaard and John Parm Ulhøi have compiled a remarkable collection of work that both represents the range of methods and demonstrates the depth of insight that can be achieved through qualitative approaches. This book is not simply a handbook of qualitative research methods, though it well achieves this aim, it is also an important contribution towards the field of entrepreneurship research. From the Foreword by Sara Carter This expansive and practical Handbook introduces the methods currently used to increase the understanding of the usefulness and versatility of a systematic approach to qualitative research in entrepreneurship. It fills a crucial gap in the literature on entrepreneurship theory, and, just as importantly, illustrates how these principles and techniques can be appropriately and fruitfully employed. The Handbook is underpinned by the belief that qualitative research has the potential to charter hitherto unexplored waters in the field of entrepreneurship and thus contribute significantly to its further advancement. The contributors seek to assist entrepreneurship researchers in making more informed choices and designing more rigorous and sophisticated studies. They achieve this by providing concrete examples of research experiences and tangible how to advice. By clarifying what these research methods entail, how they are currently being used and how they can be evaluated, this Handbook constitutes a comprehensive and highly accessible methodological toolbox. Dealing with both well-accepted qualitative approaches and lesser-known, rarer and more novel approaches to the study of entrepreneurship, this Handbook will be invaluable to those studying, researching and teaching entrepreneurship.

Annotation This revised edition of the bestseller reflects the realities of the new high-tech marketplace where effective marketing strategy counts as much as the latest technology. New material includes case studies on how high-tech giants came out of the tech market meltdown stronger and more competitive.

This book presents a variety of research papers on factories' locations, city systems, and regional development. Consisting of three parts, it provides insights into the locational aspects of firms' activities from a strategic perspective. Part 1 discusses decision-making in the context of location, specifying the motivation for firms to move their factories provided by the corporate tax system. It also presents a case study from East Asia to clarify a mechanism by which firms move factories. Part 2 addresses city systems, offering theoretical clues to understanding why city systems are important to regional economies. It also clarifies from the empirical analysis the relations between city systems and the performances of regional economies. Part 3 investigates the topic of industrial parks, demonstrating how they form a basis for establishing industrial clusters in regional economies. In addition, it examines the economic phases, such as economic disparity, generated in the process of development.

Introduce your students to strategic management with the market-leading text that sets the standard for the course area. Written by respected scholars who have taught strategic management at all educational levels, Hitt, Ireland, and

Hoskisson's latest edition provides an intellectually rich, yet thoroughly practical, analysis of strategic management. The classic industrial organization model is combined with a resource-based view of the firm to provide students with a complete understanding of how today's businesses establish competitive advantages and create value for stakeholders. Cutting-edge research is presented with a strong global focus, featuring more than 500 emerging and established companies. All-new opening cases introduce chapter concepts and mini cases offer new contexts of study. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

“Supply Chain Risk Management is an issue that many companies face and yet few companies know how to deal with it in a systematic and pragmatic manner. While avoiding and reducing supply chain risks are certainly preferable, developing ways to restore and stabilize supply chain operations rapidly after a major disruption is critical for managing global supply chains. Sodhi and Tang present important concepts, frameworks, strategies, and analyses that are essential for managing supply chain risks. Not only does this book suggest some practical ways to work with different partners to manage the risks that are present in a global supply chain, it creates a framework that would enable practitioners to engage researchers to work on this important area.” —Thomas A. Debrowski, Executive Vice President, Worldwide Operations, Mattel, Inc. “When a firm outsources its operations to external suppliers, the firm is vulnerable to major and rare disruptions that can occur at any link in the global supply chain. Because these disruptions rarely occur, few firms take commensurable actions to identify, assess, mitigate and respond to various types of supply chain risks. By introducing frameworks and concepts along with several case studies and a review of academic literature, Sodhi and Tang treat this important subject with practical relevance and academic rigor. This book will bring practitioners and researchers to develop effective and efficient ways to manage supply chain risks.” —Marshall L. Fisher, UPS Professor, Professor of Operations and Information Management and Co-Director of Fishman-Davidson Center for Service and Operations Management, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania “This book ties observations in practice to methodologies and research. The rich case examples motivated the approaches and methodologies used to mitigate risks, and in the course of doing so, Sodhi and Tang provided insights on existing and new research opportunities. As a result, this book is highly relevant to both practitioners and academics. Also, the book is also written with management lessons on how risks can be mitigated, and how risks can be contained once disruptions have occurred. As such, it is also a book for management to gain insights and to develop management skills.” —Hau L. Lee, Thoma Professor of Operations, Information and Technology and Director of the Stanford Global Supply Chain Management Forum, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University “As companies have extended their supply chains

globally and as the face increasing resource issues, they face a number of new risk challenges. While there are various case studies written about supply chain risks, this book gives a comprehensive treatment of the subject with clarity. The concepts and frameworks developed by Sodhi and Tang in this book would create awareness of this important and yet not well understood subject, and strategies described in this book would stimulate practitioners to develop a holistic approach for identifying, assessing, mitigating, and responding to different types of supply chain risks.” —Nick Wildgoose, Global Supply Chain Proposition Manager, Zurich Insurance?

With flair and an originality of approach, Crundwell brings his considerable experience to bear on this crucial topic. Uniquely, this book discusses the technical and financial aspects of decision-making in engineering and demonstrates these through case studies. It's a hugely important matter as, of course, engineering solutions and financial decisions are intimately tied together. The best engineers combine the technical and financial cases in determining new solutions to opportunities, challenges and problems. To get your project approved, no matter the size of it, the financial case must be clear and compelling. This book provides a framework for engineers and scientists to undertake financial evaluations and assessments of engineering or production projects.

Using an integrated strategic management process to explain what organisations should do to increase strategic competitiveness and achieve higher performance, the 4th Asia Pacific edition of *Strategic Management: Competitiveness and Globalisation* continues to provide a systematic skill-building coverage of strategy. With an emphasis on global advantage, the text offers a comprehensive examination of regional and international issues to provide a complete, accurate and up-to-date explanation of the strategic management process. New coverage on environmental concerns and emerging technologies as well as examples and cases from Australia, New Zealand and Asia-Pacific serve to engage students while updated international content demonstrates how strategic management is used in the global economy. Recognising the importance of relating theory to practice, *Strategic Management: Competitiveness and Globalisation 4e* provides 13 new case studies and a raft of online cases supported by a case matrix. This proceedings volume includes articles presented during the Advanced Research Workshop on Soft Target Protection. The book presents important topics related to the protection of vulnerable objects and spaces, called Soft Targets. The chapters published in this book are thematically assigned to the blocks as follows: Theoretical aspect of soft target protection; Blast resistance of soft targets; Counter terrorism; Technical and technological solutions for soft target protection; Scheme and organizational measures; Blast protection and Forces for soft target protection. In this book, the reader will find a wealth of information about the theoretical background for designing protection of soft targets, as well as the specifics of protecting objects in armed conflict areas. New

methods and procedures applicable to the soft target protection are described. In this updated version of her landmark book *Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach*, celebrated adult educator Jane Vella revisits her twelve principles of dialogue education with a new theoretical perspective gleaned from the discipline of quantum physics. Vella sees the path to learning as a holistic, integrated, spiritual, and energetic process. She uses engaging, personal stories of her work in a variety of adult learning settings, in different countries and with different educational purposes, to show readers how to utilize the twelve principles in their own practice with any type of adult learner, anywhere.

The second edition of Rigas Doganis' book brings the airline industry story up to date, exploring airline mergers and alliances, price wars, the impact of disasters and the future prospects for the industry as a whole.

The author turns Sun Tzu *The Art of War*™ from a complex philosophy into a simple and comprehensive strategy system that is practical and applicable for any businesses and any industries. This book gives you an easy-to-apply strategy system you can use to immediately gain your upper hand and competitive advantages you need in order to compete well and win and succeed both in business and in life. Mastering and applying proven strategy principles in this book will make you more decisive and more effective in the way you lead and make decisions as well as more adaptive and more competitive in the way you perform and take actions. **WHAT THIS BOOK CAN DO FOR YOU: SUN TZU PRO™** gives you the ultimate business strategy system you have been searching for. You will discover why this ultimate business strategy system in this book is the system of all business systems and all business models. The big problem with modern business systems and business models you are currently using is that they are often compartmental. This means you will often face a big challenge and waste a lot of time when trying to bridge and piece together all business systems and all business models within your organization. In this business strategy book **SUN TZU PRO™**, you will discover a comprehensive business strategy system that will help you solve this big challenge which you are facing with your business systems and business models. This comprehensive business strategy system gives you two strategy frameworks: [1] developing your business strategic plan that will help define and establish your unique business strategic position in your competing space, and [2] crafting your business strategy that will help you define and formulate your business strategy cycle. **SUN TZU PRO™** was written by James Sonhill DBA who is the world leading authority on Sun Tzu *The Art of War*™ and competitive business strategy, the international bestselling author of more than 90 classic and modern business strategy books, and the founder of Strategy Institute of America™ that is currently offering 32 business strategy courses and 12 business strategy certification programs worldwide. **SUN TZU PRO™** is one of his nine Sun Tzu Branding™ books which include **SUN TZU AOW™**, **SUN TZU 360™**, **SUN TZU 1OX™**, **SUN TZU BIZ™**, **SUN TZU CEO™**, **SUN TZU ONE™**, **SUN TZU USA™**, and **SUN TZU MBA™**. When you have both your

unique strategic position and your practical business strategy cycle, you will become unstoppable and you will become successful in your business competition. SUN TZU PRO™ will give you everything you need to know about this comprehensive business strategy system that is adapted directly from the ancient wisdom and power knowledge of Sun Tzu The Art of War™. For more information on our business strategy books, business strategy planners, business strategy courses, and business strategy certification programs, visit our websites: www.JamesSonhill.com and www.SunTzuStore.com.

2011 AJN Book of the Year Winner in Leadership and Management! The ultimate goal for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) leaders is to develop skills that will support their ability to lead effectively through complex challenges-such as working within the constraints of tight budgets, initiating health care policy change to eliminate health disparities, and improving health care outcomes at all levels of care. This text is an invaluable instructional guide for nursing graduate students who are developing the skills needed to fulfill this new and emerging role of clinical leadership. With this book, nurses can develop leadership skills that will ultimately transform health care practice by incorporating innovative professional models of care. It provides critical information and practical tools to enhance leadership, drawing from the works of experts in business and health care leadership. This book is an important resource for DNP students, nurse practitioners, and current clinical leaders dealing with the challenges of health care for the next generation. Key topics: Cultivating the characteristics of a transformational leader: charisma, innovation, inspiration, intellect, and more
Developing the role of the DNP within complex organizational systems
Incorporating new care delivery, practice, and management models through leadership
Navigating power, politics, and policy: building the team, understanding economics and finance, and more

This expanded twelfth edition of the bestselling guide to style is based on the Economist's own updated house style manual, and is an invaluable companion for everyone who wants to communicate with the clarity, style and precision for which the Economist is renowned. As the introduction says, 'clarity of writing usually follows clarity of thought.' The Economist Style Guide gives general advice on writing, points out common errors and clichés, offers guidance on consistent use of punctuation, abbreviations and capital letters, and contains an exhaustive range of reference material - covering everything from accountancy ratios and stock market indices to laws of nature and science. Some of the numerous useful rules and common mistakes pointed out in the guide include:
*Which informs, that defines. This is the house that Jack built. But: This house, which Jack built, is now falling down. Discreet means circumspect or prudent; discrete means separate or distinct. Remember that "Questions are never indiscreet. Answers sometimes are" (Oscar Wilde). Flaunt means display, flout means disdain. If you flout this distinction you will flaunt your ignorance Forgo means do without; forego means go before. Fortuitous means accidental, not

fortunate or well-timed. Times: Take care. Three times more than X is four times as much as X. Full stops: Use plenty. They keep sentences short. This helps the reader.

The book expresses the conviction that the art of creating tools – Greek *techne* – changes its character together with the change of civilization epochs and co-determines such changes. This does not mean that tools typical for a civilization epoch determine it completely, but they change our way of perceiving and interpreting the world. There might have been many such epochs in the history of human civilization (much more than the three waves of agricultural, industrial and information civilization). This is expressed by the title *Technen* of the book, where *n* denotes a subsequent civilization epoch. During last fifty years we observed a decomposition of the old episteme (understood as a way of creating and interpreting knowledge characteristic for a given civilization epoch) of modernism, which was an episteme typical for industrial civilization. Today, the world is differently understood by the representatives of three different cultural spheres: of strict and natural sciences; of human and social sciences (especially by their part inclined towards postmodernism) and technical sciences that have a different episteme than even that of strict and natural sciences. Thus, we observe today not two cultures, but three different episteme. The book consists of four parts. First contains basic epistemological observations, second is devoted to selected elements of recent history of information technologies, third contains more detailed epistemological and general discussions, fourth specifies conclusions. The book is written from the cognitive perspective of technical sciences, with a full awareness – and discussion – of its differences from the cognitive perspective of strict sciences or human and social sciences. The main thesis of the book is that informational revolution will probably lead to a formation of a new episteme. The book includes discussions of many issues related to such general perspective, such as what is technology proper; what is intuition from a perspective of technology and of evolutionary naturalism; what are the reasons for and how large are the delays between a fundamental invention and its broad social utilization; what is the fundamental logical error (using paradoxes that are not real, only apparent) of the tradition of sceptical philosophy; what are rational foundations and examples of emergence of order out of chaos; whether civilization development based on two positive feedbacks between science, technology and the market might lead inevitably to a self-destruction of human civilization; etc.

The role of intelligence in US government operations has changed dramatically and is now more critical than ever to domestic security and foreign policy. This authoritative and highly researched book written by Jeffrey T. Richelson provides a detailed overview of America's vast intelligence empire, from its organizations and operations to its management structure. Drawing from a multitude of sources, including hundreds of official documents, *The US Intelligence Community* allows students to understand the full scope of intelligence

organizations and activities, and gives valuable support to policymakers and military operations. The seventh edition has been fully revised to include a new chapter on the major issues confronting the intelligence community, including secrecy and leaks, domestic spying, and congressional oversight, as well as revamped chapters on signals intelligence and cyber collection, geospatial intelligence, and open sources. The inclusion of more maps, tables and photos, as well as electronic briefing books on the book's Web site, makes The US Intelligence Community an even more valuable and engaging resource for students.

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This book integrates the basic theories (GST and Parson's AGIL framework), applying them to the components of social systems, state-run and business firms. China's development experience offers a valuable case study that can provide readers deeper insights into this comparatively young discipline, and into China. Though the discipline of systems engineering and its application to hardware engineering system are well established, social systems engineering is an emerging discipline still being explored. This book may be the first English-language publication on this promising subject.

This book is based on the research papers presented during The Institute of Industrial Engineers Asian Conference 2013 held at Taipei in July 2013. It presents information on the most recent and relevant research, theories and practices in industrial and systems engineering. Key topics include: Engineering and Technology Management Engineering Economy and Cost Analysis Engineering Education and Training Facilities Planning and Management Global Manufacturing and Management Human Factors Industrial & Systems Engineering Education Information Processing and Engineering Intelligent Systems Manufacturing Systems Operations Research Production Planning and Control Project Management Quality Control and Management Reliability and Maintenance Engineering Safety, Security and Risk Management Supply Chain Management Systems Modeling and Simulation Large scale complex systems

This book presents the full scope of Design Thinking in theory and practice, bringing together prominent opinion leaders and experienced practitioners who share their insights, approaches and lessons learned. As Design Thinking is gaining popularity in the context of innovation and information management, the book elaborates the specific interpretations and meanings of the concept in different fields including engineering, management, and information technology. As such, it offers students and professionals a sourcebook revealing the power of Design Thinking, while providing academics a roadmap for further research. We propose a novel meta-approach to support collaborative multi-objective supplier selection and order allocation (SSOA) decisions by integrating multi-criteria decision analysis and linear programming (LP).

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT: COMPETITIVENESS AND GLOBALIZATION, 7th

edition provides the most accurate, relevant, and complete presentation of strategic management today. Each edition is thoroughly updated to include cutting edge research and trends that are shaping business strategy. The authors guide students through the strategic management process using a unique model that blends the classic industrial organizational model with the resource-based view of the firm to explain how firms use the strategic management process to build a sustained competitive advantage. Throughout the text carefully selected examples and highlights help put the ideas presented into context. The text's stunning four color design, illustrative models and figures also helps to focus students attention on the key points. In addition to the concepts portion, the text includes 35 compelling case studies or you can easily build your own case selections from premier providers such as Harvard, Ivey, and Darden.

A new venture or business always stands on the precarious ground of unpredictable challenges wherein it is constantly subjected to pressures from competition and the ever changing dynamics of the market. In this scenario, a venture can only be successful, if it is guided by an entrepreneur who measures situations insightfully and calculates the risks before taking a plunge.

Entrepreneurship: Creating and Leading an Entrepreneurial Organization is about creating, managing, and leading an entrepreneurial organization. The contents would help in inculcating an entrepreneurial mindset, developing entrepreneurial skills, and equipping the reader with the basic knowledge and skills for launching and managing the growth of a venture. The teaching/learning of entrepreneurship require greater focus on experiential learning. Therefore, the book extensively emphasizes on experiential learning and a hands-on approach - 'learning by doing'. Book has cited a number of examples and given cases and exercises from Indian as also global contexts to make entrepreneurship learning an enjoyable experience.

Probing Photosynthesis represents the cutting edge of research on photosynthesis and provides details of experimental approaches that have been adopted to understand it's complex regulatory and adaptive processes. Its twenty seven chapters have been divided into four sections: Evolution, structure and function; Biodiversity metabolism and regulation; Stress and adaptations; and Techniques. Written by leading subject experts from around the world, this comprehensive treatise will interest researchers and students from all disciplines of plant science and provide a useful reference for courses in plant biochemistry, crop physiology, plant biotechnology and environmental botany.

The proceedings of the 2017 Symposium on Chaos, Complexity and Leadership illuminate current research results and academic work from the fields of physics, mathematics, education, economics, as well as management and social sciences. The text explores chaotic and complex systems, as well as chaos and complexity theory in view of their applicability to management and leadership. This proceedings explores non-linearity as well as data-modelling and simulation in order to uncover new approaches and perspectives. Effort will not be spared in

bringing theory into practice while exploring leadership and management-laden concepts. This book will cover the analysis of different chaotic developments from different fields within the concepts of chaos and complexity theory. Researchers and students in the field will find answers to questions surrounding these intertwined and compelling fields.

International guidelines and standards for the design, implementation and assessment of livestock interventions to assist people affected by humanitarian crises, LEGS expands the commitment in the Sphere handbook towards supporting livelihood assets, presenting clear and practical options for supporting livestock during and following disasters.

According to the author, rather than alleviating poverty, microfinance financialises poverty. By indebting poor people in the Global South, it drives financial expansion and opens new lands of opportunity for the crisis-ridden global capital markets. This book raises fundamental concerns about this widely-celebrated tool for social development.

How can we design more sustainable industrial and urban systems that reduce environmental impacts while supporting a high quality of life for everyone? What progress has been made towards reducing resource use and waste, and what are the prospects for more resilient, material-efficient economies? What are the environmental and social impacts of global supply chains and how can they be measured and improved? Such questions are at the heart of the emerging discipline of industrial ecology, covered in *Taking Stock of Industrial Ecology*. Leading authors, researchers and practitioners review how far industrial ecology has developed and current issues and concerns, with illustrations of what the industrial ecology paradigm has achieved in public policy, corporate strategy and industrial practice. It provides an introduction for students coming to industrial ecology and for professionals who wish to understand what industrial ecology can offer, a reference for researchers and practitioners and a source of case studies for teachers.

The first book ever written on the National Security Agency from the New York Times bestselling author of *Body of Secrets* and *The Shadow Factory*. In this groundbreaking, award-winning book, James Bamford traces the NSA's origins, details its inner workings, and explores its far-flung operations. He describes the city of fifty thousand people and nearly twenty buildings that is the Fort Meade headquarters of the NSA—where there are close to a dozen underground acres of computers, where a significant part of the world's communications are monitored, and where reports from a number of super-sophisticated satellite eavesdropping systems are analyzed. He also gives a detailed account of NSA's complex network of listening posts—both in the United States and throughout much of the rest of the world. When a Soviet general picks up his car telephone to call headquarters, when a New York businessman wires his branch in London, when a Chinese trade official makes an overseas call, when the British Admiralty urgently wants to know the plans and movements of Argentina's fleet in the South Atlantic—all of these messages become NSA targets. James Bamford's illuminating book reveals how NSA's mission of Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) has made the human espionage agent almost a romantic figure of the past. Winner Best Investigative Book of the Year Award from Investigative Reporters & Editors "The Puzzle

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Palace has the feel of an artifact, the darkly revealing kind. Though published during the Reagan years, the book is coolly subversive and powerfully prescient.”—The New Yorker “Mr. Bamford has emerged with everything except the combination to the director’s safe.”—The New York Times Book Review

Written by a highly regarded expert on entrepreneurship, this bestselling textbook provides an engaging and comprehensive overview of corporate entrepreneurship. Now in its fourth edition and fully revised throughout, this accessible text is structured in four key parts that cover everything a student needs to know about the topic. After an initial consideration of what constitutes corporate entrepreneurship and innovation, the author then guides students through the four pillars of entrepreneurial architecture: culture, structure, leadership and strategy. The third section focusses on the entrepreneurial mind-set, including how to encourage creativity, business ideas and developing concepts. Finally, the book draws attention to corporate venturing, examining venture teams, intrapreneurs, market development and the role of shareholder value. It is no longer sufficient for businesses to grow simply by cutting costs and taking over competitors. To achieve true success, organisations must avoid an ageing product or service portfolio to bring new, innovative ideas to market. Corporate entrepreneurship is inherently risky and therefore requires a fresh approach to strategy. The approach Paul Burns offers will successfully overcome barriers to launching new ideas, internal challenges of managing creativity and show how to foster an entrepreneurial culture. This is the go-to textbook for all students studying Corporate Entrepreneurship, Intrapreneurship or Corporate Venturing at undergraduate, postgraduate or MBA level. The book is also essential reading for courses on Strategic Entrepreneurship and Innovation. New to this Edition: - Fully revised and updated content throughout with new four-part structure - Brand new case studies in every chapter, featuring some of the world's highest profile companies from across the globe - A greater focus on innovation, including a new chapter on this topic at the start of the book - New chapters on 'Developing a Business Model', 'Managing Change' and 'Managing Risk' - New on-page glossary with key terms highlighted in the text and defined in the margins - New Activities and Group Discussion topics at the end of each chapter

Electronic Components and Systems focuses on the principles and processes in the field of electronics and the integrated circuit. Covered in the book are basic aspects and physical fundamentals; different types of materials involved in the field; and passive and active electronic components such as capacitors, inductors, diodes, and transistors. Also covered in the book are topics such as the fabrication of semiconductors and integrated circuits; analog circuitry; digital logic technology; and microprocessors. The monograph is recommended for beginning electrical engineers who would like to know the fundamental concepts, theories, and processes in the related fields.

Frost & Sullivan's 2014 Growth, Innovation, and Leadership Book of the Year "EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS should be required reading for anyone interested in the ways exponential technologies are reinventing best practices in business." —Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering at Google In business, performance is key. In performance, how you organize can be the key to growth. In the past five years, the business world has seen the birth of a new breed of company—the Exponential Organization—that has revolutionized how a company can accelerate its growth by using technology. An ExO can eliminate the incremental, linear way traditional companies get bigger, leveraging assets like community, big data, algorithms, and new technology into achieving performance benchmarks ten times better than its peers. Three luminaries of the business world—Salim Ismail, Yuri van Geest, and Mike Malone—have researched this phenomenon and documented ten characteristics of Exponential Organizations. Here, in EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS, they walk the reader through how any company, from a startup to a multi-national, can become an ExO, streamline its

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performance, and grow to the next level. "EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS is the most pivotal book in its class. Salim examines the future of organizations and offers readers his insights on the concept of Exponential Organizations, because he himself embodies the strategy, structure, culture, processes, and systems of this new breed of company." —John Hagel, The Center for the Edge Chosen by Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, to be one of Bloomberg's Best Books of 2015

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