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Foreword

The current issue of "New Arrivals: List of New Additions with Summaries" contains a list of New Books that were processed in the month of April, 2025 and are available for use in the National Social Science Documentation Centre of ICSSR. In the main text, entries are arranged by the title in alphabetical order, followed by bibliographical details and a summary of the document. For easy retrieval, the Author and Keyword Index are also given at the end where the number in front of the Author or Keyword denotes the serial number of the entry in the main list of New Arrivals. Interested readers can consult the listed titles by visiting the library.

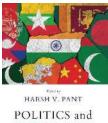
Suggestions are always welcome.

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Politics and Geopolitics: Decoding India's Neighbourhood Challenge/ Pant, Harsh V. (ed.) - Rupa Publications, India, 2021; 224p.

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India's South Asia policy, by its very nature, has to be extremely dynamic and nimble. The Narendra Modi government has also articulated an ambitious 'Neighbourhood First' approach and has invested significant diplomatic capital in it over the last few years. But the underlying factors that have traditionally framed India's difficulties in getting its neighbourhood policy right remain as potent as ever. Against this backdrop, Politics and Geopolitics brings together some of the finest thinkers in the country to deliberate on the gamut of political, diplomatic and economic issues that India is facing in its neighbourhood beyond Chinese hostilities and the perennial lack of trust with Pakistan. Each chapter provides an overview of the last few years under the Modi government and evaluates the state of the relationship as it exists today, touching upon the main areas of disputes and charting out a way forward for the bilateral engagement. This extremely timely and crucial compilation provides a kaleidoscopic view of India's neighbourhood challenge.



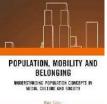
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2 Population, Mobility and Belonging: Understanding Population Concepts in Media, Culture and Society/ Cover, Rob - Routledge, London, 2020; 236p.

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In a world of increasing mobility and migration, population size and composition come under persistent scrutiny across public policy, public debate, and film and television. Drawing on media, cultural and social theory approaches, this book takes a fresh look at the concept of 'population' as a term that circulates outside the traditional disciplinary areas of demography, governance and statistics—a term that gives coherence to notions such as community, nation, the world and global humanity itself. It focuses on understanding how the concept of population governs ways of thinking about our own identities and forms of belonging at local, national and international levels; on the manner in which television genres fixate on depictions of overpopulation and under population; on the emergence of questions of ethics of belonging and migration in relation to cities; on attitudes towards otherness; and on the use by an emergent 'alt-right' politics of population in 'forgotten people' concepts. As such, it will appeal to scholars of sociology, geography and media and cultural studies with interests in questions of belonging, citizenship and population.

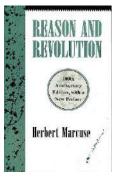




Reason and Revolution: Hegel and the Rise of Social Theory/ Marcuse, Herbert - Routledge, London, 2023; 414p.

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It is of the very definition of any "classic" work that it will not only introduce a new depth and direction of thought, but that its original insights endure. When it first appeared in 1940, Reason and Revolution by Herbert Marcuse (1898-1979) was acclaimed for its profound and undistorted reading of Hegel's social and political theory. Today, the appreciation of Marcuse's work has remained high, more relevant now than ever before. In the rapidly changing context of post-Cold War political realities, there is no better guide than Marcuse to where we have been and to what we might expect. As he well understood, turbulent and spectacular political events always ran within channels earlier set by political theory; and he equally understood that it was Hegel's often



unappreciated and misunderstood theory which actually set a fundamental path of modern political life. It is a fortunate combination to have a scholar of Marcuse's brilliance and lucid honesty addressing the sources and consequences of Hegel's social theory.

4 Reflexivity in Applied Linguistics: Opportunities, Challenges, and Suggestions/ Consoli, Sal (ed.); Ganassin, Sara (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2023; 230p.

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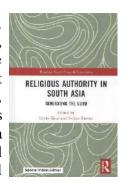
This edited collection provides research-informed guidance on how reflexivity may be practised in applied linguistics research. Specifically, we promote reflexivity as an essential hallmark of quality research and argue that doing reflexivity confers greater transparency, methodological rigour, depth, and trustworthiness to our scholarly inquiries. The collection features perspectives from different sub-fields of applied linguistics, including intercultural communication, language education, and multilingualism, and draws on data from a range of settings, including language cafes, classrooms, workplaces, and migration and displacement contexts. Each chapter follows a unified structure i.e., theoretical background; context of the empirical study used as a backdrop for the chapter; an analysis of how reflexivity played out throughout the study and conclusions which include takeaway points for other researchers. This approach allows readers to gain a sound understanding of the challenges and affordances of doing reflexivity in concrete examples of applied linguistics research whilst also gaining guidance on how to nurture and report on researcher reflexivity as this unfolds throughout the lifetime of a project. This book will appeal to students and scholars in applied linguistics, particularly those with an interest in research methods in the areas of language education, multilingualism, and intercultural communication.



Religious Authority in South Asia: Generating the Guru/ Keul, István (ed.); Raman, Srilata (ed.) - Routledge, London, 2022; 292p.

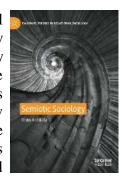
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This book focuses on genealogies of religious authority in South Asia, examining the figure of the guru in narrative texts, polemical tracts, hagiographies, histories, in contemporary devotional communities, New Age spiritual movements and global guru organizations. Experts in the field present reflections on historically specific contexts in which a guru comes into being, becomes part of a community, is venerated, challenged or repudiated, generates a new canon, remains unique with no clear succession or establishes a succession in which charisma is routinized. The guru emerges and is sustained and routinized from the nexus of guruship, narratives, performances and community. The contributors to the book examine this nexus at specific historical moments with all their elements of change and contingency. The book will be of interest to scholars in the field of South Asian studies, the study of religions and cultural studies.



6 Semiotic Sociology: (Palgrave Studies in Relational Sociology)/ Heiskala, Risto - Palgrave, Switzerland, 2021; xv, 224p.

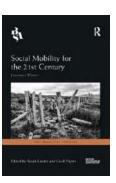
Semiotic Sociology provides solid ground for cultural analysis in the social sciences by building up a mediation between structuralist semiology (Saussure), pragmatist semiotics (Peirce), and phenomenological sociology (Schutz, Garfinkel, Berger and Luckmann). This is a deviation from the common view that these traditions are seen as mutually exclusive alternatives and thus competitors of each other. The net result of the synthesis is that a new social theory emerges wherein action theories (Weber and rational choice) are based on phenomenological sociology and phenomenological sociology is based on neostructuralist semiotics, which is a synthesis of the Saussurean and the Peircean traditions of understanding habits of interpretation and interaction. The core issues of social research are then addressed on these grounds. The topics covered include the economy/society relationship, power, gender, modernity, institutionalization, the canon of current social theory including micro/macro and agency/structure relations, and the grounds of social criticism.



Social Mobility for the 21th Century: Everyone Winner?/ Lawler, Steph (ed.); Payne, Geoff (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2019; 198p.

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Social Mobility for the 21st Century addresses experiences of social mobility, and the detailed processes through which entrenched, intergeneration ally transmitted privilege is reproduced. Contributions include (but are not limited to) family relationships, students' encounters with higher education, narratives of work careers, and 'mobility identities'. The book intends to challenge both the framework of the more traditional approach, and the politicisation of mobility which casts 'mobility' as a possession, a commodity or a character trait, and threatens to castigate the 'non-mobile' as carrying a personal responsibility for their situation. This book presents critical analyses of routes into social mobility, the experience of social mobility, and the political and social implications of social mobility's 'panacea' status. Drawing on the work of established scholars and more recent entrants, the chapters offer a fresh look at social mobility, opening up the topic to a wider readership among the profession and beyond, and stimulating further debate. This book will appeal to higher level students and scholars of sociology alike, as well as having a broad cross-disciplinary appeal.



8 The Caste Question: Dalits and the Politics of Modern India/ Rao, Anupama - Permanent Black, Ranikhet, India, 2009; 416p.

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This innovative work of historical anthropology explores how India's Dalits, or ex-untouchables, transformed themselves from stigmatized subjects into citizens. Anupama Rao's account challenges standard thinking on caste as either a vestige of precolonial society or an artifact of colonial governance. Focusing on western India in the colonial and postcolonial periods, she shines a light on South Asian historiography and on ongoing caste discrimination, to show how persons without rights came to possess them and how Dalit struggles led to the transformation of such terms of colonial liberalism as rights, equality, and personhood. Extending into the present, the ethnographic analyses of The Caste Question reveal the dynamics of an Indian democracy distinguished not by overcoming caste, but by new forms of violence and new means of regulating caste.



9 The Routledge Companion to Gender and Science Fiction/ Yaszek, Lisa (ed.); Fritzsche, Sonja (ed.); Omry, Keren (ed.); Pearson, Wendy G (ed.) - Routledge, London, 2023; 440p.

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The Routledge Companion to Gender and Science Fiction is the first large-scale reference work of its kind, critically assessing the relations of gender and genre in science fiction, especially-but not exclusively-as explored in speculative art by women and LGBTQ+ artists across the world. This global volume builds upon the traditions of interdisciplinary inquiry by connecting established topics in gender studies and science fiction studies with emergent ideas from researchers in different media. Taken together, they challenge conventional generic boundaries; provide new ways of approaching familiar texts; recover lost artists and introduce new ones; connect the revival of old, hate-based politics with the increasing visibility of imagined futures for all; and show how SF stories about new kinds of gender relations inspire new models of artistic, techno scientific, and political practice. Their essays are grouped into five conversations-about the history of gender and genre, theoretical frameworks, subjectivities, medias and transmedialities, and trans temporalities-that are central to discussions of gender and SF in the current moment. A range of both emerging and established names in media, literature, and cultural studies engage with a huge diversity of topics including eco-criticism, animal studies, cyborg and post humanist theory, masculinity, critical race studies, Indigenous futurisms, black girlhood, and gaming. This is an essential resource for students and scholars studying gender, sexuality or science fiction

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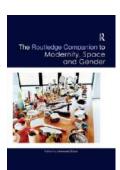


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The Routledge Companion to Modernity, Space and Gender/ Staub, Alexandra (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2018; 400p.

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The Routledge Companion to Modernity, Space and Gender reframes the discussion of modernity, space and gender by examining how "modernity" has been defined in various cultural contexts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, how this definition has been expressed spatially and architecturally, and what effect this has had on women in their everyday lives. In doing so, this volume presents theories and methods for understanding space and gender as they relate to the development of cities, urban space and individual building types (such as housing, work spaces or commercial spaces) in both the creation of and resistance to social transformations and modern global capitalism. The book contains a diverse range of case studies from the US, Europe, the UK, and Asian countries such as China and India, which bring together a multiplicity of approaches to a continuing and common issue and reinforces the need for alternatives to the existing theoretical canon.



The Transgender Studies Reader Remix/ Stryker, Susan (ed.); Blackston, Dylan McCarthy (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2023; xii, 607p.

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The Transgender Studies Reader Remix assembles 50 previously published articles to orient students and scholars alike to current directions in the fast-evolving interdisciplinary field of transgender studies. The volume is organized into ten thematic sections on trans studies' engagements with feminist theory, queer theory, Black studies, science studies, Indigeneity and coloniality, history, biopolitics, cultural production, the posthumanities, and intersectional approaches to embodied difference. It includes a selection of highly-cited works from the two-volume The Transgender Studies Reader, more recently published essays, and some older articles in intersecting fields that are in



conversation with where transgender studies is today. Editors Susan Stryker and Dylan McCarthy Blackston provide a foreword, an introduction, and a short abstract of each article that, taken together, document key texts and interdisciplinary connections foundational to the evolution of transgender studies over the past 30 years. A handy overview for scholars, activists, and all those new to the field, this volume is also ideally suited for use as a textbook in undergraduate or graduate courses in gender studies.

12 Chinese Capitalism in a Global Era: Towards Hybrid Capitalism/ Yeung, Henry Wai-Chung - Routledge, New York, 2004; 320p.

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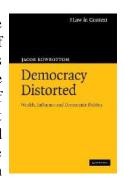
Chinese Capitalism in a Global Era examines the dynamic ways in which millions of ethnic Chinese in East and Southeast Asian economies organize their economic activities. It analyses how Chinese capitalism has changed under conditions of contemporary globalization and anticipates what the future holds for it. The book challenges the conventional notion of Chinese capitalism as 'crony capitalism', based around kinship networks and untouched by globalization.



Democracy Distorted: Wealth, Influence and Democratic Politics/ Rowbottom, Jacob - Cambridge University Press, New York, 2010; x, 257p.

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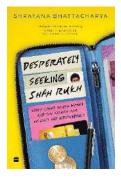
High-profile controversies surrounding the funding of political parties have shown how inequalities in wealth can enter the political process. The growth of the professional lobbying of MPs and the executive raises similar questions about money in politics. More broadly, inequalities emerge in terms of the opportunities the public have to participate in political debate. This analysis of the ways wealth can be used to influence politics in Britain explores the threat posed to the principle of political equality. As well as examining lobbying and party funding, the discussion also focuses on the ownership and control of the media, the chance to be heard on the internet and the impact of the privatisation of public spaces on rights to assemble and protest. Looking at this range of political activities, the author proposes various strategies designed to protect the integrity of British democracy and stop inequalities in wealth becoming inequalities in politics.



Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh: India's Lonely Young Women and the Search for Intimacy and Independence/ Bhattacharya, Shrayana - Harper Collins, Haryana, 2021; xxii, 445p.

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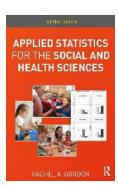
In this path breaking work, Shrayana Bhattacharya maps the economic and personal trajectories--the jobs, desires, prayers, love affairs and rivalries of a diverse group of women. Divided by class but united in fandom, they remain steadfast in their search for intimacy, independence and fun. Embracing Hindi film idol Shah Rukh Khan allows them a small respite from an oppressive culture, a fillip to their fantasies of a friendlier masculinity in Indian men. Most struggle to find the freedom-or income-to follow their favourite actor. Bobbing along in this stream of multiple lives for more than a decade-from Manju's boredom in 'rurban' Rampur and Gold's anger at having to compete with Western women for male attention in Delhi's nightclubs, to Zahira's break from domestic abuse in Ahmedabad-Bhattacharya gleans the details on what Indian women think about men, money, movies, beauty, helplessness, agency and



love. A most unusual and compelling book on the female gaze, this is the story of how women have experienced post-liberalization India.

Applied Statistics for the Social and Health Sciences/ Gordon, Rachel A. - 54315 Routledge, New York, 2024; 780p.

Covering basic univariate and bivariate statistics and regression models for nominal, ordinal, and interval outcomes, Applied Statistics for the Social and Health Sciences provides graduate students in the social and health sciences with fundamental skills to estimate, interpret, and publish quantitative research using contemporary standards. Reflecting the growing importance of 'Big Data' in the social and health sciences, this thoroughly revised and streamlined new edition, outlines changes in best practice in use of statistics in social and health sciences, draws upon new literatures and empirical examples, and highlights the importance of statistical programming, including coding, reproducibility, transparency, and open science. Key features of the book include: - interweaving the teaching of statistical concepts with examples from publicly-available social and health science data and literature excerpts - thoroughly integrating the teaching of statistical theory with teaching of data access, processing and analysis in Stata - recognizing debates and critiques of the origins and uses of quantitative methods.



Digital Influencers and Online Expertise: The Linguistic Power of Beauty Vloggers/ Bhatia, Aditi - Routledge, New York, 2023; 160p.

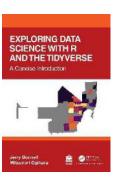
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Based on data from beauty vlogs published by well-known You Tubers, Bhatia explores how they discursively negotiate multiple identities in a creative and participatory space, giving rise to complexities in the definition of categories such as expert, layperson, learner, and teacher in fluid and dynamic digital contexts. In this insightful book, Bhatia sets out to investigate the interdiscursive construction of identity on YouTube. Taking a multimethodological approach to Critical Discourse Analysis, Bhatia examines beauty vlogs at the levels of socio-cognition, language, and genre to provide a better understanding of some of the measures of success and effect as well as new practices of expertise in online communication. The book contributes to a better understanding of how young people work online, often collaboratively, to conform to or resist mainstream notions of expertise, authenticity, race, and beauty; as well as the linguistic and semiotic tools they use to perform their identity, in order to become digital entrepreneurs and cultural influencers. Students and scholars in the field of discourse analysis, situated within the contexts of popular culture and social media, will find this book a valuable read. This volume also enhances the everyday person's understanding of the complexities of new media communication and a new generation of cultural intermediaries.



Exploring Data Science With R and the Tidyverse: A Concise Introduction/Bonnell, Jerry; Ogihara, Mitsunori - CRC Press, London, 2024; 492p.

This book introduces the reader to data science using R and the tidyverse. No prerequisite knowledge is needed in college-level programming or mathematics (e.g., calculus or statistics). The book is self-contained so readers can immediately begin building data science workflows without needing to reference extensive amounts of external resources for on boarding. The contents are targeted for undergraduate students but are equally applicable to students at the graduate level and beyond. The book develops concepts using many real-world examples to motivate the reader. An accompanying R package "edsdata" contains synthetic and real datasets used by the textbook and is meant to be used for further practice. An exercise set is made available and designed for compatibility with automated grading tools for instructor use.



Hands-on Data Science for Librarians/ Lin, Sarah; Scott, Dorris - CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2023; 200p.

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Librarians understand the need to store, use and analyze data related to their collection, patrons and institution, and there has been consistent interest over the last 10 years to improve data management, analysis, and visualization skills within the profession. However, librarians find it difficult to move from out-ofthe-box proprietary software applications to the skills necessary to perform the range of data science actions in code. This book will focus on teaching R through relevant examples and skills that librarians need in their day-to-day lives that includes visualizations but goes much further to include web scraping, working with maps, creating interactive reports, machine learning, and others. While there's a place for theory, ethics, and statistical methods, librarians need a tool to help them acquire enough facility with R to utilize data science skills in their daily work, no matter what type of library they work at (academic, public or special). By walking through each skill and its application to library work before walking the reader through each line of code, this book will support librarians who want to apply data science in their daily work. Hands-On Data Science for Librarians is intended for librarians (and other information professionals) in any library type (public, academic or special) as well as graduate students in library and information science (LIS).



Research Methodology: Techniques and Trends/ Dubey, Umesh Kumar B; Kothari, D. P - CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2022; 306p.

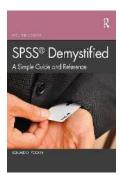
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The book Research Methodology: Techniques and Trends focuses on both undergraduate and post graduate courses; and it helps to understand the basic concepts and application of results directly to real life business, industry and research organization. Features: At the end of each chapter, to test conceptual understanding of the subject and put theory into practice, review questions are included, which would help in understanding of key concepts and ideas. The book contains in-depth coverage of concepts and techniques. Throughout the text, tables and figures are presented to illustrate the concepts and techniques. This book gives students essential guidance on how to carry out their own research projects. The book covers a wide range of research methods, approaches to research, and ways of carrying out analysis of data. It is a textbook on research methodology for the doctoral and post-doctoral programs, post graduate courses such as MSc, MBA, MCA, MS, etc., to name a few. Though the book is primarily addressed to students, it will be equally useful to researchers and entrepreneurs as well.



20 SPSS Demystified: A Simple Guide and Reference/ Yockey, Ronald D. - 54320 Routledge, London, 2023; 282p.

Without question, statistics is one of the most challenging courses for students in the social and behavioral sciences. Enrolling in their first statistics course, students are often apprehensive or extremely anxious toward the subject matter. And while IBM SPSS® is one of the more easy-to-use statistical software programs available, for anxious students who realize they not only have to learn statistics but also new software, the task can seem insurmountable. Keenly aware of students' anxiety with statistics (and the fact that this anxiety can affect performance), Ronald D. Yockey has written SPSS® Demystified: A Simple Guide and Reference, now in its fourth edition. Through a comprehensive, step-by-step approach, this text is consistently and specifically designed to both alleviate anxiety toward the subject matter and build a successful experience analyzing data in SPSS®. Topics covered in the text are appropriate for most introductory and intermediate statistics and research methods courses.



The Internationalization of the Academic Library/ Lombard, Emmett - 54321 Routledge, London, 2022; 146p.

The Internationalization of the Academic Library presents a theoretically informed, empirically grounded analysis of the process of academic library internationalization. Drawing on interviews with library personnel from around the world, Lombard analyzes internationalization at the departmental level of an academic library. Demonstrating that college and library personnel have positive intentions when it comes to internationalization, the research presented nevertheless reveals that there was little commitment to an intentional, holistic role in the libraries studied. Drawing on internationalization expertise and models of prominent scholars, the book argues that libraries need to be more deliberate in their internationalization efforts and collaborate with other college personnel and departments outside the library. Lombard asserts that internationalization can facilitate a better understanding of the potential for mission, vision, transformation of the library's and Internationalization of the Academic Library cuts across the fields of library science and higher education administration, ensuring that the book will appeal to researchers and students working in these disciplines. Library professionals around the world will also find much to interest them within the book.



Understanding Research Methods: An Overview of the Essentials/ Patten, Mildred L; Newhart, Michelle - Routledge, New York, 2023; 528p.

This updated eleventh edition provides a detailed overview of all the important concepts traditionally covered in a research methods class. It covers the principles of both qualitative and quantitative research, and how to interpret statistics without computations, so is suitable for all students regardless of their math background.



Traditional Systems of Northeast India: Pasighat Seminar/ Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Assam - Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Assam, 2005; 48p.

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Traditional Systems of North–East India: Change and Continuity (Arunachal Pradesh) is a compilation of seminar research papers of first-hand information of the Galo community. They revealed many new facts hitherto unknown to the people in general. The book comprises of papers describing the socioeconomic, cultural, religious and political aspect of the Galo community of Arunachal Pradesh.



A Research Agenda for Cultural Economics/ Cameron, Samuel (ed.) - Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, UK, 2019; 192p.

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Elgar Research Agendas outline the future of research offers a comprehensive overview of the field, exploring its history, current challenges, and future research directions for academics, policymakers, and advanced students. The book provides critical insights into areas such as data quality, statistical methodology, and the impact of technological advancements, addressing how cultural economics can be integrated more effectively into mainstream economic thought.



A Research Agenda for Financial Inclusion and Microfinance/ Hudon, Marek (ed.); Labie, Marc (ed.); Szafarz, Ariane (ed.) - Elgar Publishing, UK, 2019; 200p.

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Providing a critical and multidisciplinary approach to research in microfinance and financial inclusion, the authors provide a state-of-the-art overview of current scholarly knowledge on the provision of financial services to disadvantaged populations worldwide. Reviewing the literature on the subject from the fields of economics, management science and development studies, they discuss the limitations and challenges of current research and chart avenues for future developments. With its fascinating insights, this Research Agenda will be of interest to students of finance and economics, development, and business and management, as well as researchers with a specific interest in microfinance and financial inclusion.



Advanced Introduction to Behavioral Finance: (Elgar Advanced Introductions Series)/ Baker, H. Kent; Nofsinger, John R; Ricciardi, Victor - Edward Elgar, UK, 2023; 176p.

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Elgar Advanced Introductions offers a concise yet rigorous overview of major fields in social sciences, business, and law. This particular volume provides an enlightening introduction to behavioral finance, differentiating it from traditional finance and detailing its evolution. The book explores key concepts, real-world applications in financial decision-making, and the challenges and opportunities within the field, arguing that a blended approach of behavioral and standard finance could lead to improved financial understanding. It is an ideal resource for academics, students, and practitioners interested in the subject.



27 Advanced Introduction to Tourism Economics/ Marcouiller, David W - 54327 Edward Elgar, UK, 2023; 148p.

This Advanced Introduction is an accessible and critical review of the economic foundations of tourism. Taking a regional approach based in macroand resource economics, David Marcouiller points to how the competitive aspect of tourism can be transformative to regional activity. Offering insight into the decision-making process among both private and public stakeholders, this book makes clear the increasing necessity of using sound planning principles and practice to shape tourism consumption and production.



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AI and Big Data: Disruptive Regulation/ Findlay, Mark; Seah, Josephine; Wong, Willow - Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, 2023; 154p.

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This provocative and timely book identifies and disrupts the conventional regulation and governance discourses concerning AI and big data. It suggests that, instead of being used as tools for exclusionist commercial markets, AI and big data can be employed in governing digital transformation for social good. Analysing the ways in which global technology companies have colonized data access, the book reveals how trust, ethics, and digital self-determination can be reconsidered and engaged to promote the interests of marginalized stakeholders in data arrangement. Chapters examine the regulation of labour engagement in digital economies, the landscape of AI ethics, and a multitude of questions regarding participation, costs, and sustainability. Presenting several informative case studies, the book challenges some of the accepted qualifiers of frontier tech and data use and proposes innovative ways of actioning the more conventional regulatory components of big data.



Applied Welfare Economics: Cost-benefit Analysis of Projects and Policies/ Florio, Massimo; Pancotti, Chiara - Routledge, London, 2022; 350p.

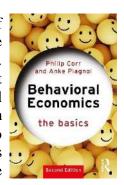
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Applied Welfare Economics: Cost-Benefit Analysis for Project and Policy Evaluation presents a consistent framework for applied welfare economics and is grounded in a comprehensive theory of cost-benefit analysis, specifically focused on offering a practical approach to policy and project evaluation. After opening with a theoretical discussion of the concept of social welfare, a critical analysis of the traditional doctrine of welfare economics embodied in the Two Fundamental Theorems, and a presentation of social cost-benefit analysis, the book introduces readers to an applied framework. This includes the empirical estimation of shadow prices of goods, of the social cost of labour and capital, the assessment of risk. This book also discusses the state of the art of international experience with CBA, including ex-post evaluation of major projects, and the use of cost-benefit analysis in regulatory policy. The empirical chapters draw from first-hand research, gained by the authors and his collaborators over many years of advisory work for the European Commission and other international and national institutions. This second edition presents updated data, more international examples, and more coverage of topics such as very long run discounting effects. It also includes end-of-chapter questions to aid student's learning. Applied Welfare Economics is a valuable textbook for upper-level courses on welfare economics, cost-benefit analysis, public policy analysis and related areas.



Behavioral Economics: The Basics/ Corr, Philip J; Plagnol, Anke C - 54330 Routledge, London, 2023; 256p.

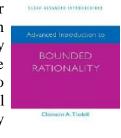
This is the first book to provide a rigorous yet accessible overview of behavioral economics, a growing field that attempts to uncover the psychological processes which mediate the economic decisions we make. Acknowledging that people are swayed by biases and emotions, and don't necessarily have access to good memories or perfect numeracy, behavioral economics challenges the assumptions of informed self-interest within mainstream economic theories. Whether used by paternalist governments to shape our behavior or advertisers and marketers to sell more products, its insights are important and far-reaching, and this is the perfect primer for anyone wishing to understand the key principles.



Advanced Introduction to Bounded Rationality/ Tisdell, Clement A. - Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, 2023; 158p.

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Offering an engaging overview of the concepts of bounded rationality and their applications, this stimulating Advanced Introduction engages with the topic in a constructively critical manner to introduce new ideas. Chapters cover key topics including: optimally imperfect decisions; ecological rationality; the role of bounded rationality in evolutionary economics; satisficing as a response to bounded rationality; desirable types of economic decisions; the relational exercise of foresight; and the impact of bounded rationality on the efficiency of organizations.

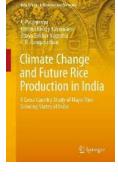


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Climate Change and Future Rice Production in India: A Cross Country Study of Major Rice Growing States of India/ Palanisami, K.; Kakumanu, Krishna Reddy; Nagothu, Udaya Sekhar; Ranganathan, C. R. - Springer Verlag, Singapore, 2019; xvi, 250p.

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This book explains in depth the issues and challenges faced by rice farmers in India in relation to production and productivity, and the possible adaptation strategies to climate change. Based on five years of ground-breaking research on emerging trends in cultivation in major rice growing regions in India, it begins by describing production and yield trends across different rice growing regions. It then offers a comprehensive review of relevant literature and the quantification methodologies and approaches used to analyze the impact of climate change. The book also analyzes climate change impacts on rice productivity and production, applying field-tested quantification methods, such as the Just-Pope production function where time series and cross-section data are simultaneously used for all regions. The results are presented for five geographical regions of India – northern, eastern, western, central and southern – for better comparison and readability. The analyses cover scenarios for both mid-century (2021–2050) and end-century (2071–2100), and in the context of climate change, they also incorporate both medium and high carbon emission scenarios. Thus the future rice production and productivity trends are clearly projected for making necessary interventions. Lastly, the book outlines the essentials of an enabling environment policy and discusses the institutional and policy options necessary to ensure sustainable rice production in India. It also makes the case for introducing appropriate and affordable adaptation strategies to support farmers in different rice-growing regions. The cost-benefit analysis of strategies presented in this book provides an invaluable tool for officials at



agriculture departments planning up-scaling of agricultural productivity. The projections are also useful for policy makers and planners developing future investment plans to support rice production in their country. Overall, this book is of interest to a wide audience, including professionals and business enterprises dealing with rice, as well as to academic researchers and students.

Data Science for Public Policy/ Chen, Jeffrey C; Edward A. Rubin; Gary J. Cornwall - Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2021; xiv, 363p.

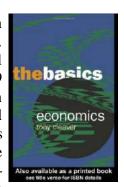
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This textbook presents the essential tools and core concepts of data science to public officials, policy analysts, and economists among others in order to further their application in the public sector. An expansion of the quantitative economics frameworks presented in policy and business schools, this book emphasizes the process of asking relevant questions to inform public policy. Its techniques and approaches emphasize data-driven practices, beginning with the basic programming paradigms that occupy the majority of an analyst's time and advancing to the practical applications of statistical learning and machine learning. The text considers two divergent, competing perspectives to support its applications, incorporating techniques from both causal inference and prediction. Additionally, the book includes open-sourced data as well as live code, written in R and presented in notebook form, which readers can use and modify to practice working with data.



Economics: The Basics/ Cleaver, Tony - Routledge, New York, 2023; 300p.

Now in its fourth edition, Economics: The Basics continues to provide an engaging and topical introduction to the key issues in contemporary economics. The new edition has been fully updated to take into account recent world economic events and key developments, such as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, recurring financial crises, deglobalization and changing patterns in international trade, the rise of China, the digital economy, rising inflation, and housing and currency markets. It covers fundamental issues, including: -How different economic systems function -The boom-and-bust cycle of market economies -The impact of emerging markets -How price, supply and demand interact -The role of the banking and finance industry -Whether we can reduce poverty and protect the environment With a glossary of terms, suggestions for further reading and new case studies, this comprehensive and accessible guide is essential reading for first-year undergraduate economics students and anyone who wants to understand how economics works.



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Elgar Encyclopaedia of Development/ Clarke, Matthew (ed.); Zhao, Xinyu 54335 Andy (ed.) - Edward Elger, London, 2023; 643p.

The Elgar Encyclopaedia of Development is a ground-breaking resource that provides a starting point for those wishing to grasp how and why development occurs, while also providing further expansion appropriate for more experienced academics. With concise explorations of over 130 key terms, events, actors, theories, practices, agencies, and policies in the field, this Encyclopaedia introduces a broader viewpoint to the ever-evolving discipline of development studies. Entries act as helpful references that clarify key subjects, identify influential literature and highlight correct practitioner procedure. Key Features: - Interdisciplinary and international analysis of development - Succinct and accessible entries that illustrate significant

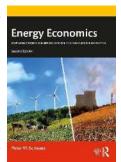


historical shifts - Authored by experts and emerging leaders in contemporary areas of study such as rising powers and green economies - Addresses core development issues such as child labour, class, food security, poverty, sustainability and urban development. This essential Encyclopaedia will be an important reference for students and scholars pursuing disciplines such as development economics, international politics, development studies and social policy. Development practitioners looking to improve existing practices will additionally benefit from its theoretical foundations and historical trajectories of important events.

Energy Economics/ Schwarz, Peter M. - Routledge, New York, 2023; 468p.

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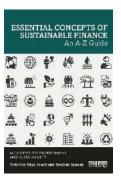
Energy Economics outlines the fundamental issues and possible solutions to the challenges of energy production and use, presenting a framework for decisions based upon sound economic analysis. This approach considers market forces and policy goals, including economic prosperity, environmental protection, and societal well-being. The second edition has been thoroughly updated, addressing dramatic shifts in the use of fuel and electricity, accelerated plans for the use of renewable energy, and pathways towards a lower-carbon future. A new chapter on electric vehicles examines its impact on transportation, the electricity market and carbon emissions. Global examples throughout the book reflect the universal application of energy economics. This economic foundation, coupled with perspectives from real-world applications, and perspectives from related disciplines, this text sharpens the student's ability to understand, evaluate and critique energy policy. A companion website provides reinforcement for students through multiple choice self-test quizzes and homework exercises, as well as additional materials for instructors. This textbook should be essential reading for students of energy economics, environmental and natural resource economics, energy-related disciplines, and general readers seeking to expand their knowledge of energy economics and policy.



37 Essential Concepts of Sustainable Finance: An A-Z Guide (A-Z Guides for Environment and Sustainability)/ Aracil, Elisa (ed.); Sancak, Ibrahim E (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2024; 286p.

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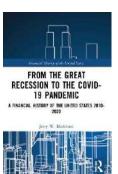
This book compiles and explains technical terms in sustainable finance in an easy-to-navigate A-Z format. The interdisciplinary nature of sustainable finance means that those researching and working in the field often have to turn to a variety of different sources to look up various non-financial terms. Recognizing this issue, Ibrahim Sancak and Elisa Aracil have curated a comprehensive list of the key terms most commonly used in the field. Each entry maps out an important concept or idea and illustrates how it relates more broadly across this growing discipline, such as the changes and innovations required by the financial sector to meet the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Overall, Essential Concepts of Sustainable Finance will enable readers to communicate more effectively about finance within the context of sustainability. With related terms and further reading included alongside the entries, this innovative and accessible volume will be of great interest to students, scholars and practitioners alike.



From the Great Recession to the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Financial History of the United States 2010-2020/ Markham, Jerry W - Routledge, New York, 2022; 346p.

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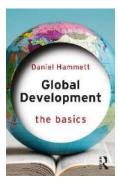
This volume narrates the financial history of the United States during a period of great upheaval in the early part of the twenty-first century. It is divided into three chronological sections: the first section describes the recovery of financial markets after the Great Recession. It begins with an overview of the state of the economy at the start of the new decade, including some of the political storms affecting the economy and financial markets. It explores the uneven nature of the recovery and volatility in the Treasury during these years. The second section sets forth regulatory responses to the Financial Crisis of 2008, including the massive fines imposed on large banks by a swarm of regulators. It examines the 'too big to jail' prosecution model, cases involving Libor and foreign exchange manipulation, and the impact of rogue traders. It also looks as developments in payment systems, and the rise of crowd funding as a source of capital, and high-frequency trading. And the third section describes the rules adopted under the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 that broadly affected financial markets. It also recounts the Trump trade wars and ends with an account of the financial and economic turmoil that occurred during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. The volume will be essential addition to academic and public libraries with readers drawn from business schools, departments of economics and finance, and historians. Jerry W. Markham is a professor of law at Florida International University in Miami, USA, where he teaches corporate and international business law.



39 Global Development: The Basics/ Hammett, Daniel - Routledge, New York, 2024; 210p.

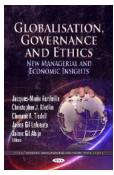
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How do we try to make the world a better place, when the challenges of poverty, disease, war, conflict, and climate change continue to impact millions of lives? Global Development: The Basics is a lively and engaging introduction to the shifting landscape of global development, right from its origins, to present-day problems, and on to what the future for global development might look like. Recognising global development as an economic, political and social project, this book tackles a series of critical questions: asking 'what' development is and how it is measured, where and to whom it is assumed to happen, how these approaches are developed, and whose benefit do they serve? The book invites readers to consider the complexities and challenges of the concept of development, including its historical roots in colonialism, and the geopolitical power relations which continue to set much of the agenda. It investigates whose voices are included or silenced in dominant approaches to development, and the growing importance of 'non-traditional' development funding and approaches. Covering key topics in the field, from economics and politics, through to gender and climate change, Global Development: The Basics is perfect for readers starting out in their understanding of global development.



Globalisation, Governance & Ethics: New Managerial and Economic Insights/ Aurifeille, Jacques-Marie (ed.); Medlin, Christopher J (ed.); Tisdell, Clement A (ed.) - Nova Science Publishers, New York, 2012; x, 305p.

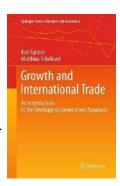
The globalisation of commerce and science means that new structures of governance are required to handle new and novel situations, such as across state and institutional boundaries. This book examines the role of governance in local and multi-national businesses and in local, national and international political forums and organisation.



Growth and International Trade: An Introduction to the Overlapping Generations Approach/ Farmer, Karl; Schelnast, Matthias - Springer, Germany, 2021; 609p.

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This textbook guides the reader towards various aspects of growth and international trade in a Diamond-type overlapping generations framework. Using the same model type throughout the book, timely topics such as growth with bubbles, debt reduction in rich countries and policies to mitigate climate change are explored. The first part starts from the "old" growth theory and bridges to the "new" growth theory (including R&D and human capital approaches). The second part presents an intertemporal equilibrium theory of inter and intra-sectoral trade and concludes by analyzing the debt mechanics inducing the huge imbalances among Eurozone countries. The book is primarily addressed to graduate students wishing to proceed to the analytically more demanding journal literature.



Handbook of Big Data Research Methods/ Akter, Shahriar (ed.); Wamba, Samuel Fosso (ed.) - Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, London, 2023; 334p.

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This state-of-the-art Handbook provides an overview of the role of big data analytics in various areas of business and commerce, including accounting, finance, marketing, human resources, operations management, fashion retailing, information systems, and social media. It provides innovative ways of overcoming the challenges of big data research and proposes new directions for further research using descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive analytics. With contributions from leading academics and practitioners, the Handbook analyses how big data analytics can be used in different sectors, including detecting credit fraud in the financial sector, identifying potential diseases in health care, and increasing customer loyalty in the telecommunication sector. Chapters explore the use of artificial intelligence in accounting, the construction of successful data science ecosystems using the public cloud, and transformational models of personal data protection in the digital era. The Handbook also discusses the difficulties of adopting a data science platform and how the public cloud can aid companies in overcoming these challenges. Exploring how industries rely on predictive analytics to improve their decision-making, this Handbook will be essential reading for students and scholars in business analytics, economics, information systems, innovation and technology, and research methods. It will also benefit data analysts, economists, human resource managers, marketers, neuroscientists, and social science researchers.



Handbook of Research on Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship/ Carayannis, Elias G (ed.); Grigoroudis, Evangelos (ed.) - Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, UK, 2023; 474p.

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The Handbook of Research on Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship focuses on theories, policies, practices, and politics of technology innovation and entrepreneurship based on Artificial Intelligence (AI). It examines when, where, how, and why AI triggers, catalyzes, and accelerates the development, exploration, exploitation, and invention feeding into entrepreneurial actions that result in innovation success. Individual chapters explore the factors that shape and drive innovation and entrepreneurship, including modalities (such as the Internet of Things (IoT)), challenges (such as privacy and safety concerns), and opportunities (such as augmenting the efficacy frontier of technological solutions enabled by AI). This Handbook provides comprehensive coverage of AI, technology, and innovation and entrepreneurship for academics, policy makers, practitioners, and students.



India's Informal Economy: Contractual Labour in the Formal Manufacturing Sector/ Singh, Bir - Routledge, London, 2023; 158p.

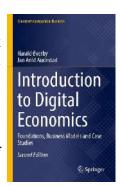
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The demand for economic inclusion has increasingly intensified, as manifested by the growing movements of farmers, workers, and social activists. Therefore, the question of adequate social representation of marginalized and underprivileged communities has to be made pivotal in the discourse of inclusion. This book investigates selected aspects of labour market informality in India. It examines the key factors that have expedited labour informalitycontractualisation - in the manufacturing sector since the early 1990s. It analyses the features of informality and inclusion from the perspective of not just class but also the caste hierarchy in Indian society, thus offering readers an exhaustive overview of economic inclusion following the economic reforms and providing fresh insights into labour market informality through the lens of the social divisions in Indian society. Developed on a wide canvas of multiple processes, policies and factors that have contributed to this phenomenon, the book offers an elaborate analysis of contractualisation within the industry from the perspectives of labour legislation and the labour market. In addition, it contextualizes the issue of job informality for the post economic reforms era, from 1991 onwards. It examines the impact of the policies of economic reform on contractualisation across industries and states. Further, the book discusses the dynamics of the labour market reforms in India, given that there is a higher incidence of labour informality in India. It also highlights how the policy quest for inclusive growth has remained unfulfilled. This book will be a useful guide for advanced students, academic researchers, scholars and policy makers that are engaged with the issue of informal sector employment.



Introduction to Digital Economics: Foundations, Business Models and Case Studies/ Overby, Harald; Audestad, Jan Arild - Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2021; xvii, 353p.

Innovations and developments in technology have laid the foundations for an economy based on digital goods and services—the digital economy. This book invites students and practitioners, to take an in-depth look at the impact that technological innovations such as social media, cryptocurrencies. crowdsourcing, and even online gaming is having on today's business landscape. Learn about the various business models available for the digital economy, including the business models used by Bitcoin, Spotify, Wikipedia, World of Warcraft, Facebook, and Airbnb. This book details the evolution of contemporary economics within the digital stratosphere and highlights the complex ecosystem that makes up the field of digital economics. The foundational text with case studies is also peppered with anecdotes on the various technological innovations which have shaped markets throughout history. The authors provide several models and tools that are essential for analysis, as well as activities that will allow the reader to reflect, analyze, and apply the knowledge and tools presented in each chapter. Introduction to Digital Economics is a definitive guide to the complexities and nuances of this burgeoning and fascinating field of study.



Lectures on Microeconomics: The Big Questions Approach/ Pancs, Romans - The MIT Press, London, 2018; 344p.

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Economic concepts and techniques presented through a series of "big questions," models that show how to pose a questions rigorously and work toward an answer. This book helps readers master economic concepts and techniques by tackling fundamental economic and political questions through a series of models. It is organized around a sequence of "big questions," among them: When do markets help translate individuals' uncoordinated, selfish actions into outcomes that are best for all? Do markets change people, and, if so, for worse or better? Translated into the language of modern economics, do Marx's ideas have merit? Why is there so much income inequality? Or is there too little? The arguments are in the theorem-proof format, distinguishing results derived in the context of fully specified models from educated speculation. Readers will learn how to pose a question rigorously and how to work toward an answer, and to appreciate that even (especially!) the broadest and most ambitious questions call for a model. The goal of the book is not to indoctrinate but to show readers how to reason toward their own conclusions. The first chapter, on the Walrasian model of general equilibrium, serves as the prerequisite for the rest of the book. The remaining chapters cover less conventional topics, including the morality of markets; matching theory; Marxism, socialism, and the resilience of markets; a formalization of Kant's categorical imperative; unintended consequences of policy design; and theories of justice. The book can be used as a textbook for advanced undergraduate or graduate students or as a resource for researchers in disciplines that draw on normative economics.



47 Linked Open Data for Digital Humanities/ Nurmikko-Fuller, Terhi - Routledge, London, 2024; 130p.

Linked Open Data for Digital Humanities provides insights into how digital technologies can enrich and diversify humanities scholarship and make it pioneering in the digital age. Written in non-specialist language, the book illustrates how information is captured, published, represented, accessed, and interpreted using computational systems and, in doing so, shows how technologies actively shape the way we understand what we encounter. Focusing as it does on underlying Web architecture and projects accessible online, the book has an inherently international focus. The interdisciplinary case study examples include bibliographic data from works published in England between 1470 and 1700; literature from ancient Iraq; jazz performances, predominantly from the USA in the 1930s; and even reach as far as an alien, fictional future. Whilst these case study examples span vast spatiotemporal distances, they all share a common thread in the use of the Linked Data information publication paradigm. Using existing computer science methods, as well as processes such as ontology development and database design, the book also includes reflections on practical considerations and offers advice about how to take institutional policies, socio-cultural sensitivities and economic models into consideration when implementing Linked Data projects. Linked Open Data for Digital Humanities discusses technological issues in the context of Humanities scholarship, bridging disciplines and enabling informed conversations across disciplinary boundaries. It will be of interest to humanities scholars, computer and data scientists, and library and information scientists.



48 Macroeconomic Forecasting in the Era of Big Data: Theory and Practice/Fuleky, Peter (ed.) - Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2020; xiii, 719p.

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This book surveys big data tools used in macroeconomic forecasting and addresses related econometric issues, including how to capture dynamic relationships among variables; how to select parsimonious models; how to deal with model uncertainty, instability, non-stationarity, and mixed frequency data; and how to evaluate forecasts, among others. Each chapter is self-contained with references, and provides solid background information, while also reviewing the latest advances in the field. Accordingly, the book offers a valuable resource for researchers, professional forecasters, and students of quantitative economics.



Modi's Rule and India's Unbound Opportunities: Narrative of the Substantives and Beyond/ Bhattacharjee, Shibdas - Overseas Press, New Delhi, 2019; 530p.

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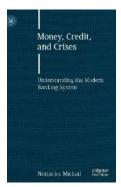
This Book follow-ups the transitional phase of Indian politics initiated during the run up of 2014 General elections and traces the state of politics, policies, issues and developments that happened in India after former Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi took the oath of Office as the Prime Minister of world's largest democracy. 2014 General elections ended new age India's quest for a stable Government at the Centre as per number game in the Lower House of Indian Parliament is concerned and utterly changed the political dynamics as well as popular perception in India. The Book searches the secrets behind Mr. Modi's political success and analyses his performance as the Prime Minister of India with a pragmatic approach. In this Book manifold Opportunities of India since May, 2014 has been tried to identify and how New Delhi has made efforts to avail those Opportunities so far. Opportunities for India are at the centre of discussion in this Book. Opportunities comprise basically three factors; Majority of the Modi-led Government in the Lower



House of Indian Parliament, Modi's exalted and undisputed status within his Political party and overwhelming and pro-active support of the potential Youth Community of new India. The Book tries to find out the answers of some relevant and related interrogatives. Has Prime Minister Modi done justice to his personal status? Has India succeeded in availing the huge Opportunities during the tenure of Modi-led Government? What has India achieved substantially under Modi's leadership? Could it be more? How much probabilities are left there to avail in the days ahead? This Book analyzes these issues in detail. There is a comprehensive and pragmatic analysis of the performance of Prime Minister Modi in every field in this Book; be it Social Sector, Youth-related Issues, Economy, Foreign Policy.

Money, Credit, and Crises: Understanding the Modern Banking System/ Michail, Nektarios - Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2022; xv, 251p. 54350

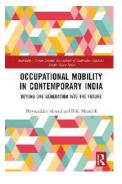
While paramount to the modern economy, understanding how the banking system works has been usually cast aside from overall economic education. Even in the aftermath of the recent financial crisis, which has underlined the vital importance of banking in the economy, the workings of the sector remain a black box. To this end, this book provides a comprehensive and easy to read review of the banking sector, covering all issues related to commercial and investment banking and providing experienced as well as non-expert readers the opportunity to expand their knowledge on these topics. After going through the book, readers have the opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge regarding the commercial and investment functions of the banking sector and the ability to evaluate the potential outcome of policy actions. Nektarios Michail is an Economist at the Department of Economic Analysis and Research at the Central Bank of Cyprus. He has previous experience in various positions in the finance industry, notably in brokers and investment funds, providing investment analysis on an array of financial instruments. Nektarios holds a PhD from the Cyprus University of Technology, where he taught for a number of years. His research, focusing on banking and economic policy as well as international and maritime economics, has been published in various academic journals.



Occupational Mobility in Contemporary India: Beyond One Generation Into the Future/ Ahmed, Nawazuddin; Nauriyal, D. K - Routledge, London, 2023; 172p.

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This book analyses the magnitude of the relationship between family background and adult occupational and educational outcomes and provides a comprehensive view of intergenerational mobility in the context of religious and caste dynamics in India. Based on nationally representative data sets, the book tracks educational and occupational mobility experiences of different socio-religious groups in contemporary India. Examining primary and secondary data to comprehend the macro picture and the micro details, the book offers insights into intergenerational occupational mobility and the perceptions and expectations of Muslim households. The book presents a classification of jobs and mobility analysis that is built on solid foundations of stratification theories. Moreover, it identifies data and presents evidence on the neighbourhood effects in India. Offering an analysis of intergenerational advancement, this book is aimed at researchers in the field of economics, sociology, labour studies, development studies, minority and subaltern studies

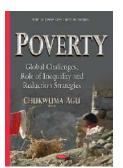


as well as those interested in the socioeconomic issues of disadvantaged socioreligious groups in India.

Poverty: Global Challenges, Role of Inequality and Reduction Strategies/ Agu, Chukwuma (ed.) - Nova Science Publishers, New York, 2015; 201p.

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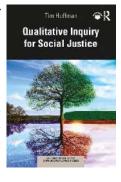
Poverty reduction and inequality are undeniably the buzz issues of the millennium. And where else would one go to understand the dynamics and paradoxes they raise for policies other than Africa, the continent historically synonymous with poverty until recently when chants of 'Africa rising' seem to have replaced mourning for 'the dark continent'? Humongous resources have been dedicated to policy, research and intervention programmes and projects to reduce poverty and inequality, with Africa and South Asia getting more than their fair shares. But while everyone agrees that something is amiss with the input-output ratio of efforts aimed at poverty reduction, these efforts continue unquestioningly. This book is borne out of the need to question that missing link. It sets out to examine contents, contexts and interventions. The work begins with continent-wide evidence on Africa, examining the rising penury in the midst of abundant endowments and growth. The conclusion that the authors have come to: something is not right with definitions, measurements and policy measures for tackling poverty across the land. Country experiences (Nigeria, Cameroon, Australia and the United States) also agree with the position that poverty reduction seems to raise, indifferent to the broad policy environment within which it thrives. This book shows why poverty may not have been responsive to growth in developing countries in recent years. It examines outcomes of policies and insists that poverty, inequality and reduction strategies need not only be context-specific, but should involve much more than just narrow interventions. If, therefore, you are interested in questioning conventional positions about poverty and inequality.



Qualitative Inquiry for Social Justice/ Huffman, Tim - Routledge, New York, 2024; 392p.

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This textbook introduces students, researchers, and activists to the practice of qualitative inquiry to contribute to fairness, freedom, and flourishing in community life. The book takes a cyclical approach to research and action by using the metaphor of the four seasons (spring, summer, autumn, and winter) and the day cycle (dawn, day, dusk, and dark) to organize the content and activities. It lays out the step-by-step process of community-based research projects, guiding readers in how to plan projects with diverse partners, generate data while participating in direct action, reflect on experiences and analyze complex data, and share insights with others through various modes of writing and presentation. Specific skills include planning, fieldwork, interviewing, thematic analysis, modelling, writing, and presenting. This innovative book provides tools for readers to conduct qualitative research that generates knowledge that can aid policy change, political mobilization, social movements, and organizing to meet universal human needs and rights. Tailored to advanced undergraduates and graduate students in qualitative research methods courses in communication studies, sociology, education, social work, and public health and also useful for professionals who use inquiry in their occupation, such as program design/evaluation, solidarity/solutions journalism, non-profit leadership, and community development.



Remaking Culture and Music Spaces: Affects, Infrastructures, Futures/ Woodward, Ian (ed.); Haynes, Jo (ed.); Berkers, Pauwke (ed.); Dillane, Aileen (ed.); Golemo, Karolina (ed.) - Routledge, London, 2023; 262p.

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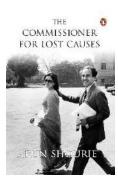
This collection analyses the remaking of culture and music spaces during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Its central focus is how cultural producers negotiated radically disrupted and uncertain conditions by creating, designing and curating new objects and events, and through making alternative combinations of practices and spaces. By examining contexts and practices of remaking culture and music, it goes beyond being a chronicle of how the pandemic disrupted cultural life and livelihoods. The book also raises crucial questions about the forms and dynamics of post-pandemic spaces of culture and music. Main themes include the affective and embodied dimensions that shape the experience, organisation and representation of cultural and musical activity; the restructuring of industries and practices of work and cultural production; the transformation of spaces of cultural expression and community; and the uncertainty and resilience of future culture and music. This collection will be instrumental for researchers, practitioners and students studying the spatial, material, and affective dimensions of cultural production in the fields of cultural sociology, cultural and creative industries research, festival and event and studies, and music studies. Its inter-disciplinary nature makes it beneficial reading for anyone interested in what has happened to culture and music during the global pandemic and beyond.



The Commissioner for Lost Causes/ Shourie, Arun - Penguin Random House, Haryana, 2022; 616p.

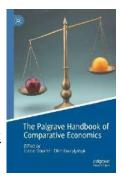
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The work done by Arun Shourie and his colleagues rocked institutions and governments: the freeing of 40,000 undertrials; revealing the Bhagalpur blindings; purchasing Kamla; dislodging a 'Sultan'; foiling 'strikes'; controverting Judges; battling privilege motions; courting contempt of court charges; nailing corruption, forgeries, lies, and the opportunism of rulers; uncovering suppressed reports... What lay behind these and the consequences that followed? A comprehensive account of dramatic incidents like getting governments to swallow legislation against the press, unseating of chief ministers, a prime minister unspooling himself even as manoeuvres to unseat him are scotched, a deputy prime minister trying to dislodge colleagues with fabricated documents, people's movements ending up as rivulets in the sand, The Commissioner for Lost Causes discusses Shourie's innings, the calumny hurled at him, his dismissal, and his being recalled and removed again. Delicious tales of characters from the noble to the colourful to the short-sighted to outright bounders: from JP, to a president, to prime ministers, a deputy prime minister, chief ministers, a conman, indignant editors, and of course a great warrior, the press baron, feature in this honest retelling of the life of Arun Shourie, the writer, former editor and minister who was acclaimed as one of the fifty 'World Press Freedom Heroes'.



The Palgrave Handbook of Comparative Economics/ Douarin, Elodie (ed.); Havrylyshyn, Oleh (ed.) - Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2021; 967p.

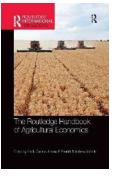
This book aims to define comparative economics and to illustrate the breadth and depth of its contribution. It starts with an historiography of the field, arguing for a continued legacy of comparative economic systems, which compared socialism and capitalism, a field which some argued should have been replaced by institutional economics after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The process of transition to market capitalism is reviewed, and itself exemplifies a new combination of comparative analysis with a focus on institutional development. Going beyond, chapters broadening the application of comparative analysis and applying it to new issues and approaches, including the role and definition of institutions, subjective wellbeing, inequality, populism, demography, and novel methodologies. Overall, comparative economics has evolved in the past 30 years, and remains a powerful approach for analyzing important issues.



The Routledge Handbook of Agricultural Economics/ Cramer, Gail L (ed.); Paudel, Krishna P (ed.); Schmitz, Andrew (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2019; 820p.

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This Handbook offers an up-to-date collection of research on agricultural economics. Drawing together scholarship from experts at the top of their profession and from around the world, this collection provides new insights into the area of agricultural economics. The Routledge Handbook of Agricultural Economics explores a broad variety of topics including welfare economics, econometrics, agribusiness, and consumer economics. This wide range reflects the way in which agricultural economics encompasses a large sector of any economy, and the chapters present both an introduction to the subjects as well as the methodology, statistical background, and operations research techniques needed to solve practical economic problems. In addition, food economics is given a special focus in the Handbook due to the recent emphasis on health and feeding the world population a quality diet. Furthermore, through examining these diverse topics, the authors seek to provide some indication of the direction of research in these areas and where future research endeavours may be productive. The Routledge Handbook of Agricultural Economics explores a broad variety of topics including welfare economics, econometrics, agribusiness, and consumer economics. This wide range reflects the way in which agricultural economics encompasses a large sector of any economy, and the chapters present both an introduction to the subjects as well as the methodology, statistical background, and operations research techniques needed to solve practical economic problems. In addition, food economics is given a special focus in the Handbook due to the recent emphasis on health and feeding the world population a quality diet. Furthermore, through examining these diverse topics, the authors seek to provide some indication of the direction of research in these areas and where future research endeavors may be productive. Acting as a comprehensive, upto-date, and definitive work of reference, this Handbook will be of use to researchers, faculty, and graduate students looking to deepen their understanding of agricultural economics, agribusiness, and applied economics, and the interrelationship of those areas.



The Routledge Handbook of Financial Literacy/ Nicolini, Gianni (ed.); Cude, Brenda J (ed.) - Routledge, London, 2022; 560p.

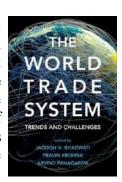
Financial literacy and financial education are not new topics, even though interest in the topics among policymakers, financial authorities, and academia continues to grow. The Routledge Handbook of Financial Literacy provides a comprehensive reference work that addresses both research perspectives and practical applications to financial education. This is the first volume to summarize the milestones of research in financial literacy from multiple perspectives to offer a big picture overview. The book is organized in six parts. The first three parts provide a conceptual framework, which discusses what financial literacy is, how it should be measured, and explains why it represents a relevant topic and effective tool to enhance the decision-making among consumers as well as consumer protection strategies. Part IV addresses the connection between financial education and financial literacy, with chapters about financial education in school settings as well as for adults. This part includes an analysis of the role of Fintech and the use of gamification in financial education. Part V is a collection of contributions that analyze financial literacy and financial education around the world, with a focus on different geographical areas, including the U.S., South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa. This part also considers how financial literacy should be addressed in the case of Islamic Finance. The concluding part of the book examines how financial literacy is related to other possible approaches to consumer finance and consumer protection, addressing the relationships between financial literacy and behavioural economics, financial well-being, and financial inclusion. This volume is an indispensable reference for scholars who are new to the topic, including undergraduate and graduate students, experienced researchers who wish to enrich their knowledge, policymakers seeking a broader understanding and an international perspective, and practitioners who seek knowledge of best practices as well as innovative approaches



The World Trade System: Trends and Challenges/ Bhagwati, Jagdish N (ed.); Krishna, Pravin (ed.); Panagariya, Arvind (ed.) - The MIT Press, London, 2016; 416p.

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When the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) metamorphosed into the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1994, it seemed that the third pillar of the international economic superstructure was finally in place. And yet with the failure of member countries to close the Doha Round of trade negotiations and the emergence of bilateral and plurilateral preferential trade arrangements (PTAs) such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the future of the multilateral WTO seems uncertain. In this volume, leading economists examine issues in trade policy that have arisen during this shift. The contributors discuss such topics as the effect of trade on poverty and inequality, PTAs and litigation between trading partners, the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, and the relationship of food security and trade liberalization. They also offer regional perspectives on the TPP and trans-Atlantic free trade.



60 Why Globalization Matters: Engaging With Theory (Rethinking Globalizations)/ Axford, Barrie (ed.) - Taylor & Francis Ltd., New York, 2021; 132p.

In what are generally understood as unsettled times, this book explores the possibility and desirability of bringing integrated theory back into globalization research. While there can hardly be a single and all-encompassing 'grand theory' of globalization-in-itself, is there scope for the development of a general and systematic approach to globalization dynamics, past and present? In other words, can theorizations of the global be holistic and integrative, taking place in tandem with methodological frameworks that consider the contradictory and uneven layering of different transnational practices across all social relations? Is it possible to develop a general and integrated approach to globalization that links theory and practice in a socially engaged way, and is it desirable to do so? Many relevant academic and non-academic developments suggest not. For example, the postmodernist turn at the end of the last century expressed a profound 'incredulity' toward 'grand narratives' in the social sciences and humanities. A decade later, some neo-Marxist critics condemned the 'follies of globalization theory'. More recently, the 'post-truth' interventions of national populists suggest not only that 'globalism' is the political enemy but also that attempts to understand its patterns and manifestations are relative or irrelevant. Taking Manfred Steger and Paul James' acclaimed book Globalization Matters as a back-drop against which to interrogate these issues, contributors from a variety of disciplinary, analytical and normative standpoints deliver a thoughtful and much needed assessment of the scholarship of globalization and the ways it is theorized.





The World Economy: A Millennial Perspective/ Maddison, Angus - Overseas Press, New Delhi, 2003; 383p.

The book has several objectives. The first is a pioneering effort to quantify the economic performance of nations over the very long term. The second is to identify forces which explain the success of the rich countries, and explore the obstacles which hindered advance in regions which lagged behind. The third is to scrutinise the interaction between the rich and the rest to assess the degree to which this relationship was exploitative. The book is a monumental work of reference and a sequel to the author's Monitoring the World Economy: 1820-1992, published in 1995 and his 1998 Chinese Economic Performance in the Long Run. It is a "must" for all scholars and students of economics and economic history, as well as a mine of fascinating facts for everyone else.

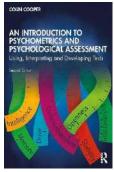
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An Introduction to Psychometrics and Psychological Assessment: Using, Interpreting and Developing Tests/ Cooper, Colin - Routledge, London, 2023; 436p.

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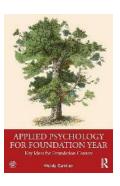
This book has three distinctive features. First, it stresses the basic logic of psychological assessment without getting bogged down with mathematics; the spreadsheet simulations and utilities which are integrated into the text allow users to explore how numbers behave, rather than reading equations. Readers will "learn by doing". Second, it covers both the theory behind psychological assessment and the practicalities of locating, designing and using tests and interpreting their scores. Finally, it is evaluative. Rather than just describing concepts such as test reliability or adaptive testing, it stresses the underlying principles, merits and drawbacks of each approach to assessment, and methods of developing and evaluating questionnaires and tests. Unusually for an introductory text, it includes coverage of several cutting-edge techniques, and this new edition expands the discussion on measurement invariance, methods



of detecting/quantifying bias and hierarchical factor models, and features added sections on: Best practices for translation of tests into other languages and problems of cultural bias, Automatic item generation, The advantages, drawbacks and practicalities of internet-based testing, Generalizability theory, Network analysis, Dangerous assumptions made when scoring tests, The accuracy of tests used for assessing individuals, The two-way relationship between psychometrics and psychological theory. Aimed at nonmathematicians, this friendly and engaging text will help you to understand the fundamental principles of psychometrics that underpin the measurement of any human characteristic using any psychological test. Written by a leading figure in the field and accompanied by additional resources, including a set of spreadsheets which use simulated data and other techniques to illustrate important issues, this is an essential introduction for all students of psychology and related disciplines. It assumes very little statistical background and is written for students studying psychological assessment or psychometrics, and for researchers and practitioners who use questionnaires and tests to measure personality, cognitive abilities, educational attainment, mood or motivation.

Applied Psychology for Foundation Year: Key Ideas for Foundation Courses/ Garnham, Wendy - Routledge, London, 2023; 226p. 54363

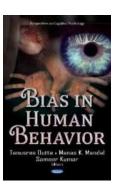
Applied Psychology for Foundation Year introduces students to topical issues and controversies within specific areas of Applied Psychology. Bringing together current theories and studies from a number of areas within Applied Psychology through a series of interesting and current debates and controversies. Bringing together current theories and studies from a number of areas within Applied Psychology through a series of interesting and current debates and controversies. This is a key textbook for both foundation year and introductory psychology courses and will be of interest to anyone wanting to delve into topical issues in contemporary psychology.



Bias in Human Behavior/ Dutta, Tanusree (ed.); Mandal, Manas K (ed.); Kumar, Sameer (ed.) - Nova Science Publishers, New York, 2012; x, 338p.

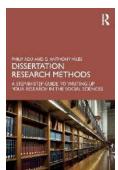
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One of the major goals of side bias is to understand the relationship between the functioning of the brain and a person's behaviour. Often at times it becomes difficult or unethical to directly study the nervous system during a behaviour and therefore indirect methods are used instead. This book has many facets, many explanations, many techniques and many unanswered questions and scope for future research. This book intends to address each of these issues so that a comprehensive reading of the subject matter is made available to academicians, researchers, and other interested in this issue.



Dissertation Research Methods: A Step-by-step Guide to Writing Up Your Research in the Social Sciences/ Adu, Philip (ed.); Miles, D. Anthony (ed.) - Routledge, London, 2024; 470p.

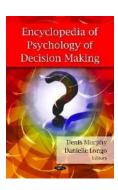
Dissertation Research Methods: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Up Your Research in the Social Sciences focuses specifically on methodology when planning, writing and submitting your dissertation thesis. Written by two methodology experts in the social sciences, the book provides a step-by-step guide through each stage of the dissertation process. It covers all aspects of the methodological considerations needed from choosing a topic or research question, literature review, identifying research gaps, accessing potential study participants, utilizing the right sampling strategies, ways to analyze data, and writing up findings. Readers are introduced to the main research methods normally used in dissertations, and their characteristics, and are guided to choose an appropriate research method for their study, provide substantial description of the selected method, and articulate strong arguments supporting the method. The book is filled with templates, exemplars and tools to help students to write about methodology in their thesis, and to equip readers to successfully trouble shoot methodology challenges they may face. This compact book will be of use to all undergraduate and graduate students in the social sciences, Education and behavioural sciences looking for a guide to working with robust and defensible methodological principles in their dissertation research and theses.



Encyclopedia of Psychology of Decision Making/ Murphy, Denis (ed.); Longo, Daniel R (ed.) - Nova Science Publishers, New York, 2009; xxxi, 1188p.

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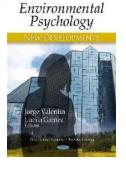
The Encyclopedia of Psychology of Decision Making is a comprehensive reference work that explores the psychological processes involved in decision making. It covers topics such as cognitive biases, heuristics, risk perception, judgment under uncertainty, and the impact of emotions on decision-making. The encyclopedia also examines decision-making in various contexts, from individual choices to group dynamics and organizational decision making. It incorporates research from multiple disciplines, including cognitive psychology, behavioral economics, neuroscience, and social psychology, providing a well-rounded perspective on how people make decisions and the factors that influence them.



67 Environmental Psychology: New Developments/ Valentín, Jorge (ed.); Gamez, Lucila (ed.) - Nova Science Publishers, New York, 2010; xv, 273p.

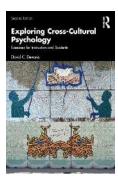
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This book presents original research results on the leading edge of environmental psychology. Each chapter has been carefully selected in an attempt to present substantial advances across a broad spectrum.



Exploring Cross-cultural Psychology: Exercises for Instructors and Students/ Devonis, David C - Routledge, New York, 2023; 224p.

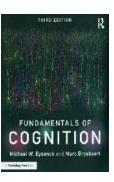
This new edition (previously Interactive Exercises for Cross-Cultural Psychology) expands the range of topics of cultural interest to psychology and connects cultural study to health, forensic, organizational, and other applied psychology fields. Each chapter offers suggestions for exposition, simulation, and confrontation of current cultural issues while allowing for creativity in instructional design. Topics covered include regional and Indigenous psychology; expression and play; language; identity; social perception and cognition; interpersonal interaction; emotion, motivation, and health; development and family; government and law; economics and work; environmental psychology; and animals and other species. This revised edition includes new coverage of WEIRD psychology, vaccination, well-being, tight vs. loose cultures, and home and homelessness. Thoroughly and currently referenced, with connections to a wide range of accessible web-based and opensource materials, this user-friendly text is ideal for students and instructors of cross-cultural psychology across the spectrum of classroom and workshop applications.



69 Fundamentals of cognition/ Eysenck, Michael W; Brysbaert, Marc - Routledge, New York, 2023; 624p.

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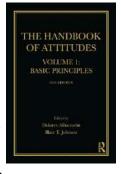
Fundamentals of Cognition, Fourth Edition, offers a clear and accessible introduction to the core cognitive processes we use daily. This updated version places a strong emphasis on being student-friendly and includes several key enhancements. The new edition features updated references and a thorough review of previous statements to ensure their continued validity in light of recent replication findings. To help students connect with the material, it includes extended research activities and "In the Real World" case studies that explore topics such as ADHD, dyslexia, and why we struggle to remember the Apple logo correctly. Additionally, the book provides a comprehensive set of "Key term" definitions and offers a balanced perspective on both traditional cognitive approaches and modern cognitive neuroscience and cognitive neuropsychology.



70 The handbook of attitudes/ Albarracin, Dolores (ed.) - Routledge, New York, 2019; x, 610p.

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Attitudes are evaluations of people, places, things, and ideas. They help us to navigate through a complex world. They provide guidance for decisions about which products to buy, how to travel to work, or where to go on vacation. They color our perceptions of others. Carefully crafted interventions can change attitudes and behavior. Yet attitudes, beliefs, and behavior are often formed and changed in casual social exchanges. The mere perception that other people-say, rich people-- favour something may be sufficient to make another person favour it. People's own actions also influence their attitudes, such that they adjust to be more supportive of the actions. People's belief systems even change to align with and support their preferences, which at its extreme is a form of denial for which people lack awareness. These two volumes of The Handbook of Attitudes provide authoritative, critical surveys of theory and research about attitudes, beliefs, persuasion, and behavior from key authors in these areas. This second volume covers applications to measurement, behavior prediction, and interventions in the areas of cancer, HIV, substance use, diet, and exercise, as well as in politics, intergroup relations, aggression, migrations, advertising, accounting, education, and the environment.



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