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New Metropolitan Perspectives Carmelina Bevilacqua 2020-01-01 This open access book presents the outcomes of the symposium "NEW METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES," held at Mediterranea University, Reggio Calabria, Italy on May 26-28, 2020. Addressing the challenge of Knowledge Dynamics and Innovation-driven Policies Towards Urban and Regional Transition, the book presents a multi-disciplinary debate on the new frontiers of strategic and spatial planning, economic programs and decision support tools in connection with urban-rural area networks and metropolitan centers. The respective papers focus on six major tracks: Innovation dynamics, smart cities and ICT; Urban regeneration, community-led practices and PPP; Local development, inland and urban areas in territorial cohesion strategies; Mobility, accessibility and infrastructures; Heritage, landscape and identity; and Risk management, environment and energy. The book also includes a Special Section on Regional United Nations 2020-2030. Given its scope, the book will benefit all researchers, practitioners and policymakers interested in issues of metropolitan and marginal areas.

Chaos, Complexity and Leadership Zeynep Kaya 2021-07-30 This book analyzes a range of new developments in various fields concerning the concepts of chaos and complexity theory. The proceedings of the 7th International Symposium on Chaos, Complexity and Leadership feature newly developed concepts involving various research methodologies for identifying chaos and complexity in different fields of the sciences and leadership. In addition, it discusses chaotic and complex systems from all fields of knowledge in order to stake a claim of prevalence of compatibility between knowledge fields. Particular emphasis is placed on exploring non-linearity in order to open a discussion on approaches to and perspectives on chaos, complexity and leadership. Readers will find coverage of important events that have recently taken place in our world, regardless of whether they were social, political, economic or environmental. The book explores diverse aspects of and issues related to the effects of chaos and complexity in the world; discusses the application of nonlinear dynamics in order to arrive at transformational policies; and offers practical approaches for tomorrow's world using an interdisciplinary approach. Though primarily intended for readers with an interest in nonlinear science, thanks to its focus on the application of chaos and complexity to other disciplines, the book is a broad readership.

Complexity Chris Mowles 2021-11-30 This book interprets insights from the complexity sciences to explore seven types of complexity better to understand the predictable unpredictability of social life. Drawing on the natural and social sciences, it describes how complexity models are helpful but insufficient for our understanding of complex reality. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the book develops a complex theory of action more consistent with our experience than that our plans inevitably lead to unexpected outcomes, explains why we are both individuals and thoroughly social, and gives an account of why, no matter how clear our message, we may still be misunderstood. The book introduces what forms of knowledge are most helpful for thinking about complex experience, reflects on the way we exercise authority (leadership) and thinks through the ethical implications of trying to co-operate in a complex world. The book's complexity seriously poses a radical challenge to more orthodox theories of managing and leading, based as they are on assumptions of predictability, control and universality. The author argues that management is an improvisational practice which takes place in groups in a particular context at a particular time. Managers can influence but never control an uncontrollable world. To become more skillful in complex group dynamics involves taking into account multiple points of view and acknowledging not knowing, ambivalence and doubt. This book will be of interest to researchers, professionals, academics and students in the fields of business and management, especially those interested in how taking complexity seriously can influence the functioning of businesses and organizations and how they manage and lead.

Transforming the Future (Open Access) Miller 2018-04-27 People are using the future to search for better ways to achieve sustainability, inclusiveness, prosperity, well-being and peace. In addition, the way the future is understood and used is changing in almost all domains, from social science to daily life. This book presents the results of significant research undertaken by UNESCO with a number of partners to detect and define the theory and practice of anticipation around the world today. It uses the concept of 'Futures Literacy' as a tool to define the understanding of anticipatory systems and processes - also known as the Discipline of Anticipation. This innovative title explores topics such as Futures Literacy and the Discipline of Anticipation: • the evidence collected from over 30 Futures Literacy Laboratories and presented in 14 full case studies; • the need and opportunity for significant innovation in decision-making systems. This book will be of great interest to scholars, researchers, policy-makers and students, as well as activists working on sustainability issues and innovation, future studies and anticipation studies. The Access version of this book, available at <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781351047999>, has been made available under a Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 IGO (CC-BY-NC-ND 3.0 IGO) license.

An Integrative Approach to Leader Development David V. Day 2012-10-02 This book is a beginning, a first step, in taking leader development in organizations beyond conventional wisdom toward a scientifically sound research-based set of principles and practices. The authors looked beyond their own academic disciplines to bring to bear accumulated wisdom from researchers who have developed well-established and accepted theoretical perspectives on development processes in general, then wove in the ideas that have emerged in more targeted research on adult education, development of cognitive skills, identity development, self-regulation, moral and ethical development and other topics. The authors present an integrative theory that provides a coherent framework for describing an understanding how leader development takes place.

Complexity Theory and the Social Sciences David Byrne 2002-01-04 Chaos and complexity are the new buzz words in both science and contemporary society. The ideas they represent have enormous implications for the way we understand and engage with the world. Complexity Theory and the Social Sciences introduces students to the central ideas which surround the chaos/complexity theories. It discusses key concepts before using them as a way of investigating the nature of social research. By applying them to such familiar topics as urban studies, education and health, David Byrne allows readers new to the subject to appreciate the contribution which complexity theory makes to social research and to illuminating the crucial social issues of our day.

Managing in a VUCA World Oliver Mack 2015-07-15 This book examines volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity (VUCA) and addresses the need for broader knowledge and application of new concepts and frameworks with unpredictable and rapidly changing situations. The premises of VUCA can shape all aspects of an organization. To cover all areas, the book is divided into six sections. Section 1 acts as an introduction to VUCA and complexity theory, reviews ways to manage complexity, while providing examples for tools and approaches that can be applied. The main focus of Section 2 is on leadership, strategy and planning. The chapters in this section create new approaches to handle VUCA environments pertaining to these areas including using the Tetrahedron logics, tools from systemic structural constellation (SySt) approach of psychotherapy and organizational development, to provide new ideas for management of large strategic programs in organizations. Section 3 considers how marketing and sales are affected by VUCA, from social media's influence to customer value management. Operations and cost management are highlighted in Section 4. This section covers VUCA challenges within global supply chains and decision-oriented controlling. In Section 5 organizational structure and process management are showcased, while Section 6 is dedicated to addressing the effects of VUCA in IT, technology and data management. The VUCA forces present businesses with the need to move from linear modes of thought to problem solving with synthetic and simultaneous thinking, which should help to provide some starting points and ideas to deal with the next era. It should not be understood as the end of the road, but as the beginning of a journey exploring and developing new concepts for a new way of working. Two Spheres Leonard R. Bachman 2012-06-14 Explaining the connection between physical and strategic design, this book proposes an aesthetic connection between two equal aspects of architectural design: the Real and the Ideal. Addressing architectural thinkers from the broad realms of academia and practice, it is suitable either as a seminar text, a guide to contemporary design issues, or as a theoretical work. Beginning with a historical perspective on the field, the book looks at some of the key conflicts in architectural thought that were brought about by postindustrial change. The discussion shifts to clearly describe the forms of complexity, how these have interacted with architecture and how they have opened possibilities in fully embracing complexity in architectural practice. Although there are many books focusing on complexity science, there are few that focus on the relationship between complexity and design and none which take such a comprehensive approach.

Intangible Assets and Value Creation Jürgen H. Daum 2003-07-11 With the use of practical in-depth case studies and interviews with leading experts in the field, this book analyses the key elements in value creation in the new business models. It provides practical guidance to organizations that will allow them to migrate successfully into an economy that demands new business models.

Complex Networks Eli Ben-Naim 2004-09-01 This volume is devoted to the applications of techniques from statistical physics to the characterization and modeling of complex networks. The first two parts of the book concern the modeling of networks, the last two parts survey applications to a wide variety of natural and artificial networks. The tutorial reviews that form this book are aimed at students and newcomers to the field, and will also constitute a comprehensive reference for experts. To this aim, all contributions have been carefully peer-reviewed not only for scientific content but also for self-consistency and readability.

Globalization of Technology Proceedings of the Sixth Convocation of The Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences 1988-02-01 The technological revolution has reached around the world, with important consequences for business, government, and the labor market. Computer-aided design, telecommunications, and other developments are allowing small players to compete with traditional giants in manufacturing and other fields. This volume, 16 engineering and industrial experts representing eight countries discuss the growth of technological advances and their impact on specific industries and regions of the world. From various perspectives, these distinguished commentators describe the practical aspects of technology's reach into business and trade.

Tools and Techniques of Leadership and Management Ralph Stacey 2012-06-25 Many of today's books on the tools and techniques of leadership and management provide descriptions of long lists for use in decision-making, leading and coaching and project management. This book takes a completely different approach. It contests the claims that the tools and techniques are based on evidence and explains why human activities of leading and managing are not amenable to scientific proof and consequently, why long-term futures of organizations are unpredictable. The book undertakes a critical exploration of just what these tools and techniques are about; showing that while they may appear to be a competent performance they cannot go further to expert performance because expertise involves going beyond rules and procedures. Ralph Stacey investigates the many questions that are thrown up as a result of this new approach. Questions such as: How do we apply this new way of thinking? What are the practical tools and techniques it gives us? What is the role of leaders in an unpredictable world? How does complexity affect the way organizations are structured and function? This book will be relevant to students on courses and modules that deal with leadership, decision-making and organizational development and behaviour as well as professional leaders and managers who wish to develop their own understanding and techniques.

The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods for Social-Ecological Systems 2021-07-30 The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods for Social-Ecological Systems provides a synthetic guide to the range of methods that can be employed in social-ecological systems (SES) research. The book is primarily targeted at graduate students, lecturers and researchers working on SES, and has been written in a style that is accessible to readers entering the field from a variety of different disciplinary backgrounds. Each chapter discusses the types of SES questions to which the particular methods are suited and the potential resources and skills required for their implementation, and provides practical examples of the application of the methods. In addition, the book contains a conceptual and practical introduction to SES research, a discussion of key gaps and frontiers in SES research methods, and a glossary of key terms in SES research. Contributions from 97 different authors, situated at SES research hubs in 16 countries around the world, including South Africa, Sweden, Germany and Australia, bring a wealth of expertise and experience to the field. The first book to provide a guide and introduction specifically focused on methods for studying SES, this book will be of great interest to students and scholars of sustainability science, environmental management, global environmental change studies and environmental governance. The book will also be of interest to upper-level undergraduates and professionals working at the science-policy interface in the environmental arena.

Embracing Complexity Jean G. Boulton 2015 This text discusses the concept of complexity. It describes what it means to say the world is complex and explores what that means for managers, policy makers and individuals. The text covers the theory and ideas of complexity and explore issues of complexity in the fields of management, strategy, economics and international development.

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The Fourth Industrial Revolution Klaus Schwab 2017-01-03 The founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum on how the impending technological revolution will change our lives We are on the brink of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. And this one will be unlike any other in human history. Characterized by new technologies fusing the physical, digital and biological worlds, the Fourth Industrial Revolution will impact all disciplines, economies and industries - and it will do so at an unprecedented rate. World Economic Forum data predicts that by 2025 we will see: commercial use of nanomaterials 200 times stronger than steel and a million times thinner than human hair; first transplant of a 3D-printed liver; 10% of all cars on US roads being driverless; and much more besides. In The Fourth Industrial Revolution, Schwab outlines the key technologies driving this revolution, discusses the major challenges on governments, businesses, civil society and individuals, and offers bold ideas for what can be done to shape a better future for all.

Global Ecopolitics Revisited Philippe Le Prestre 2017-02-10 Faced with worsening environmental indicators, cooperation hurdles, and the limited effectiveness of current institutions, reforming international environmental governance has proven elusive, despite various diplomatic initiatives at the United Nations level over the last two decades. Overcoming the current dead end, however, may rest less in devising new arrangements than in challenging how we have been approached. Presenting a multifaceted exploration of some of the key issues and questions in global ecopolitics, this book brings together recent advances in research on global environmental governance in order to open new avenues of inquiry and action. Each chapter questions elements of the current wisdom and covers a topic that lies at the heart of global environmental governance, including the reasons for engagement, the evolving relationship between science and policy, the potential and limits of the European Union as a key actor, the role of developing and emergent countries, and the contours of a complex governance of international environmental issues. Laying the foundation for rethinking at a time of great transformation in global ecopolitics, this book will be important reading for students of environmental politics and governance. It will also be of relevance to policy makers with an interest in global environmental governance and the prevailing discourse on this crucial topic.

Pragmatic Strategy Yujiro Nonaka 2012-05-24 Presents a unique pragmatic framework for shaping and solving strategic problems in a practical, creative and ethical manner. Perspectives on Implications Montgomery 2019-02-14 Perspectives on Impact brings together leaders from across sectors to reflect on our approaches to social change. Sharing diverse examples from their work, these authors argue that we must think more systemically and work more collaboratively to move the needle on the biggest social, humanitarian, and environmental challenges facing our world. Chapters by: Niko Caner, Shanti Nayak, and Cynthia Warren (Incandescent) Duncan Green (Oxfam) Farah Ramzan Golant (Girl Effect, kyu) Sara Holoubek (Luminary Labs) Joi Ito (MIT Media Lab) Leila Janah (Samasource, LXMI, Samaschool) Amirah Jiwa Gerner Kromnisyanon Werner (Republic of Liberia) Chris Larkin (IDEO.org) Eric Maltzer (Medora Ventures, Middlebury College) Jane Nelson (Harvard Kennedy School) Craig Nevill-Manning and Prem Ramaswami (Sidewalk Labs) Jacqueline Novogratz (Acumen) Deena Shakir (GV, formerly Google Ventures) Jose Miguel Sokoloff (MullenLowe Group) Lara Stein (TEDx, Women's March Global) Piyush Tantia (ideas42) Fay Twersky (William & Flora Hewlett Foundation) Sherrie Rollins Westin and Shari Rosenfeld (Sesame Workshop)

Complexity Theories of Cities Have Come of Age Portugal 2012-02-03 Today, our cities are an embodiment of the complex, historical evolution of knowledge, desires and technology. Our planned and designed activities co-evolve with our aspirations, mediated by the existing technologies and social structures. The city represents the accretion and accumulation of successive layers of collective activity, structuring and being structured by other, increasing

cities, reaching now right around the globe. This historical and structural development cannot therefore be understood or captured by any set of fixed quantitative relations. Structural changes imply that the patterns of growth underlying reasons change over time, and therefore that any attempt to control the morphology of cities and their patterns of flow by means of planning and design, must be dynamical, based on the mechanisms that drive it occurring at a given moment. This carefully edited post-proceedings volume gathers a snapshot view by leading researchers in field, of current complexity theories of cities. In it, the achievements, criticisms and potentials were realized are reviewed and the implications to planning and urban design are assessed.

Security and Crime Alison Wakefield 2021-06-09 Security and Crime is an authoritative and multidisciplinary analysis of the relationship between security and crime, addressing much of the confusion about its nature and meaning, clarifying its relevance to criminological analysis, and giving due attention to the interdisciplinary nature of the topic. Providing an historical and prospective look at issues within security the book will: trace the development of security? across disciplines situate this contested concept within criminological discourse and concerns explore the rising attention in politics and academic scholarship to security? issues as they relate to crime examine the organisation of interventions to deliver security establish clearly the relationship between security, crime and criminology. International in scope, and broad in coverage, Security and Crime sets out the need to broaden the study of security in a clear, concise style that is easy for students to digest. With comprehensive pedagogical feature including chapter overviews, key terms, study questions, further reading and a glossary, this book is essential for all studying security in criminology, criminal justice, international relations, and related disciplines.

Critical Systems Thinking and the Management of Complexity Michel C. Jackson 2019-03-15 The world has become increasingly networked and unpredictable. Decision makers at all levels are required to manage the consequences of complexity every day. They must deal with problems that arise unexpectedly, generate uncertainty, are characterised by interconnectivity, and spread across traditional boundaries. Simple solutions to complex problems are usually inadequate and risk exacerbating the original issues. Leaders of international bodies such as the UN, OECD, UNESCO and WHO — and of major business, public sector, charitable, and professional organizations — have all declared systems thinking is an essential leadership skill for managing the complexity of the economic, social and environmental issues that confront decision makers. Systems thinking must be implemented more generally, and on a wide scale to address these issues. An evaluation of different systems methodologies suggests that they concentrate on different aspects of complexity. To be in the best position to deal with complexity, decision makers must understand the strengths and weaknesses of the various approaches and learn how to employ them in combination. This is called critical systems thinking. Making use of over 25 case studies, the book offers an account of the development of systems thinking of major efforts to apply the approach in real-world interventions. Further, it encourages the widespread use of critical systems practice as a means of ensuring responsible leadership in a complex world. Comments on a preface of the book: Russ Ackoff: 'the book is the best overview of the field I have seen' JP van Gigh: 'Jackson does a masterful job. The book is lucid ...well written and eminently readable' Professional Manager (Journal of the Chartered Management Institute): 'Provides an excellent guide and introduction to systems thinking for students of management'

Enterprise Agile Coaching Gherie Silas 2021-12-15 When an Agile coach leaves an organization, the changes developed during their tenure should not roll backward. Compliance is somewhat easy to install and takes hold rather than the challenge with that approach is that when the forcing mechanism (Agile coach) is removed, much of the compliance rolls back to the original position. Sustainable change requires a different strategy. This book introduces the concept of utilizing an Invitational Approach to Enterprise Agile Coaching which can be a crucial catalyst for integrating sustainable change by putting the client in the seat of responsibility.

Communicating Science Effectively National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2017-03-08 Science and technology are embedded in virtually every aspect of modern life. As a result, people face an increasing need to integrate information from science with their personal values and other considerations as they make important life decisions about medical care, the safety of foods, what to do about climate change, and many other issues. Communicating science effectively, however, is a complex task and an acquired skill. Moreover, the approaches to communicating science that will be most effective for specific audiences and circumstances are not obvious. There is an expanding science base from diverse disciplines that can support science communicators in making these determinations. Communicating Science Effectively offers a research agenda for science communicators and researchers seeking to apply this research and fill gaps in knowledge about how to communicate effectively about science, focusing in particular on issues that are contentious in the public sphere. To inform this research agenda, publication identifies important influences affecting psychological, economic, political, social, cultural, and media-related aspects of how science is understood, perceived, and used.

Advanced Imagination Diane Nijis 2019 Articulating and illustrating how experience design can unlock experience innovation, this book offers a fresh perspective on effectuating corporate, public, social and whole system innovation design. The book makes several contributions to the fields of innovation and design thinking by taking complexity science as its scientific point of reference. As such this is a highly provocative book for scholars, practitioners and in the field of change and innovation.

Leadership in Complexity and Change Baron Varney 2021-10-25 If we needed a reminder that the world is complex and in constant motion, then 2020 certainly delivered. Suddenly, the inherent uncertainties and ambiguities of leadership were starkly revealed for all to see as the dynamics of complexity and change played out intensively, and very publicly, on the global stage. Leadership in Complexity and Change draws on complexity science to paint a picture of a world in constant motion, where leadership is enacted in the midst of complexity and continuous change. We must learn to engage with complexity. If not now, when? Part I of this insightful book brings complexity science to bear, considering the practical challenges of complexity and its implications for leadership. Part II considers how leaders can reinvigorate existing tools and approaches with a new mindset, before offering some new tools and practical learning informed leadership. Part III concludes by considering the person in the practice of leadership in complexity and change. Key ideas are presented through mini-cases and practical examples embedded throughout the book. This book will help executives, managers, and professionals recognise where some of the challenges come from understand why those challenges persist engage with the dynamic patterning of organisational life appreciate the science of leadership recognise the choices that can be made choose how to manage themselves

Thinking in New Boxes Luc De Brabandere 2013-09-10 When BIC, manufacturer of disposable ballpoint pens, wanted to grow, it looked for an idea beyond introducing new sizes and ink colors. Someone suggested lighters. LIGHTERS. With an idea that seemed crazy at first, that bright executive, instead of seeing BIC as a pen company—a business in the PEN “box”—figured out that there was growth to be found in the DISPOSABLE “box.” And he was right. BIC is now a disposable BIC lighters, razors, even phones. The company opened its door to a host of opportunities. IT INVENTED A NEW BOX. Your business can, too. And simply thinking “out of the box” is not the answer. True ingenuity needs structure, hard analysis, and bold brainstorming. It needs to start THINKING IN NEW BOXES—a revolutionary process for sustainable creativity from two strategic innovation experts from The Boston Consulting Group. To make sense of the world, we all rely on assumptions, on models—on what Luc de Brabandere and Alan Iny call “boxes.” If we are unaware of our boxes, they can blind us to risks and opportunities. This innovative book changes everything you thought you knew about business creativity by breaking creativity down into five steps: • Doubt everything. Challenge your current perspectives. • Probe the possible. Explore options around you. • Diverge. Generate many new and exciting ideas, even if they seem absurd. • Converge. Evaluate and select the ideas that will drive breakthrough results. • Reevaluate. Relentlessly. No idea is a good idea forever. And did we mention Reevaluate? Relentlessly. Creativity is paramount if you are to thrive in a time of accelerating change. Replete with practical and potent creativity tools, and featuring fascinating case studies from BIC to Ford to Trader Joe’s, Thinking in New Boxes will help you and your company overcome missed opportunities and stay ahead of the curve. This book isn’t a simplified checklist. This is Thinking in New Boxes. And it will be fun. (We promise.) Praise for Thinking in New Boxes: “Excellent . . . While focusing on business creativity, the principles in this book apply anywhere change is needed and will be of interest to anyone seeking to reinvent herself.”—Blogcritics “Thinking in New Boxes is a five-step process that leverages the authors’ deep understanding of human nature to enable readers to overcome their limitations and both imagine and create their own futures. This book is a must-read for people living and working in today’s complex and rapidly changing environment.”—Ray O. Johnson, Ph.D., chief technology officer, Lockheed Martin “Thinking in New Boxes discusses what I believe to be one of the fundamental shifts all companies/brands need to be thinking about: how to think creatively, in order to innovate and differentiate our brands. We need to thrive and lead in a world of accelerating change and this book challenges us to even greater creativity in our thinking. One of the best business books I’ve read in a long time.”—Jennifer Fox, CEO, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts “As impressive as teaching new tricks to old dogs, Thinking in New Boxes is both inspirational and practical—a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to sharpening one’s creativity in order to harness creativity in the workplace.”—Peter Gelb, general manager, Metropolitan Opera

Complexity Theory in Public Administration Elizabeth Anne Eppel 2020-05-21 This book reframes theoretical, methodological and practical approaches to public administration by drawing on complexity theory concepts. It aims to provide alternative perspectives on the theory, research and practice of public administration, avoiding assumptions of traditional theory-building. The contributors explain both how ongoing non-linear interactions result in management patterns becoming established in a complexity-informed world view, and the implications of these dynamics. Complexity theory explains the way in which many repeated non-linear interactions among elements within a whole system, in processes and patterns emerging without design or direction, thus necessitating a reconsideration of the predictability and controllability of many aspects of public administration. As well as illustrating how complexity theory can be used in new research methods for studying this field, the book also shines a light on the different practices required of public administrators to cope with the complexity encountered in the public policy and public management field. This book was originally published as a special issue of the Public Management Review journal.

International and Transnational Perspectives on Urban Systems Rozenblat 2018-05-08 This book reviews the recent evolutions of cities in the world according to entirely revised theoretical fundamentals of urban systems. It offers a vision of cities sharing common dynamic features as co-evolving entities in complex systems. Systems of cities that are interdependent in their evolutions are characterized in the context of that dynamics. They are identified on various geographical scales—worldwide, regional, or national. Each system exhibits peculiarities that are related to its demographic, economic, and geopolitical history, and that are underlined by the systematic comparison of the regional and urban systems, following a common template throughout the book. Multi-scale urban processes, whether local (one city), or within national systems (systems of cities), or linked to the expansion of transnational systems (towards global urban systems) throughout the world over the period 1950–2010 are deeply analyzed in 16 chapters. This global overview challenges urban governance for designing policies facing globalization and the subsequent ecological transition. The answers, which emerge from the diversity of situations in the world, add some reflections on and recommendations to the ‘urban system framework’ proposed in the Habitat III agenda.

Multinational Corporations and Foreign Direct Investment Stephen D. Cohen 2007-02-03 Foreign direct investment (FDI) and multinational corporations (MNCs)—for better and worse—play a large and growing role in shaping our world. The integrating thesis of this book is the inevitability of heterogeneity in FDI and MNCs and, accordingly, the imperative of disaggregation. Large companies doing business on a global basis increasingly dominate the production and marketing of the world’s goods and services. The importance of these companies continues to grow while the debate about their nature and effects remains rired in a long-standing stalemate couched in strong black and white. Stephen D. Cohen seeks to reconcile this impasse by analyzing multinational corporations and foreign direct investment in an eclectic, nuanced manner. The core thesis is that an accurate understanding of the nature and implications of these phenomena comes from acknowledging the dominance of heterogeneity, perceptions, and ambiguity and the paucity of universal truths. This approach should contribute significantly to both a better academic understanding of the nature of these phenomena and a productive policy debate of an increasingly important element of the world economy.

Handbook on Planning and Complexity Bert de Roo 2020-06-26 This Handbook shows the enormous impetus given to the scientific debate by linking planning as a science of purposeful interventions and complexity as a science of spontaneous change and non-linear development. Emphasising the importance of merging planning and complexity, this comprehensive Handbook also clarifies key concepts and theories, presents examples on planning and complexity, and proposes new ideas and methods which emerge from synthesising the discipline of spatial planning with complexity sciences.

Handbook on Strategic Environmental Assessment Thomas B. Fischer 2021-03-26 This comprehensive Handbook shows how Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), an important decision support tool for strategies, policies, plans, and programmes, is applied globally. It reflects on SEA practices and the advancements made over the past three decades in the development of SEA.

How Change Happens Duncan Green 2016-10-19 Society is full of would-be ‘change agents’—campaigners, government officials, enlightened business people, engaged intellectuals—set on improving public services, reforming laws and regulations, guaranteeing human rights, achieving a fairer deal for those on the sharp end, and greater recognition for any number of issues. Drawing on many first-hand examples and numerous new case studies and interviews with grassroots activists and organizations around the world, as well as Oxfam’s unrivalled global experience, this important book answers the question: how does change happen and how can we—governments, organizations, business leaders, campaigners, employees, and ordinary citizens—make a difference?

Leadership in Complexity and Change Baron Varney 2021-10-25 If we needed a reminder that the world is complex and in constant motion, then 2020 certainly delivered. Suddenly, the inherent uncertainties and ambiguities of leadership were starkly revealed for all to see as the dynamics of complexity and change played out intensively, and very publicly, on the global stage. Leadership in Complexity and Change draws on complexity science to paint a picture of a world in constant motion, where leadership is enacted in the midst of complexity and continuous change. We must learn to engage with complexity. If not now, when? Part I of this insightful book brings complexity science to bear, considering the practical challenges of complexity and its implications for leadership. Part II considers how leaders can reinvigorate existing tools and approaches with a new mindset, before offering some new tools and practical learning informed leadership. Part III concludes by considering the person in the practice of leadership in complexity and change. Key ideas are presented through mini-cases and practical examples embedded throughout the book. This book will help executives, managers, and professionals recognise where some of the challenges come from understand why those challenges persist engage with the dynamic patterning of organisational life appreciate the science of leadership recognise the choices that can be made choose how to manage themselves

Competing in the Age of AI Marco Iansiti 2020-01-07 “a provocative new book” — The New York Times AI-centric organizations exhibit a new operating architecture, redefining how they create, capture, share, and deliver value. This book, with a new preface that explores how the coronavirus crisis compelled organizations such as Massachusetts General Hospital, Verizon, and IKEA to transform themselves with remarkable speed, Marco Iansiti and Karim R. Lakhani show how reinventing the firm around data, analytics, and AI removes traditional constraints on scale, scope, and learning that have restricted business growth for hundreds of years. From Airbnb to Ant Financial, Microsoft to Amazon, research shows how AI-driven processes are vastly more scalable than traditional processes, allow massive scope increase, enabling companies to straddle industry boundaries, and create powerful opportunities for learning—more accurate, complex, and sophisticated predictions. When traditional operating constraints are removed, strategy becomes a whole new game, one whose rules and likely outcomes this book will make clear. Iansiti and Lakhani present a framework for rethinking business and operating models Explain how “collisions” between AI-driven/digital and traditional/analog firms are reshaping competition, altering the structure of our economy, and forcing traditional companies to rearchitect their operating models Explain the opportunities and risks created by digital firms Describe the new challenges and responsibilities for the leaders of both digital and traditional firms Packed with examples—including many from the most powerful and innovative global, AI-driven competitors—and based on research in hundreds of firms across many sectors, this is your essential guide for rethinking how your firm competes and operates in the era of AI.

Perspectives on Purpose Diana Montgomery 2019-02-14 Perspectives on Purpose brings together industry leaders to advocate for a more human-centered and socially-conscious future for businesses. Sharing stories from their own companies like Ben & Jerry’s, Sephora, Airbnb, Diageo, VF Corporation, and Hyatt, these authors demonstrate how weaving purpose into the profit-making core of business helps companies do good and do well. Foreword by Jeff Bezos and Christopher Gavigan, Co-founders of The Honest Company Chapters by: Jorge Aguilar (Prophet) Tom Andrews (TJALLeadership, SYPartners) Maryam Banikarim (Hyatt, NBC Universal, Gannett, Univision) Ila Byrne and Ryan Hunter (Diageo) Corrie Conrad (Sephora) Alexandra Dimiziani (TwentyFirstCenturyBrand, Airbnb) Ambika Gautam Pahl (Wolf & Wilhelmine) Heidi Hackemer (And So We Hunt) Sam Hornsby (TRIPTIK) Jonathan Jackson (Harvard University, Blavity) Sam Liebeskind (Gin Lane, Wolff Olins) Rob Michalak (Ben & Jerry’s) Thomas Orshah (Landon) Frank Oswald (Columbia University) Sarah Potts (Thorn) Matthew Quint (Columbia Business School) Haley Rushing (The Purpose Institute) Letitia Webster (VF Corporation) Freya Williams (Futerra) Perspectives on Purpose and its sister book, Perspectives on Impact, bring together leading voices from across sectors to discuss how we can best adapt our organizations for the twenty-first century world. Perspectives on Purpose looks at the shifting role of the corporation in society through the lens of purpose; Perspectives on Impact focuses on the recalibrating impact approaches to tackle complex humanitarian, social, and environmental challenges. You can find Perspectives on Impact: Leading Voices on Making Systemic Change in the Twenty-First Century here: <https://www.amazon.com/Perspectives-Purpose-Building-Businesses-Twenty-First/dp/036711237X>

The Base of the Pyramid Promise London 2016-01-06 As economic growth slows in the developed world, the base of the pyramid (BoP) represents perhaps the last great, untapped market. Of the world’s 7 billion inhabitants, 4 billion live in low-income markets in the developing world. These 4 billion people deserve—and, increasingly, are demanding—better lives. At the same time, the business community seeks new opportunities for growth, and the development community is striving to increase its impact. With these forces converging, the potential for mutual value creation is tremendous. This book provides a roadmap for realizing that potential. Drawing on over 25 years of experience across some eighty countries, Ted London offers concrete guidelines for how to build better enterprises while simultaneously alleviating poverty. He outlines three key components that must be integrated to achieve the vision: lived experiences of enterprises to date—both successes and failures; the development of an ecosystem that is conducive to market creation; and the voices of the poor, so that entrants can truly understand what poverty is and how London provides aspiring market leaders and their stakeholders with the tools and techniques needed to succeed in the unique, opportunity-rich BoP.

Do Less Better: Bell 2014-12-30 Do Less Better teaches leaders how to recognize the complexity and inefficiencies within their businesses and reveals how they can simplify and streamline through specialization and sacrifice. To Bell, a company's willingness to focus on a particular vision or identity ensures viability and strengthens its competitive edge.

Growth in the Age of Complexity: Steering Your Company to Innovation, Productivity, and Profits in the New Era of Competition: Andreessen Horowitz 2017-12-01 A new lens on growth and a critical set of strategies for navigating a complex world. Growth is rarely in a straight line. It is tempting to think otherwise, particularly when looking in the rear view mirror, but anyone faced with plotting the coordinates for a company's growth knows the fallacy of this notion. Much as we like to think of corporate leaders executing sure-fire growth strategies, the truth is far messier: it's more an act of exploration and discovery than a step-by-step process. In *Growth in the Age of Complexity*, the authors describe in detail how complexity has impacted businesses and the markets in which they compete, and the strategies, mindsets and skillsets required to grow profitably! New strategies are required to navigate the "Sirens of Growth" - growth plans borne of Industrial Age mindsets that too frequently lead to complexity vs. scale. In addition, companies need to develop an Explorer's Mindset and a Navigator's Skillset to sustain performance. You'll discover how to: •Assess where you're truly making money •Reignite your core products and services to drive growth •Incorporate experimentation as a key way to discover new opportunities •Create an operating model for scale, location, and replication •Identify new markets where you are positioned to win •Understand the fundamentals for executing in a distributed organization This book is an invaluable tool for achieving growth and maintaining a competitive advantage in virtually any business.

Global Challenges, Governance, and Complexity: Galaz 2019-12-27 There is an increased interest in integrating insights from the complexity sciences to studies of governance and policy. While the issue has been debated, the term of 'complexity' has multiple and sometimes contested interpretations, it is also clear the field has spurred a number of interesting theoretical and empirical efforts. The book includes key thinkers in the field, elaborates on analytical approaches in studying governance, institutions and policy in the face of complexity, and showcases empirical applications and insights.

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