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Human Rights and Information Communication Technologies: Trends and Consequences of Use - Lannon, John 2012-07-31

Intergovernmental agencies, governments, and non-governmental organizations are now using Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) to collect, organize, and disseminate information on peoples' rights, the promotion of human rights, and the protection of individuals and communities at risk. Human Rights and Information Communication Technologies: Trends and Consequences of Use will provide a comprehensive examination of the use and application of information and communication technologies in the world of human rights. This will contribute significantly to understandings of the impact of ICTs on the promotion and protection of human rights in societies around the world. This book will provide a valuable tool and insight for academics from a range of fields, including information management, information systems, communications, information technology, international relations, human rights, politics, law, and sociology. It will also be useful to international non-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and governments for policy and practice.

A Concise Introduction to Pure Mathematics - Martin Liebeck 2018-09-03

Accessible to all students with a sound background in high school mathematics, *A Concise Introduction to Pure Mathematics*, Fourth Edition presents some of the most fundamental and beautiful ideas in pure mathematics. It covers not only standard material but also many interesting topics not usually encountered at this level, such as the theory of solving cubic equations; Euler's formula for the numbers of corners, edges, and faces of a solid object and the five Platonic solids; the use of prime numbers to encode and decode secret information; the theory of how to compare the sizes of two infinite sets; and the rigorous theory of limits and continuous functions. New to the Fourth Edition Two new chapters that serve as an introduction to abstract algebra via the theory of groups, covering abstract reasoning as well as many examples and applications New material on inequalities, counting methods, the inclusion-exclusion principle, and Euler's phi function Numerous new exercises, with solutions to the odd-numbered ones Through careful explanations and examples, this popular textbook illustrates the power and beauty of basic mathematical concepts in number theory, discrete mathematics, analysis, and abstract algebra. Written in a rigorous yet accessible style, it continues to provide a robust bridge between high school and higher-level mathematics, enabling students to study more advanced courses in abstract algebra and analysis.

25 Recipes for Getting Started with R - Paul Teetor 2011-02-07

R is a powerful tool for statistics and graphics, but getting started with this language can be frustrating. This short, concise book provides beginners with a selection of how-to recipes to solve simple problems with R. Each solution gives you just what you need to know to use R for basic statistics, graphics, and regression. You'll find recipes on reading data files, creating data frames, computing basic statistics, testing means and correlations, creating a scatter plot, performing simple linear regression, and many more. These solutions were selected from O'Reilly's *R Cookbook*, which contains more than 200 recipes for R that you'll find useful once you move beyond the basics.

Learning MCollective - Jo Rhet 2014-08-13

Orchestrate change across server clusters in near realtime with MCollective, the framework that works in concert with Puppet, Chef, and other configuration management tools. Ideal for system

administrators and operations or DevOps engineers at any level, this hands-on guide teaches you how to build and test a real installation of MCollective servers and clients in your environment. Learn how to build an entire installation by hand, know where every configuration file lives, and understand every configuration parameter and what it means. Whether you manage a small environment or one that's immense in scale, this book shows you how to orchestrate specific actions faster and better than you do now. Tour MCollective's architecture, backbone, transport, and security controls Configure MCollective components to match your production environment Create and use collectives to handle thousands of remote MCollective agents Use ActiveMQ Network of Brokers to resolve multi-site or redundancy requirements Learn how to use community-built client and agent plugins, with concrete examples Create your own server and client plugins to perform a variety of actions Learn recommended best practices for using MCollective

The Practice of Health Claims Examining - ICDC Publishing Inc 2006-10

Formally known as *Exercises in Health Claims Examining*, *The Practice of Health Claims Examining*, 2e, contains a simulated work program to help you experience the real life situations that a claims examiner experiences on a daily basis. This book is created for use in conjunction with ICDC Publishing's *Guide to Health Claims Examining*. Some of the exercises in the simulated work portion of the book are based upon concepts learned in the *Guide to Health Claims Examining* (i.e., procedures for processing claims, interpretation of contracts, understanding UCR and deductibles, etc.). This book alone should not be considered a complete text for learning health claims examining. It is suggested that a trainee take a complete health claims examining course prior to using this book. The simulated work portion of this text incorporates concepts which are not taught by simple data entry, for example UCR calculations, privacy guidelines, client record keeping, correspondence, and manual completion of claims processing. This text is designed to allow the student to work through the material at their own pace.

Fly Pushing - Ralph J. Greenspan 2004

A second edition of the classic handbook has become a standard in the *Drosophila* field. This edition is expanded to include topics in which classical genetic strategies have been augmented with new molecular tools. Included are such new techniques as homologous recombination, RNAi, new mapping techniques, and new mosaic marking techniques.

The Human Mosaic - Terry G. Jordan-Bychkov 2012

Peter L. Bernstein Classics Collection - Peter L. Bernstein 2012-10-04

A classic collection of titles from one of the world's greatest financial writers One of the foremost financial writers of his generation, the late Peter Bernstein had the unique ability to synthesize intellectual history and economics with the theory and practice of investment management. Now, with the Peter L. Bernstein Classics Collection e-bundle, you will be able to enjoy some of the most important and critically acclaimed books by this engaging investment writer—*Capital Ideas*, *Against the Gods*, *The Power of Gold*, and *Capital Ideas Evolving*. *Capital Ideas* and *Capital Ideas Evolving* trace the origins of modern Wall Street, from the pioneering work of early scholars and the development of new theories in risk, valuation, and investment returns, to the actual implementation of these theories in the real world of investment management *Against the Gods* skillfully explores one of the most profound issues of our time—the role of risk in

oursociety—in a non-technical and accessible style The Power of Gold tells the story of how history's mostcoveted, celebrated, and inglorious asset has inspired romanticmyths, daring explorations, and titanic struggles for money andpower Engaging and informative, Peter L. Bernstein ClassicsCollection puts the insights of one of the greatest financialwriters of our time at your fingertips.

Models in Environmental Regulatory Decision Making - National Research Council 2007-08-25

Many regulations issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are based on the results of computer models. Models help EPA explain environmental phenomena in settings where direct observations are limited or unavailable, and anticipate the effects of agency policies on the environment, human health and the economy. Given the critical role played by models, the EPA asked the National Research Council to assess scientific issues related to the agency's selection and use of models in its decisions. The book recommends a series of guidelines and principles for improving agency models and decision-making processes. The centerpiece of the book's recommended vision is a life-cycle approach to model evaluation which includes peer review, corroboration of results, and other activities. This will enhance the agency's ability to respond to requirements from a 2001 law on information quality and improve policy development and implementation.

Neuroanatomy for the Neuroscientist - Stanley Jacobson 2017-10-25

The purpose of this textbook is to enable a Neuroscientist to discuss the structure and functions of the brain at a level appropriate for students at many levels of study including undergraduate, graduate, dental or medical school level. It is truer in neurology than in any other system of medicine that a firm knowledge of basic science material, that is, the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the nervous system, enables one to readily arrive at the diagnosis of where the disease process is located and to apply their knowledge at solving problems in clinical situations. The authors have a long experience in teaching neuroscience courses at the first or second year level to medical and dental students and to residents in which clinical information and clinical problem solving are integral to the course.

Math Coloring for Minecrafters - Gameplay Publishing 2017-07-23 All of your favorite characters from the game come together for an exciting coloring adventure! Enjoy 30 pages featuring images of Steve, creeper, ghast, zombie, and much more. This entertaining and educational coloring book encourages kids to practice math concepts like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in a fun and engaging way. To reveal the picture on each page, solve the math problem in each square and color the square using the color key at the bottom of the page. Exercises with two different difficulty levels are provided: Basic for 1st and 2nd Grades and Advanced for 3rd and 4th Grades. Each bright and colorful picture can be cut out and proudly displayed. This coloring book is an ideal learning aid that youngsters will love using at home or in the classroom. It is sure to engage little ones for hours! NOT AN OFFICIAL MINECRAFT PRODUCT. NOT APPROVED BY OR ASSOCIATED WITH MOJANG.

Thrive, Don't Simply Survive - Karol Ladd 2009-03-03

Life is unpredictable and often doesn't turn out as we'd planned. The things that matter most to us -- marriages, children, careers, families, and friends -- sometimes fall apart and leave us only with deflated dreams. Whether you're struggling with the big issues of life or simply overwhelmed by the demands of every single day, Karol Ladd's powerful biblical principles will give you the help you need. In this book, you will discover how to redefine your unexpected life, and you'll learn concrete skills that will help you move past simply surviving and into a thriving life that is lived passionately and with joy. New purpose and hope await you just beyond the cover of this book.

Financial Accounting, with Annual Report - Jerry J. Weygandt 2005 Administer your course eGrade Plus can easily be integrated with another course management system, gradebook, or other resources you are using in your class. Provide students with problems-Solving support eGrade Plus can link homework problems to the relevant section of the online text, providing context-sensitive help.

Treffpunkt Deutsch - E. Rosemarie Widmaier 2008-06-10

The Gate to Women's Country - Sheri S. Tepper 2009-10-21

"Lively, thought-provoking . . . the plot is ingenious, packing a wallop of a surprise . . . Tepper knows how to write a well-made, on-moving story with strong characters. . . . She takes the mental risks that are the lifeblood of science fiction and all imaginative narrative."—Ursula K. LeGuin, Los Angeles Times Since the flames died three hundred years ago, human civilization has evolved into a dual society: Women's Country, where walled towns enclose what's left of past civilization, nurtured by women and a few nonviolent men; and the adjacent garrisons where warrior men live—the lost brothers, sons, and lovers of those in Women's Country. Two societies. Two competing dreams. Two ways of life, kept apart by walls stronger than stone. And yet there is a gate between them. . . . "Tepper not only keeps us reading . . . she provokes a new look at the old issues."—The Washington Post "Tepper's cast of both ordinary and extraordinary people play out a powerful drama whose significance goes beyond sex to deal with the toughest problem of all, the challenge of surmounting humanity's most dangerous flaws so we can survive—despite ourselves."—Locus

Routledge Handbook of Heritage in Asia - Patrick Daly 2012-03-29

This Handbook is the first major volume to examine the conservation of Asia's culture and nature in relation to the wider social, political and economic forces shaping the region today. Throughout Asia rapid economic and social change means the region's heritage is at once under threat and undergoing a revival as never before. As societies look forward, competing forces ensure they re-visit the past and the inherited, with the conservation of nature and culture now driven by the broader agendas of identity politics, tradition, revival, rapid development, environmentalism and sustainability. In response to these new and important trends, the twenty three accessible chapters here go beyond sector specific analyses to examine heritage in inter-disciplinary and critically engaged terms, encompassing the natural and the cultural, the tangible and intangible. Emerging environmentalisms, urban planning, identity politics, conflict memorialization, tourism and biodiversity are among the topics covered here. This path-breaking volume will be of particular interest to students and scholars working in the fields of heritage, tourism, archaeology, Asian studies, geography, anthropology, development, sociology, and cultural and postcolonial studies.

The Little, Brown Handbook - Henry Ramsey Fowler 1995

Foundations of Structural Geology - R. Graham Park 1989

This highly-regarded introductory textbook has been used by many generations of students worldwide. It is specifically tailored to the requirements of first or second year geology undergraduates.

The Advanced Course in Personal Magnetism - Theron Q. Dumont 2005-11-01

An attractive manner is assured if we will avoid the following: Sarcasm, impertinence, ridicule, hot temper, profanity, roughness, brutality, vulgarity, a loud voice, and grouchiness.-from Chapter III, "The Development of Your Magnetic Power" The New Thought movement of the turn of the twentieth century combined Christian spirituality with the paranormal in order to give practical expression to the forces of the universe. Or so its proponents believed. One of the most influential thinkers of this early "New Age" philosophy promises here, in this 1914 book, to share "in a condensed, non-mystical style all I have been able to learn of this wonderful power" of personal magnetism. Mysteries revealed include: .the secrets of being naturally magnetic.the development of your magnetic power.how to use your personality to win the affection of the opposite sex.how to cultivate success.how to protect yourself against injurious thought attraction.how to make yourself a great power in the world.a formula for creating happinessToday's hunger for self-help, personal empowerment, and pop spirituality has its origins in a craving for self-improvement that's a century old, as this captivating little book demonstrates.Also available from Cosimo Classics: The Art and Science of Personal Magnetism: The Secrets of Mental Fascination, by Theron Q. Dumont.American writer WILLIAM WALKER ATKINSON (1862-1932)-aka Theron Q. Dumont-was born in Baltimore and had

built up a successful law practice in Pennsylvania before professional burnout led him to the religious New Thought movement. He served as editor of the popular magazine *New Thought* from 1901 to 1905, and as editor of the journal *Advanced Thought* from 1916 to 1919.

Principles of Auditing & Other Assurance Services - Ray Whittington 2021

"The 22nd edition of *Principles of Auditing & Other Assurance Services* provides a care-fully balanced presentation of auditing theory and practice. Written in a clear and understandable manner, it is particularly appropriate for students who have had limited or no audit experience. The approach is to integrate auditing material with that of previous accounting financial, managerial, and systems courses"--

Interventions, Controls, and Applications in Occupational Ergonomics - William S. Marras 2006-02-02

Completely revised and updated, taking the scientific rigor to a whole new level, the second edition of the *Occupational Ergonomics Handbook* is now available in two volumes. This new organization demonstrates the enormous amount of advances that have occurred in the field since the publication of the first edition. The editors have brought together

Mental Therapeutics; Or, Just how to Heal Oneself and Others - Theron Q. Dumont 1916

This influential 1916 pseudonymous work on the power of self-healing, combines scientific knowledge regarding the prevention and cure of physical ills, with "New Thought" belief in the power of the human mind. The text also includes a series of breathing and mental exercises that link the thinking mind with the "abdominal brain," to help master emotions and improve physical well being.

Transfontanellar Doppler Imaging in Neonates - A. Couture 2012-12-06

This book examines in detail the role of transfontanellar pulsed and color Doppler imaging in the fetus and neonate. After an introductory chapter its use in the normal neonate is considered. Results of the hemodynamic evaluation of 491 newborns aged from 32 weeks of gestation to 9 months by means of pulsed and color Doppler are reported. Normal values of the resistive index as determined by this technique are documented, and systolic, diastolic, and mean velocities in seven different vessels are presented. It is concluded that Doppler ultrasonography enables reliable analysis of arterial and venous velocities. Subsequent chapters examine the use of transfontanellar Doppler imaging in a variety of commonly encountered pathological conditions.

Top 10 Madeira - DK Travel 2015-08-03

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Top 10 Madeira will lead you straight to the very best Madeira has to offer. Whether you're looking for things not to miss at the Top 10 sights or want to find the top place to eat, this guide is the perfect companion, taking the best of the printed guidebook and adding new eBook-only features. Rely on dozens of Top 10 lists--from the Top 10 museums to the Top 10 events and festivals. There's even a list of the Top 10 ways to avoid the crowds. The guide is divided by area, each with its own photo gallery and clear maps pinpointing the top sights. You also can view each location in Google Maps if reading on an Internet-enabled device. Plan each day with our itineraries and see the sights in individual areas. You'll find the insider knowledge you need to explore every corner with DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Top 10 Madeira, now with a sleek new eBook design.

Stitch 'n Bitch - Debbie Stoller 2012-11-01

Knitting is hot, with 4 million newcomers in the last few years joining a core group of 38,000,000 knitters nationwide. And these are primarily young, creative, connected chicks with sticks who are coming together in living rooms, knitting cafes, and chic yarn stores, and making everything from funky hats to bikinis. In *Stitch 'n Bitch*, Debbie Stoller-founder of the first *Stitch 'n Bitch* knitting group in New York City-covers every aspect of knitting and the knitting-together lifestyle: the how-to, the when-to, the what-to, the why-to. Writing with wit and attitude (*The Knitty-Gritty*, *Blocking for Blockheads*), she explains the different types of needles and yarns (and sheep, too) and all the techniques from basic to fancy, knit to purl to cast-off. She also shares her special brand of corrective surgery for when things go wrong, and offers fun and informative sidebars on such topics as how to find the best yarn for less, how to make a buttonhole, knitting etiquette,

and what tools to keep in your knitting bag. At the heart of the book are forty stylish patterns: Alien Scarf, Big Bad Baby Blanky, Mohair Hoodie, Kitty and Devil Hat, Cell Phone Cozy, and Wonder Woman Bikini. And for anyone interested: how to start a *Stitch 'n Bitch* group.

Bodies We've Buried - Jarrett Hallcox 2007-05-01

Two National Forensic Science Institute administrators invite readers into what the *Washington Post* calls "the Harvard of hellish violence"-the only hands-on CSI school of its kind where students are trained in burial recovery with actual human remains. With exclusive access to a world normally off-limits to the public, this is the first book to go behind the scenes of the ten-week course that discloses the uncensored realities of burial exhumations and the fascinating art of forensic investigation.

The Art and Science of Personal Magnetism - Theron Q. Dumont 2010-01-01

The New Thought movement of the turn of the twentieth century combined Christian spirituality with paranormal power in an effort to give practical expression to the forces of the universe. Or so its proponents believed. One of the most influential thinkers of this early New Age philosophy promises here, in this 1913 book, to show the reader how to develop your personality and how to develop a dominating influence through such exercises as: Projecting Nerve Force Mental Radiation The Positive Aura The Magnetic Duel Magnetic Self-Defence The Power of Controlling Others The roots of today's groundswell for self-help, personal empowerment, and pop spirituality can be explored in this one small, highly entertaining book. Also available from Cosimo Classics: *The Advanced Course in Personal Magnetism*, by Theron Q. Dumont. THERON Q. DUMONT is an alias and pen name of American writer WILLIAM WALKER ATKINSON (1862-1932), editor of the popular magazine *New Thought* from 1901 to 1905, and editor of the journal *Advanced Thought* from 1916 to 1919. He authored dozens of *New Thought* books under numerous pseudonyms, including *Yogi*, some of which are likely still unknown today.

PowerPivot Alchemy - Bill Jelen 2014-06-01

PowerPivot is an amazing new add-in for Excel 2013 that allows business intelligence pros to process large amounts data. Although it is simple to use in a demo environment, analysts are likely to run into real-life scenarios that are difficult to solve. This guide, dedicated solely to the PowerPivot tool, provides techniques and solutions to real-world problems, including showing the Top N customers by using slicer filters, comparing budget to actuals, drilling across data instead of through data, and joining data from two different sources in a single analysis.

Fundamentals of Design and Manufacturing - G. K. Lal 2005

A systematic approach towards integration of design and manufacturing is essential for optimizing all elements of the integrated manufacturing system. This book is an attempt towards this approach and is intended to provide an introduction to the design process, the manufacturing processes and the tools for integration to young engineering students. Fundamental information on materials, manufacturing processes and integrated manufacturing are provided which will help the designer in the selection of most appropriate materials, processes and methods to transform his ideas into a successful product.

Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue - Scott Pub. Co 1995-11-01

When collectors at every level of interest want to identify, value or organize their stamp holdings, they look to Scott's catalogues for the information they need. The *Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue* allows collectors to trace the rich and varied history of the United States through postage stamps in the only catalogue devoted entirely to U.S. issues.

Banking Laws of the State of Maine, 1907 - Maine 1907

Literacy Myths, Legacies, & Lessons - Harvey J. Graff 2012-11-01

In his latest writings on the history of literacy and its importance for present understanding and future rethinking, historian Harvey J. Graff continues his critical revisions of many common ideas about literacy among scholars and others. The eight wide-ranging and diverse essays speak to each other's central concerns about the place of literacy in modern and late-modern culture and society, and its complicated historical foundations. The

introduction for *Literacy Myths, Legacies, & Lessons* sets the stage for connections between the principal concerns of this book. Drawing on other aspects of his research, Graff places the chapters that follow in the context of current thinking and major concerns about literacy, and the development of both historical and interdisciplinary studies. Special emphasis falls upon the usefulness of "the literacy myth" as an important concept and subject for interdisciplinary study and understanding. Critical stock-taking of the field includes reflections on Graff's own research and writing of the last three decades and the relationships that connect interdisciplinary rethinking and the literacy myth. The collection is noteworthy for its attention to Graff's reflections on his identification of "the literacy myth" and in developing the LiteracyStudies@OSU initiative as a model for university-wide interdisciplinary programs. The essays also deal with ordinary fears about literacy, or illiteracy, that are shared by academics and concerned citizens. The nontechnical essays will speak to both academic and nonacademic audiences across disciplines and cultural orientations. --Book Jacket.

Aramaic (Assyrian/Syriac) Dictionary & Phrasebook - Nicholas Awde 2007

Aramaic is now recognised throughout the world as the language spoken by Christ and the Apostles. Contrary to popular belief, however, it is very much a 'living' language spoken today by the Assyrian peoples in Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey. It is also heard in Assyrian emigre communities of the US, Europe and Australia. Modern Aramaic or Assyrian is made up of a number of dialects. The two major ones are Swadaya (Eastern) and Turoyo (Western). This unique dictionary and phrasebook incorporates both dialects in a way that illustrates the differences and gives the reader a complete understanding of both. The dialects are presented in an easy-to-read romanised form that will help the reader to be understood.

Principles of Economics - Moore McDowell 2012

Focuses on seven core principles of economics, which help students to make the link between economic theory and practice. This book includes exercises, problems and examples, that help students to employ economics principles to understand and explain the world around them.

Black & Decker Advanced Home Wiring - Editors Of Creative Publishing 2012-06-15

Current with Codes through 2014 A carefully selected group of home wiring projects that goes beyond the basics of adding a receptacle or rewiring a lamp. With the information in this book you can take your skill in working with electrical systems to a new level. Projects include: adding a stand-alone, direct-current circuit powered by the sun; installing an automatic standby power system; replacing a main service panel; grounding and bonding your electrical system; installing a radiant flooring system; and working with 240-volt and three-phase power.

Hugger Muggger - Robert B. Parker 2001-06-01

"It's easy to see why Parker's snappy banter and cynical eye have kept fans turning pages for 25 years . . . his wisecracks, combined with Parker's shorthand flair for scathing characterization, make for a satisfying read," said Entertainment Weekly of last year's *Hush Money*. Now Parker presents Spenser with a deceptively dangerous and multi-layered case: Someone has been killing racehorses at stables across the south, and the Boston P.I. travels to Georgia to protect the two-year-old destined to become the next Secretariat. When Spenser is approached by Walter Clive, president of Three Fillies Stables, to find out who is threatening his horse Hugger Muggger, he can hardly say no: He's been doing pro bono work for so long his cupboards are just about bare. Disregarding the resentment of the local Georgia law enforcement, Spenser takes the case. Though Clive has hired a separate security firm, he wants someone with Spenser's experience to

supervise the operation. Despite a veneer of civility, Spenser encounters tensions beneath the surface southern gentility. The case takes an even more deadly turn when the attacker claims a human victim, and Spenser must revise his impressions of the whole Three Fillies organization--and watch his own back as well. With razor-sharp dialogue, eloquently spare prose, and some of the best supporting characters to grace the printed page, *Hugger Muggger* is grand entertainment.

Small Brick Houses of the Twenties - Ralph P. Stoddard 2012-12-04

Once affordable only among the wealthy, brick homes became more easily available to the average American in the early years of the twentieth century. This book, originally published in 1920 by a member of The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association, served as a practical guide for prospective homeowners from working class families. Many soon found that attractive, durable, and comfortable homes--made from nature's own building material--were easily within their financial reach. Thirty-five sets of floor plans, elevations, and specifications in this excellent reproduction of that now-rare volume depict a wide variety of brick houses, bungalows, cottages, garages, and multi-dwelling buildings--from the four-bedroom Pocatello to the handsome Saratoga, featuring a wraparound porch and two bathrooms. This practical guide will appeal to anyone wanting to buy or renovate an existing home of the period. It will also serve as a how-to manual for all desiring to build their own homes today with authentic materials and techniques. For those who love fine, old buildings, *Small Brick Houses of the Twenties* offers a charming view of American homes from that era.

A Brilliant Solution - Carol Berkin 2002

Revisiting all the original documents and using her deep knowledge of eighteenth-century history and politics, Carol Berkin takes a fresh look at the men who framed the Constitution, the issues they faced, and the times they lived in. Berkin transports the reader into the hearts and minds of the founders, exposing their fears and their limited expectations of success.

[Export and Import Price Index Manual: Theory and Practice](#) - OECD 2010-04-06

A joint production by six international organizations, this manual explores the conceptual and theoretical issues that national statistical offices should consider in the daily compilation of export and import price indices. Intended for use by both ...

Oversold and Underused - Larry CUBAN 2009-06-30

Impelled by a demand for increasing American strength in the new global economy, many educators, public officials, business leaders, and parents argue that school computers and Internet access will improve academic learning and prepare students for an information-based workplace. But just how valid is this argument? In *Oversold and Underused*, one of the most respected voices in American education argues that when teachers are not given a say in how the technology might reshape schools, computers are merely souped-up typewriters and classrooms continue to run much as they did a generation ago. In his studies of early childhood, high school, and university classrooms in Silicon Valley, Larry Cuban found that students and teachers use the new technologies far less in the classroom than they do at home, and that teachers who use computers for instruction do so infrequently and unimaginatively. Cuban points out that historical and organizational economic contexts influence how teachers use technical innovations. Computers can be useful when teachers sufficiently understand the technology themselves, believe it will enhance learning, and have the power to shape their own curricula. But these conditions can't be met without a broader and deeper commitment to public education beyond preparing workers. More attention, Cuban says, needs to be paid to the civic and social goals of schooling, goals that make the question of how many computers are in classrooms trivial.