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Globalization and Technology Absorption in Europe and Central Asia - 2008

Innovation and cross-border absorption of knowledge are central forces behind economic convergence and sustained growth. Absorption of technology is a necessary step to promote the development of human capital and the productive base, paving the way for innovations at the global knowledge frontier. Research and development, patents, trade, and foreign direct investment are major channels of technological absorption, allowing diffusion of new ideas and manufacturing best practices among countries and firms. These channels constitute the central focus of this study. This study uses patent databases, surveys of enterprises, and case studies to investigate how specific channels of absorption molds decision making about technology. Trade and FDI flows show considerable promise as catalysts for the region to upgrade its technology and near the global technology frontier. Econometric analysis using enterprise surveys from all Europe and Central Asia countries helps to understand the conditions and policies that induce firms to incorporate external knowledge and technology into their overall growth strategies.

Human Rights in Africa - Abdullahi Ahmed An-naim 2010-12-01

This powerful volume challenges the conventional view that the concept of human rights is peculiar to the West and, therefore, inherently alien to the non-Western traditions of third world countries. This book demonstrates that there is a contextual legitimacy for the concept of human rights. Virginia A. Leary and Jack Donnelly discuss the Western cultural origins of international human rights; David Little, Bassam Tibi, and Ann Elizabeth Mayer explore Christian and Islamic perspectives on human rights; Rhoda E. Howard, Claude E. Welch, Jr., and James C. N. Paul examine human rights in the context of the African nation-state; Kwasi Wiredu, James Silk, and Francis M. Deng offer African cultural perspectives; and Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im and Richard D. Schwartz discuss prospects for a cross-cultural approach to human rights.

Handbook of Research on Building Information Modeling and Construction Informatics: Concepts and Technologies - Underwood, Jason 2009-12-31

In recent years, building information modeling has become a very active research area of construction informatics with investigation of ICT use within construction industry processes and organizations. The Handbook of Research on Building Information Modeling and Construction Informatics: Concepts and Technologies addresses the problems related to information integration and interoperability throughout the lifecycle of a building, from feasibility and conceptual design through to demolition and recycling stages. Containing research from leading international experts, this Handbook of Research provides comprehensive coverage and definitions of the most important issues, concepts, trends, and technologies within the field.

Conflict-sensitive Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa - Salomé Bronkhorst 2014

Winning Strategies in a Deconstructing World - Rudi K. F. Bresser 2000-12-19

The end of the nineteenth century saw the construction of the vertically integrated value chains that came to define modern business. The end of the twentieth century witnessed their deconstruction. In industries across the economy, markets are intruding on the web of proprietary arrangements that have held these chains together. As they do, the boundaries defining business, companies and industries are coming under attack - radically transforming the nature of competition. Powerful forces, such as globalization and deregulation, are undermining the logic and practice of traditional vertical integration, but the most powerful - partly because it acts as catalyst and an accelerator - is a revolution in the economics of information. This shift in information economics is

giving birth to a myriad of new strategic options The consequences of deconstruction for the strategic management of the firm - as well as for the firm itself - are dramatic. Deconstruction forces a fundamental rethinking of some of the basic principles of strategy which will impact on the concepts of the portfolio, forms of organizational structure, styles of leadership, mechanisms for acquiring and managing knowledge and approaches to uncertainty and risk. This, the latest volume in the Strategic Management Series, explores the implications of the value chain deconstruction for strategy, the changes in strategic thinking and the action necessary to cope with the challenges and opportunities. Bringing together contributions from key figures in the field of strategy in both practice and academia, this book, as with other books in the series, addresses the ideas and issues at the forefront of strategic management theory and practice.

Catalogue of Hindustani Printed Books in the Library of the British Museum - James Fuller Blumhardt 1889

Essentials of Pharmacoeconomics - Karen Rascati 2013-11-14

"This new text is designed for a student or practitioner who is unfamiliar with "pharmacoeconomics." It provides a straightforward explanation of the essential pharmacoeconomics topics outlined by The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). It defines terminology used in research and covers the application of economic-based evaluation methods for pharmaceutical products and services. Users will find examples of how pharmacoeconomic evaluations relate to decisions that affect patient care and health-related quality of life"--Provided by publisher.

Color Atlas of Pharmacology - Heinz Lüllmann 2000

Innovative Research in the Food Packaging to Improve Food Quality and Shelf Life - Valeria Rizzo 2021-12-21

Food packaging and shelf life have been the subject of remarkable research in recent years. They are so important because only by understanding a good storage system is it possible to avoid any food waste. Moreover, the best packaging has to prolong the food quality while also reducing the packaging volume or better, become itself biodegradable, and guarantee the nutritional characteristics of food products. In particular, the increasing interest in reducing packaging wastes is becoming a rising problem, just considering that food packaging alone contributes to a huge portion of total packaging wastes in the world. On the other side, consumers judge the food quality based on appearance and freshness, but also using their awareness of the environmental implications of packaging. Nowadays, many technologies can be applied to improve food quality and shelf life, such the application of edible films or coatings, from biodegradable materials or biopolymers, trying to reduce the package barrier requirements, incorporating natural bioactive compounds and lengthening shelf life making then packaging easily compostable.

Let There Be Light - Ann Breslin 2013-01-25

This book is the first of its kind devoted to the key role played by light and electromagnetic radiation in the universe. Readers are introduced to philosophical hypotheses such as the economy, symmetry and the universality of natural laws, and are then guided to practical consequences such as the rules of geometrical optics and even Einstein's well-known but mysterious relationship, $E = mc^2$. Most chapters feature a pen picture of the life and character of a relevant scientific figure. These 'Historical Interludes' include, among others, Galileo's conflicts with the Inquisition, Fourier's taunting of the guillotine, Neils Bohr and World War II, and the unique character of Richard Feynman. The second edition has been revised and made more accessible to the general reader. Whenever possible, the mathematical material of the first edition has been replaced by appropriate text to give a verbal account of the

mystery of the phenomenon of light and how its understanding has developed from pre-historic to present times. The emphasis is on reading for interest and enjoyment; formulae or equations which underpin and reinforce the argument are presented in a form which does not interfere with the flow of the text. The book will be of interest to students and teachers, as well as general readers interested in physics.

Contents: Introducing Light
Light as a Ray: Reflection
Light as a Ray: Refraction
Light from Afar — Astronomy
Light from the Past — Astrophysics
Introducing Waves
Sound Waves
Light as a Wave
Making Images
There was Electricity, There was Magnetism, and Then There was Light ... 'Atoms of Light' — The Birth of Quantum Theory
The Development of Quantum Mechanics
Atoms of Light Acting as Particles
Atoms of Light Behaving as Waves
Relativity — Part 1: How It Began
Relativity — Part 2: Verifiable Predictions
The Road to 'Heavy Light'
Readership: Science students at undergraduate university level, lecturers of undergraduate and pre-university courses, graduates in physics and related sciences, and general readers.

Keywords: Light; Waves; Quanta; Electromagnetism; Relativity; Photons; Elementary

Particles; Interference; Diffraction; Astrophysics; Einstein; Maxwell; Feynman; Nobel Prize
Key Features: Fascinating and illuminating description of the concepts and phenomena of light
Numerous diagrams, photos, cartoons
Written in a jargon-free, conversational style
Reviews: "The book has a pleasant and light narrative flow, with excellent illustrations, photos, and occasional well-chosen 'historical interludes'. Topics are, nevertheless, treated with a good degree of rigour ... This may be the book that affords the struggling student a glimpse of the beauty that makes the serious study of physics so worthwhile." (see full review)
Professor Frank Imbusch National University of Ireland "Compared to the first edition, the mathematics demands have been reduced, and the last chapter has been expanded to include the potential detection of the Higgs boson in 2012. Historical interludes continue to be distinct from the main development, and the illustrations provide charming entertainment. The revisions make the main text, already instructive and well developed, more accessible and engaging to general audiences." CHOICE

BIM for Facility Managers - IFMA 2013-04-03

A practical look at extending the value of Building Information Modeling (BIM) into facility management—from the world's largest international association for professional facility managers
Building owners and facility managers are discovering that Building Information Modeling (BIM) models of buildings are deep reservoirs of information that can provide valuable spatial and mechanical details on every aspect of a property. When used appropriately, this data can improve performance and save time, effort, and money in running and maintaining the building during its life cycle. It can also provide information for future modifications. For instance, a BIM could reveal everything from the manufacturer of a light fixture to its energy usage to maintenance instructions. BIM for Facility Managers explains how BIM can be linked to facility management (FM) systems to achieve very significant life-cycle advantages. It presents guidelines for using BIM in FM that have been developed by public and private owners such as the GSA. There is an extensive discussion of the legal and contractual issues involved in BIM/FM integration. It describes how COBie can be used to name, capture, and communicate FM-related data to downstream systems. There is also extensive discussion of commercial software tools that can be used to facilitate this integration. This book features six in-depth case studies that illustrate how BIM has been successfully integrated with facility management in real-life projects at: Texas A&M Health Science Center USC School of Cinematic Arts MathWork's new campus Xavier University State of Wisconsin Facilities University of Chicago Library renovation
BIM for Facility Managers is an indispensable resource for facility managers, building owners, and developers alike.

Building Information Modeling - Dana K. Smith 2012-04-23

The optimal approach to design, build, operate, and maintain buildings
With this strategic guide to building information modeling (BIM), you'll learn how to implement this new technology as part of a comprehensive systems approach to the design, construction, management, operation, maintenance, and use of buildings. The authors, among the leading experts and pioneers in BIM, show you how BIM supports more streamlined, integrated, and efficient business processes throughout the lifecycle of buildings, from their initial conception through their eventual retirement or reuse. The result is better quality buildings, lower construction and operating costs, shorter project turnaround times, and a higher quality of building information to support better business

decisions. Moreover, they set forth a plan for incorporating BIM into every organization's existing workflows, enabling you to take full advantage of all the benefits that BIM offers. Everything you need to implement a BIM approach is set forth in detail, including: The business case for BIM, demonstrating how it can improve collaboration, facilitate better design and construction, optimize workflow, and help reduce risk
Guidance for meeting the challenges of BIM such as an entrenched business culture, the proliferation of BIM tools, and the uneven rates of BIM adoption
The "big picture" view showing how your organization can work with business partners and fit into the building life cycle in a BIM-enabled industry
Throughout the book, sample documents and figures help you better understand the principles of BIM and how it works in practice. In addition, first-hand accounts show you exactly how adopters of BIM have gained a competitive edge. Architects, engineers, constructors, building owners, and facility managers can turn to this book to realize the full potential of BIM and radically improve the way buildings are designed, built, operated, and maintained.

Strategy in Transition - Richard A. Bettis 2009-02-04

The bursting of the 'dotcom bubble' and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have brought into question received wisdom about strategy. This volume reviews the lessons to be learnt from these events, and proposes that, as a result, strategy in the twenty-first century will have to develop along new lines. Comprising a series of outstanding contributions by experts in the field, the collection focuses on changes that are occurring in how strategy is viewed, formulated and analysed, and looks forward to the future of strategic management. It discusses the emergence of new modes of thinking, new models, and new processes, and lays foundations on which strategy can build in future.

Islamic Entrepreneurship - Rasem N. Kayed 2013-12-16

This book discusses the idea that there is a specific Islamic form of entrepreneurship. Based on extensive original research amongst small and medium sized enterprises in Saudi Arabia, it shows how businesses are started and how they grow in the context of an Islamic economy and society. It argues that as specific Islamic approaches to a wide range of economic activities are being formulated and implemented, there is indeed a particular Islamic approach to entrepreneurship. Examining the relationship between Islamic values and entrepreneurial activity, the book considers whether such values can be more effectively used in order to raise the profile of Islamic entrepreneurship, and also to promote alternatives to development in the contemporary business environment. The book analyses the nature of entrepreneurship, and the special qualities of Islamic entrepreneurship, and discusses how the Islamic approach to entrepreneurship can be encouraged and developed further still

Pearl River Mansion - Richard Schwartz 2020-07-07

Islamic Civilization in the Malay World - Mohd. Taib Osman 1997

With Knowledge We Serve - 2012

Research activities at Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The Entrepreneur Banker - Paddy Bowie 2014

Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa - Lissi Rasmussen 1993-12-31

The author examines the establishment of both religions in the two countries, their relations with the colonial powers, the effect of religion on national independence movements, and the effect of religious questions on ethnicity in mixed communities, setting these issues against the background of the rise of Islamic revivalism and the connections between northern Nigeria and Middle Eastern Islamic states.

Managing and Leveraging Events - Nico Schulenkorf 2021-11-11

This book explores and advances the latest concepts and developments in event management theory and practice. Drawing on the ever-growing event management literature – and supported by theories and concepts from parent disciplines – the book examines challenges and opportunities related to maximising business and social benefits for those working in different event management positions in a variety of contexts. Written by an international team of five management scholars, the book investigates event management and leverage from various angles, including international business, event business studies, sport management, community development, and business strategy. It does so by offering a combination of theoretical approaches as well as contemporary cases from around the world. This book will be of interest to undergraduate and postgraduate students of event management, as well as scholars researching in social and business-related areas of event management and leverage.

The Shi'a of India - John Norman Hollister 1979

ABC of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract - Robert Logan 2002-03-22

This new ABC concentrating on major upper Gastrointestinal disorders reflects the latest advances in understanding of the pathophysiology and pathogenesis of upper GI diseases most of which now have precise diagnostic methods and relational and effective medical and surgical managements.

Strategic Information Management - Robert D. Galliers 2013-06-17

'Strategic Information Management' has been completely up-dated to reflect the rapid changes in IT and the business environment since the publication of the second edition. Half of the readings in the book have been replaced to address current issues and the latest thinking in Information Management. It goes without saying that Information technology has had a major impact on individuals, organizations and society over the past 50 years or so. There are few organizations that can afford to ignore IT and few individuals who would prefer to be without it. As managerial tasks become more complex, so the nature of the required information systems (IS) changes - from structured, routine support to ad hoc, unstructured, complex enquiries at the highest levels of management. As with the first and second editions, this third edition of 'Strategic Information Management: Challenges and strategies in managing information systems' aims to present the many complex and inter-related issues associated with the management of information systems. The book provides a rich source of material reflecting recent thinking on the key issues facing executives in information systems management. It draws from a wide range of contemporary articles written by leading experts from North America and Europe. 'Strategic Information Management' is designed as a course text for MBA, Master's level students and senior undergraduate students taking courses in information management. It provides a wealth of information and references for researchers in addition.

Lean Design Management - Stephen Emmitt 2015-02

This volume brings together authors from four continents to argue that lean thinking should be integral to design management in the fields of architecture, engineering and construction (AEC). It was published as a special issue of Architectural Engineering and Design Management.

Human Capital Development in South Asia - Asian Development Bank 2017-12-01

Human capital is an important factor for economic growth in South Asia. Between 1981 and 2010, human capital contributed about 22% of annual gross domestic product per worker growth in India. During the same period, it contributed around 21% in Bangladesh, and 16% in Sri Lanka. However, education and skills remain the binding constraint. Raising the quality of education and skills in South Asia's workforce can play a critical role in catching up to the level of development of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and other successful Southeast Asian economies. This study reviews the development of human capital in South Asia and analyzes contributing factors to human development including policies and strategies that countries in South Asia follow.

Organisational Behaviour - Stephen P. Robbins 2008

'Organizational Behavior' contains material on responding to global and cultural diversity with discussions of globalization, workforce diversity and ethics. There is an additional chapter on leadership and expanded coverage of interpersonal and behavioral skills.

InCIEC 2014 - Rohana Hassan 2015-05-11

The special focus of this proceedings is to cover the areas of infrastructure engineering and sustainability management. The state-of-the-art information in infrastructure and sustainable issues in engineering covers earthquake, bioremediation, synergistic management, timber engineering, flood management and intelligent transport systems. It provides precise information with regards to innovative research development in construction materials and structures in addition to a compilation of interdisciplinary finding combining nano-materials and engineering.

Boron and Gadolinium Neutron Capture Therapy for Cancer Treatment - Narayan S. Hosmane 2012

The book focuses on two concurrent experimental therapies in cancer treatment known as boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT) and gadolinium neutron capture therapy (GdNCT) using a variety of boron- and gadolinium-based compounds. Some of the gadolinium compounds serve the dual purpose as being MRI contrast agents and GdNCT agents. The book describes why BNCT & GdNCT were not at the forefront of the clinical trials during the past seven to eight decades since the discovery of neutrons by John Chadwick in 1932 and how the latest development in

the synthesis of target boron- and gadolinium-based drugs has turned the area into the hottest one worthy of further investigation with the new clinical trials in the USA and elsewhere.

The Tragedy of Karbala - Asrār Aḥmad 2003

Soft Computing in Data Science - Bee Wah Yap 2018-12-10

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Soft Computing in Data Science, SCDS 2018, held in Bangkok, Thailand, in August 2018. The 30 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 75 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on machine and deep learning, image processing, financial and fuzzy mathematics, optimization algorithms, data and text analytics, data visualization.

British Standard Methods of Test for Soils for Civil Engineering Purposes - British Standards Institute Staff 1990

Soil testing, Soils, Construction, Field testing, Density measurement, Testing conditions, Test equipment, Calibration, Soil-testing equipment, Moisture measurement, Radiation measurement, Penetration tests, Soil strength tests, Soil bearing capacity, Vane test, Shear testing, Mechanical testing, Electrical resistivity, Electrical testing

History of Islam - Akbar Shah Najibabadi 2000-04

Public Medical Insurance Reforms in China - Xinxin Ma 2021-12-11

This book investigates public medical insurance reform in China and studies its effects from both institutional and empirical study perspectives. It provides the reader with academic evidence for understanding the transformation of public medical insurance and its effect on the utilization of healthcare services, expenditure for medical care, individuals' financial portfolio allocation, and well-being. The main content of the book comprises two parts. First, institutional transformations of public medical insurance are considered: medical insurance reform in rural and urban China, and problems of medical insurance reform in the country. Second, it looks at the impact of public medical insurance reforms in China: evidence-based on empirical studies, including determinants of participation in medical insurance, the New Rural Cooperative Medical Scheme and its effects on the utilization of healthcare services, medical insurance and its effects on out-of-pocket expenditure, risky financial market participation, and well-being in China. This study provides academic evidence about these issues based on economic theories and econometric methods using many kinds of nationwide Chinese representative survey data. The book is highly recommended to readers who are interested in up-to-date and in-depth empirical studies on the mechanisms of participation in medical insurance and the impact of public medical insurance reforms on individuals and household behaviors in China. This volume will be of interest to those who are interested in the Chinese economy, social security policymakers, and scholars with an econometric analysis background.

Food Quality and Shelf Life - Charis M. Galanakis 2019-06-25

Food Quality and Shelf Life covers all aspects and challenges of food preservation, packaging and shelf-life. It provides information on the most important pillars in the field, starting with active and smart packaging materials, novel technologies, and control tools in all stages between production and consumer. The book gives emphasis to methodological approaches for sensory shelf-life estimation and the impact of packaging on sensorial properties. Researchers and professionals alike will find this reference useful, especially those who are interested in the performance evaluation of future packaging for fresh produce in the cold chain and temperature management in the supply chain. Presents insights regarding new trends in emerging technologies in the field Includes hot topics, such as modified atmosphere packaging and active materials to improve shelf-life Provides shelf-life assessment and modeling methodologies and accelerated shelf-life testing

The International Handbook of Organizational Culture and Climate - Susan Cartwright 2001-03-30

Organizational culture and climate continues to engage academic interest and debate. Culture has increasingly been linked to a diverse range of individuals and organizational behaviours. However, despite the international interest and importance of the concept, the dominant literature in this field has tended to reflect an Anglo-US model and perspective. There are no significant texts which have attempted to combine and integrate the more traditional with the more emergent perspective. This book will be the first volume to offer authoritative, critical and comprehensive discussion and information on the topic. It

will review the current state of the art in terms of the theoretical and methodological issues and problems and it will consider future research directions.

Green Technologies - Pau Loke Show 2020-11-23

Green technologies can be identified as key components in Industry 4.0. The scope of this book is to address how conventional green technologies can be a part of smart industries by minimizing waste, maximizing productivity, optimizing the supply chain, or by additive manufacturing. This theme focuses on the scope and challenges of integrating current environmental technologies in future industries. This book, "Green Technologies: Bridging Conventional Practices and Industry 4.0", aims to incorporate and introduce the advances in green technologies to the cyber-based industries. It is hoped that the novel green technologies presented in this book are useful in assisting the global community in working towards fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals.

Livelihood Security - 2011

Project Superhero - E. Paul Zehr 2014-09-01

Superheroes, science, and one ordinary girl's quest for greatness. Join 13-year-old Jessie as she keeps a diary of her class's yearlong research project on superheroes, which culminates in the Superhero Slam: a head-to-head debate battle! It's shy, comics-obsessed Jessie's dream come true . . . and worst nightmare. She decides to champion Batgirl, a regular person (albeit with major talent and training under her utility belt), and soon Jessie wonders what it would take to be Batgirl. Will she prove to her best friends, Cade and Audrey, that she's more than a sidekick? Can she take down archenemy Dylan at the Slam? Combining science facts, lively illustrations, and comic-book trivia with actual correspondence from superhumans such as NYPD Sergeant Mike Bruen, Olympian Clara Hughes, and Captain Marvel writer Kelly Sue DeConnick, Project Superhero is a celebration of the heroes among us and of one girl's super-secret identity: herself.

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the art information in infrastructure and sustainable issues in engineering covers earthquake, bioremediation, synergistic management, timber engineering, flood management and intelligent transport systems. It provides precise information with regards to innovative research development in construction materials and structures in addition to a compilation of interdisciplinary finding combining nano-materials and engineering.

The History of al-Tabari Vol. 15 - Muhammad ibn Yarir al- Tabari 1990-01-01

Before the caliphate of the 'Uthman b. 'Affan, the Muslim community had grown from strength to strength in spite of a series of major crises--the Hirah, the death of the Prophet, the Riddah wars, the assassination of 'Umar by a Persian slave. But 'Uthman's reign ended in catastrophe. His inability to manage the social and political conflicts that were now emerging among various factions within the community led to his death at the hands of Muslim rebels. The consequences of this tragic event were bitter: not only a century of civil war, but also political and religious schisms of such depth that they have not been entirely healed even now. Most medieval Muslim historians told this story in an overtly partisan manner, but al-Tabari demands more of his readers. First of all, they must decide for themselves, on the basis of highly ambiguous evidence, whether 'Uthman's death was tyrannicide or murder. But, more than that, they must ask how such a thing could have happened at all; what had the Muslims done to bring about the near-destruction of their community? Al-Tabari presents this challenge within a broad framework. For, even while the internal crisis that issued in 'Uthman's death was coming to a head, the wars against Byzantium and Persia continued. The first expeditions into North Africa, the conquest of Cyprus, the momentary destruction of the Byzantine fleet at the Battle of the Masts, the bloody campaigns in Armenia, the Caucasus, and Khurasan are all here, in narratives that shift constantly between hard reporting and pious legend. Muslim forces retain the offensive, but there are no more easy victories; henceforth, suffering and endurance will be the hallmarks of the hero. Most evocative in the light of 'Uthman's fate is the moving account of the murder of the last Sasanian king, Yazdagird III--a man betrayed by his nobles and subjects, but most of all by his own character.