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Ten years of the Vienna Initiative

2009-2019 European Investment Bank
2019-12-19 This year, the Vienna Initiative marks its 10th anniversary. For this special occasion, the Steering Committee has prepared a commemorative book, with essays and contributions from the key actors and institutions instrumental to the work of the Vienna Initiative since its inception. This volume provides a unique window on the Vienna Initiative's innovative crisis mitigation activities, its subsequent evolution and its current scope. At the time of the Lehman crisis, international institutions, national authorities and international commercial banks collaborated closely, taking full responsibility for their strategies in the CESEE region and voluntarily providing firm commitments on their activities. In the form of the Vienna Initiative, they built a functioning coordination platform, capable of transforming and evolving according to changing needs. Ten years later, this coordination platform remains an important of effective inter-institutional and private-private sector cooperation. The establishment of the Vienna Initiative was far from easy. However, given the size of euro area banks' cross-border operations in CESEE, a disorderly deleveraging would have been very costly for both CESEE countries and the foreign banks. With this

in mind, the main stakeholders eventually got together to participate in the Vienna Initiative and achieve its main objective. The foreign banking groups committed to maintain their presence in the region, while the EIB, EBRD and the World Bank Group provided substantial financing to banks and the real economy. These efforts had a major positive impact on the region. They helped curb liquidity disruptions and restore confidence in the banking system, while alleviating balance of payments pressures. This coordinated response from commercial banks and IFIs was a prerequisite for the success of the IMF-funded macroeconomic adjustment programs in several CESEE countries. Over time, the Vienna Initiative has transformed itself from a crisis mitigation instrument to a broader coordination platform, dealing with the unique challenges of widespread cross-border banking with regulatory and supervisory interdependence, while supporting the emergence of an efficient, deep and sound banking and financial sector that supports growth in the region. In particular, with CESEE countries on a solid recovery path, the focus has shifted to tackling the legacy problem of high NPLs, or to dealing with the impact of the EU's upgraded institutional framework - particularly the creation of the Banking Union - on the host countries, most of which do not participate in the Banking

Union. With the region needing to transform, up-scale its innovation capabilities and adjust to technological change, a dedicated working group has been set up to propose measures that could improve access to finance for innovative firms which typically lack tangible assets and thus may have hard time obtaining standard bank loans in a system that still offers limited alternatives. The Vienna Initiative has been a major achievement of international coordination and an important instrument for the future of the CESEE region.

Designing Governance Structures for Performance and Accountability Andrew Podger 2020-07-16 Designing Governance Structures for Performance and Accountability discusses how formal and informal governance structures in Australia, the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Taiwan may be designed to promote performance and to ensure accountability. The book presents a selection of papers developed from the Greater China Australia Dialogue on Public Administration's seventh workshop held in June 2017 hosted by City University of Hong Kong. Insights are provided on both current developments in the different contexts of the three jurisdictions examined, and on broader institutional and organisational theories. Chapters cover theories of organisational forms and functions in public administration, the 'core' agency structures used in the different jurisdictions, the structures used to deliver public services (including non-government organisational arrangements) and other 'non-core' agency structures such as government business enterprises, regulatory organisations and 'integrity' organisations. A particular emphasis is placed on the institutional arrangements the executive arm of government uses for advising on and implementing government policies and programs. Although the book explores arrangements and developments within very different political governance systems, the purposes of the structures are similar: to promote performance and

accountability. This book is a companion volume to Value for Money: Budget and Financial Management Reform in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan and Australia (ANU Press, 2018).

South Africa and the UN Human Rights Council

Eduard Jordaan 2019-09-18 This book provides a detailed analysis of South Africa's actions on the UN Human Rights Council, examining the country's positions on civil and political rights, economic rights and development, social groups whose rights are frequently violated, and abuses in specific countries. The most detailed and comprehensive study of any country's record on the UN Human Rights Council to date, this book demonstrates that despite occasional support for human rights, South Africa's overall record ranged from opposing to failing to support human rights. This is compounded by an anti-Western or 'anti-imperial' edge to South Africa's positions on the UNHRC. Using South Africa as a study case of a liberal country consistently behaving illiberally, this book therefore challenges the widespread belief in international relations theory, typically found in liberal and constructivist thought, that there is an alignment of domestic political society and foreign policy values. Addressing ongoing debates since the presidency of Nelson Mandela about the place of human rights in South Africa's foreign policy, South Africa and the UN Human Rights Council will be useful to students and scholars of international relations, human rights, international law, and African politics.

Interim Measures in International Commercial Arbitration Ajar Rab

2022-08-09 Interim measures by courts as well as tribunals are often critical to succeed in arbitration proceedings and to effectively safeguard the rights of parties pending the final adjudication of their dispute. This important book comprises a comprehensive review of interim measures in international commercial arbitration granted by courts and tribunals across jurisdictions that have adopted the UNCITRAL Model Law to critically assess

the practical fault lines in the Indian arbitration regime. The book provides an in-depth analysis of the following: all reported judgments of the Indian Supreme Court and the High Courts from 1993 to 2022 on issues concerning interim measures; practical application of the UNCITRAL Model Law (and the revisions in 2006) by national arbitration statutes of over 80 jurisdictions with respect to interim measures; comparative practice and jurisprudence on interim measures in international commercial arbitration; rules of major arbitral institutions on the power and scope of interim measures granted by tribunals; detailed analysis of different types of interim measures, including anti-suit, anti-arbitration injunctions, security for costs, and interim measures in aid of foreign-seated arbitrations, the standards to be applied, and the burden of proof to be demonstrated for each type of measure; and issues of enforcement of interim measures in domestic, international, and foreign seated arbitrations. The current position of law in India and the problems plaguing the country's Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 (IAA), as amended in 2015 with respect to interim measures, are brought into direct comparison with other Model Law jurisdictions, offering an analysis of case laws, practical insights and cogent suggestions based on best practices that can be adopted by parties and tribunals. The Appendices provide a detailed list of statutory provisions of countries that have adopted the Model Law along with rules of major arbitral institutions on interim measures. The author not only describes the current position of law in India and other Model Law jurisdictions on interim measures but also reveals a comprehensive understanding of the requests for interim measures, and their enforcement in domestic, international, and foreign seated arbitrations. This book engages in a comprehensive and clear discussion on the fine line between court assistance and court intervention, especially in the case of interim measures and suggests draft

provisions that India and other jurisdictions can adopt in order to align with the 2006 revisions to the Model Law to foster certainty, predictability, and efficiency in case of interim measures in international commercial arbitration.

Performance Optimization: Techniques And Strategies Smashing Magazine
2014-09-24 Slow loading times break the user experience of any website — no matter how well crafted it might be. In fact, it only takes three seconds until users lose their interest in a site if they don't get a response immediately. If another site happens to be 250ms faster than yours, then users are more inclined to switch to a competitor's website in no time. Web fonts, heavy JavaScript, third-party widgets — all of them can sum up to become a real performance bottleneck. Nevertheless, tracking that down does not only improve loading times but also results in a much snappier experience and a higher user engagement. In this eBook, we've compiled an entire selection of front-end and server-side techniques that will help you tackle such bottlenecks. Find out how to speed up existing websites, build high-performance sites (for both mobile and desktop), and prepare them for heavy-load situations. Furthermore, you'll learn more about how performance improvements and a 97-99 Google PageSpeed score were achieved on Smashing Magazine, as well as how optimization strategies can enhance real-life projects by taking a closer look at Pinterest's paint performance case study. With the help of this eBook, you'll notice that it's high time to dig deeper into your own site and examine it closely. Why don't you polish it up and make it even better than it already is!

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The Realpolitik of Evaluation Markus Palenberg 2020-10-08 The Realpolitik of Evaluation shines a light on the divergent demands for evaluation. But what explains the "gap" between what those on the "demand" side expect in terms of evaluation results, and the "supply" of information provided by evaluators? Can anything be done to narrow this gap? What works and what does not work? Examining these questions from both the demand and the supply side, experts describe ten different global examples of the gap between demand and supply of evaluation information in different contexts. In an attempt to bridge that gap, they effectively reveal the biases behind supposedly sources of evaluation information and highlight the pros and cons of attempts to bridge the gap through the use of third parties, enhanced stakeholder involvement, and the incorporation of social science models to strengthen Theories of Change (ToC). The Realpolitik of Evaluation is an important book that poses questions at multiple levels of thinking. It will be of great interest to policymakers, program implementers, and project managers.

Coalition Government Penal Policy 2010-2015 David Skinns 2016-07-12 This book shows how the overall impact of the penal policy agenda of the Coalition Government 2010-2015 has not led to the intended 'rehabilitation revolution', but austerity, outsourcing and punishment, designated here as 'punitive managerialism'. The policy of austerity has led to significant budget cuts in legal aid and court services which threaten justice. It has also led to staffing reductions and overcrowding in the prison system which threaten order and have undermined more positive work with prisoners. The outsourcing of prison and community-based offender services is based on untried method with uncertain results. The shift in

orientation towards punishment is regrettable because it is essentially negative. The book notes that this move to punitive managerialism is located in the broader trend towards neo-liberalism. It concludes by attempting to articulate the parameters of an affordable and emotionally satisfying yet humane and rational penal policy.>

Microfinance India Girija Srinivasan 2014-02-04 Microfinance India: The Social Performance Report, launched in 2011, is now an annual publication that captures the status and progress of microfinance sector in moving towards higher responsibility and social performance, alongside the growth in outreach and quantum of loans. The Social Performance Report 2013 evaluates the prevalent responsible finance standards and tools of assessments, as well as attempts to initiate a framework for tracking composite performance, financial and social, of MFIs year on year on a set of metrics. The report presents a discourse on the status, innovative cases, and gaps, in policies and practices of MFIs, including a deeper study of human resource practices. The theme on role of investors and lenders in ensuring that social performance of MFIs continues from previous years, with an added scrutiny of the question of these institutions being responsible funders. The interplay of social performance and compliance to the existing regulatory guidelines for MFIs is analysed separately. This year's report for the first time includes a chapter on applying the responsible finance lens on the SHG-bank linkage programme.

ASEAN-Japan Relations Takashi Shiraishi 2013-12-05 "As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the ASEAN-Japan Dialogue Partnership, the essays in this book remind us, and amplify the ASEAN-Japan relations. The complexities of this relationship, including the external influences which have impinged on its development over the years, are cogently discussed and recorded for the younger generation and students of ASEAN-Japan ties. The intricacy and spread of ASEAN-Japan cooperation mechanisms

are also well highlighted in this book, while several thought-provoking commentaries on the future of this four-decade old partnership give pause to the readers. Many of the challenges that exist in this relationship originated from domestic political dynamics in the ASEAN countries and Japan, as well as from the neighbouring states and key trading partners." -

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Former ASEAN Secretary General "The monograph on ASEAN-Japan relations is the intellectual highlight of the 40 years anniversary of ASEAN-Japan cooperation. ASEAN has become an indispensable partner and friend of Japan and its role as the hub of cooperation, development and stability in the region will without doubt become even more important after the establishment of the ASEAN Communities in 2015. The monograph containing contributions of the most renowned and respected experts on ASEAN provides us with enlightening overview, inspiration as well as guidance for our future common path. I would like to recommend this monograph to everybody interested in the further deepening of the ASEAN-Japan relations." -Ambassador Yoshinori Katori, Ambassador of Japan to Indonesia, Former Ambassador in charge of ASEAN

Doing Public Good? R. Pablo Guerrero O. 2017-07-05 This book examines the contributions of non-public organizations, such as foundations, philanthropies, charities, non-governmental organizations, private businesses, and entrepreneurs to public goods and services. Too often the impact of the contributions of such private actors are overlooked. However, they are playing an increasing role in meeting societal needs across the developing world. *Doing Public Good?* lays out key elements that need to be considered in evaluating the net results achieved by these private actors. It uses case studies and analysis to show how to answer such questions as: Is it working? How do they and the public know they are doing good? And how to improve? Such questions are particularly important since little is known

about the net results of private avenues for delivering public value. The contributors conclude that "doing good" organizations need to be more transparent and accountable regarding their operations and achievements. The book suggests perspectives on how better monitoring and evaluation systems can improve their accountability.

Advanced Techniques in Bone Regeneration Alessandro Rozim Zorzi 2016-08-31 *Advanced Techniques in Bone Regeneration* is a book that brings together over 15 chapters, written by leading practitioners and researchers, of the latest advances in the area, including surgical techniques, new discoveries, and promising methods involving biomaterials and tissue engineering. This book is intended for all who work in the treatment of disorders involving problems with the regeneration of bone tissue, are doctors or dentists, as well as are researchers and teachers involved in this exciting field of scientific knowledge.

Break Every Yoke Joshua Dubler 2019-11-13 Changes in the American religious landscape enabled the rise of mass incarceration. Religious ideas and practices also offer a key for ending mass incarceration. These are the bold claims advanced by *Break Every Yoke*, the joint work of two activist-scholars of American religion. Once, in an era not too long past, Americans, both incarcerated and free, spoke a language of social liberation animated by religion. In the era of mass incarceration, we have largely forgotten how to dream-and organize-this way. To end mass incarceration we must reclaim this lost tradition. Properly conceived, the movement we need must demand not prison reform but prison abolition. *Break Every Yoke* weaves religion into the stories about race, politics, and economics that conventionally account for America's grotesque prison expansion of the last half century, and in so doing it sheds new light on one of our era's biggest human catastrophes. By foregrounding the role of religion in the way political elites, religious institutions, and incarcerated activists talk

about incarceration, *Break Every Yoke* is an effort to stretch the American moral imagination and contribute resources toward envisioning alternative ways of doing justice. By looking back to nineteenth century abolitionism, and by turning to today's grassroots activists, it argues for reclaiming the abolition "spirit."

Suffer the Children Gary Scott Smith 2017-01-31 We all say that we care about children. We all know that millions of children around the world, including in the United States, are suffering physically, materially, and emotionally and are unable to reach their full potential. Moreover, their material deprivation and physical ills often prevent them from responding to the gospel. Most of us conclude that we cannot do anything significant to help the impoverished children living in our own backyards let alone those living in the slums of Nairobi or the hinterlands of Haiti. We can, however, do much to improve their lives materially and spiritually. Through praying, giving generously, sponsoring children, volunteering with aid organizations, living more simply, investing and shopping more prudently, and advocating more zealously in the political arena, we can make a difference. We can prod politicians, business executives, and church leaders to prioritize aiding destitute children. We can support one of the hundreds of organizations that are working effectively to help indigent children have better lives. *Suffer the Children* describes the plight of poor children and provides many practical ways we can participate in one of the most important crusades to improve our world. The authors have assigned all their royalties to organizations working to aid children.

Faces of English Education Lillian L. C. Wong 2017-04-28 *Faces of English Education* provides an accessible, wide-ranging introduction to current perspectives on English language education, covering new areas of interest and recent studies in the field. In seventeen specially commissioned chapters written by international experts and practitioners, this

book: offers an authoritative discussion of theoretical issues and debates surrounding key topics such as identity, motivation, teacher education and classroom pedagogy; discusses teaching from the perspective of the student as well as the teacher, and features sections on both in- and out-of-class learning; showcases the latest teaching research and methods, including MOOCs, use of corpora, and blended learning, and addresses the interface between theory and practice; analyses the different ways and contexts in which English is taught, learned and used around the world. *Faces of English Education* is essential reading for pre- and in-service teachers, researchers in TESOL and applied linguistics, and teacher educators, as well as upper undergraduate and postgraduate students studying related topics.

The Transformation of Care in European Societies Margarita Leon 2016-04-30 This book aims to explore the nature and extent of the 'care deficit' problem in European societies and how effective the different care systems are in dealing with these problems through policy innovation. It combines theoretical and conceptual debates, cross-national comparisons and analytically-driven case studies.

Beyond Modernity Artur Mrowczynski-Van Allen 2016-10-11 Post-secularism is the fundamental evidence of the end of modernity. Modernity, as sleeping reason in Francisco Goya's painting, realizes that, although it thought that it was awake, it was producing monsters. We try to analyze post-secular philosophy from the point of view of Russian religious thought. We believe that such philosophers as Vladimir Soloviev, Pavel Florensky, Sergey Bulgakov, Nikolai Berdyaev, Georges Florovsky, and Semen Frank may be helpful for understanding and overcoming post-secular order. Their unique views on the relations between religion and philosophy, science, and social life are apparently missing in the current Western debates. It seems to us that Russian religious philosophy becomes surprisingly up-to-date and attractive in the contemporary world. We hope that the

present volume will be a significant step forward in the inclusion of the heritage of Russian religious philosophy in contemporary debates.

Combating Poverty in Local Welfare

Systems Alexandru Panican 2016-07-12

This book analyzes national anti-poverty measures at a local level via a set of unique and up-to-date empirical studies of minimum income support schemes and activation measures in five European cities. In examining this 'local welfare system' approach, it investigates the role that civil society organizations play, and the governance arrangements that prevail in contacts between public and civil society actors in local anti-poverty strategies. The current financial and economic crisis has caused increasing levels of poverty and unemployment, and put national minimum income protection schemes under severe strain. Combating Poverty in Local Welfare Systems therefore represents a timely and important intervention in the political and scientific debates as to whether more 'local welfare' is the solution to the challenges facing European welfare states.

Technology Disaster Response and Recovery Planning

Mary Mallery 2015-04-08 Featuring contributions from librarians who offer hard-won advice gained from personal experience, this compendium leads readers through a step-by-step process of creating a library technology disaster response and recovery plan.

Behind the Scenes of Real-Life Projects

Smashing Magazine 2013-12-13 Is there anything more insightful than learning about the workflows from fellow designers and developers, and what techniques they use? What made their projects a stunning success, and how do they overcome missteps? With this eBook, we'll take a closer look at the techniques and stories of some folks behind real-life Web projects. Among others, you will discover how renowned projects such as the Financial Times Web app or the Nike Better World website were built, and learn from the success story of a translation app that made it into Apple's top ten charts. You'll also get

an insight into Google's User Experience Lab, and (illustrated by the example of Pinterest) explore the importance of paint performance. Furthermore, our Smashing authors share valuable lessons learned in the course of their careers — from both successes and failures. This eBook is full of handy tips, ideas, and personal experiences that are beneficial to any Web professional. TABLE OF CONTENTS - Building The New Financial Times Web App - Bringing Angry Birds To Facebook - Behind The Scenes Of Nike Better World - Behind The Scenes Of Tourism New Zealand - Tale Of A Top-10 App, Part 1: Idea And Design - Tale Of A Top-10 App, Part 2: Marketing And Launch - Gone In 60 Frames Per Second: A Pinterest Paint Performance Case Study - Inside Google's User Experience Lab: An Interview With Google's Marcin Wichary - Mistakes I've Made (And Lessons Learned Along The Way)

The Three Sector Solution John Butcher 2016-07-15 This collection of essays had its origins in a one-day workshop held in August 2015 at The Australian National University. Jointly convened by Dr John Butcher (ANZSOG) and Professor David Gilchrist (Curtin Not-for-profit Initiative) the purpose of the workshop was to bring together academic researchers, policy practitioners and thought leaders to address a variety of emerging issues facing policymakers, public sector commissioners, not-for-profit providers of publicly funded services, and businesses interested in opportunities for social investment. The workshop itself generated a great deal of interest and a 'baker's dozen' of contributors challenged and engaged a full house. The level of enthusiasm shown by the audience for the subject matter was such that the decision to curate the presentations in the form of a book was never in doubt. The editors trust that this volume will vindicate that decision. At one time the state exercised a near monopoly in the delivery of social programs. Today, almost every important public problem is a three sector problem and yet we have little idea of what a high-performing three sector

production system looks like. It is the editors' hope that this volume will provide a foundation for some answers to these important public policy questions.

Anti-Zionism on Campus Doron S. Ben-Atar 2018-03-30 Many scholars have endured the struggle against rising anti-Israel sentiments on college and university campuses worldwide. This volume of personal essays documents and analyzes the deleterious impact of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement on the most cherished Western institutions. These essays illustrate how anti-Israelism corrodes the academy and its treasured ideals of free speech, civility, respectful discourse, and open research. Nearly every chapter attests to the blurred distinction between anti-Israelism and antisemitism, as well as to hostile learning climates where many Jewish students, staff, and faculty feel increasingly unwelcome and unsafe. *Anti-Zionism on Campus* provides a testament to the specific ways anti-Israelism manifests on campuses and considers how this chilling and disturbing trend can be combatted.

Africa in the Post-2015 Development

Agenda Leo Charles Zulu 2018-04-19 This book offers a multifaceted examination of Africa's development into the post-2015 global agenda from a geographical perspective. As a diversified and highly applied discipline, geography has a lot to offer to global debates, nuanced analysis of problems on and the search for innovative solutions to advance the African development agenda beyond 2015. The end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) era and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015 mark an important turning point for Africa and an opportune time to examine new challenges and opportunities that it faces. The regional disparities in MDG progress affirm an important geographic tenet that the unique yet internally differentiated socio-cultural, economic, political, ecological, biophysical and historical context give Africa distinctive challenges and opportunities that demand

particular approaches to development. This edited book presents innovative contributions examining Africa's development performance in diverse sectors during the MDG era as a basis for understanding prospects for its development in the SDG era and beyond. It offers new and innovative study perspectives and methodological approaches on urban transformation, development financing, food security, climate change, gender equality, health, and regional integration, among other topics, and useful insights for scholars, students and development practitioners. This book was originally published as a special issue of *African Geographical Review*, the journal of the American Association of Geographers' Africa Specialty Group, to mark the transition from MDGs to SDGs.

Dismantling the NHS? Exworthy, Mark 2016-07-28 An in-depth analysis of the NHS reforms ushered in by UK Coalition Government under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act. Essential reading for those studying the NHS, those who work in it, and those who seek to gain a better understanding of this key public service.

Autonomous Weapons Systems and International Law Daniele Amoroso 2020-11-24 Jüngste Fortschritte in Robotik und KI machen es möglich, Roboter auch mit ethisch und rechtlich sensiblen Aufgaben zu betrauen. Besonders umstritten ist der Einsatz so genannter autonomer Waffensysteme (AWS), die eigenständig Entscheidungen über Leben und Tod von 'Zielpersonen' treffen. Damit berühren sie zentrale Grundlagen des humanitären Völkerrechts, der internationalen Menschenrechte, des internationalen Strafrechts sowie der staatlichen Verantwortung. Vor diesem Hintergrund untersucht das Buch die Legalität und die völkerrechtlichen Folgen des Einsatzes autonomer Waffensysteme. Es zeigt Wege für künftige internationale Regelungen auf und skizziert das Konzept einer 'geteilten Verantwortung' zwischen menschlichen Entscheidungsträgern und

intelligenten Systemen. Daniele Amoroso ist Professor für Völkerrecht an der Universität Cagliari und Mitglied des Internationalen Komitees für die Kontrolle von Roboterwaffen (ICRAC).

International Handbook on Responsible Innovation René von Schomberg 2019 The Handbook constitutes a global resource for the fast growing interdisciplinary research and policy communities addressing the challenge of driving innovation towards socially desirable outcomes. This book brings together well-known authors from the US, Europe and Asia who develop conceptual and regional perspectives on responsible innovation as well as exploring the prospects for further implementation of responsible innovation in emerging technological practices ranging from agriculture and medicine, to nanotechnology and robotics. The emphasis is on the socio-economic and normative dimensions of innovation including issues of social risk and sustainability.

Health Warning: Government! Mike Sivier 2014-06-01 Always irreverent, often scathing, Vox Political has been commenting on the UK political scene since late 2011. Health Warning: Government! collects the best articles of early 2013 into a handy volume, providing guidance and insight into the facts behind the rhetoric - in a way that everyone can understand.

Our Global Families Todd M. Johnson 2015-02-10 As Christians, we belong to not only a diverse global Christian family but also a diverse human family. Todd Johnson, a noted expert on global Christianity and world missions trends, and Cindy Wu show how divisions within these families work against our desire to bring about positive change in the world. They provide an overview of global Christian identity, exploring how we can be faithful to our own tradition while engaging Christians across denominations and be better informed as we work with people of other religions. The book utilizes the latest research data on global Christianity and world religions and includes tables, graphs, charts, and end-of-chapter discussion questions.

Environmental Pollution and the Media

Glenn D. Hook 2017-04-07 This book offers a theoretically informed empirical investigation of national media reporting and political discourse on environmental issues in Australia, China and Japan. It illuminates the risks, harms and responsibilities associated with climate change through an analysis of pollution, adopting an interdisciplinary approach drawing on both the social sciences and humanities. A particular strength of the work is the detailed analysis of the data using a range of both quantitative and qualitative techniques, enabling the authors to reveal in rich and compelling detail the complex relationship between risk and responsibility in the climate change discourse. The case studies of Australia, China and Japan are set in the current literature as well as in the historical context of climate change in these three countries. The analysis of the media discourse on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia demonstrates how the mining of coal for overseas markets has led to devastating harm to the life of the reef. A critical discussion of the Chinese documentary, *Under the Dome*, shows how this medium has played a crucial role in building awareness of the harm from atmospheric pollution among the citizens, shaping attitudes and promoting action. The first case study of Japan elucidates how cross-border atmospheric pollution from China forges a chain of responsibility for responding to climate change, running from the state to society. The other case study of Japan demonstrates how 'smart cities' have emerged as a way to mitigate the risks and harms of climate change. The Conclusion draws together the similarities and differences in how climate change is addressed in the three countries. In all, *Environmental Pollution and the Media: Political Discourses of Risk and Responsibility in Australia, China and Japan* uncovers the dynamics of the triadic relationship among risk, harm and climate change in Australia, China and Japan. By so doing, the book makes an original and

timely contribution to understanding comparative media, discourse and political debates on climate change.

Assessing Regional Integration in Africa. Issue 7 United Nations Economic Commission for Africa 2016-04-21 The seventh edition of Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA VII) examines how the three elements of regional integration, innovation and competitiveness are interlinked. It explores the prospects for harnessing them within the framework of Africa's normative regional integration development model oriented to foster structural change. Evidence presented in ARIA VII for a sample of 15 African countries for the period between 1995 and 2010 shows that growth in most of the sample countries has been achieved through factor accumulation rather than through significant improvements with input combinations that are associated with innovation. Based on theoretical and empirical insights, the report makes recommendations as to how further regional integration boost Africa's capacity for innovation and competitiveness. In addition, the report provides an overview of regional integration trends in Africa, including an analysis of data from the African Regional Integration Index.

Acknowledged: A Perspective On Ufos, Aliens and Crop Circles Andrew Johnson 2019-03-22 Have aliens really visited us? What do they look like? Where do they come from and why are they here? Have they given us messages in Crop Circles? What historical evidence is there that aliens have been involved in the evolution or creation of humans? Is there a UFO/Alien cover up? If so, how is it kept in place? This book embodies an attempt to give some answers to the questions above, based on a compilation and distillation of evidence collected during about 15 years of ongoing research. Although most or all of the information in this book has been written about elsewhere, this work attempts a synthesis of reasoned analysis which, it is hoped, will enlighten the reader and give them a new understanding about why any

official type of "Disclosure" is unlikely to happen, as powerful interests need to keep their crimes covered up.

[Navigating The Digital Shift: Implementation Strategies for Blended and Online Learning](#) John Bailey 2013-10-09 Our nation's schools stand at an important "inflection point" in the history of education. Taken together, the implementation of common college and career standards, the shift to next generation assessments, the availability of affordable devices, and the growing number of high-quality digital instructional tools create an unprecedented opportunity to fundamentally shift the education system to personalize learning around the individual needs of every student. Digital Learning Now! (DLN), a national initiative under the Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinEd), in association with Getting Smart, brings "Navigating the Digital Shift: Implementation Strategies for Blended and Online Learning" to readers interested in exploring the implementation challenges at the intersection of these shifts. Co-authored by John Bailey, Carri Schneider, and Tom Vander Ark, "Navigating the Digital Shift" offers updated versions of the eight papers originally released in the "DLN Smart Series" including contributions from 11 additional co-authors representing leading organizations such as Public Impact, the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) and The Learning Accelerator. Topics include: blended learning implementation, teaching conditions and careers, competency-based learning, student data, online learning myths, and student-based funding. Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida from 1999-2007 and Chairman of ExcelinEd, contends that the book "provides policymakers and education leaders the tools they need to use digital learning as a catalyst for improved student achievement." AASA 2013 Superintendent of the Year Dr. Mark Edwards believes the collection "provides meaningful, practical, and poignant advice as well as commentary regarding the move to college and career ready standards

associated with the shift to personal online learning and digital resources.” Rhode Island’s Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Deborah Gist describes the book as an “invaluable resource that will help educators re-imagine what our schools can look like and what our students can accomplish.”

How To Create Selling E-Commerce Websites, Vol. 2 Smashing Magazine 2014-11-28 With more and more people reaching out for their smartphones and tablets to shop online, mobile e-commerce is set to reach \$86 billion by 2016 — a development that brings along entirely new demands on e-commerce websites. After our first e-commerce eBook was published four years ago, we wanted to take a fresh look at the challenges that crafting online shopping experiences bring along today, and equip you with the necessary know-how on how to deal with them effectively. Along the way, our expert authors will guide you through the vital steps of planning a successful e-commerce website and explore the design decisions that have to be considered in order to achieve a pleasant and compelling user experience. We’ll also take a deeper look into the peculiarities of mobile e-commerce usability and cover tips on designing a better checkout process. Reducing abandoned shopping carts is also one of the topics that we’ll dig into. With real-life examples and insights into a large-scale usability study that dissects some of the biggest e-commerce websites out there, this eBook will prove to be a valuable and practical source for all your e-commerce needs.

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[Retail Market Study 2014](#) Marc-Christian

Riebe 2014-02-01 The Retail Market Study 2014 of The Location Group is the one and only study of its kind with 150 of the most notable international cities of the fashion and retail world and 3'000 store openings on 1,500 pages. Over 1,000 retailers, 800 shopping streets and 500 shopping centers were analyzed. The study reached more than 100,000 readers worldwide so far.

The Potential of Massive Open Online Courses in the Context of Corporate Training and Development Bianca Sillak-Riesinger 2017-01-02 Bianca Sillak-Riesinger examines to what extent Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) can be used as a beneficial opportunity in Corporate Training and Development. In the scope of the empirical analyses, experts were interviewed and a survey with professionals who take part in job-related MOOCs was conducted. Conclusions and recommendations for action regarding a possible usage of MOOCs in corporate learning are drawn for decision makers in Corporate Training and Development. A guide for companies interested in implementing MOOCs is included in the appendix.

The Failure of Evangelical Mental Health Care John Weaver 2014-11-26 In the evangelical community, a variety of alternative mental health treatments—deliverance/exorcism, biblical counseling, reparative therapy and many others—have been proposed for the treatment of mentally ill, female and LGBT evangelicals. This book traces the history of these methods, focusing on the major proponents of each therapeutic system while also examining mainstream evangelical psychology. The author concludes that in the majority of cases mental disorders are blamed on two main issues—sin and demonic possession/oppression—and that as a result some communities have become a mental health underclass who are ill-served or oppressed by both alternative and mainstream evangelical therapeutic systems. He argues that the only recourse left for mentally ill, female and LGBT

evangelicals is to rally for reform and increased accountability for both professional and alternative evangelical practitioners.

Glaciers Jorge Daniel Taillant 2015-06-01 Though not traditionally thought of as strategic natural resources, glaciers are a crucial part of our global ecosystem playing a fundamental role in the sustaining of life around the world. Comprising three quarters of the world's freshwater, they freeze in the winter and melt in the summer, supplying a steady flow of water for agriculture, livestock, industry and human consumption. The white of glacier surfaces reflect sunrays which otherwise warm our planet. Without them, many of the planet's rivers would run dry shortly after the winter snow-melt. A single mid-sized glacier in high mountain environments of places like California, Argentina, India, Kyrgyzstan, or Chile can provide an entire community with a sustained flow of drinking water for generations. On the other hand, when global temperatures rise, not only does glacier ice wither away into the oceans and cease to act as water reservoirs, but these massive ice bodies can become highly unstable and collapse into downstream environments, resulting in severe natural events like glacier tsunamis and other deadly environmental catastrophes. But despite their critical role in environmental sustainability, glaciers often exist well outside our environmental consciousness, and they are mostly unprotected from atmospheric impacts of global warming or from soot deriving from transportation emissions, or from certain types of industrial activity such as mining, which has been shown to have devastating consequences for glacier survival. *Glaciers: The Politics of Ice* is a scientific, cultural, and political examination of the cryosphere -- the earth's ice -- and the environmental policies that are slowly emerging to protect it. Jorge Daniel Taillant discusses the debates and negotiations behind the passage of the world's first glacier-protection law in the mid-2000s, and

reveals the tension that quickly arose between industry, politicians, and environmentalists when an international mining company proposed dynamiting three glaciers to get at gold deposits underneath. The book is a quest to educate general society about the basic science behind glaciers, outlines current and future risks to their preservation, and reveals the intriguing politics behind glacier melting debates over policies and laws to protect the resource. Taillant also makes suggestions on what can be done to preserve these crucial sources of fresh water, from both a scientific and policymaking standpoint. *Glaciers* is a new window into one of the earth's most crucial and yet most ignored natural resources, and a call to reawaken our interest in the world's changing climate.

Social Rights and International Development Markus Kaltenborn 2014-11-04 This book addresses practitioners in development cooperation as well as scientists and students who are interested in the interaction of human rights and development issues. In the practice of development cooperation, linking poverty reduction programs with human rights is mainly achieved using so-called "Rights-based Approaches to Development." In this context the right to an adequate standard of living (including access to food, water and housing), the right to health and the right to social security are of particular importance - human rights that will play a key role in the design of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which is currently being negotiated as a framework to succeed the Millennium Development Goals. The book provides an overview of the main international legal standards that are relevant for the protection of social rights, while also analyzing the content of those rights. Moreover, it informs readers on the current debates surrounding the extraterritorial obligations of donor countries and the duties of transnational corporations and international organizations (e.g. the World Bank and WTO) with regard to the

implementation of social rights in the Global South.

Healthcare Reform in America: A Reference Handbook, 2nd Edition Jennie

Jacobs Kronenfeld 2015-04-14 This valuable handbook makes the U.S. health care system understandable, reviews the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or "Obamacare," describes past health care reform efforts, and covers the important organizations and people involved in U.S. health care reform.

- Provides clear, accessible information that enables readers to understand the history and key issues in the development and reform of the U.S. health care system
- Presents short essays that discuss specific issues from the perspective of the expert contributor
- Includes an index to assist researchers in finding information and resources on specific topics, a bibliography that lists the sources cited throughout the book and recommended additional reading, and a glossary of health care-specific terms

Fuel Cells Detlef Stolten 2016-01-11 This ready reference is unique in collating in one scientifically precise and comprehensive handbook the widespread data on what is feasible and realistic in modern fuel cell technology. Edited by one of the leading scientists in this exciting area, the short, uniformly written chapters provide economic data for cost considerations and a full overview of demonstration data, covering such topics as fuel cells for transportation, fuel provision, codes and

standards. The result is highly reliable facts and figures for engineers, researchers and decision makers working in the field of fuel cells.

New Framings on Anti-Racism and Resistance Ayan Abdule 2017-06-09 This collection of essays generates important enquiries into the teaching and practice of anti-racism education, by way of working through conversations, contestations, and emotions as presented by a diverse group of strong women committed to social justice work in their own right. Throughout the collection, contemporary educational issues are situated within personal-political, historical and philosophical conversations, which work to broach the challenges and possibilities for students, educators, staff, administrators, policy makers, and community members who engage in critical anti-racism education. This work diverges from the existing scholarship by way of bringing new insights to the theoretical possibilities of resistance and futurity as voiced through pedagogues, practitioners and scholars in anti-racism. In this book the authors speak to the importance of anti-racism discursivity in a time when even those who desire to engage this framework struggle to be heard; in a time when there are anti-racism policies in institutions, yet to speak anti-racism philosophy remains dangerous; and in a time when, to speak race and anti-racism, is considered to be stirring up trouble in the face of post-racial discourses.