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With global case studies and insights into emerging markets—particularly in Asia—it provides a nuanced analysis of how destinations are reimagined and marketed to meet the needs of health-conscious travellers. Students, researchers, policymakers, healthcare professionals, and industry leaders, will find it a critical resource for understanding the global trends, challenges, and opportunities in one of the fastest-growing segments of the tourism industry.

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Synopsis

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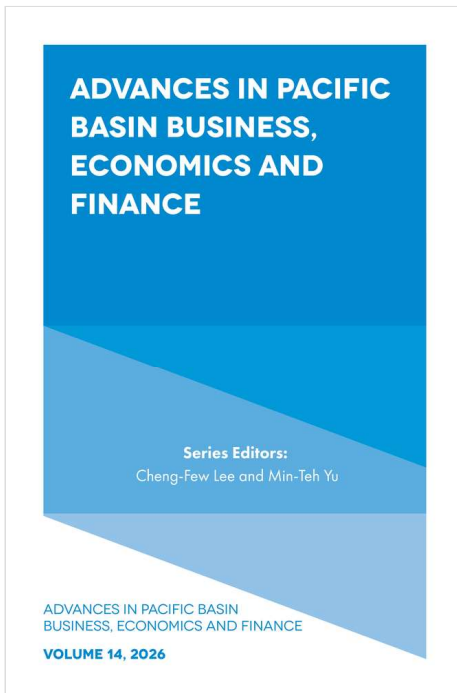
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Ageing Migrants' Sense of Home Experiences of Older Italians in the UK

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Synopsis

Given the increasing number of international older migrants in Europe and the UK, *Ageing Migrants' Sense of Home* addresses a critical gap in understanding the conditions that facilitate or impede positive ageing in the context of migration, enhancing scholarly knowledge on how processes of identification and sense of belonging to places are experienced by people ageing away from their home countries.

Grounded in long-term ethnographic fieldwork with a community of older Italians in Northeast England, Palladino explores experiences of ageing across borders, feelings of embeddedness in local communities, negotiation of belonging and perceived vulnerability. Highlighting how participants experience private and public spaces, their transnational lifestyles, and relationships with objects of affection, memory, and identity, chapters underscore the importance of affective bonds with places. Place attachment and identity impact health and well-being in later life, and insights into older migrants' subjectivities and life stories stress the social aspects of the environment and the importance of having places to call 'home' in the context of migration.

Drawing critical attention to the diversity of ageing experiences among older migrants and the need for research, practice and policy to respond to their needs both locally and internationally, this is a significant resource for researchers in social sciences, social gerontology, and human geography.

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Applications of Data Analysis across Business Functions and Domains

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Synopsis

Applications of Data Analysis across Business Functions and Domains offers a comprehensive exploration of how data analytics is transforming decision-making and operational efficiency across industries. In an era defined by data-driven competition, this timely work equips readers with foundational knowledge of key analytical techniques—descriptive, diagnostic, predictive, and prescriptive—and examines their practical applications in core business functions such as marketing, finance, human resources, supply chain, and operations. It also addresses critical topics like data quality, governance, and ethics, providing a well-rounded understanding of the challenges and responsibilities that come with leveraging data effectively.

Drawing on real-world case studies and theoretical insights, author Sayantani Roy Choudhury extends its scope to diverse domains including healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and education. Readers will discover how data analytics is used to personalise marketing, forecast financial trends, optimise workforce strategies, and enhance supply chain performance. Emerging areas such as learning analytics in education and predictive maintenance in manufacturing are also explored, highlighting the growing influence of Industry 4.0 technologies. Designed for professionals, academics, and students alike, this is an essential resource for anyone seeking to harness the power of data to drive innovation and success across business landscapes.

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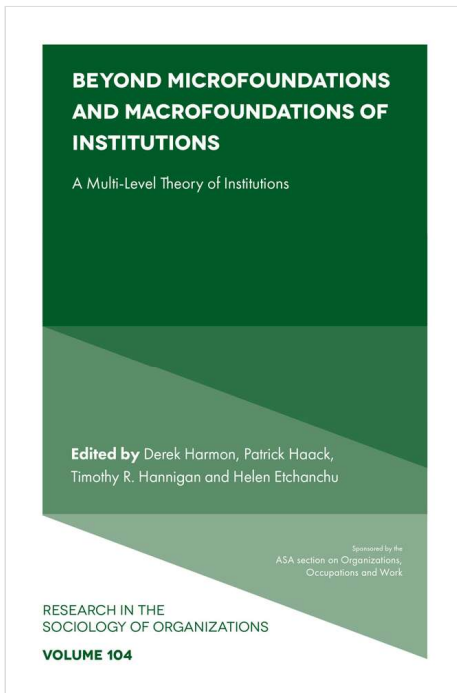
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Beyond Microfoundations and Macrofoundations of Institutions

A Multi-Level Theory of Institutions

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Synopsis

Beyond Microfoundations and Macrofoundations of Institutions challenges the binary distinction that has long constrained institutional scholarship. Transcending the limitations of Coleman's "bathtub" metaphor, this volume advances a multilevel theory of institutions as dynamic, recursive systems. Rather than privileging micro-action or macro-structure, the contributors view institutions as a continuum where influence flows continuously across levels—from individual cognition to societal logics.

Building on previous *Research in the Sociology of Organizations* volumes, this collection shifts the analytical focus from static "boxes" to the "arrows" that connect them. A central theme is that communication and language serve as the critical bridge traversing these levels, enabling meanings to aggregate and disseminate. By integrating these perspectives, this volume offers a framework where constraint and agency coevolve, encouraging scholars to "lean into" the complexity of cross-level interactions.

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A Call to Action Part 1 Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Systems, Institutions and Policy Levers

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Synopsis

A Call to Action Part 1: Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Systems, Institutions and Policy Levers confronts one of the most pressing challenges in contemporary organizational life: how to sustain and strengthen DEI commitments amid intensifying political, cultural, and institutional resistance. Rather than retreating from this moment, the contributors to this volume respond with clarity, evidence, and resolve.

Drawing on cutting edge research across management, public policy, organizational behavior, and social justice scholarship, the chapters speak directly to researchers, leaders, policymakers, and institutional stakeholders. Each contribution identifies a critical priority for advancing DEI through structural, systemic, and policy based interventions. Together, they illuminate the wide-ranging levers—legal, economic, cultural, technological, and organizational—that shape whether DEI efforts falter, stagnate, or meaningfully transform workplaces and communities.

The book's breadth reflects the complexity of the current landscape. Topics span parent supportive policy design, science censorship, disability inclusion, sexual harassment prevention, workforce reintegration, reproductive benefits, entrepreneurial ecosystems, anti discrimination legislation, and the emotional and institutional work that sustains inequity. Authors examine the backlash against DEI, dismantle persistent myths, and offer bold strategies for resilience, refinement, and renewed purpose. Across these chapters, a shared message emerges: DEI is not a passing trend but a foundational requirement for organizational effectiveness, societal well being, and long term success.

Together with *A Call to Action Part 2: Transforming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Norms, Leadership Practices, and Mindset*, the two volumes offer a comprehensive roadmap for scholars and practitioners committed to defending, reimagining, and advancing DEI in an era of profound challenge and possibility.

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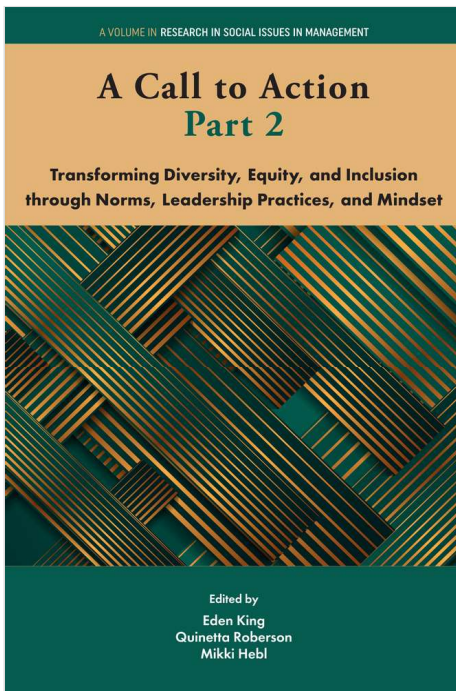
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Synopsis

A Call to Action Part 2: Transforming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Norms, Leadership Practices, and Mindset turns the spotlight from systems and policy levers to the human, cultural, and relational forces that determine whether DEI efforts thrive, stall, or collapse. In an era marked by backlash, polarization, and rapid organizational change, this volume brings together leading scholars to examine how leaders, teams, and institutions can cultivate the mindsets and practices needed to sustain meaningful progress.

Across its chapters, contributors explore the psychological, interpersonal, and cultural dynamics that shape DEI work on the ground. Authors offer evidence based insights on allyship, identity based safety, stereotype awareness, inclusive leadership, and the role of dialogue in bridging divides. They also confront emerging issues—from generational stereotypes to the implications of generative AI—while highlighting the strengths, creativity, and resilience that diversity brings to organizations.

This book speaks directly to researchers, educators, and organizational leaders seeking to navigate resistance with clarity and courage. It argues that transforming DEI requires more than policy; it demands intentional norms, reflective leadership, and a mindset oriented toward accountability, authenticity, and collective responsibility.

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Community Development Through Craft Heritage and Creative Tourism Prospects and Challenges

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Synopsis

Community Development Through Craft Heritage and Creative Tourism: Prospects and Challenges explores the intersection of traditional craftsmanship, cultural identity, and sustainable development. Rooted in the belief that craft heritage—both tangible and intangible—is a living reflection of community identity, the book examines how creative industries and tourism strategies can serve as tools for revitalisation and empowerment. Through critical analysis and case studies, the authors delve into the role of artisans as cultural custodians, investigate community participation in policymaking, and evaluate sustainable tourism as a vehicle for preserving artisanal knowledge and fostering social and economic resilience in marginalised areas.

A number of key issues are addressed, including: How can creativity coexist with the authenticity of traditional craft? What drives the evolving demand for craft heritage in the market? Is community engagement a byproduct of creative tourism, or does it require a more structured approach? With a focus on four key themes—craft heritage, community, creative industries, and tourism—the authors offer a global perspective on the dynamics of cultural sustainability, supply chain integration, and heritage valorisation. The work contributes a holistic framework for empowering communities through tourism-informed strategies, bridging indigenous knowledge with contemporary economic opportunities.

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Competitiveness of SMEs in Hospitality and Tourism A Multidisciplinary Approach

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Synopsis

The tourism industry globally is fuelled by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), whose ability to adapt, innovate, and create value is at the heart of the long-term development of the industry. In an era shaped by digital transformation, global crises, climate change, competitiveness is being redefined beyond traditional measures growth.

Competitiveness of SMEs in Hospitality and Tourism pushes the frontiers of this new understanding through three interrelated perspectives: Quality of Life and Sustainability, which highlights the role of SMEs in creating social value and supporting inclusive development; Innovation and Technology, which investigates how new technologies and business models improve competitive performance; and Strategy and Resilience, which explores how companies cope with uncertainty and build collaborative pathways for sustainable development. This book provides new insights into SME competitiveness with a global and interdisciplinary approach.

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Designing Cities with People, Not Just for Them

The Power of Collaborative Urban Futures

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Cities are not just collections of roads, buildings and policies. They are living communities shaped by the aspirations, fears and decisions of their people. Yet too often, development happens to citizens instead of with them.

Designing Cities with People, Not Just for Them: The Power of Collaborative Urban Futures invites planners, engineers, policymakers and everyday citizens to reimagine how we build and transform our cities - together.

Drawing on original research - including participatory workshops, global case studies, and rigorous analysis - this book uncovers what truly makes cities inclusive, resilient and future-ready. Based on in-depth research from Digos City, Philippines, and enriched by comparative case studies, it offers a practical framework and cost-effective tools that any community can adapt. Powerful stories of co-creation from around the world illustrate key lessons applicable across diverse contexts.

For leaders who want to facilitate change rather than dictate it, and for citizens who want to reclaim their right to shape their own urban future, this book is both a guide and a call to action.

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Devalue

Blockchain Contradictions and the Politics of Value

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Synopsis

Charting new territory for scholars in an understudied area, *Devalue* offers a socio-economic analysis of emerging Web3 actors who specialise in blockchain applications within the culture, media, and communication industries.

Based on rich research that includes comparative case studies focusing on organisations in North America and Europe using blockchain technology for the storage, production, and distribution of cultural contents and services, Jacob Matthews scrutinises whether blockchain-enabled platforms objectively reshape value production. Drawing together an analysis of two typically separated levels of political economy – the production of economic value and the production of ideology, the chapters critique the very concept of value, questioning if Web3 players, despite positioning themselves against the 'civilisational reality' of contemporary capitalism, merely reproduce conventional valorisation and reinforce the predominance of exchange abstraction.

Leading to a more profound critique of the concept of value itself and linking to broader political stakes and theoretical questions, *Devalue* is relevant for scholars and students including Information and Communication Science, Media Studies, Internet Studies, Critical Theory, Political Economy of Communications, Sociology, Socioeconomics, Philosophy, Society and Technology studies, and Digital Humanities.

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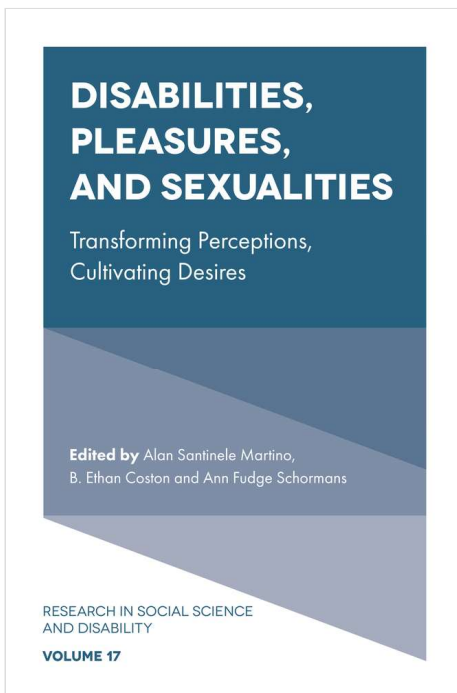
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Disabilities, Pleasures, and Sexualities

Transforming Perceptions, Cultivating Desires

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Disabled sexuality has too often been cast as taboo, as disabled people are routinely de-sexualized, infantilized, or positioned as objects of pity and (over)protection. Nevertheless, despite facing numerous obstacles to sexuality, sexual expression, and parenting, individuals with disabilities have consistently showcased resilience, agency, and creativity.

Disabilities, Pleasures, and Sexualities: Transforming Perceptions, Cultivating Desires, volume 17 of the *Research in Social Science and Disability* series, seeks to highlight and celebrate these qualities with contributions that challenge stereotypes, reimagine expressions of sexuality, illuminate aspects of reproduction and parenting, and explore different forms of intimate relationships. They recognize, affirm, and celebrate the reality that many disabled people already live full and fulfilling erotic lives. With contributions that foreground the lived experiences, representations, and self-understandings of disabled people as sexual beings, some contributions explore how disabled individuals and communities resist the social, cultural, and political forces that render their sexualities deviant, invisible, or dangerous. Other contributions turn to the urgent task of transforming sex education, critically examining how sex education for disabled people can be radically transformed. Finally, there are a number of pieces that highlight how disabled people navigate the affective, embodied, and increasingly digital landscapes of intimacy and connection.

In sum, this volume imagines sexuality as a site of access, interdependence, creativity, and joy, in hopes that it reshapes the broader sexual cultures in which we all participate.

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Earthquake Engineering for Resilience Structures, Communities and Networks

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Synopsis

Earthquake Engineering for Resilience: Structures, Communities and Networks presents a multi-scale framework for assessing seismic vulnerability and improving resilience across buildings, communities and critical infrastructure networks. Bridging engineering, urban planning, and disaster management perspectives, the framework addresses the full spectrum of earthquake impacts - from immediate structural damage to prolonged service disruption and community recovery.

The book integrates four essential methodologies: analytical modelling, empirical assessment, functionality-based recovery analysis and vulnerability evaluation. Organised across three interconnected levels - structures, communities and infrastructure systems - the chapters offer scalable, practical tools for researchers and practitioners. International case studies, including an example from Penang Island, Malaysia, illustrate how the framework can effectively guide resilience planning in both data-rich and data-scarce contexts.

Combining technical rigor with accessible explanations and real-world applications, *Earthquake Engineering for Resilience* is suitable for graduate students, researchers and practicing engineers in structural and earthquake engineering, as well as urban planners, disaster risk managers and policymakers.

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The Emerald Handbook of Digital Transformation, Environmental Sustainability and Wellbeing in the Global South

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Synopsis

There is a growing body of research suggesting that wellbeing and environmental sustainability have little or no interplay or relationship, with some viewing them as often conflicting goals. This book addresses this misconception by highlighting a range of social factors that influence wellbeing challenges. It uniquely advances the traditional emphasis on economic growth by shedding light on the need for the development of pro-social attitudes and behaviours that are essential for achieving more harmonious coexistence with nature. The nascent discoveries from this emerging discipline are already exerting influence on economics, psychology, healthcare, urban planning, and the methodologies employed by national statistical agencies that inform policy decisions.

The editors advance reader's understanding of these complex issues by bringing together critical perspectives that explore best practices of utilising digital transformation as a catalyst, rather than an obstacle, for constructing an environmentally sustainable and socially equitable Global South in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the expertise of 30 leading scholars to provide an up-to-date coverage of sustainability and wellbeing issues confronting the Global South, providing potential solutions.

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The Emerald Handbook on Teaching Global Competencies Theoretical Perspectives and Practical Applications Inside and Outside the Classroom

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Synopsis

Worldwide, educational institutions at every level are increasingly recognizing that learners must cultivate and demonstrate key global competencies – skills that seamlessly translate across work, academic, and community settings. Offering a timely and rigorously researched exploration into the future of learning, *The Emerald Handbook on Teaching Global Competencies* redefines citizenship by revealing how cultural, linguistic, and technological transformations are reshaping our collective identity and suggests that education must transcend traditional, geographically bound disciplines to fully equip learners for the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly evolving global landscape.

In this comprehensive work, interdisciplinary research meets practice. *The Emerald Handbook on Teaching Global Competencies* champions an integrated approach that fosters emotional and social intelligence, creative problem solving, and interdisciplinary thinking, while also valuing transcultural insights and Indigenous knowledge. Through a rich array of case studies, empirical research, and innovative pedagogies, chapter authors demonstrate how dynamic, multimodal, lifelong learning environments can cultivate the key global competencies needed to bridge cultural divides, empower communities, and promote sustainable development.

An essential resource for academics, educators, and policymakers, this volume offers not only a critical synthesis of theory and practice but also an inspiring vision for reimagining educational spaces. Chapter authors challenge conventional models and call for a transformative rethinking of what it means to be educated in the 21st century, where learning is a catalyst for creating resilient, inclusive, and globally engaged communities.

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From Fragmentation to Wholeness

Spirituality, Awareness and the Future Beyond the SDGs

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Synopsis

As the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals approaches, *From Fragmentation to Wholeness* offers a profound re-examination of global transformation. While nations have pledged sustainability through targets and reforms, the world continues to face climate breakdown, widening inequality, ecological collapse, and deepening social fragmentation. This timely work argues that these crises are not merely institutional or technical, but arise from a deeper fragmentation within consciousness itself. When thought divides life into sectors, when identity fuels conflict, and when fear and desire shape ambition, institutions inevitably inherit these divisions.

Beginning from the insight that the outer world mirrors the inner movement of the self, the authors explore how patterns of thought shape climate policy, economic design, governance, education, and technology. Through three interwoven movements—the global crisis as inward division writ large; the mirror of the self in fear, memory, and psychological time; and action arising from awareness beyond identity—the book invites readers to consider transformation as an integrated process of inner and outer change. For policymakers, sustainability scholars, UN professionals, systems thinkers, educators, and students, this is not a philosophical abstraction but a practical inquiry into intelligence without identity, and institutions as living spaces, rather than instruments of control. It opens a doorway to a future where wholeness, rather than fragmentation, becomes the foundation of global action.

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The Future of Digital Higher Education

A Post-Pandemic Perspective

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Synopsis

The integration of technology into the higher education sector advanced slowly through the first two decades of the 21st century. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, faculty around the world were forced to rapidly adopt a wide assortment of technologies to virtually connect with their students. Almost immediately, many faculty began to experiment with online learning tools and practices to improve the efficacy of their teaching. These experiments produced many lessons. Unfortunately, channels for sharing these lessons remain quite limited, making it difficult for a broad population of faculty to learn from the experiences of their peers.

The Future of Digital Higher Education shares key insights of academic pioneers who found great success with the integration of technology into their higher education teaching during the pandemic. It also explores areas of opportunity for improvement; topics for future research; and provides valuable insights for future capital investment by both institutions of higher learning and the developers of digital education technology.

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Gender and Climate Finance in Africa

Addressing Inequalities and Bridging Gaps

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Synopsis

The nexus between gender and climate finance is a crucial yet underexplored dimension in advancing sustainable development in Africa. This collection examines the intersection of gender and climate finance in Africa, highlighting the persistent inequalities in resource access. It provides evidence-based insights and innovative policy recommendations to promote gender-responsive climate finance frameworks and enhance inclusivity in sustainable development.

Offering an in-depth analysis of gender-responsive climate finance in Africa, this volume brings together interdisciplinary perspectives from scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to explore policy frameworks, financial inclusion mechanisms, and gender equity strategies in climate finance. The book addresses crucial themes, including policy and institutional mechanisms, barriers to access, innovative financing models, intersectionality, capacity building, and accountability. Providing a comprehensive understanding of gender-specific climate finance challenges in Africa, the chapters highlight successful gender-inclusive financial models and best practices and offer policy recommendations to drive equitable climate finance governance. Encouraging interdisciplinary discourse and collaboration among academia, government, and development organization, the volume forges a new path for ensuring gender-equitable climate finance access and implementation.

Given the urgency of climate action and the global commitment to gender equality, *Gender and Climate Finance in Africa* is an essential resource for scholars, policymakers, financial institutions, and development practitioners working towards sustainable and inclusive climate finance solutions in Africa.

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Growth, Development and Environmental Implications of Good Governance

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Synopsis

Good governance has become increasingly central to discussions of economic growth, development, and environmental management. As the world grapples with increasing inequality and environmental degradation, the role of governance in shaping sustainable outcomes has gained critical importance.

Growth, Development and Environmental Implications of Good Governance by Ramesh Chandra Das delves into the complex relationship between governance, economic progress, and environmental management. His work tackles four key questions: how governance indicators are interconnected, whether good governance is a prerequisite for growth and development or the result of it, and its role in environmental management. Drawing on case studies from around the world, Das provides a comprehensive analysis of how governance influences diverse economies. The work's unique contribution lies in its global approach, comparing governance models across different regions and offering timely insights into how governance failures and successes shape both economic and environmental stability. At a time when global governance faces significant crises, this analysis offers crucial guidance for navigating complex economic and environmental challenges.

Designed for scholars in Economics, Political Economics and Development Economics, etc. policymakers, and practitioners, this study offers valuable insights into how good governance can drive sustainable growth and development across the globe.

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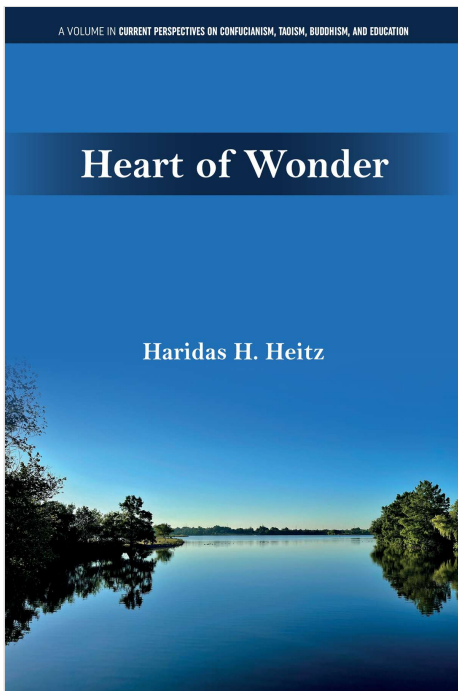
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Heart of Wonder

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Synopsis

Heart of Wonder invites the reader into the transformative experience of wonder as a direct gateway to profound spiritual insight. Drawing on personal practice, lived experience, and scholarly engagement with the wisdom traditions of the East, this book offers a path for discovering these truths within one's own life.

Rooted deeply in a philosophy of nonduality, the teachings presented here have been shaped through years of guiding university students toward a more integrated understanding of self and world. The approach is simple, direct, and grounded in the everyday. Through personal anecdotes woven with philosophical reflection, the book reveals how spirituality is not separate from ordinary life but quietly present within it.

At its heart, this work outlines a progressive education of the whole person — an invitation to cultivate self-understanding, meditative awareness, and an openness to the subtle beauty of what simply is. Wonder becomes both the doorway and the destination: a quality of Being that awakens peace, love, joy, and beauty, and leads not only to the beginning of wisdom but to its living realization.

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The Human-AI Decoder *Leading the Human Side of* *Artificial Intelligence*

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Synopsis

In a time when artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping the workplace, *The Human-AI Decoder* offers a timely and practical guide for HR and business leaders navigating the human implications of intelligent systems. The book introduces the AI Workforce Impact Model (AIWIM)—a structured, human-centred framework designed to assess and lead AI-driven workforce transformation. Through real-world use cases, diagnostic tools, and step-by-step guidance, Jacober empowers organisations to move beyond hype and uncertainty, equipping them with the clarity and strategy needed to ethically and effectively manage AI's disruption of jobs, skills, and organisational design.

What sets this book apart is its emphasis on workforce readiness and the evolution of HR into Human-Machine Resources (HMR), a forward-looking concept that positions HR as a strategic integrator of human and AI capabilities. Jacober argues that AI is not merely a technical upgrade but one that demands new leadership mindsets and collaborative models. With AI agents and autonomous systems entering white-collar domains at scale, *The Human-AI Decoder* serves as both a playbook and a call to action, urging leaders to centre people in an intelligent world and lead the human side of AI with insight, empathy, and purpose.

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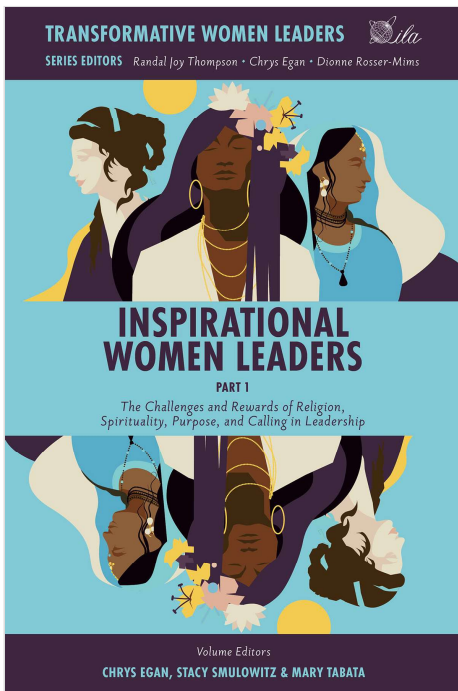
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Inspirational Women Leaders, Part 1

The Challenges and Rewards of Religion, Spirituality, Purpose, and Calling in Leadership

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Synopsis

Women, leadership, spirituality, and religion have been complexly interwoven throughout history and cultures. The *Inspirational Women Leaders: The Challenges and Rewards of Religion, Spirituality, Purpose, and Calling in Leadership* books explore support and obstacles that women leaders face as shaped by religion and spirituality, the impact of historical and contemporary women leaders influenced by their beliefs, and how women leaders practice spiritual leadership in a variety of contexts. For some women, their leadership connects with finding and exploring a sense of purpose, recognizing and following a calling or vocation, and exploring the impacts of religion and spirituality on leadership and society.

By celebrating women leaders and their leadership styles, these books highlight impactful leadership approaches and heartening stories of endurance. Serving as a model and motivation for women leaders, these books also create a community for women leaders around the world.

Part One, focusing on *Contemporary Research and Reflections*, delves into the profound and often underexplored connection between a woman's leadership in her life and work with her diverse spiritual, religious, or philosophical foundations. Part Two, focusing on *Spiritual Women Leaders across Time and Cultures*, features historical figures and contemporary leaders from various faith traditions, revealing how their spiritual journeys have shaped their transformative leadership. Both books illuminate how personal beliefs and a sense of greater meaning can be a source of immense strength and a catalyst for unique challenges in a leader's professional and personal life.

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Intersecting Inequalities in Jamaica and Beyond

Policy Solutions for the Global South

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Synopsis

This multidisciplinary volume explores the multifaceted nature of inequality in Jamaica and other Latin American and Caribbean countries, offering nuanced solutions to address the persistently high inequality in the Global South. With a critical focus on Jamaica due to its high levels of inequality, which have been linked to crime, social discontent, and persistent poverty, the collection also considers the broader context of Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting the region's heterogeneity and the unique challenges faced by different countries.

The book demonstrates that inequality is not confined to the distribution of income (which largely dominates the literature), but rather affects access to technological advancement, gender justice, time allocation in the household between men and women, and human rights consideration for youths. The contributors offer evidence-based solutions to address inequality in the Global South.

By examining the intersection of various domains such as human rights, youth empowerment, technology, and gender disparity the book provides a comprehensive understanding of how these dimensions interact and affect different demographic groups. *Intersecting Inequalities in Jamaica and Beyond* is essential reading for policymakers, academics, and anyone interested in understanding and addressing the root causes of inequality in the Global South.

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An Introduction to Platform Economy in India

Exploring Relationality and Embeddedness

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Synopsis

Digital platforms have garnered both apprehension and admiration for their disruptive influence on social systems, structures, and everyday lives. However, research insights on digital platforms and ecosystems, both in theory and practice, largely emerge from the Global North. Pivoting this focus to the Global South, *An Introduction to Platform Economy in India* explores the operational socio-technical framework of India's growing platform economy at the confluence of numerous platform ecosystems developed both globally and nationally.

Employing an economic sociology perspective, the authors examine the pivotal roles of individuals and collectives, alongside their embedded socio-economic and technical arrangements, to show the multifaceted dimensions of the rapid proliferation of platforms, burgeoning platform memberships, and the ensuing multidimensional social exchanges in India. The chapters respond to growing interest in India's platform economies by showing how the country figures prominently in visions of platform futures, whether as an emerging market, a critical node in global supply chains, or a catalyst for technological innovation.

Promising to be a timely intervention grounded in economic sociological analysis, this introductory text bridges the existing gap in the production of such scholarly literature from the Global South. By shedding light on the intricacies of platform dynamics, adoption, usage, and their impact on the social and economic lives of people in India, readers gain valuable insights that inform our understanding of the broader global dynamics of platform economies.

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Islamic Finance, Sustainability and Innovation Shaping the Future

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Synopsis

The global financial sector is experiencing rapid technological disruption, while simultaneously facing pressure to meet sustainability goals in accordance with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Global financial systems are undergoing unprecedented changes driven by rapid technological advancements, environmental challenges, and evolving socio-economic dynamics. Islamic finance, rooted in Shariah principles emphasizing fairness, risk-sharing, and ethical investment, offers a unique framework to address these challenges. However, the integration of innovation and sustainability within the Islamic finance ecosystem has not been fully explored, leaving significant gaps in both academic literature and industry practice.

The research here bridges the gap between Islamic finance and emerging trends in innovation and sustainability. By synthesizing insights from diverse fields, including fintech, halal economy, environmental finance, and digital transformation, it provides a multi-disciplinary perspective. In addition, analyses of case studies, empirical data, and theoretical frameworks highlight best practices and innovative models that can be scaled and replicated across the Islamic finance ecosystem.

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Leadership Lessons from the Upside Down A Stranger Things Deep Dive

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Synopsis

There is still a strong need for accessible, relatable ways to teach key leadership concepts—tools that support both formal leadership development and everyday life skills. This book aims to meet that need by examining the characters of the hit TV series *Stranger Things* across its five seasons. It explores their journeys using essential themes of leadership and team dynamics, including adaptability, integrity, and risk-taking.

The series offers a rich narrative woven from friendship, family, courage, and the struggle between good and evil, elevating it far beyond a typical sci-fi story. From a leadership standpoint, *Stranger Things* excels at showcasing characters who display authentic leadership behaviors without fitting the usual aesthetic or personality stereotypes of a “leader.” Viewers naturally root for these beloved characters as they accomplish extraordinary things—not because they are the fastest, the strongest, or the smartest, but because they rise to the moment in ways that feel deeply human and relatable.

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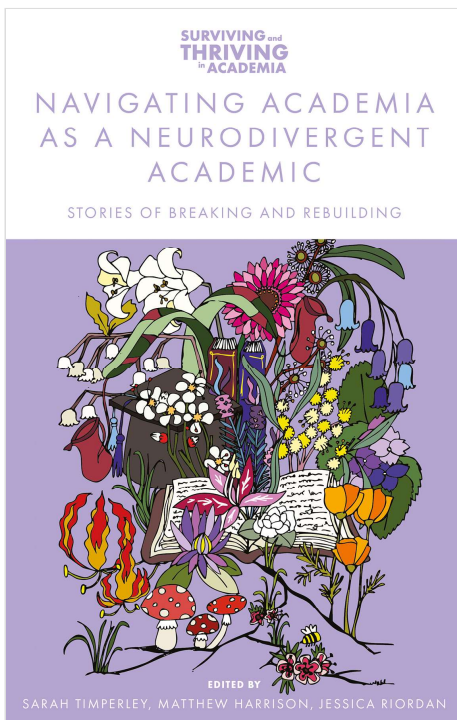
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Navigating Academia as a Neurodivergent Academic *Stories of Breaking and Rebuilding*

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Synopsis

Navigating Academia as a Neurodivergent Academic sheds light on the various emotional and physical tolls that navigating an unsupportive academic landscape can take on neurodivergent researchers, with calls for systemic changes to better support neurodivergent people within higher education institutions. It also celebrates finding connection and purpose within neurodivergent research communities.

Delving into experiences of a global cohort of neurodivergent scholars as they navigate professional journeys, chapters draw on personal narratives, theoretical insights, and research conducted with and by neurodivergent academics. Opening with an overview of current challenges faced by neurodivergent scholars in a time that offers both increasing mainstream acceptance and systemic pressures that disproportionately harm neurodivergent staff, the editors highlight the complexities of navigating shifting institutional attitudes and policies. Subsequent chapters identify specific challenges faced by neurodivergent academics, from PhD scholars to academics in leadership positions, alongside intersecting issues relating to gender diversity and race. Each story brings a unique perspective, showing the wide variety of neurodivergent people and the challenges that they face, with common themes of navigating spaces, systems, and social and communication norms that can create barriers to people who experience the world in different ways.

Navigating Academia as a Neurodivergent Academic highlights the need for more inclusive spaces within higher education institutions for neurodivergent individuals, with particular emphasis on neurodivergent early career academics. However, it also celebrates the successes of neurodivergent people, including the joys of finding community, the relief of finally being understood, and the positive changes neurodivergent academics are able to make when they stand together.

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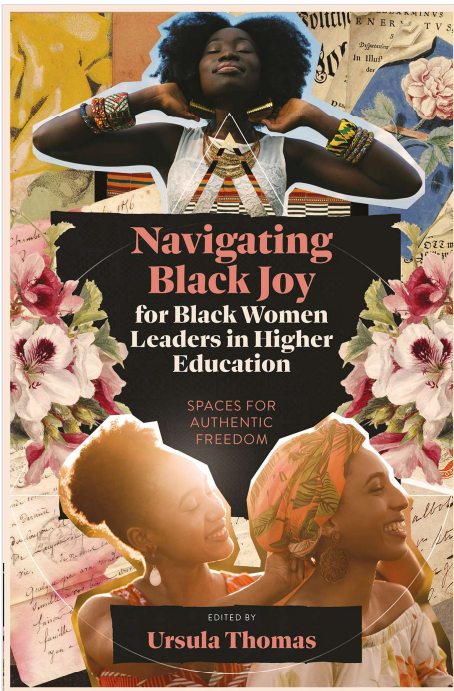
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Navigating Black Joy for Black Women Leaders in Higher Education Spaces for Authentic Freedom

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Synopsis

Navigating Black Joy for Black Women Leaders in Higher Education delves into lived experiences of Black women who resist structural oppression and inequity through the radical act of joy. Through deeply personal narratives, critical storytelling, and intersectional analysis, chapters explore how Black women cultivate, sustain, and embody joy as a transformative force in higher education and beyond.

Drawing on phenomenology, womanist theory, and culturally relevant pedagogy, contributors reveal how joy is intentionally rooted in resistance, resilience, and rest, forming a tapestry of strength and community, offering actionable strategies for fostering emotional resilience, equity, and authentic leadership.

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Nurturing AI-Powered HR Analytics and Virtual Reality in Employee Psychology and Workplace Happiness, Part A

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Synopsis

Nurturing AI-Powered HR Analytics and Virtual Reality in Employee Psychology and Workplace Happiness examines how emerging technologies are reshaping the foundations of modern human resource management. Drawing on advances in AI-powered HR analytics, the book demonstrates how data-driven insights can enhance organizational decision-making, predict employee behavior, and support interventions that foster engagement, motivation, and well-being. By illuminating the strategic value of intelligent analytics for understanding workforce dynamics and optimising HR practices, it provides a compelling case for building more responsive, ethical, and psychologically supportive workplaces.

Complementing this analytical perspective, this timely work explores the transformative potential of virtual reality in employee psychology and workplace happiness. It highlights how immersive VR environments can reduce stress, enrich training and onboarding, strengthen team cohesion, and nurture overall mental well-being by simulating real-world experiences within safe, controlled contexts. Offering a clear roadmap for responsible and human-centred implementation, this volume is essential reading for HR professionals, organizational leaders, and researchers seeking to harness technological innovation to cultivate more fulfilling and productive workplaces.

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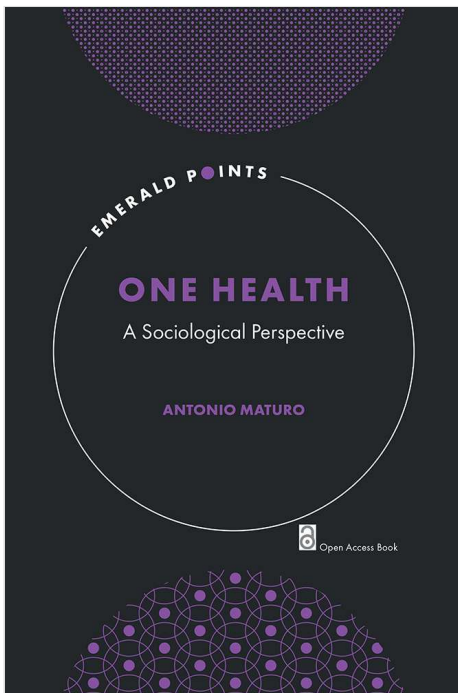
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One Health A Sociological Perspective

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Synopsis

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The One Health (OH) approach recognizes that the health of humans, animals, plants, and the wider environment are closely linked and interdependent. This holistic framework aims to improve health outcomes by promoting collaboration among various sectors, including public health, veterinary medicine, environmental science, agriculture, and ecology. But what contributions can sociology provide for the implementation of One Health initiatives? As global health threats such as COVID-19, Zika virus, and Ebola have increasingly demonstrated the need for an integrated approach, this text breaks fresh ground by demonstrating the policy, research projects, educational interventions, and institutional communications that sociology can offer to the OH approach. Written by a medical sociologist and expert researcher in One Health, this practical book provides a focused approach to the sociology of health in One Health research and highlights the most recent advances in this field. Aimed at researchers interested or involved in OH research, as well as academics and social scientists in organizational studies, sociology and anthropology with a passion for interdisciplinary learning, this powerful study offers a new agenda for the role of social sciences in One Health.

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Reclaiming the Climate Agenda Indigenous Knowledge and Global Sustainability

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Synopsis

Reclaiming the Climate Agenda: Indigenous Knowledge and Global Sustainability is a pioneering volume that challenges the dominant climate discourse and advocates for a more inclusive approach to sustainability. Through a diverse collection of contributions from experts in environmental science, Indigenous studies, and climate policy from around the globe, this edited collection highlights the critical role Indigenous knowledge plays in fostering resilience, adaptation, ecological balance and economic growth. It presents compelling case studies of Indigenous-led conservation, explores the intersections between traditional ecological knowledge and scientific innovation, and calls for decolonizing climate governance. By centering Indigenous voices and advocating for epistemological pluralism, this work provides an essential roadmap for integrating Indigenous knowledge into global sustainability efforts.

Bringing together scholars, policymakers, and Indigenous leaders, this collection is an invaluable resource for anyone committed to climate justice and sustainable development. Whether you are a researcher, activist, or policymaker, *Reclaiming the Climate Agenda* offers critical insights into building a more just, inclusive, and effective response to the climate crisis.

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Regenerative Revolution Through Mindful Consumption, Environmental Stewardship, and Industry 6.0

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Regenerative Revolution offers a groundbreaking exploration of how conscious consumer choices, ecological responsibility, and advanced technologies are reshaping the future of sustainability. In an era marked by resource depletion and environmental degradation, this timely work positions mindful consumption as a transformative force capable of steering industries and economies toward restorative practices. Moving beyond traditional sustainability, it emphasises the ethical and psychological dimensions of consumer behaviour, advocating for decisions that prioritise planetary health and social well-being. At the same time, it introduces the concept of environmental stewardship as a proactive approach to restoring ecosystems and fostering long-term resilience.

This contributed work further examines Industry 6.0 as a catalyst for regenerative change, integrating artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, robotics, blockchain, and predictive analytics to enable smart manufacturing and resource optimisation. By weaving together insights from business ethics, environmental science, and consumer psychology, this publication provides scholars, policymakers, and practitioners with a comprehensive guide to building a future where economic progress and ecological integrity coexist harmoniously.

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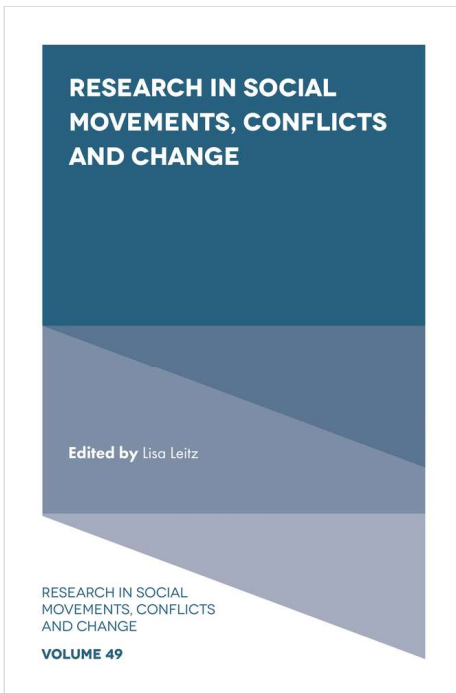
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Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change

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Synopsis

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change, Volume 49 presents a rigorous and timely examination of contemporary social change, conflict, and collective action across global contexts. Through peer-reviewed chapters, it explores how individuals and communities respond to systemic challenges and engage in constructive interventions aimed at fostering justice and resilience.

The first two chapters focus on activism in response to pressing social issues. One offers a comparative analysis of racial justice movements in the United States and Cape Verde, highlighting both convergences and divergences in their approaches. The other investigates how service providers navigate and resist state anti-trafficking policies they perceive as detrimental to survivor welfare. Subsequent chapters examine diverse strategies for addressing entrenched social problems. In India, theatre is employed as a medium for confronting oppression and promoting civil discourse. In Ohio, USA, community-engaged research offers and analyses initiatives that foster connection between refugees and locals. A European case study explores participatory technology development among farmers, contributing to the literature on innovation and social change. The final chapter addresses Nigerian chieftaincy conflicts, offering qualitative insights into how local actors and state institutions might facilitate more peaceful transitions.

This collection is interesting reading for scholars seeking global, interdisciplinary perspectives on the mechanisms and impacts of social transformation.

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The Role of AI in Consumer Decision-Making

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Synopsis

In the rapidly evolving world of contemporary business, artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming a disruptive force that is being adopted by companies in a variety of sectors. Its ability to boost creativity, expedite processes, and increase productivity is undeniable. Along with other digital technologies like blockchain, big data analysis, and augmented reality, it is anticipated to be one of the main forces behind the fourth industrial revolution.

Despite the success that artificial intelligence is meeting, there are still a number of concerns about how consumers may perceive artificial intelligence-based products and services, how they act with conversational agents (chatbots), and how they communicate with them. Through this book, the authors attempt to understand how artificial intelligence can be integrated within products and services in a way that generates value for the consumer. In particular, three consumer contexts are considered in which the introduction of AI is changing the way consumers interact with products and services. The first relates to the use of artificial intelligence in the fashion industry, where the creation of AI-generated clothes is generating widespread debate. The second relates to the use of conversational agents who through the use of AI are able to engage in conversations that are increasingly human-like. The third, in the area of social media, evaluates how consumers perceive virtual influencers.

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The Role of Linguistic Profiling within Career Development Cultural Implications

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At the heart of *The Role of Linguistic Profiling within Career Development* is the important question: how does linguistic profiling shape careers in an increasingly globalised and diverse economy? From modifying an accent, to word choice, to tone, an international team of authors explore the effects of such modifications (both positive and negative) in various professional environments. *The Role of Linguistic Profiling within Career Development* brings to life the real-world implications of such bias and provides actionable insights for practitioners and academics alike.

This backbone of innovative research creates a fresh perspective into the relationship between linguistic profiling and career development, grounded in a globalised commitment to diversity and inclusion and aligned with the UNSGs of reducing inequality and promoting inclusive, sustainable economic growth. By pushing the boundaries of current thinking surrounding diversity, the authors lay out a solid groundwork for anybody interested in how the way that we communicate can affect our place in the workforce. Once linguistic differences are seen not as a cultural barrier, but as a source of strength and opportunity, the modern era of work can truly begin.

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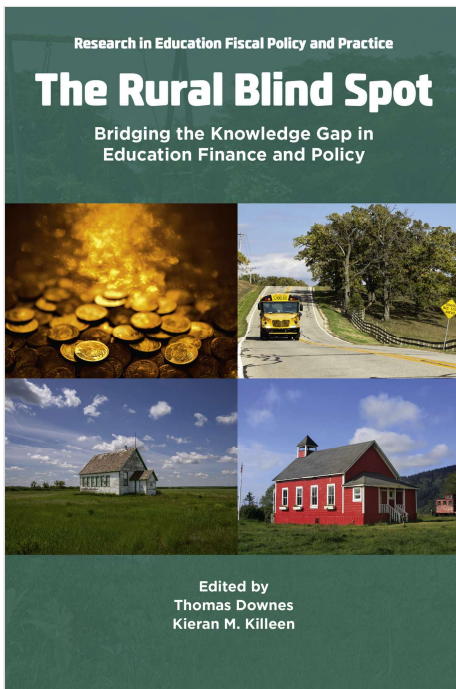
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The Rural Blind Spot *Bridging the Knowledge Gap in* *Education Finance and Policy*

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Synopsis

Despite comprising nearly one-fifth of the U.S. student population, rural schoolchildren remain underrepresented in education policy discourse. *The Rural Blind Spot: Bridging the Knowledge Gap in Education Finance and Policy* confronts the persistent marginalization of rural education in state and local policy debates, where the dominant urban-suburban lens often obscures the distinct needs and challenges of rural schools.

Among the important questions addressed by the chapters in this book are

- What are the effects of enrollment declines on school financing?
- Do existing school finance formulas adequately compensate rural districts for the unique transportation issues they face?
- Should state school finance systems include adjustments for rural district size, geographic location or their unique experiences with multi-language learners or children with exceptional needs?
- To what extent does educational aid improve academic outcomes in low-income rural schools?
- What are the implications of expanded school choice for rural school districts?
- Should states mandate consolidation of small school districts or should states incentivize consolidation and resource sharing? If yes to incentives, how should those incentives be designed?

Rejecting the notion that rural schools can be understood through an urban lens, this book offers a rigorous, context-sensitive approach to rural education finance. It is essential reading for scholars, researchers, and graduate students committed to equity, policy reform, and the nuanced study of rural schooling in the United States.

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The Science of High-Performing Teams

Actionable Insights for Leaders

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Synopsis

The Science of High-Performing Teams describes how leaders need to “be” to manage teams, what they need to understand about human behavior to create teams from groups of individuals, and how to think about some of the basic – and more advanced – types of leader behaviors and group dynamics that often result in successful teamwork. The book will help readers assess their surroundings and their team’s environment to make good decisions in the moment. Everything in this book is grounded in decades of rigorous research on team success, drawing on insights from countless scholars across generations.

While “leadership” is all around us, most people in positions of authority or influence have little formal training or education in how to use that authority and influence to manage the teams for which they are responsible. *The Science of High-Performing Teams* explains and exemplifies the current state of research on team dynamics and leadership. It serves as a tool and training resource for aspiring leaders; new managers in professional settings; organizational consultants focusing on interpersonal dynamics; students enrolled in courses focused on those topics; and the secondary and post-secondary faculty who oversee those courses.

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The Self in Context Pathways to Flourishing, Learning, and Well-Being

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Synopsis

The Self in Context: Pathways to Flourishing, Learning, and Well-Being explores the dynamic and multifaceted nature of self-related processes—such as self-concept, self-esteem, self-efficacy, self-control, self-identity, self-regulation, and self-determination—and their exponential growth in research over recent decades. These constructs have found fertile ground in the fields of positive psychology and education, which emphasize the factors that promote flourishing, learning, and well-being among students, teachers, and the broader school community.

This volume develops both theoretical and methodological perspectives and presents empirical evidence from a range of disciplines and applications. Its broad scope provides a flexible framework for contributors to explore the self in context. A key feature of *The Self in Context* is its dual focus: presenting cutting-edge research while distilling evidence-based insights for practitioners seeking to enhance well-being and learning outcomes.

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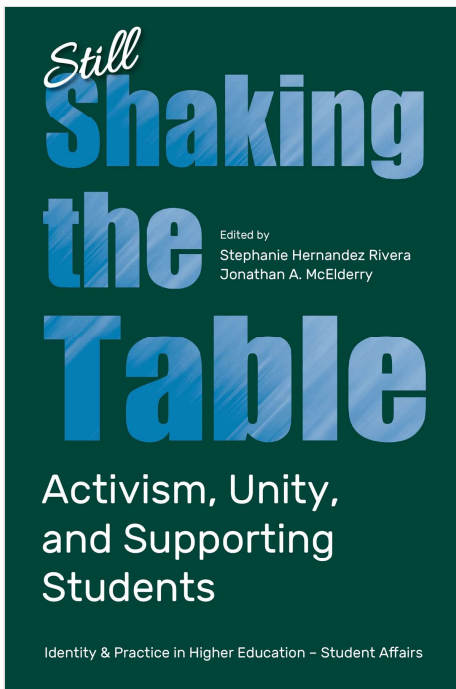
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Still Shaking the Table

Activism, Unity, and Supporting Students

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Synopsis

Still Shaking the Table: Activism, Unity, and Supporting Students is the second volume in the *Shaking the Table* series, which centers the voices of identity center practitioners navigating increasingly complex, politicized, and constrained higher education environments. As colleges and universities continue to struggle to meaningfully support students across marginalized identities—including race, gender, sexuality, ability, class, religion, and citizenship status—those working within identity-based centers remain at the forefront of advocacy, care, and institutional change, often at great personal and professional cost.

Building on the foundation of *Shaking the Table*, which focused on survival and healing, this volume moves more explicitly into the terrain of campus activism, coalition-building, and sustained support for students. Amid mounting resistance to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts nationwide, practitioners are increasingly asked to navigate competing institutional interests, political pressures, and shifting student needs, while showing up for the communities they serve. Through first-person narratives, contributors illuminate the tensions, contradictions, and possibilities that emerge when identity-centered work exists in opposition to institutional norms and state-level constraints.

Organized around three interconnected themes—Navigating Activism, Fostering Unity, and Supporting Students—this volume highlights how practitioners engage in advocacy within and beyond their institutions, wrestle with questions of privilege and intersectionality, and develop responsive practices to meet students' evolving needs. Across the chapters, authors explore the labor of coalition-building, the emotional toll of identity-based work, and the critical importance of self-reflection, critical hope, and collective care as strategies for longevity.

Still Shaking the Table serves as both a mirror and a roadmap: a reflection of the lived realities of identity center practitioners and a guide for those

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committed to advancing justice-oriented work in higher education. It is a resource for practitioners, scholars, and graduate students, and a call to action for supervisors, senior leaders, and institutions to move beyond performative commitments toward meaningful, accountable support for identity centers and the people who lead them.

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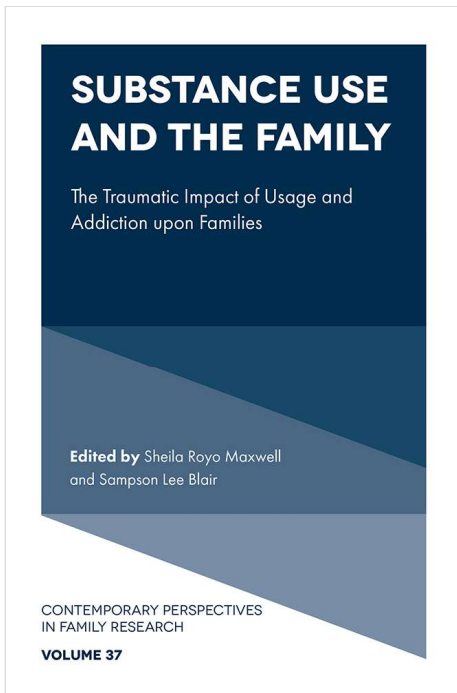
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Substance Use and the Family The Traumatic Impact of Usage and Addiction upon Families

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Synopsis

Drinking and drugs have long led to a multitude of problems within families. Given the availability of various forms of substances, and the potential harm to families, it is essential that greater research be focused upon substance use and addiction. This edited volume offers a broad examination of substance use and the family.

Featuring a broad variety of chapters across the many issues pertaining to substance use and addiction, topics include those such as spousal addiction and marital quality, parenting and substance use, financial tolls of addiction upon families, coping with adolescent substance use and addiction, multi-generational patterns of substance use in families, substance use and family violence, child neglect and substance addiction, family interventions, addiction concealment within families, role modeling among siblings, gender differences in parental substance use, and child abuse, among others.

Substance Use and the Family is appealing reading for scholars of family sociology, the sociology of health, and childhood and youth alike.

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Sustainable Leadership for Business Education and Societal Impact

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Synopsis

Business Education is vital for economic growth, business education and has the highest impact on society and the economy at large by producing the future of management and leadership and new business owners. Applying Accreditation Standards is considered the peak of rigor that guides business education sustainability. The key success of business education is creating leaders that can respond to climate change actions and overcome environmental challenges with responsible strategic decision making.

This book will provide insight on different practices towards sustainable leadership for business education and societal impact that covers the relevance of accreditation standards towards societal impact, Executive Leadership Practices and Governance, integration of responsible management as part of the curricular, consideration of gender representation in leadership positions.

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Teacher Dialogical Self Professional development dynamics

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Synopsis

Teacher Dialogical Self: Professional development dynamics offers a profound and intimate exploration of teacher identity, delving into the intricate interplay between personal and professional dimensions. By providing a deep, reflective perspective on how internal experiences—such as emotions, self-awareness, and inner dialogues—shape and are shaped by the teaching role, it seeks to enhance overall effectiveness and well-being within the educational environment. This book equips educators with a nuanced understanding of their own identities, enabling them to navigate their roles with greater authenticity and resilience. Through this introspective journey, the book aspires to foster a more supportive, engaged, and balanced teaching practice that benefits both educators and their students.

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Teacher Preparation in Taiwan A Sociological and Transnational Perspective

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Synopsis

Teacher Preparation in Taiwan offers an analytically rich account of how teacher education has been shaped through the transnational circulation of ideas, institutions, and modes of governance.

Taiwan represents both a geographically understudied and a national context in which to examine the historical origins and contemporary dynamics of teacher preparation and education policy. The book demonstrates that Taiwan's teacher education system has been constituted through sustained engagements with imperial, national, and global forces rather than developing in isolation.

Drawing on archival and policy analysis, the chapters trace the evolution of teacher preparation from early missionary schooling and Japanese colonial normal education, through Kuomintang authoritarian rule and post-democratisation reform, to contemporary developments shaped by globally circulating agendas such as social-emotional learning and alternative pathways into teaching. Across these periods, teacher education emerges as a critical site through which political authority, professional norms, and educational purposes are negotiated and reconfigured.

Addressing the gap in English-language literature on the topic, this comprehensive study contributes valuable insights for educators, policymakers, and researchers in the field of teacher education, both within Taiwan and internationally.

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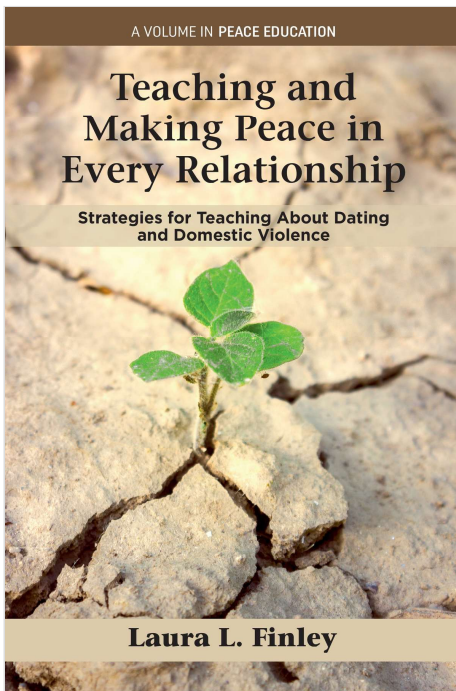
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Teaching and Making Peace in Every Relationship

Strategies for Teaching About Dating and Domestic Violence

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Synopsis

Dating and domestic violence are two of the most frequently occurring forms of gender-based violence, both in the United States and globally. A growing body of international law has identified the failure of states to adequately protect people from gender-based violence as a violation of human rights. In order to improve prevention efforts, people must understand the scope, extent, dynamics, and characteristics of dating and domestic violence. Unfortunately, too many people hold dangerous misconceptions about abuse that hinder prevention efforts.

This book is intended to help address misconceptions about dating and domestic violence, thereby helping to inform readers who can and should be involved in prevention practices. The first part of the book shares important information about dating and domestic violence, describing how they are a violation of fundamental human rights as well as reviewing the scope of abuse in the United States and globally, risk and protective factors, characteristics of victims and offenders, the effects of abuse, and barriers to leaving abusers. The second part of the book builds on that foundation to present curricula that can be used in schools and other institutions to teach about abuse, as well as other lesson ideas for various settings. As well, the second part of the book presents a case study of how to build a campus-community collaborative prevention program. In all, the book aims to promote peace in every relationship through a deeper understanding of dating and domestic violence.

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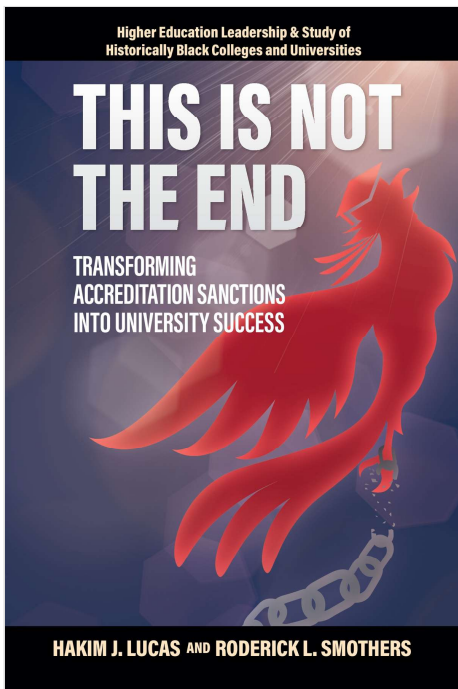
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This is Not the End *Transforming Accreditation* *Sanctions into University Success*

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Synopsis

This is Not the End: Transforming Accreditation Sanctions into University Success is a compelling blueprint for higher education leaders, especially at HBCUs, confronting the existential threat of accreditation sanctions. Drawing from the lived presidential experiences of Dr. Hakim J. Lucas and Dr. Roderick L. Smothers, the book transforms what is often seen as institutional demise into a moment of strategic leadership, strategic clarity, and organizational renewal. Anchored in a theory of institutional recovery and resiliency (IRR), the book introduces a methodology for diagnosing institutional decay, monitoring organizational health, and implementing recovery strategies that reposition a university for long-term success.

Through practical case studies—such as using expert advice to build internal compliance standards, identifying the critical role of CFOs, and leveraging teamwork and accreditation visits for transformation—the book illustrates how to turn crisis into opportunity. Lucas and Smothers also emphasize the importance of transcendent leadership, cultural reform, strategic planning, and the discipline of surviving chaos. The work introduces a leadership toolkit and the leadership mindset needed to restore confidence and drive mission alignment.

With deep insight into governance, compliance, and executive decision-making, *This Is Not the End* offers more than a survival guide—it is a declaration that institutional excellence can emerge from adversity. This book is essential for presidents, provosts, trustees, and aspiring leaders who believe their university has the ability to overcome the most daunting accreditation challenges.

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Towards a Sustainable Construction Future *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Sustainable Buildings and Construction (ICSBC 2025)*

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Synopsis

The proceedings of *Towards a Sustainable Construction Future* discuss diverse topics within Civil Engineering, Construction and Geomatics. It explores themes from the cutting edges of AI and emerging technology to the practical essentials of recycling and waste management, and from the ethical frameworks of construction economics and ethics to the exactness and accuracy of Geomatics and Surveying. The book attempts to fill the traditional gaps between design, construction, management, and innovative geospatial technologies, fostering the synergies necessary for genuine innovation.

It presents the latest research results by international researchers, academics, engineers, policymakers, and experts in topics related to creating a sustainable construction and building a future that is not only modern and resilient but also fundamentally sustainable for generations to come. The papers have been divided into seven chapters. Experts in the field were invited to write an introduction to each chapter to summarise the theme of the papers, providing a general overview before going into details on certain subjects of interest. These seven chapters are AI and Emerging Technology (AET), Recycling and Waste Management (RWM), Repair, Rework and Rebuilding (RRR), Construction Economics and Ethics (CEE), Energy, Water and Resources (EWR), Advances in Sustainable Performance (ASP), and Geomatics and Surveying (GMS).

Each chapter is an interesting read and provides a valuable and up-to-date source of information for students, researchers, engineers, and decision makers engaged in the debate on what is a sustainable construction future and how can it be created. They also offer valuable recommendations and insights on improving the sustainability of activities and processes associated with the construction sector.

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Transformative Teacher Education

Disrupting Pedagogy, Practice, and Ideology to Forge Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education

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Synopsis

At a time when diversity, equity, and inclusion in education face unprecedented challenges, this groundbreaking volume brings together the collective journeys of over 20 faculty members from across Pennsylvania. Through vivid storytelling and practical strategies, *Transformative Teacher Education* explores how educators are embedding Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education (CRSE) into teacher preparation, challenging traditional approaches and affirming that justice must remain central to the mission of teaching. With chapters grounded in Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Targeted Universalism, and CRSE frameworks, *Transformative Teacher Education* offers both reflection and actionable guidance for educators, policymakers, and anyone who believes that teaching is political, transformative, and rooted in love and liberation. Discover how policy, resistance, and solidarity shape the future of teacher education—and why culturally sustaining practice is essential for every classroom.

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Transforming Education and Leadership Promoting Equity, Learning, and Mental Health Across Educational Sectors

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Synopsis

In a world where equity is increasingly contested, *Transforming Education and Leadership* offers a bold and timely intervention. This groundbreaking volume brings together voices from across continents and disciplines to illuminate how equity is not just an ideal, but a lived, practiced, and transformative force.

Spanning diverse contexts, from classrooms in Asia and healthcare systems in Africa to digital spaces in North America, this volume explores how equity is enacted in real-world educational settings. Chapters delve into urgent issues such as gender justice, the ethical use of AI, language and identity, violence, and inclusive education. Through qualitative, narrative, ethnographic, digital, and quantitative methodologies, contributors reveal how equity can serve as both a conceptual lens and a methodological tool for reimagining leadership and education.

Drawing from education, sociology, psychology, gender studies, economics, applied linguistics, and special education, this is a vital resource for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers, offering concrete examples of how equity is being advanced globally.

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Transitional Rural Landscapes Socio-Environmental Dynamics, Economic Performances and Climate Change

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Synopsis

Sustainable development is at the forefront of urban, rural, social, agricultural and economic development policies in European countries, out of these areas, agriculture is researched the least as there is currently more focus on central and urban areas.

Salvati and Konaxis present an interdisciplinary and multidimensional examination of the complex evolution of rural systems in advanced economies, and more specifically in Europe and the Mediterranean region, providing an integrated framework approaching environmental problems and socioeconomic issues jointly. Distinctive chapters authored by leading scholars in Europe identify the intrinsic peculiarity of the environmental-economic nexus characteristic of advanced economies and the most important differences with other socioeconomic contexts. Both contributions from a traditional ecological/agronomic vision, and studies having a more strict socio-demographic and economic focus, clarify the role of policies addressing sustainable development goals in the 'kaleidoscopic' rural landscape, confirming the need of place-specific approaches to socio-ecological complexity and the partial effectiveness of generalized, top-down measures.

Against the archetypal vision of economic backwardness of agricultural and forest systems, *Transitional Rural Landscapes* shows a dynamic image of rural landscapes under the increasing impact of climate change, providing novel interpretations, conceptual definitions, and operational tools designed to reduce ecological fragility and economic vulnerability.

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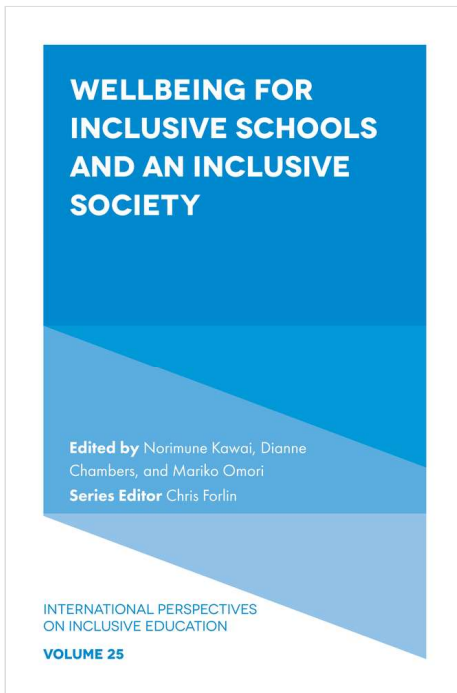
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Wellbeing for Inclusive Schools and an Inclusive Society

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Synopsis

Wellbeing is the term currently used to describe feelings and functioning of both the individual and society. Positive emotions such as contentment and happiness are often used when discussing wellbeing. It is, nonetheless, a much broader concept, particularly when considering the amount of control a person has over elements of their life and lifestyle, a sense of purpose, and the development of positive relationships. With increasing pressures felt by members of many societies, wellbeing and life satisfaction has become an important consideration in policies of many countries. *Wellbeing for Inclusive Schools and an Inclusive Society* explores wellbeing from a variety of international and philosophical contexts.

This book brings together experts in wellbeing from a variety of perspectives including historical, philosophical, medical, and social, marginalised persons, technology, and teachers. Each author brings a unique viewpoint on wellbeing, why it needs to be considered and how it can be addressed within a particular inclusive context at societal and school levels. The final chapter argues for the necessary actions for promoting wellbeing to develop harmonious and inclusive schools and society in an increasingly diverse and challenging global world.

Wellbeing for Inclusive Schools and an Inclusive Society is essential reading for all those involved in wellbeing and educational fields.

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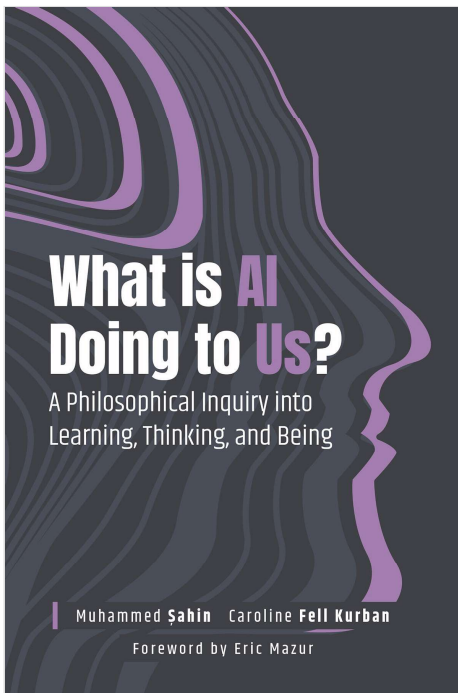
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What Is AI Doing to Us? *A Philosophical Inquiry into Learning, Thinking, and Being*

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Synopsis

When ChatGPT arrived, the authors responded as educators do, establishing policies, frameworks, and workshops. Everything looked right. Nothing felt adequate. That persistent unease became the starting point for *What Is AI Doing to Us?*, a philosophical inquiry into what artificial intelligence reveals about learning, thinking, and being. What came to light was unsettling. AI wasn't disrupting education; it was revealing what education had already become. Decades of well-intentioned improvements had quietly converted the struggle that builds understanding into procedures that algorithms could execute. We had all been preparing the ground for our own replacement. The question could no longer be what we can do with AI. It had to become what AI is doing to us.

Drawing on Heidegger's philosophy of technology, the authors trace how systematic thinking undermines the uncertainty and temporal complexity that make learning genuinely human. But this is no detached analysis. As the inquiry unfolds, they recognise themselves within the phenomenon they are examining—the boundary between their own thinking and algorithmic processing becoming increasingly difficult to locate. What begins as a study of AI in education becomes an encounter with the nature of technological thinking itself.

Essential reading for higher education instructors, leaders, and anyone concerned with the future of learning, *What Is AI Doing to Us?* bridges practical institutional challenges with profound philosophical insight, revealing why systematic responses consistently miss what matters most—and opening the space where authentic engagement becomes possible.

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