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In recent years, our world has experienced a profound shift and progression in available computing and knowledge sharing innovations. These emerging advancements have developed at a rapid pace, disseminating into and affecting numerous aspects of contemporary society. This has created a pivotal need for an innovative compendium encompassing the latest trends, concepts, and issues surrounding this relevant discipline area. During the past 15 years, the Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology has become recognized as one of the landmark sources of the latest knowledge and discoveries in this discipline. The Encyclopedia of Information Science and Technology, Fourth Edition is a 10-volume set which includes 705 original and previously unpublished research articles covering a full range of perspectives, applications, and techniques contributed by thousands of experts and researchers from around the globe. This authoritative encyclopedia is an all-encompassing, well-established reference source that is ideally designed to disseminate the most forward-thinking and diverse research findings. With critical perspectives on the impact of information science management and new technologies in modern settings, including but not limited to computer science, education, healthcare, government, engineering, business, and natural and physical sciences, it is a pivotal and relevant source of knowledge that will benefit every professional within the field of information science and technology and is an invaluable addition to every academic and corporate library.

Although the world's poorest inhabited continent, Africa has recently shown signs of being a source of economic growth in the coming decades, with increased foreign investment - notably from China - and huge growth in GDP from a number of African states. In contrast to the heaving weight of books focusing on business opportunities in Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America, Africa has been poorly served by academic publishing. This compendium of scholarship offers cutting-edge knowledge relating to business in Africa. The objectives of this collection include: To shed new light on the socio-cultural and historical underpinnings of business practice in Africa and their implications for promoting entrepreneurship and business behaviour in the region To consider the important constraints on business activities in Africa, and the emerging 'best practice' for redressing their real and potential impacts To facilitate a better understanding of contemporary business practice in Africa through the application of relevant theories and models, including emergent ones. The Routledge Companion to Business in Africa is a comprehensive reference resource that provides the perfect platform for embarking on research and study into Africa from the business perspective.

This book represents a tool for comparative analysis and a source for case studies for researchers and academics dealing with the business environment. It offers insights into the Czech business environment in the case of starting business in this country or being a potential investor or customer. It explores various facets of the Czech business environment, focusing on the quality and sustainability factors that influence Czech industries. The first part of the book presents the importance of quality and sustainability in business, before the second part explores these ideas in practice through the use of case studies from two different industries, namely the gambling and betting industry and the tourism industry. Since more than 99% of European and Czech companies are small and medium-sized, the book devotes particular attention to the specifics of such organisations.

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The Routledge Handbook of Events explores and critically evaluates the debates and controversies associated with this rapidly expanding discipline. It brings together leading specialists from range of disciplinary backgrounds and geographical regions, to provide state-of-the-art theoretical reflection and empirical research on the evolution of the subject. It is the first major study to examine what events is as a discipline in the twenty-first century, its significance in contemporary society and growth as a mainstream subject area. The book is divided in to five inter-related sections. Section one evaluates the evolution of events as a discipline and defines what events studies is. Section two critically reviews the relationship between events and other disciplines such as tourism and sport. Section three focuses on the management of events, section four evaluates the impacts of events from varying political, social and environmental perspectives and section five examines the future direction of growth in event-related education and research. It offers the reader a comprehensive synthesis of this field, conveying the latest thinking and research. The text will provide an invaluable resource for all those with an interest in Events Studies, encouraging dialogue across disciplinary boundaries and areas of study.

"This book provides both business and IT professionals a reference for practices and guidelines to service innovation in logistics and supply chain management"--Provided by publisher.

This book gathers together some of the most up-to-date thinking in the growing field of innovation in services and more particularly, in financial services. It explores the peculiarities of innovation in financial services firms and surrounding market players, discusses the open nature of the innovation process, and analyses its success factors and its interplay with strategy and performance. This book provides topical insights on the challenges facing the financial industry, such as the convergence with other sectors, and the increasing regulatory burden. By combining multidisciplinary approaches and by selecting a number of cutting-edge research models, theories, empirical findings and practitioners' insights, it offers unique, contemporary and multidimensional perspectives on innovation for a sector of paramount importance for the running of economies around the world. This book comes at a time of turbulence, uncertainty and within an industry in need of vision and strategic foresight. By synthesizing multiple views from academia and

practice, it opens the agenda and contributes to the on-going debate of redefining the multi-polar role of innovation in the financial industry.

This book provides the knowledge necessary for succeeding in a world where companies increasingly work side-by-side with customers to create new products and services. It is a pivotal navigation tool that helps cruise the ocean of customer integration methods and explains how the methods work, when to choose which, and how to seize advantages while avoiding pitfalls. This title is an essential read for research and development managers, marketing professionals, and other practitioners who are involved in new product development to apply customer integration methods effectively and efficiently to drive new product development success. While the application of methods is no guarantee of success, knowledge of the correct selection and appropriate application increases the probability of new product and service development success. Rich in theoretical frameworks, research findings, and practical information about customer integration methods, Innovation Heroes will help the reader appreciate the value of customers as an innovation resource and ways to profit from them. Contents: Customers at the Center Stage Direct Approaches to Open the Solution Space: Users as Creativity Machines Indirect Approaches to Open the Solution Space: Methods to Identify Latent Needs Approaches to Close the Solution Space: Customers as Evaluators Integrated Approaches to Open and Close the Solution Space: Multiple Customer Interaction Development of Organizational Customer Integration Capabilities and Implementation of Customer Integration in NPD and NSD Readership: R&D, marketing, and innovation practitioners who want to improve their knowledge of customer integration in new product and service development as well as graduate and undergraduate students with a degree in innovation management, engineering management, design, or marketing. Keywords: New Product Development; Customer Integration; Innovation; Innovation Tools Review: Key Features: These videos provide insights in some theoretical concepts or practical examples covered in the book The book provides web links for diving further into the one or the other topic discussed in the book

"This book examines current, state-of-the-art research in the area of service sectors and their interactions, linkages, applications, and support using information systems"--Provided by publisher.

Organized around the four central themes of healthcare ethics (theoretical foundations and issues for individuals, organizations, and society), Health Care Ethics brings together the insights of a diverse panel of leading experts in the fields of bioethics, long-term care, and health administration, among others. Students will build on this critical platform to develop an extensive toolbox of analytical and problem-solving skills. The text's organizational strategy gently pushes students to strengthen their ethics knowledge base and relate ethics to patient issues across the lifespan, ethics within organizations, and issues of ethics in broader cultural contexts. Pedagogical features such as section introductions, discussion questions, and exercises that ask students to apply new knowledge to real-world scenarios encourage retention and skill building. The fully revised and updated third edition addresses current changes in health care, which are the greatest changes in health care history since the advent of Medicare and Medicaid. All-new chapters cover the Affordable Care Act and ethics issues related to populations not covered by the Act, ethics related to assisted living, and the impact of technology on ethics in health care. All other chapters have been updated to reflect the most recent developments in medical technology and new challenges faced by health care professionals in the post PPACA era. Ideally suited for both graduate and undergraduate programs, Health Care Ethics challenges readers to think beyond the existing health care system and envision creative solutions to ethical issues. Key features of the fully revised and updated third edition include: All-new chapters on the Affordable Care Act, ethics related to assisted living, and the impact of new technology Updated chapter content and references Key pedagogical features, including discussion questions and exercises that prompt students to apply new skills to real-world scenarios Insights from a diverse panel of leading experts in multiple fields"

th CAiSE 2004 was the 16 in the series of International Conferences on Advanced Information Systems Engineering. In the year 2004 the conference was hosted by the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Riga Technical University, Latvia. Since the late 1980s, the CAiSE conferences have provided a forum for the presentation and exchange of research results and practical experiences within the field of Information Systems Engineering. The conference theme of CAiSE 2004 was Knowledge and Model Driven Information Systems Engineering for Networked Organizations. Modern businesses and IT systems are facing an ever more complex environment characterized by openness, variety, and change. Organizations are becoming less self-sufficient and increasingly dependent on business partners and other actors. These trends call for openness of business as well as IT systems, i.e. the ability to connect and interoperate with other systems. Furthermore, organizations are experiencing ever more variety in their business, in all conceivable dimensions. The different competencies required by the workforce are multiplying. In the same way, the variety in technology is overwhelming with a multitude of languages, platforms, devices, standards, and products. Moreover, organizations need to manage an environment that is constantly changing and where lead times, product life cycles, and partner relationships are shortening. The demand of having to constantly adapt IT to changing technologies and business practices has resulted in the birth of new ideas which may have a profound impact on the information systems engineering practices in future years, such as autonomic computing, component and services marketplaces and dynamically generated software.

The continuous growth and expansion of the travel sector has brought about a greater need to understand and improve its various promotional tactics. Effectively employing these methods will benefit all manner of travel destinations and attract a larger number of tourists to these locations. Emerging Innovative Marketing Strategies in the Tourism Industry is an authoritative title comprised of the latest scholarly research on effective promotional tools and practices within the tourism sector. Featuring expansive coverage on a variety of topics from the use of information technology and digital tools to tourist motivation and economic considerations, this publication is an essential reference source for

students, researchers, and practitioners seeking research on the latest applications, models, and approaches for promotion in the travel industry. This publication features valuable, research-based chapters across a broad range of relevant topics including, but not limited to, consumer search behavior, customer relationship management, smart technologies, experiential tourist products, leisure services, national brand images, and employment generation.

As the service sector expands into the global economy, a new science of service is emerging, one that is dedicated to encouraging service innovation by applying scientific understanding, engineering discipline, and management practice to designing, improving, and scaling service systems. Handbook of Service Science takes the first major steps to clarifying the definition, role, and future of this nascent field. Incorporating work by scholars from across the spectrum of service research, the volume presents multidisciplinary perspectives on the nature and theory of service, on current research and practice in design, operations, delivery, and innovation of service, and on future opportunities and potential of service research. Handbook of Service Science provides a comprehensive reference suitable for a wide-reaching audience including researchers, practitioners, managers, and students who aspire to learn about or to create a deeper scientific foundation for service design and engineering, service experience and marketing, and service management and innovation.

This textbook provides a comprehensive review and analysis of services marketing issues, practice and strategy. Customer behaviour, expectations and perceptions are discussed early on in the text to form the basis for understanding services marketing strategy later on, and the managerial content is framed by the GAPS model.

For the first time, this benchmark handbook brings together a systematic framework and state-of-the-art thinking to provide complete coverage of the social marketing discipline. It presents a major retrospective and prospective overview of social marketing, helping to define and shape its current and future developments by: - examining the defining elements of social marketing, their intellectual origins, evolution, current status and direction of travel; - discussing how these have been used in practice, emphasising emerging areas and recent innovations; and - setting the agenda for future research and development in the discipline. For academics, this book will fill the gap in comprehensive social marketing literature, while being of interest to policymakers and post-graduate marketing and health studies students alike as it explores the idea that tools used to market fast-moving consumer goods and financial services can also be applied to pressing social problems.

In a world of changing lifestyles brought about by new services, technology and e-commerce, this book enters the arena of contemporary research with particular topicality. Integrating both theory and real world practices, Ng advances the latest concepts in pricing and revenue management for services in a language that is useful, prescriptive and yet thought-provoking. The first part of the book discusses the buyer as an individual, presenting the concepts behind what motivates purchase and the role of price within the motivation. The second part discusses the buyer in aggregate, investigating advanced demand, price discrimination and segmentation in service. Ng's aim is to offer a strategic guide to increase revenue in services, drawing from various disciplines, whilst maintaining a strong marketing slant. Grounding the book on actual research in services, Ng is keen to highlight how the concepts and theories of pricing strategy can be combined and applied practically in a way that is easy to read and stimulating. This book will be of much interest to professionals and academics alike, specifically for managers in the service industry and as a text for executive training programmes. It would also be a useful supplementary text for students engaged with marketing and revenue and operations management in services.

For market researchers, the question is not should they use the Internet, but rather how they should use the Internet. Internet Marketing Intelligence: Research Tools, Techniques & Resources, 1/e, shows researchers exactly how to do this. This specialized, practically focused, succinct, flexible, "how-to" text shows researchers how to document the resources, delineate the tools, and to demonstrate the techniques utilized when conducting marketing research on and through the Internet. Traditional marketing courses continue to introduce the "e" factor into their classrooms as the Internet integrates itself into these subject areas, and, unlike other texts in this area, Internet Marketing Intelligence provides in-depth coverage of online market research concepts and techniques that help marketing students obtain timely and accurate information necessary to orchestrate the marketing mix. Using a step-by-step approach, the text demonstrates how to utilize the Internet to target customers and create and implement marketing plans. The foundations ("whens, wheres & hows") of how the Internet assists marketing practitioners in their essential tasks of gathering, evaluating and applying marketing intelligence is also explored both in the text. Regular updates on the Internet Marketing Intelligence website-<http://www.mhhe.com/forrest> keeps the text materials current and relevant.

Technology has forever changed the way that businesses engage with customers, and has changed the role of marketing significantly. Across 27 chapters, this textbook provides a complete introduction to the background of digital marketing, particularly the ways in which customers use digital media, and how technology can be used to fulfil the three key goals of digital marketing: effectively engaging with customers, selling to customers and using the power of networks to make connections with customers.

Services are widely used by people practically in all aspects of life. The globalised era is seeing services being used by a wide cross-section of society from the corporate to the man. The Fourth Edition of the book educates its readers about how marketing strategies are changing and evolving through times. The new edition comes with updated case studies on various service sectors, such as Hospitality and Tourism (Thomas Cook, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) Ltd., and (Cafe Coffee Day). A new case study "Indian Airline Industry", has also been introduced to add to the diversity of services. Finance (Credit Card Business of Standard Chartered) and Information Technology are also updated (Infosys and SAP). The cases, set within the Indian context, lend a practical dimension to the subject, familiarizing the students with the

developments in the Services Marketing area in India. The new edition, with its emphasis on recent data and the contemporary Services Marketing scenario, is an ideal companion for the budding managers. It should also be of great use to the practising managers attending various Management Development Programmes (MDPs) and Executive Development Programmes (EDPs). New to this edition • A new case study “Indian Airline Industry” has been introduced. • All case studies of the previous edition have been updated with latest information and developments in the company. • Chapter 2 and Chapter 15 of the book have been revised with latest data and illustrations.

The International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management is the definitive reference work for any individual studying or working in the hospitality industry. There are 185 Hospitality Management degrees in the UK alone. This new edition updates and significantly revises twenty five per cent of the entries and has an additional twenty new entries. New online material makes it the most up-to-date and accessible hospitality management encyclopedia on the market. It covers all of the relevant issues in the field of hospitality management from a sectoral level (lodging, restaurants/food service, time-share, clubs and events) as well as a functional one (accounting and finance, marketing, strategic management, human resources, information technology and facilities management). Its unique, user-friendly structure enables readers to find exactly the information they require at a glance – whether they require broad detail that takes a more cross-sectional view across each subject field or more focused information that looks closely at specific topics and issues within the hospitality industry today.

New Edition Available 5/1/2013 Building on the wisdom and forward thinking of authors John Monagle and David Thomasa, this thorough revision of Health Care Ethics: Critical Issues for the 21st Century brings the reader up-to-date on the most important issues in biomedical ethics today.

Published in previous editions as Relationship Selling, the latest edition of Mark Johnston and Greg Marshall's Contemporary Selling: Building Relationships, Creating Value continues to set the standard for the most up-to-date and student-friendly selling textbook available anywhere today. The latest edition incorporates a new chapter on social media and technology-enabled selling, as well as a new chapter on selling globally. To support student engagement, the book also features: 'Expert Advice' chapter openers showing how each chapter's sales concepts are applied in the real world In-chapter 'Ethical Dilemmas' that help students identify and handle effectively the numerous ethical issues that arise in selling Mini-cases to help students understand and apply the principles they have learned in the classroom Role-plays at the end of each chapter enabling students to learn by doing Special appendices on selling math and developing a professional sales proposal Video material available on the Companion Website, featuring new content with sales experts discussing best sales practices from a recent PBS special on selling produced by Chally Group Worldwide. Further resources for instructors and students are available at www.routledge.com/cw/johnston-9780415523509 .

With a full explanation on the basic principles of marketing, this guidebook helps readers answer such questions as What is marketing? What is a marketing forecast? and What is the best way to conduct market research? Written by professionals for students and entrepreneurs, this text also features international case studies, numerous up-to-date examples of the latest developments and trends in marketing, and tried and tested information that helps students learn.

Successful businesses recognize that the development of strong customer relationships through quality service (and services) as well as implementing service strategies for competitive advantage are key to their success. In its fourth European edition, Services Marketing: Integrating Customer Focus across the Firm provides full coverage of the foundations of services marketing, placing the distinctive Gaps model at the center of this approach. The new edition draws on the most recent research, and using up-to-date and topical examples, the book focuses on the development of customer relationships through service, outlining the core concepts and theories in services marketing today. New and updated material in this new edition includes: • New content related to human resource strategies, including coverage of the role of robots and chatbots for delivering customer-focused services. • New coverage on listening to customers through research, big data, netnography and monitoring user-generated content. • Increased technology, social media and digital coverage throughout the text, including the delivery of services using mobile and digital platforms, as well as through the Internet of Things. • Brand new examples and case studies added from global and innovative companies including Turkish Airlines, Volvo, EasyJet and McDonalds. Available with McGraw-Hill's Connect®, the well-established online learning platform, which features our award-winning adaptive reading experience as well as resources to help faculty and institutions improve student outcomes and course delivery efficiency.

Customer relations management (CRM) is about maintaining long-term customer relationships. This book looks at creating and managing customer relationships and how relationship marketing, applied throughout any organisation, can create new value to build the organisation for the long term. In order to achieve CRM, companies need to focus on customer retention, a high customer commitment and a long-term perspective. The book examines the changes in the practice of marketing and the solutions offered by relationship marketing. It also analyses the profound impact of technology and how it enables the business to focus on individual customers.

"This work is a comprehensive, four-volume reference addressing major issues, trends, and areas for advancement in information management research, containing chapters investigating human factors in IT management, as well as IT governance, outsourcing, and diffusion"--Provided by publisher.

Dutch housing associations have a market share of about 33 per cent of the entire Dutch housing stock. They spent around 2.8 billion Euros a year on the maintenance of dwellings, of which external suppliers account for approximately 89 per cent. External service suppliers can as such be seen as an extension of the housing associations in fulfilling their public tasks and private objectives. Maintenance service delivery gives an opportunity for high quality interaction with tenants. At the moment maintenance service

