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Information Systems and Outsourcing - M. Lacity 2008-11-19

A new look at nearly 20 years of theoretical and practical research on IT outsourcing. The book explores how good IT outsourcing theories shape practice and how effective IT outsourcing practices inform theory. It highlights the importance of examining theories borrowed from economics, strategy, and sociology to study IT outsourcing.

The Economics of Governance - Donald A. Wittman 2017

This collection of articles uses economic theory to explain the governance of organizations. It covers the governance of families, oligarchies, democracies, for profit firms and non-profit institutions such as religious organizations. The widespread and novel subject matter within a set of focused economic questions results in fascinating reading allowing the reader to see how similar issues can be answered in areas where the person has little knowledge of the subject. This is an engaging and useful tool for students, researchers and academics wanting to expand their area of expertise into new and exciting realms. Contributors include: D. Acemoglu, R. Gibbons, H. Hansmann, P. Leeson, P. Rubin, B. Weingast

Separating Contract from Governance - James, Jr. (Harvey S.) 2007

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate that governance structure and contractual form are two distinct concepts and that they should not be used interchangeably in both theoretical and empirical studies of transaction cost economics. Specifically, the choice of governance structure does not necessarily determine the choice of contract. The distinction between governance and contract exists because the dual problems of verifying and observing contractual performance result in different types and manifestations of transaction costs, thus requiring different, though certainly not unrelated, transactional solutions. At a very basic level of analysis, the reason for the differential effects of transaction costs on, and the distinction between, governance and contract is simply that problems of verifying typically involve third parties, while problems of observability do not. The presence of a third party to the transaction cost problem of verification necessitates a more extensive framework governing the interactions of the contracting agents and the third party contractual "verifiers" and "enforcers" than do solutions to the transaction cost problems of observability, which often involve only the two contracting parties. Consequently, governance structures best resolve problems of verification and contract enforcement, while contractual solutions best resolve problems of observing, measuring, and monitoring worker activities. An important implication of this analysis is that how researchers do a transaction cost analysis depends on what it is they want to examine. A transaction cost study of governance structures (the boundary problem) is not the same as a transaction cost analysis of contractual form (the agency problem), although both are relevant, related, and interesting problems.

A Behavioral Theory of the Firm - Richard Michael 1921- Cyert 2021-09-10

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Transaction Cost Economics and Beyond - Michael Dietrich 2008-01-28

In recent years transaction cost economics have come to dominate the discussion of the nature and organization of firms. In *Transaction Costs Economics and Beyond* Michael Dietrich offers a critical exploration of transaction costs. He argues that whilst they have much to offer, they are still an inadequate basis for a general theory of the firm. Drawing on theories of organizational behaviour as well as economics, he concludes by offering a theory of the firm that allows for both hierarchical and creative decision making.

Between Hierarchies and Markets - Grahame Thompson 2003

"This book conducts a survey into the ways in which the word 'network' has been deployed in a wide range of literature. In particular, it offers a commentary on how the idea of networks has been to illustrate contemporary forms of socio-economic organization (as well the idea of a 'network society' or a 'network state', for instance), broadly conceived to also include the political aspects of networks."--BOOK JACKET. Book jacket.

The Economics of Transaction Costs - Oliver E. Williamson 1999

Transaction cost economics began to take shape around 1970 and has since been established as an essential tool used to illuminate a wide range of problems in economics and other social sciences. This reader presents articles which together form the foundations of research in transaction cost economics.

The Economics of Transaction Costs - P. Rao 2002-12-03

In modern economies a substantial proportion of resources is increasingly allocated to transaction costs. An improvement in the definition of transaction costs to include both the information role and efficiency role requires an integration of the approaches of positive economics and normative economics. In *The Economics of Transaction Costs* P.K.Rao provides a comprehensive analytical treatment of the subject and suggests a few directions for formal economic models.

Transaction Cost Management - Chihiro Suematsu 2014-08-07

All organizations, institutions, business processes, markets and strategies have one aim in common: the reduction of transaction costs. This aim is pursued relentlessly in practice, and has been perceived to bring about drastic changes, especially in the recent global market and the cyber economy. This book analyzes and describes "transactions" as a model, on the basis of which organizations, institutions and business processes can be appropriately shaped. It tracks transaction costs to enable a scientific approach instead of a widely used "state-of-the-art" approach, working to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This open access book

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Contract Law and the Boundary of the Firm - Susheng Wang 2003

This paper develops a simple structural model of the boundaries of the firm to formalize some of the aspects of the Williamsonian transaction cost economics that are distinct from Grossman, Hart and Moore's formal property rights theory. We build on two ideas. First, we employ Williamson's idea that alternative modes of governance of transactions work out of different contract law regimes; i.e., whereas interfirm transactions may be governed by court-enforced contracts, intrafirm transactions are governed by the implicit law of forbearance. The application of the forbearance doctrine to internal organization limits the use of incentive contracts within the firm and gives rise to the cost of integration. Second, we incorporate from the property rights theory the idea that it is easier to replace an employee-manager than to replace an independent subcontractor. As a result, some observable but unverifiable information can be effectively used in the internal governance of the firm but not in the governance of contractual interfirm relations. This difference is identified as the source of the benefits of integration. Moreover, while we treat contract law differences as an institutional constraint, we argue in the context of the model that such differences entail no efficiency losses.

The Transaction Cost Economics Project - Oliver E. Williamson 2013

Transaction cost economics has and continues to be a fruitful area of research. There is still much to be done in the field with past research being used in conjunction with the vast number of contractual phenomena that have yet to be investigated in transaction cost economics terms. New challenges are posed by the need to move beyond the design of new contractual instruments (such as financial derivatives) to include an examination of the lurking hazards that attend contract implementation.

Transaction Cost Economics - Claude Ménard 1997

This text deals with some of the most fundamental issues of transaction cost economics. It focuses on the analysis of the internal nature and characteristics of organizations and of the subtle interactions between institutional environment and governance structures over time.

Contracting in the New Economy - David Frydinger 2021-05-24

Today's business environment is constantly evolving, filled with volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity and driven by digital transformation, globalization, and the need to creating value through innovation. These shifts demand that organizations view contracting through a different lens. Since it is impossible to predict every what-if scenario in a transactional contract, organizations in strategic and complex partnerships must shift to a mindset of shared goals and objectives built upon a strong foundation of transparency and trust, working together to mitigate risk much better than merely shifting risk to the weaker party. Contracting in the New Economy helps you to not only develop this mindset – but also offers the practical tools needed to embrace the social side of contracting, enabling your organization to harness the value creating potential of formal relational contracts. Briefly sharing the theoretical foundations that prove relational contracting works, it goes well beyond theory by providing powerful examples of relational contracting principles in practice. In addition, the authors provide a practical and proven approach for helping you to put relational contracting theory into practice for your own relationships. First by providing a framework for approaching any contracting situation and helping organizations finding the best contract model for each situation. And then by sharing five proven steps you can take to create an effective relational contract for you own strategic and complex business relationships. For anyone involved in developing contracts —lawyers, in-house counsels, contract managers, C-level managers, procurement officers, and so on — this book will empower you to create powerful cooperative alliances that will help you reach —and surpass — your business goals in today's dynamic new environment.

Legal Orderings and Economic Institutions - Fabrizio Cafaggi 2007-05-03

This book addresses the lively interaction between the disciplines of law and economics. The traditional boundaries of these two disciplines have somehow inhibited a full understanding of the

functioning of and the evolution of economic and legal systems. It has often been the case that these boundaries have had to be reshaped, and sometimes abolished, before either one of the two disciplines could successfully clarify the real life problems arising from the complex institutions of contemporary societies. The contributions to this volume encompass some of the core controversial issues in law and economics arising from interactions between legal orderings and economic institutions. They include: the nature of institutional and legislative change and the emergence of strong institutional complementarity in legal positions the relationship between private orderings and the role of the State in enforcing contracts and defining property rights the nature and dynamics of endogenous enforcement and the analysis of governance models and corporate ethics. Part of the renowned Siena Studies in Political Economy series, this book will be an essential read for postgraduates and researchers in the fields of law and economics, and the economics of institutions.

Transaction Cost Economics and Contractual Relations - Maria Maher 2008

One of the key factors in the study of transaction costs economics is the concept of opportunism. Williamson (1986) develops a heuristic model of transaction costs and governance structures, in which the critical dimensions with respect to which transaction costs differ are identified. These dimensions are the frequency of exchange, the degree of relationship-specific investment, and uncertainty. This work examines if empirically, through the use of case studies, there is support for Williamson's model. Firms in four different industries were interviewed about their contractual relationships with their customers or suppliers. The degree of asset specificity and transaction costs differs across these industries and across firms within an industry. We find that there is strong support for the Williamson model, however, a critical dimension that is omitted from the model is market structure. By affecting the number of alternative sellers and buyers, and hence the risk of opportunism, we find that market structure also has important consequences for the nature of contractual relations to be found governing firms' transactions.

The Economic Institutions of Capitalism - Oliver E. Williamson 2009

This study is based on the belief that economic organization is shaped by transaction cost economizing decisions. It sets out the basic principles of transaction cost economics, applies the basic arguments to economic institutions, and develops public policy implications. Any issue that arises, or can be recast as a matter of contracting, is usefully examined in terms of transaction costs. Transaction cost economics maintains that governance of contractual relations is mainly achieved through institutions of private ordering instead of legal centralism. This approach is based on behavioral assumptions of bounded rationalism and opportunism, which reflect actual human nature. These assumptions underlie the problem of economic organization: to create contract and governance structures that economize on bounded rationality while safeguarding transactions against the hazards of opportunism. The book first summarizes the transaction cost economics approach to the study of economic organization. It develops the underlying behavioral assumptions and the types of transactions; alternative approaches to the world of contracts are presented. Assuming that firms are best regarded as a governance structure, a comparative institutional approach to the governance of contractual relations is set out. The evidence, theory, and policy of vertical integration are discussed, on the basis that the decision to integrate is paradigmatic to transaction cost analysis. The incentives and bureaucratic limits of internal organization are presented, including the dilemma of why a large firm can't do everything a collection of small firms can do. The economics of organization is presented in terms of transaction costs, showing that hierarchy also serves efficiency and permits a variety of predictions about the organization of work. Efficient labor organization is explored; on the assumption that an authority relation prevails between workers and managers, what governance structure supports will be made in response to various types of job attributes are discussed, and implications for union organization are developed. Considering antitrust ramifications of transaction cost economics, the book summarizes transaction cost issues that arise in the context of contracting, merger, and strategic behavior, and challenges earlier antitrust preoccupation with

monopoly. (TNM).

Governance of International Strategic Alliances - Joanne E. Oxley 2012

By bringing rigorous empirical analysis to an arena which has largely been pursued through speculative and theoretical approaches, this book provides an insightful contribution to international business, strategy, and economics.

The Economic Institutions of Capitalism - Oliver E. Williamson 1985

This long-awaited sequel to the modern classic "Markets and Hierarchies" develops and extends Williamson's innovative use of transaction cost economics as an approach to studying economic organization by applying it to work and labor as well as the corporation itself. In addition, Williamson explores its growing implications for public policy, including its potential influence on antitrust and merger guidelines, labor policy, and SEC and public utility regulations.

Transaction Cost Economics and Beyond - John Groenewegen 2012-12-06

This book contains the papers that were presented in 1994 at the conference "Transaction Cost Economics and Beyond" organized by GRASP at the Tinbergen Institute in Rotterdam. It is generally recognized that transaction cost economics (TCE) is at the heart of the new theory of the firm. It is a well established research program with a well developed theoretical framework and good results in empirical testing. However, critics consider the approach too limited to understand the essential characteristics of such complex organizations like firms. Critics plea convincingly for the need to go beyond the original TCE framework and to develop a more pluralistic approach towards issues of economic organization. The new theory of the firm can only be further developed when scholars are willing to debate the issues in an open-minded, academic way. I thank the participants of the conference very much for putting so much effort in writing their papers and for their contribution to an open and stimulating discussion. It is my wish that this book contributes to the further development of the theory of the firm and that it helps us to a better understanding of the complexities of economic organization. I would like to thank the following organizations for their support: the Tinbergen Institute, the "Vereniging Trust Fonds" of the Erasmus University, the Faculty of Economics of the Erasmus University, and GRASP (Group for Research and Advice in Strategic management and Industrial Policy).

Contract, Governance and Transaction Cost Economics - Oliver E Williamson 2017-03-24

This book brings together a collection of seven papers on Transaction Cost Economics by Nobel Laureate Professor Oliver E Williamson. The applications of Transaction Cost Economics are extensive, ranging from the field of industrial organization and applied fields of economics such as labor, public finance, comparative economic systems and economic development, to the business fields of strategy, organizational behavior, marketing, finance, operations management, and accounting. In short, as Williamson states, "any problem that originates as or can be reformulated as a contracting problem can be examined to advantage in transaction cost economizing terms." What is referred to as New Institutional Economics is developed in the West in two mainly complementary ways: Property Rights Theory, and Transaction Cost Economics. Of the two, Property Rights Theory developed more rapidly. Transaction Cost Economics has nonetheless taken shape of late. In China, research on New Institutional Economics began in the 1990s and has grown rapidly since. China has similarly given much more attention to Property Rights Theory. Gengxuan Chen, the editor of this volume, recommends that China will benefit by bringing Transaction Cost Economics to bear. Simultaneously, for scholars who study the market economy, Transaction Cost Economics provides a very attractive way to explain the practice of the Chinese market economy.

Comparative Economic Organization - Oliver E. Williamson 1994

Transaction Cost Economics - Oliver E. Williamson 1995

Although what has come to be known as transaction cost economics has its origins in the 1930s, it was not until the 1970s that transaction cost economics as a systematic and identifiable field of study began. Since then, numerous theoretical developments and empirical applications have

expanded and enriched the field. Recognition of its contributions to our understanding of organizations and institutions includes two Nobel laureates, Ronald Coase in 1991 and Oliver Williamson in 2009. This is an important selection of key articles on transaction cost economics by distinguished scholars including Ronald Coase, Herbert Simon, Kenneth Arrow and Richard A. Posner. This research review addresses key areas such as private ordering and credibility, contracts and organization, internal organization, vertical integration and contracting.

The Economics of Contracts - Eric Brousseau 2002-10-17

A contract is an agreement under which two parties make reciprocal commitments in terms of their behavior to coordinate. As this concept has become essential to economics in the last 30 years, three main theoretical frameworks have emerged: 'incentive theory', 'incomplete-contract theory' and 'transaction-costs theory'. These frameworks have enabled scholars to renew both the microeconomics of coordination (with implications for industrial organization, labor economics, law and economics, organization design) and the macroeconomics of 'market' (decentralized) economies and of the institutional framework. These developments have resulted in new analyses of a firm's strategy and State intervention (regulation of public utilities, anti-trust, public procurement, institutional design, liberalization policies, etc.). Based on contributions by the leading scholars in the field, this 2002 book provides an overview of developments in these analytical currents, presents their various aspects, and proposes expanding horizons for theoreticians and practitioners.

The Uncertainty-Governance Choice Puzzle Revisited - Franziska König 2009-06-20

Franziska König examines the anatomy of uncertainty-governance choice relationships from different theoretical angles, including transaction costs economics, resource-based theory, and real options theory. The book provides, furthermore, comprehensive empirical insights both from secondary data examined with a "vote-counting" analysis as well as from primary data, collected through a "policy-capturing" study.

The Impact of Incomplete Contracts on Economics - Philippe Aghion 2015-12-22

The 1986 article by Sanford J. Grossman and Oliver D. Hart titled "A Theory of Vertical and Lateral Integration" has provided a framework for understanding how firm boundaries are defined and how they affect economic performance. The property rights approach has provided a formal way to introduce incomplete contracting ideas into economic modeling. The Impact of Incomplete Contracts on Economics collects papers and opinion pieces on the impact that this property right approach to the firm has had on the economics profession.

Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility - Samuel O. Idowu 2013-01-27

The role of Corporate Social Responsibility in the business world has developed from a fig leaf marketing front into an important aspect of corporate behavior over the past several years. Sustainable strategies are valued, desired and deployed more and more by relevant players in many industries all over the world. Both research and corporate practice therefore see CSR as a guiding principle for business success. The "Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility" has been conceived to assist researchers and practitioners to align business and societal objectives. All actors in the field will find reliable and up to date definitions and explanations of the key terms of CSR in this authoritative and comprehensive reference work. Leading experts from the global CSR community have contributed to make the "Encyclopedia of Corporate Social Responsibility" the definitive resource for this field of research and practice.

The Mechanisms of Governance - Oliver E. Williamson 1996-02-29

This book brings together in one place the work of one of our most respected economic theorists, on a field in which he has played a large part in originating: the New Institutional Economics. Transaction cost economics, which studies the governance of contractual relations, is the branch of the New Institutional Economics with which Oliver Williamson is especially associated. Transaction cost economics takes issue with one of the fundamental building blocks in microeconomics: the theory of the firm. Whereas orthodox economics describes the firm in technological terms, as a production function, transaction cost economics describes the firm in

organizational terms, as a governance structure. Alternative feasible forms of organization--firms, markets, hybrids, bureaus--are examined comparatively. The analytical action resides in the details of transactions and the mechanisms of governance. Transaction cost economics has had a pervasive influence on current economic thought about how and why institutions function as they do, and it has become a practical framework for research in organizations by representatives of a variety of disciplines. Through a transaction cost analysis, *The Mechanisms of Governance* shows how and why simple contracts give way to complex contracts and internal organization as the hazards of contracting build up. That complicates the study of economic organization, but a richer and more relevant theory of organization is the result. Many testable implications and lessons for public policy accrue to this framework. Applications of both kinds are numerous and growing. Written by one of the leading economic theorists of our time, *The Mechanisms of Governance* is sure to be an important work for years to come. It will be of interest to scholars and students of economics, organization, management, and law.

Global Outsourcing Discourse - Eleni Lioliou 2018-12-30

The aim of this book is to investigate the discursive power of two original, theoretical lenses when applied to real outsourcing arrangements and phenomena. The Transaction Cost Economics (TCE) and Foucauldian perspectives are brought to bear on five outsourcing relationships in order to test the application of these discourses to rich qualitative data over the outsourcing contractual life-cycle. This will be the first study illustrating the relevance of Foucauldian concepts of governmentality, discourse and power relations to the study of outsourcing arrangements, and will also incorporate the perspectives of both client and supplier organizations. Using discourse analysis, the objective is to critically deconstruct and provide fresh insight into the normative 'outsourcing' discourse that has grown up around global sourcing practices over the last 30 years. *Substitutes or Complements? Exploring the Relationship between Formal Contracts and Relational Governance* - Laura Poppo 2000

Transaction cost economics advocates that greater exchange hazards be met either with more tightly crafted contracts or, when the costs of crafting and enforcing complex contracts are sufficiently high, with vertical integration. However, many argue that transaction cost economics vastly overstates the need for either integration or contractual safeguards in exchange settings commonly labeled as hazardous. In many industries, firms engage in complex, collaborative exchanges that involve rather high levels of asset specificity and are characterized by other known hazards, yet are managed without vertical integration and with limited formal contracts. These relational exchange arrangements supported by trust are viewed as substitutes for complex contracts or vertical integration. Others argue that formal contracts may in fact undermine trust and thereby encourage, rather than discourage, opportunistic behavior. In this paper, we develop and test an alternative perspective - that formal contracts and relational governance function as complements. Using data from a sample of information service exchanges, we find empirical support for this complementary position. Managers appear to accompany their increasingly customized contracts with increased levels of relational governance (and visa versa). Moreover, this interdependence underlies their ability to generate improvements in exchange performance. Implications as well as related hypotheses regarding the determinants of relational governance and contracts are also explored.

Money - John Eatwell 1989-03-01

This is an excerpt from the 4-volume dictionary of economics, a reference book which aims to define the subject of economics today. 1300 subject entries in the complete work cover the broad themes of economic theory. This extract concentrates on money.

Governance of International Strategic Alliances (RLE International Business) - Joanne Oxley 2013-01-04

International joint ventures and strategic alliances built on recent theoretical developments in Transaction Costs Economics (TCE) and the factors influencing the formation and governance of these alliances are examined in this analytical text. By bringing rigorous empirical analysis to an

arena which has largely been pursued through speculative and theoretical approaches, this book will prove to be an insightful contribution to international business, strategy, and economics.

Designing Contracts for Complex Services - Deanna Malatesta 2015

We rely on transaction cost economics and the contingency stream of organization theory to answer two related questions. First, when contracting for complex services, do governments design contracts for flexibility? Second, is the contingency perspective relevant to understanding contract design? Examining 130 professional service contracts awarded by state government agencies in the US, we find that task complexity and task unpredictability, two dimensions of task uncertainty increase the probability of flexible governance. This research highlights for managers the important fact that the potential for opportunism and task complexity are different sources of uncertainty that pose different challenges and call for different governance solutions. The study enriches our understanding of transaction costs by probing the conditions under which task uncertainty matters most (and least) and further shows the utility of integrating transaction cost economics with contingency theory to better understand contract governance.

The New Institutional Economics - Eirik Grundtvig Furubotn 1991

Corporate Governance and Transaction Cost Economics - Jimmy Saravia 2014

This paper examines the Transaction Cost Economics (TCE) theory of capital structure and finds that for the case of equity the usual TCE logic is not fully worked out. In particular, an analysis of the key issue of bilateral dependency between the firm and its shareholders is absent. To fill this gap in the literature, the paper further develops the theory of the equity governance structure by taking account of the concept of bilateral dependency over the lifecycle of the firm. The paper finds that, both theoretically and empirically, contractual hazards are indeed mitigated for the case of fast growing young firms which are dependent on shareholders to finance future growth. In contrast, for the case of mature firms, which in virtue of their large free cash flows are independent from shareholders, contractual safeguards are altered to the disadvantage of shareholders and consequently managerial discretion costs increase.

Determinants and Management of Make-and-Buy - Anna Krzeminska 2008-11-26

Anna Krzeminska develops an extension to the TCE framework which spotlights uncertainty as a main explanatory variable. This approach not only enables an explanation of determinants, management mechanisms, and performance implications of different make-and-buy types but also contributes to a better understanding of the categorization of economic institutions.

New Ideas in Contracting and Organizational Economics Research - Harvey S. James 2005

Research on contracting and organisational economics is progressing at a rapid pace. Nevertheless, what new ideas are needed in order to advance the frontiers of contracting and organisations research in ways that prove beneficial to society? This new book brings together scholars from around the world who have new ideas on the economics of contracts and organisations, otherwise known as transaction cost economics. The book is divided into three main sections. The first section presents ideas for improving the theoretical and empirical research in transaction cost economics. The second section shows how transaction cost economics informs on two important business issues -- corporate contracting and information technology (IT) operations. The third section presents alternative frameworks for examining contracting, organisational, and regulatory problems.

The Making of Economic Policy - Avinash K. Dixit 1998-09-01

The Making of Economic Policy begins by observing that most countries' trade policies are so blatantly contrary to all the prescriptions of the economist that there is no way to understand this discrepancy except by delving into the politics. The same is true for many other dimensions of economic policy. Avinash Dixit looks for an improved understanding of the politics of economic policy-making from a transaction cost perspective. Such costs of planning, implementing, and monitoring an exchange have proved critical to explaining many phenomena in industrial organization. Dixit discusses the variety of similar transaction costs encountered in the political

process of making economic policy and how these costs affect the operation of different institutions and policies. Dixit organizes a burgeoning body of research in political economy in this framework. He uses U.S. fiscal policy and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as two examples that illustrate the framework, and show how policy often deviates from the economist's ideal of efficiency. The approach reveals, however, that some seemingly inefficient practices are quite creditable attempts to cope with transaction costs such as opportunism and asymmetric information. Copublished with the Center for Economic Studies and the Ifo Institute
The Economics of the Invisible Global Good-Governance Government and the Aid-Dependent Economy - Teshome Mulat 2010

Irrespective of source and manner of aid management, any aid received by a non-good-governance government above the food-aid threshold tends to increase transaction cost toward infinity (transaction cost theorem). The donor can reduce the transaction cost or social cost for the aid-recipient by withholding the aid. Under the new dispensation of the global good-governance government, which came into a clear profile after the global economy meltdown and the environmental crises, that level of food-aid is now unconditionally received as human right. This monograph concludes that of all the major problems global good-governance government is confronted with today, the problem of the aid-dependent economy is perhaps the easiest and the least costly to solve.

The Nature of the Firm - Ronald Harry Coase 1993

This volume features a series of essays which arose from a conference on economics, addressing the question: what is the nature of the firm in economic analysis? This paperback edition includes the Nobel Lecture of R.N. Case.

New Developments in the Analysis of Market Structure - International Economic Association 1986
These contributions discuss a number of important developments over the past decade in a newly established and important field of economics that have led to notable changes in views on governmental competition policies. They focus on the nature and role of competition and other determinants of market structures, such as numbers of firms and barriers to entry; other factors which determine the effective degree of competition in the market; the influence of major firms (especially when these pursue objectives other than profit maximization); and decentralization and coordination under control relationships other than markets and hierarchies. The contributors are Joseph E. Stiglitz, G. C. Archibald, B. C. Eaton, R. G. Lipsey, David Enaoua, Paul Geroski, Alexis Jacquemin, Richard J. Gilbert, Reinhard Selten, Oliver E. Williamson, Jerry R. Green, G. Frank Mathewson, R. A. Winter, C. d'Aspremont, J. Jaskold Gabszewicz, Steven Salop, Branko Horvat, Z. Roman, W. J. Baumol, J. C. Panzar, R. D. Willig, Richard Schmalensee, Richard Nelson, Michael Scence, and Partha Dasgupta. Joseph E. Stiglitz is Professor of Economics at Princeton University. G. Frank Mathewson is Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto.