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Democracy Online Peter M. Shane 2004-07-15 Taking a multidisciplinary approach that they identify as a "cyber-realist research agenda," the contributors to this volume examine the prospects for electronic democracy in terms of its form and practice—while avoiding the pitfalls of treating the benefits of electronic democracy as being self-evident. The debates question what electronic democracy needs to accomplish in order to revitalize democracy and what the current state of electronic democracy can teach us about the challenges and opportunities for implementing democratic technology initiatives.

The City of Tomorrow Carlo Ratti 2016-06-28 Since cities emerged ten thousand years ago, they have become one of the most impressive artifacts of humanity. But their evolution has been anything but linear—cities have gone through moments of radical change, turning points that redefine their very essence. In this book, a renowned architect and urban planner who studies the intersections of cities and technology argues that we are in such a moment. The authors explain some of the forces behind urban change and offer new visions of the many possibilities for tomorrow’s city. Pervasive digital systems that layer our cities are transforming urban life. The authors provide a front-row seat to this change. Their work at the MIT Senseable City Laboratory allows experimentation and implementation of a variety of urban initiatives and concepts, from assistive condition-monitoring bicycles to trash with embedded tracking sensors, from mobility to energy, from participation to production. They call for a new approach to envisioning cities: futurecraft, a symbiotic development of urban ideas by designers and the public. With such participation, we can collectively imagine, examine, choose, and shape the most desirable future of our cities.

The Macroverse-Joel de Rosnay 1979

Exodus Paul Collier 2015-04-14 In Exodus, Paul Collier, the world-renowned economist and bestselling author of The Bottom Billion, clearly and concisely lays out the effects of encouraging or restricting migration. Drawing on original research and case studies, he explores this volatile topic from three perspectives: that of the migrants themselves, that of the people they leave behind, and that of the host societies where they relocate.

Realising Systems Thinking: Knowledge and Action in Management Science John Mingers 2006-09-13 This book deals with the contribution of a systems approach to a range of disciplines from philosophy and biology to social theory and management. It weaves together material from some of the pre-eminent thinkers of the day. In doing so it creates a coherent path from fundamental work on philosophical issues of ontology and epistemology through specific domains of knowledge about the nature of information and meaning, human communication, and social intervention.

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Redesigning Society Russell Lincoln Ackoff 2003 Health care, education, welfare, law—the perceived success or failure of these social institutions is constantly being debated in the public arena. In this new book Ackoff and Revin examine a variety of these issues and use systems theory to develop solutions for some of the problems society currently faces.

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Applied E-Learning and E-Teaching in Higher Education Donnelly, Roisin 2008-07-31 “This book presents international practices in the development and use of applied e-Learning and e-Teaching in the classroom in order to enhance student experience, add value to teaching practices, and illuminate best practices in the area of e-Assessment. This book provides insight into e-Learning and e-Teaching practices while exploring the roles of academic staff in adoption and application”–Provided by publisher.

Education for Innovation: 2008-01-01 In Education for Innovation: Implications for India, China and America, distinguished thought leaders explore cutting-edge questions such as: Can inventiveness and ingenuity be taught and nurtured in schools and colleges? What are the most effective educational strategies to promote these abilities? How are vibrant economies driven by innovation? What is the relationship between education for innovation and national competitiveness or economic development?

Democratic Citizenship and War Yoav Peled 2014-06-03 This edited volume explores the theoretical and practical implications of war and terror situations for citizenship in democratic states. Citizenship is a key concept in Western political thought for defining the individual’s relations with society. The specific nature of these rights, duties and contributions, as well the relations between them, are determined by the citizenship discourses that prevail in each society. In war, including low-intensity wars, democratic societies face different challenges than the ones facing them during peacetime, in areas such as human rights, the status of minorities, the state’s obligations to its citizens, and the meaning of social solidarity. War situations can affect not only the scope of citizenship but also the relations between the prevailing discourses of citizenship and between different groups of citizens. Since 9/11 and the declaration of the “war on terror,” many democracies have been grappling with issues rising out of the interface between citizenship and war. This volume examines the effects of war on various aspects of citizenship practice, including immigration and naturalization, the welfare state, individual liberties, gender relations, multiculturalism, social solidarity, and state - civil society relations. This book will be of great interest to students of military studies, political science, IR and security studies in general.

X-Teams Deborah Ancona 2007-05-17 Why do good teams fail? Very often, argue Deborah Ancona and Henrik Birnbaum, it is because they are looking inward instead of outward. Based on years of research examining teams across many industries, Ancona and Birnbaum show that traditional team models are failing short, and that what’s needed—and what works—is a new brand of team that emphasizes external outreach to stakeholders, extensive ties, expandable tiers, and flexible membership. The authors highlight that X-teams not only are able to adapt in ways that traditional teams aren’t, but that they actually improve an organization’s ability to produce creative ideas and execute them—increasing the entrepreneurial and innovative capacity within the firm. What’s more, the
new environment demands what the authors call “distributed leadership,” and the book highlights how X-teams powerfully embody this idea.

Intelligent Buildings-Derek Clements-Croome 2004 Intelligent buildings provide stimulating environments for people to work and live in. This book brings together a body of the latest knowledge about design, management, technology and sustainability set against the background of developments in the cultural landscapes, which affect those living and working in buildings.

Globalization, Growth, and Poverty-Paul Collier 2002 Globalization - the growing integration of economies and societies around the world, is a complex process. The focus of this research is the impact of economic integration on development, and especially the poor people living in these countries. Whether economic integration supports poverty reduction and how it can do so more effectively are key questions asked. The research yields 3 main findings with bearings on current policy debates about globalization. Firstly, poor countries with some 3 billion people have broken into the global market and for services, and this successful integration has generally supported poverty reduction. Secondly, inclusion both across nations and within them is important as a number of countries (pop. 2 billion) are failing as states, trading less and less, and becoming marginal to the world economy. Thirdly, standardization or homogenization is a concern - will economic integration lead to cultural or institutional homogenization?

The Crises of Multiculturalism-Alana Lentin 2011-07-14 Across the West, something called multiculturalism is in crisis. Resigned as the failed experiment of liberal elites, commentators and politicians compete to denounce its corrosive legacies; parallel communities threatening social cohesion, enemies within cultivated by irresponsible cultural relativism, mediaeval practices subverting national/‘ways of life’ and universal values. This important new book challenges this familiar narrative of the rise and fall of multiculturalism by challenging the existence of a coherent era of ‘multiculturalism’ in the first place. The authors argue that what we are witnessing is not so much a rejection of multiculturalism as a projection of neoliberal anxieties onto the social realities of lived multicultural. Nestered in an established post-racial consensus, new forms of racism draw powerfully on liberalisms and questions of ‘values’, and unsettle received ideas about racism and the ‘far right’ in Europe. In combining theory with a reading of recent controversies concerning headscarves, cartoons, minarets and burkas, Lentin and Tiley trace a transnational crisis that travels and is made to travel, and where rejecting multiculturalism is central to laundering increasingly acceptable forms of racism.

Transcultural Realities-Virginia H. Milhouse 2001-07-24 Transcultural Realities is an important collection of essays written by an outstanding cast of critical scholars who discuss the importance of transculturalism in interdisciplin ary contexts. The primary goal of the contributors is to help the reader to understand that a state of “community” or “harmony” cannot be achieved in the world until we are all ready to accept different cultural forms, norms, and orientations. In this book, transculture is defined as a form of culture created not from within separate spheres, but in the holistic form of diverse cultures. It is based on the principle that a single culture, in and of itself, is incomplete and requires interaction and dialogue with other cultures.

The Global Competitiveness Report 2007-2008-Michael E. Porter 2007-12-15 The World Economic Forum’s annual Global Competitiveness Report evaluates the potential for sustained economic growth of over 130 developed and emerging economies and ranks them accordingly. Since its first release in 1979, the Report has become the most authoritative and comprehensive study of its type. The 2007-2008 Report contains: • Detailed country competitiveness profiles of 131 economies • Data tables for survey and hard data variables ranking profiled economies • Global rankings: the Global Competitiveness Index and the Business Competitiveness Index, measuring growth and productivity, respectively • Exclusive data from the Executive Opinion Survey, with over 11,000 responses from business leaders worldwide. Produced in collaboration with a distinguished group of international scholars and a global network of over 130 leading national research institutes and business organizations, the Report also showcases the latest thinking and research on issues of immediate relevance for business leaders and policy-makers.

The Power of Productivity-William W. Lewis 2005-09-01 The disparity between rich and poor countries is the most serious, intractable problem facing the world today. The chronic poverty of many nations affects more than the citizens and economies of those nations; it threatens global stability as the pressures of immigration become unsustainable and noble nations seek power and influence through extreme political and terrorist acts. To address this tenacious poverty, a vast array of international institutions has pumped billions of dollars into these nations in recent decades, yet despite this infusion of capital and attention, roughly five billion of the world’s six billion people continue to live in poor countries. What isn’t working? And how can we fix it? The Power of Productivity provides powerful and controversial answers to these questions. William W. Lewis, the director emeritus of the McKinsey Global Institute, here draws on extensive microeconomic studies of thirteen nations over twelve years—conducted by the Institute itself—to counter virtually all prevailing wisdom about how best to ameliorate economic disparity. Lewis’s research, which included studying everything from state-of-the-art auto makers to black market street vendors and mom-and-pop stores, conclusively demonstrates that, contrary to popular belief, providing more capital to poor nations is not the best way to help them. Nor is improving levels of education, exchange-rate flexibility, or government solvency enough. Rather, the key to improving economic conditions in poor countries, argues Lewis, is increasing productivity through intensive, fair competition and protecting consumer rights. As The Power of Productivity explains, this sweeping solution affects the economies of poor nations at all levels—from the viability of major industries to how the average consumer thinks about his or her purchases. Policies must be enacted in developing nations that reflect a consumer rather than a producer mindset and an attendant sense of consumer rights. Only one force, Lewis claims, can stand up to producer special privileges—consumer interests. The Institute’s unprecedented research method and Lewis’s years of experience with economic policy combine to make The Power of Productivity the most authoritative and compelling view of the global economy today, one that will inform policy and economic debate throughout the world for years to come.

Problem-Based Learning Online-Savin-Baden, Maggi 2006-08-01 The book provides research-based information about the realities of setting up and running problem-based programmes using technology in a variety of ways. It also captures the diversity of use of technology with PBL across disciplines and countries, providing vital input into the literature on the theory and practice of PBL online.

Social Movements-Ron Eyerman 1991 This book offers a new approach to the study of social movements. Integrating American and European approaches, Eyerman and Jamison argue that social movements are forms of activity whereby individuals create new kinds of social identities not only for themselves but for the societies of which they form a part. They examine the success and failure of social movements in comparative terms, both between historical periods and political cultures, giving special attention to the American civil rights movement, environmental movements, and recent form of collective protest in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The result is a study which develops major theoretical innovations as well as integrating a wide range of empirical material.

A Practical Guide to Problem-Based Learning Online-Maggi Savin-Baden 2007-12-28 Problem-based learning online is a burgeoning area, crying out for support in all the disciplines, but particularly health, medicine, education and social care that are already advanced users of problem-based learning in higher education. This book provides highly grounded research based ways for those wanting to change problem-based learning modules and programs from face to face to online approaches, as well as those who have developed e-learning components but who want to adopt problem-based methods. Providing an overview of the current state of problem based learning online, it examines why we’re moving from face to face to online provision, considers existing forms of provision, outlines common mistakes and strategies to avoid future problems, and shows how to effectively facilitate learning. Illustrated by mini case studies and examples of international projects, it provides guidance on effective design, online collaboration and group dynamics, and explores the common, and complex, decisions faced when choosing which form of problem-based learning to adopt. Including practical information and resources for games and activities, scenarios of problem-based learning in the different disciplines, advice for supporting staff and students, and effectively evaluating the tools, skills and pedagogy needed for learning, this book is an essential guide for all practitioners involved in the design and delivery of problem based learning online.

Content Management Bible-Boo Boiko 2005-11-28 Written by one of the leading experts in content management systems (CMS), this newly revised bestseller guides readers through the confusing and often intimidating-task of building, implementing, running, and managing a CMS Updated to cover recent developments in online delivery systems, as well as XML and related technologies Reflects valuable input from CMS users who attended the author's workshops, conferences, and courses An essential reference anyone involved in information/delivery systems how to plan and implement a system that can handle large amounts of information and help achieve an organization's/overall goals

The Icebreakers-Anne Altonpää-Niitamo 2004 Tuvistelmä. - Soo koobid.

Decision Theory and Decision Behaviour-Anatol Rapoport 2013-03-14 This book presents the content of a year’s course in decision processes for third and fourth year students given at the University of Toronto. A principal theme of the book is the relationship between normative and descriptive decision theory. The distinction between the two approaches is not clear to everyone, yet it is of great importance. Decision theory addresses itself to the question of how people ought to make decisions in various types of situations, if they wish to be regarded (or to regard themselves) as ‘rational’. Descriptive decision theory purports to describe how people actually make decisions in a variety of situations. Normative decision theory is much more formalized than descriptive theory. Especially in its advanced branches, normative theory makes use of mathematical/language, mode of discourse, and concepts. For this reason, the definitions of terms encountered in normative decision theory are precise, and its deductions are rigorous. Like the terms and assertions of other branches of mathematics, those of mathematically formalized decision theory need not refer to anything in the ‘real’, i.e. the observable, world. The terms and assertions can be interpreted in the context of models of real life situations, but the verisimilitude of the models is not important. They are meant to capture only the essentials of adhesion situation, which in real life may be obscured by complex details and ambiguities. It is these details and ambiguities, however, that may be crucial in determining the outcomes of the decisions.

Ecological Intelligence-Daniel Goleman 2010 Reveals the hidden environmental consequences of what societies make and buy, and how that knowledge can drive the changes necessary to save the planet.

The Modern Post Military-Charles C. Moskos 2000 Assesses contemporary civil-military trends by looking at specific areas in the US military. This book provides the student and defense professional
with a foundation on which to base organizational and personal policies. It also tells readers about what life is really like in military, and how it is both the same and different around the world.

**The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth** - Benjamin M. Friedman 2006 Describes the benefits of widely distributed economic growth, including the creation and enhancement of democratic institutions, political stability, and the promotion of opportunity, exploring the role of economic growth in determining which nations will extend the broadest freedoms to their citizenry and arguing that we must aggressively promote global economic growth. Reprint. 12,500 first printing.

**Transnational Protest and Global Activism** - Emeritus Maxwell M Upson Professor of Government Sidney Tarrow 2005 Sociologists and political scientists from Europe and the US explore how global issues are transforming local and national activism and the interactions between local, national, and supranational movement organizations. In addition to describing recent events, they adapt concepts and hypotheses developed in the social movement literature of the past.

**Culture Matters** - Lawrence E. Harrison 2001-04-05 Prominent scholars and journalists ponder the question of why, at the beginning of the twenty-first century, the world is more divided than ever between the rich and the poor, between those living in freedom and those under oppression.

**Content Critical** - Gerry McGovern 2002 The web's made everyone a publisher, so what's going to make people read what YOU write? The answer is high-quality, well-written, reader-focused, compelling content. This is the book that explores what “killer content” actually is, and shows how to create it for yourself.

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**Social Movements, Civil Society, and Radical Adult Education** - John D. Holst 2002 Analyzes the history and status of social movement and civil society theory within radical adult education and the Left. Challenging 'civil societarianism' the author argues for a reconceptualization of Gramsci's use of civil society arguing that Gramsci did not advocate building civil society but proletarian hegemony.

Managing Enterprise Content - Ann Rockley 2012-02-14 Smartphones, eBook readers, and tablet computers like the Apple iPad have forever changed the way people access and interact with content. Your customers expect the content you provide them to be adaptive—responding to the device, their location, their situation, and their personalized needs. Authors Ann Rockley and Charles Cooper provide insights and guidelines that will help you develop a unified content strategy—a repeatable, systematic plan that can help you reach your customers, anytime, anywhere, on any device. This up-to-date new edition of Managing Enterprise Content helps you: Determine business requirements Build your vision Design content that adapts to any device Develop content models, metadata, and workflow Put content governance in place Adapt to new and changed roles Identify tools requirements With this book you’ll learn to design adaptable content that frees you from the tyranny of an ever increasing array of devices.

Maintaining and Evolving Successful Commercial Web Sites - Ashley Friedlein 2003 P. 45.

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