

Attaining the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal of No Poverty

Family Businesses on a Mission

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Synopsis

Attaining the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal of No Poverty focuses on Sustainable Development Goal number one (SDG#1): to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. Examining family businesses in the UAE, Lebanon, India, Zambia, and England, each chapter case study presents a unique perspective from their respective country. The case studies presented generate insights and key takeaways into the role of family businesses in ending poverty and tackling its growing inequality detrimental to economic growth, social cohesion, stability, and peace.

The United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are 17 Goals pledged by 193 nations in 2015 which would help engender an improved, fairer, and more sustainable world – one in which 'no one is left behind'. The SDGs are a call to action, to develop innovative solutions to the most complex, societal, and environmental global challenges.

In *Family Businesses on a Mission*, series editor Naomi Birdthistle brings together international case studies to illustrate how family businesses can attain the UN 2030 SDGs. Accessible to those working in the field beyond academia – such as family business practitioners, family business owners, government and policymakers, members of NGOs, business associations and philanthropic centres – this book series equally appeals to those with a general interest in entrepreneurship and business.

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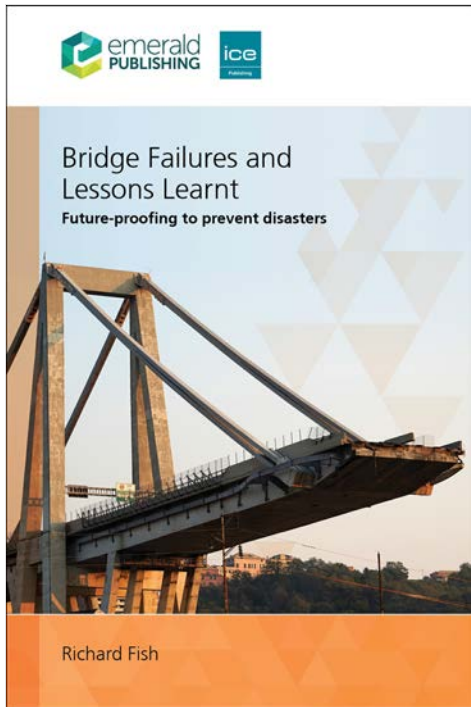
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Engineering



Bridge Failures and Lessons Learnt: Future-proofing to prevent disasters

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Synopsis

Around the world, bridge failures are occurring on an almost monthly basis. *Bridge Failures and Lessons Learnt: Future-proofing to prevent disasters* uses case studies from history, as well as more recent events, to analyse in detail the causes and consequences of these failures, shedding light on technological advancements and actionable steps to prevent such disasters in the future. Bridge collapses may be attributed to a relatively small number of causes, including errors either in design or construction, incorrect operation, poor maintenance and, especially with climate change upon us, environmental factors. It is usually due to a combination of these factors which leads to failure. In many cases, however, the detailed engineering reasons behind those collapses have not been widely shared so that bridge engineers can learn the lessons and to try to prevent similar recurrences. This principle of knowledge sharing has been fundamental to the development of engineering understanding for the last few centuries.

This book

- provides a detailed analysis of the more frequent causes of failures, using a selection of case studies from around the world
- focuses on future-proofing new and existing bridges, particularly in response to climate change
- highlights the opportunities offered by new technology, including the use of remote sensors, IoT, and AI.

Bridge Failures and Lessons Learnt is a much-needed reference for bridge managers, consultants, inspectors, and civil and structural engineers engaged in the design, construction, maintenance, and management of bridges both in the UK and overseas. It is also useful reading for consultants designing bridge repairs, inspectors, and asset owners.

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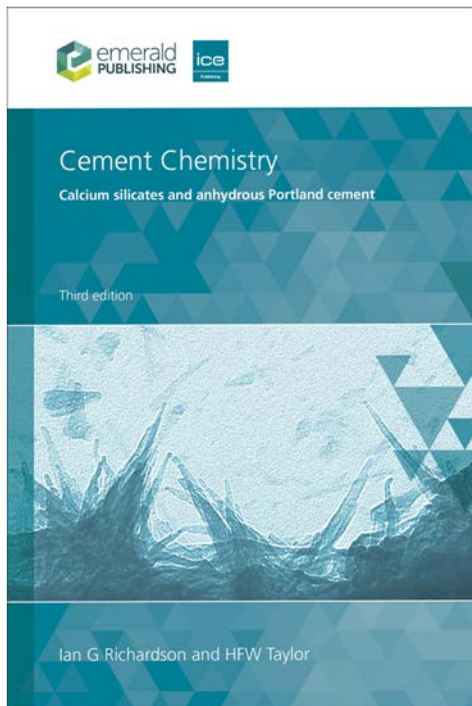
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Cement Chemistry: Calcium silicates and anhydrous Portland cement, 3rd Edition

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Synopsis

The third edition of *Cement Chemistry* addresses the chemistry and materials science of the principal silicate and aluminate cements used in building and civil engineering, with emphasis throughout on the underlying science. Providing a solid grounding in core topic areas, the book will enable the reader to manage the problems and pitfalls that can arise in engineering practice as a result of inadequate understanding of the relevant chemistry.

This first volume updates second edition chapters on the chemistry and properties of anhydrous Portland cement and its constituent phases, and the hydration of calcium silicates.

Highlights include

- updated and enhanced treatment of crystal structure data, including the incorporation of space group numbers and extensive use of crystal-chemical information
- updated Bogue equations and illustrative calculation of enthalpy change on formation of Portland cement clinker
- expanded coverage of hydration of calcium silicates, including critical discussion of a wide range of data from the literature
- two new chapters about calcium (alumino) silicate hydrates: natural minerals and synthetic preparations.

This new edition has been extensively revised and updated to reflect the latest advances in the field, and it serves both as an introduction to those entering the subject for the first time and as a guide to the latest developments for those already experienced in the field.

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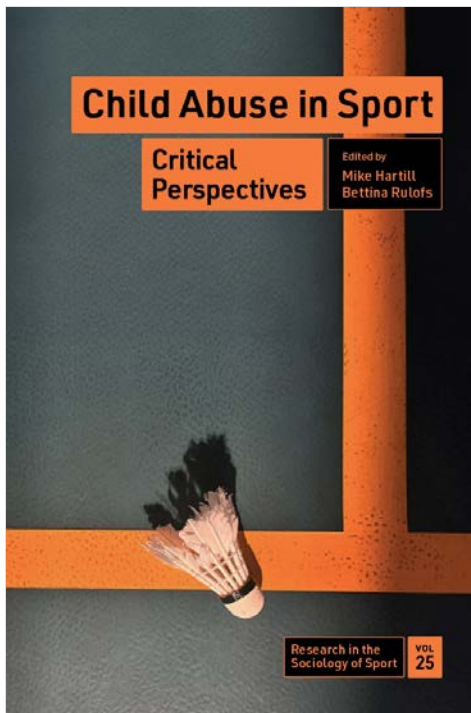
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Sociology



Child Abuse in Sport: Critical Perspectives

Research in the Sociology of Sport, Volume 25

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Synopsis

International attention on the abuse and exploitation of children and athletes in sport and its prevention has never been higher, as more cases of child abuse in sport have emerged across the globe in recent years. While there have been many developments in research, policy, and practice in this area, we are not yet close to putting an end to endemic child abuse within some sport environments.

Against this dynamic landscape, this edited collection is a timely critical reflection on this field, its trajectory, and contemporary developments within it. The chapters are theoretically informed, sociological analyses of abuse, violence, and exploitation of children in sport that critically interrogate the social and cultural terrain in which these interpersonal violations occur. Elucidating deeper understanding of the problem of child abuse in sport and the various responses to it, both academic and policy-based, the collection uses a critical sociological lens and various distinct theoretical lenses to provide the conceptual tools to problematise the practice and administration of youth sport.

Engaging critically with the topic, the authors identify weaknesses, limitations, and omissions within current scholarship, thereby – individually and collectively – providing an agenda for future research in this field. *Child Abuse in Sport* serves as an essential resource for sociology of sport students and researchers in this field, providing a state-of-the-art review of an urgent and rapidly growing area of sport scholarship and governance.

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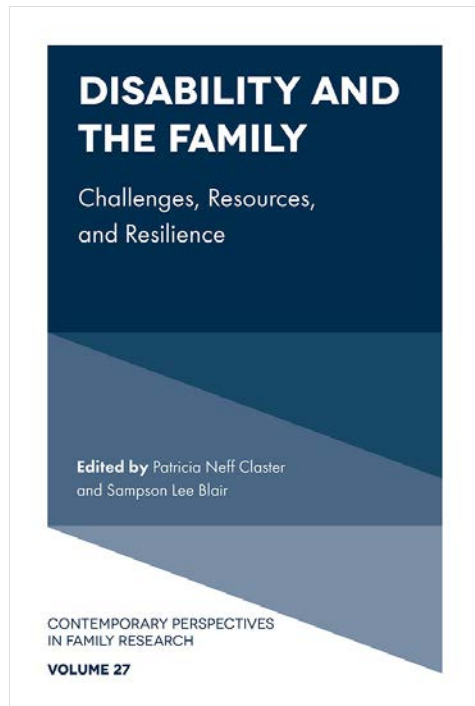
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Disability and the Family: Challenges, Resources, and Resilience

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research,
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Synopsis

Around the globe, most families will invariably have to face the challenges associated with the disability of a family member. A child with a learning disorder, an adult who has suffered a spinal cord injury, or an elderly family member who has lost their eyesight or hearing – these are only a few of the many types of disabilities which both individuals and families face, every single day.

Disability and the Family provides a broad examination of disability and the family. Including diverse theoretical and methodological submissions which explore the many issues pertaining to how families deal with disability issues, the chapters cover a wide array of topics, such as: family relationships and intellectual disability, learning disabilities and parenting, aging and developmental disabilities, coping and family caregivers, disability and family engagement, disability across the family life course, work and family challenges among parents of children with disabilities, physical mobility and marital quality, disability and sexuality, financial stressors and family relationships, and racial and ethnic variations in family care, among others.

Acknowledging how disabilities can affect virtually all aspects of family life, creating emotional, social, financial, and even sexual challenges, this volume also emphasizes how families exhibit considerable resilience, even in seemingly overwhelming circumstances.

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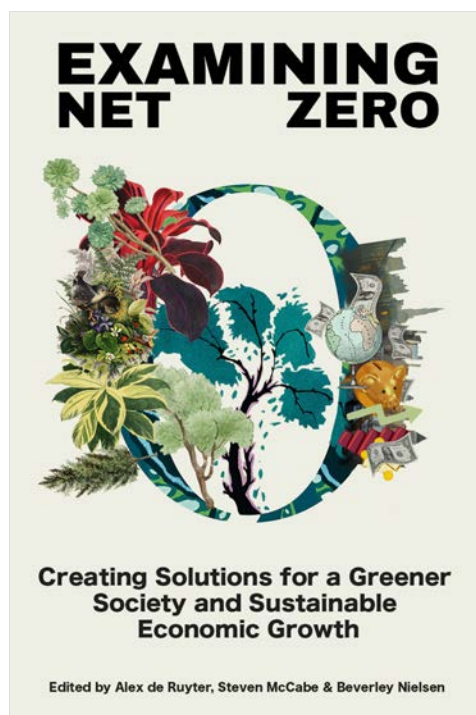
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Public policy & environmental management



Examining Net Zero: Creating Solutions for a Greener Society and Sustainable Economic Growth

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Synopsis

The prospect of a transition to Net Zero by 2050 has profound implications for businesses in various industries worldwide. The endeavour necessitates significant changes in production methods, resource allocation, and operational strategies across sectors, compelling businesses to adapt quickly.

In *Examining Net Zero: Creating Solutions for a Greener Society and Sustainable Economic Growth*, authors delve into economic and political issues tied to climate change and the transition to sustainable systems. They discuss frameworks like 'Just Transition,' which ensures fairness in the shift to a sustainable economy for all stakeholders, including workers, communities, and regions affected by shifts towards sustainability and away from industries contributing to environmental degradation. The collection includes seven detailed case studies on corporate environmental initiatives, addressing challenges and progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Authors also cover topics such as the economics and politics of green initiatives, transportation challenges, retrofitting accommodations, the role of localism, and the issues raised by a finite ecology in the face of perpetual economic growth. Through diverse perspectives, the collection offers a comprehensive understanding of climate change and pathways to sustainability.

This edited collection appeals to diverse audiences interested in climate change and sustainability. It offers insights for business leaders navigating the transition to Net Zero by 2050, policymakers seeking practical solutions, researchers analysing empirical evidence, and educators and students exploring the intersection of environmental challenges with economic and societal dynamics.

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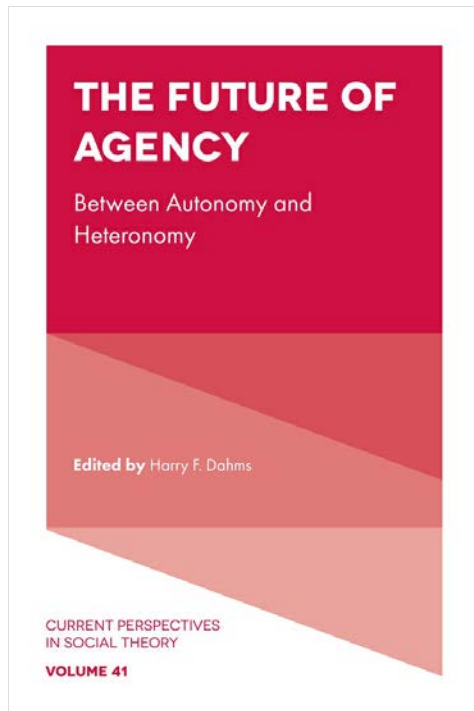
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The Future of Agency: Between Autonomy and Heteronomy

Current Perspectives in Social Theory, Volume 41

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Synopsis

In this thought-provoking volume, leading scholars address the multifaceted concept of agency, dissecting its significance, applications, and challenges across various domains, and situate agency in changing socio-historical contexts in which individuals as members of larger groups try to reconcile guiding norms and values with the material conditions of their lives.

From sociological analyses to political explorations, the chapters traverse a rich landscape of ideas. The volume's centerpiece (Part I) are two essays by lead authors Axel van den Berg, a prominent Canadian social theorist at McGill University in Montreal, and Emre Amasyali, a sociologist at Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), along with responses by other prominent social theorists provide reactions to and assessments of the two pieces, with a reply to critics by the authors. The second and third parts do not address the concept of agency explicitly, but they do provide treatments of the larger context in which the phenomenon is situated. Part Two includes an analysis of the relevance of the category of social class via Erik Olin Wright's reception of Max Weber and a reconstruction of how the idea of a guaranteed minimum (or basic) income can be traced alongside the history of social theory, beginning with Hegel. Part Three reflect on political transformations that have manifested in the United States in recent years, which are having a bearing on the reality of agency, and on opportunities to create documentaries in order to relay social-theoretical ideas and concepts to larger audiences.

The Future of Agency ignites intellectual curiosity, challenges assumptions, and redefines our understanding of human agency and its ever-evolving role in our complex world.

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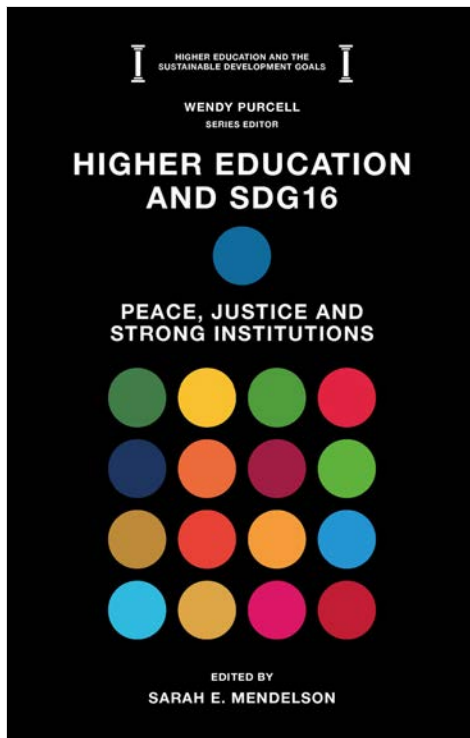
Education

Higher Education and SDG16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

Higher Education and the Sustainable Development
Goals

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Synopsis

The ebook edition of this title is Open Access and freely available to read online.

Traditional approaches to teaching, researching, and advancing human rights need a refresh. The Sustainable Development Goals, the Leave No One Behind ethos, and the SDG16 agenda for peaceful, just, and inclusive communities offer a refreshed way to research and teach human rights and social justice in the twenty first century.

Exploring how to ground an emerging paradigm shift and field build the next generation so that they approach human rights with a different lens and set of skills, the chapters in this edited collection present local case studies from cities and communities and consider what these mean for the rights movement globally. Building on the work of local "right to the city" activism and the global human rights cities movement, the collection examines a local-global approach informed by city-level data, analyses, and practice. Putting emphasis on the need to reduce silos between domestic and international work, the approach also advances an understanding of sustainability in the round, including the climate of communities, as well as a universal conception of development.

Higher Education and the Sustainable Development Goals is a series of 17 books that address each of the SDGs through the lens of higher education. Adopting a solutions-based approach, each book focuses on how higher education is advancing delivery of Agenda 2030. The series is edited by Wendy Purcell, Professor with Rutgers University and Academic Research Scholar with Harvard University; Emeritus Professor and University President Emerita.

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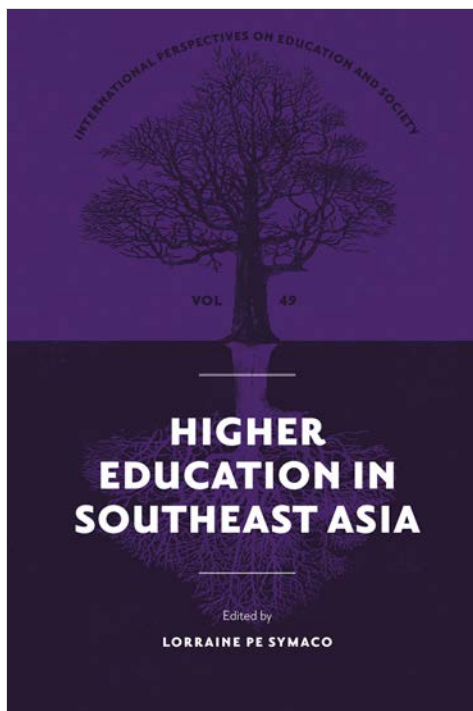
Education

Higher Education in Southeast Asia

International Perspectives on Education and Society, Volume 49

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Synopsis

There is rising interest paid to how higher education is developing across Asia. This timely volume provides readers with a comprehensive account of the higher education systems in one of the most compact regions in the world.

The chapters examine ten country case studies grouped in diverse socioeconomic, cultural, and political ecologies. From the and wealthy state of Singapore to mid-economies and multi-ethnic Malaysia, Philippines, and Vietnam, to the most populous Muslim country in the world, Indonesia. Post-conflict states include Cambodia and Timor- Leste; the non-colonial Thailand and recently government-reformed Myanmar; to the socialist state and sole landlocked country in the region, Lao PDR. The authors delve into the role of higher education for broader development and discuss issues relating to the higher education in each country, such as: quality, access, and equity; the roles of globalisation and internationalisation in higher education; governance; sustainable development; social responsibility; aid in education; the role of culture and religion in education; and more.

Higher Education in Southeast Asia provides a much-needed new perspective within higher education research, with key findings that have an important impact contextually that are also applicable on an international level.

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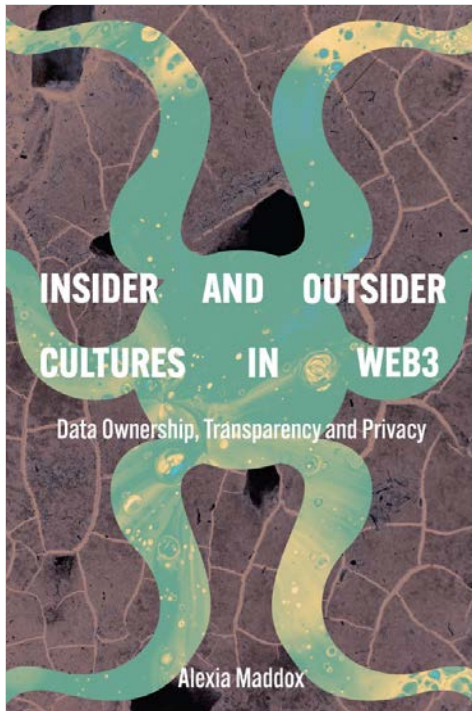
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Insider and Outsider Cultures in Web3: Data Ownership, Transparency and Privacy

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Synopsis

Visions of the future of the internet beyond Web 2.0 are proliferating, as immersion and augmentation of social practices through the metaverse begin to define a new frontier of sociality and our digital lives. Questions of privacy, transparency, consent, data ownership, data governance, digital property and sustainability are being refreshed and re-visited, with many Web3 proponents actively advocating in these spaces.

Alexia Maddox provides a critical sociological study of insider-outsider tensions that influence the adoption of blockchain technologies and impact the Web3 ecosystem; the tensions between the Web3 community, the platforms and the users. Using relevant case studies to illustrate insider-outsider dynamics, the book explores how these dynamics interact with broader social forces. The case studies provide in-depth examples that represent both sides of the coin in each chapter.

Insider and Outsider Cultures in Web3 strikes a balance between the promise and critique of the technology and its social context.

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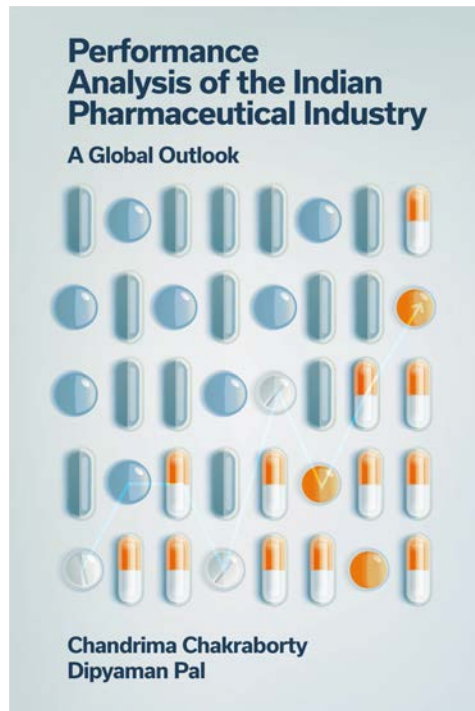
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Strategy



Performance Analysis of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry: A Global Outlook

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Synopsis

The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry (IPI) has grown exponentially over the last few decades; however, recent global competition is forcing the industry to examine its performance focusing on productivity, efficiency and growth capabilities. While the industry as a whole has proved resilient to economic slowdowns, the performance of individual firms in the industry have displayed large disparities. There is also evidence of disparity among the Indian states.

Efficiency and productivity act as good performance indicators. *Performance Analysis of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry* estimates the extent of technical efficiency (TE) and total factor productivity growth (TFPG) of IPI and to identify their major affecting factors. A comparison between efficiency and TFPG of IPI is made, looking at the common factors responsible for variations in efficiency and TFPG of IPI.

Chakraborty and Pal examine the import and export of Indian medicines to understand the place of the industry on a global scale and assess what can be done to become more competitive. The international comparison of this study will appeal and be useful for researchers, industry professionals and policy makers.

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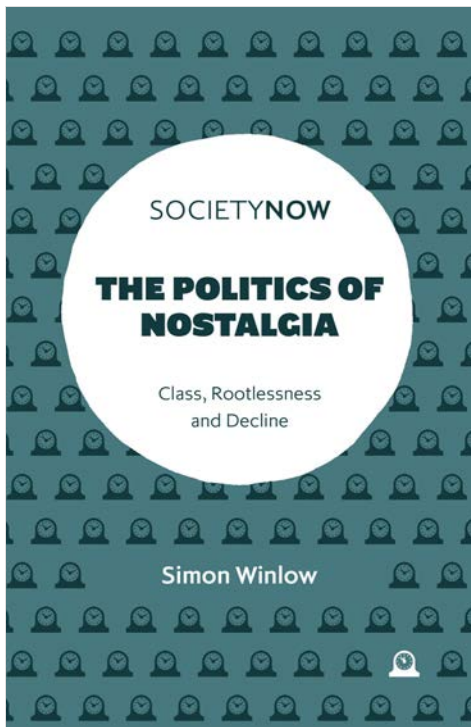
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The Politics of Nostalgia: Class, Rootlessness and Decline

SocietyNow

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Synopsis

For ordinary people today, the future seems dark and forbidding. In generations gone by, parents looked forward with optimism, confident their children would do better. Not anymore. Standards of living continue to fall. Our institutions seem redundant, our cities dilapidated and dysfunctional. Electoral systems seem incapable of driving positive change. What is there to be optimistic about?

A multiplicity of escalating pressures and a growing fear of the future encourage people to look to the past to identify something positive, and the bittersweet sting of nostalgia now plays a key role in working-class politics and community life. But how should we understand our increasingly common retreat into nostalgia?

In this sweeping ethnography, Simon Winlow explores our common desire to take refuge in the past, and what it means for our political future.

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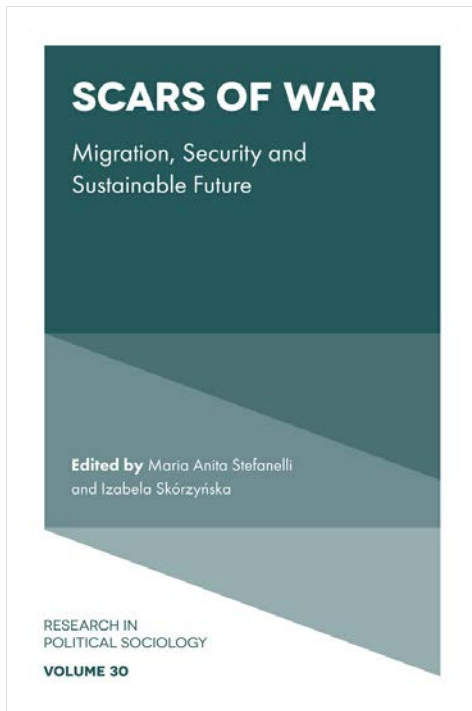
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Scars of War: Migration, Security and Sustainable Future

Research in Political Sociology, Volume 30

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Synopsis

This commemorative 30th-anniversary volume of *Research in Political Sociology* delves into the ramifications of warfare and conflict on migration, sustainable development, and security. What threat is posed by warfare and conflict to environmental integrity, security, and the prospects of a sustainable future?

Echoing the sentiments expressed in pivotal UN resolutions and positions which emphasize the inherently destructive nature of warfare on sustainable development, the chapters focus on the importance of adhering to international legal frameworks for safeguarding the environment during armed conflicts. Recognizing the pervasive ramifications of warfare across diverse socio-cultural contexts, this volume convenes scholarly insights from three continents – Europe, the Americas, and Asia – to elucidate the far-reaching implications of conflict on environmental sustainability and harmonious cohabitation among nations. Beyond this, contributors underscore the indispensable role of women in environmental management and development and emphasize their full participation in developmental efforts even amidst wartime conditions as crucial for fostering international peace and security.

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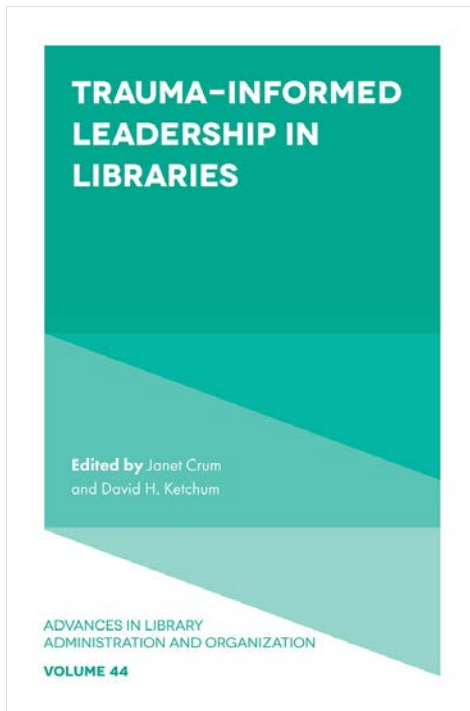
Trauma-Informed Leadership in Libraries

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Synopsis

Trauma-informed practices have become an increasingly essential part of librarianship since the COVID-19 global pandemic. Trauma can result from a single negative event or repeated exposure to negative events over time and can manifest in many forms. Trauma-informed approaches to leadership seek to understand and consider an individual's holistic life experiences, particularly negative consequences of trauma, when determining how to best support and interact with them in the workplace.

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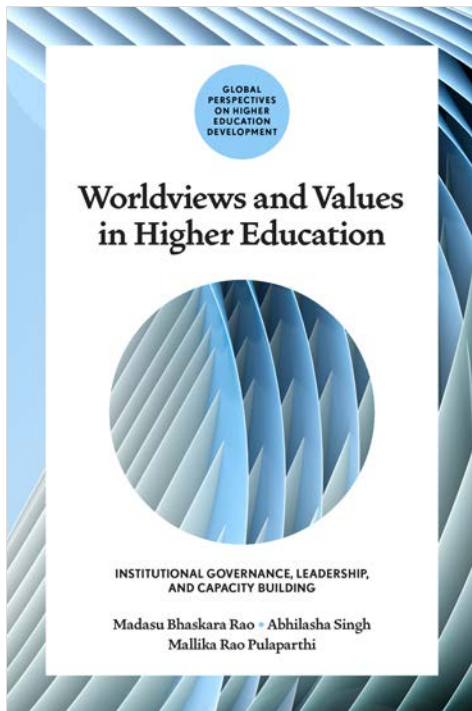
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Worldviews and Values in Higher Education: Institutional Governance, Leadership, and Capacity Building

Global Perspectives on Higher Education Development

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Synopsis

Cultural perspectives impact governance, and certain cultures may prefer hierarchical and centralized forms of governance, while others may lean towards more democratic and participatory ones. Governance, guided by ethical worldviews, ensures transparency, accountability, and integrity in decision-making. Worldviews significantly impact leadership styles, and a leader who holds a collectivist perspective would prioritize team building and community outcomes. Leaders' values influence the institution's vision and mission and impact curriculum development, research, and innovation goals. Institutions' approaches to professional development are shaped by their worldviews on continuous learning and improvement. Organizations prioritizing innovation are more likely to allocate greater resources toward advanced training initiatives. Values shape the distribution of resources for capacity building.

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