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Businesses are looking for methods to incorporate social entrepreneurship in order to generate a positive return to society. Social enterprises have the ability to improve societies through altruistic work to create sustainable work environments for future entrepreneurs and their communities. *Social Entrepreneurship: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications* is a useful scholarly resource that examines the broad topic of social entrepreneurship by looking at relevant theoretical frameworks and fundamental terms. It also addresses the challenges and solutions social entrepreneurs face as they address their corporate social responsibility in an effort to redefine the goals of today's enterprises and enhance the potential for growth and change in every community. Highlighting a range of topics such as the social economy, corporate social responsibility, and competitive advantage, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for business professionals, entrepreneurs, start-up companies, academics, and graduate-level students in the fields of economics, business administration, sociology, education, politics, and international relations.

A hands-on resource that shows nonprofits how to adopt entrepreneurial behaviors and techniques The rising spirit of social entrepreneurship has created all kinds of new opportunities for nonprofit organizations. But at the same time, many are discovering more than their share of challenges as well. This essential book will help anyone in the field gain the necessary skills to meet these challenges. Written by the leading thinkers and practitioners in the field, *Enterprising Nonprofits* offers concise and engaging explanations of the most successful business tools being used by nonprofits today. The authors clearly describe all the concepts so you'll be able to embrace the methods of social enterprise for your organization. With this book, you'll learn how to use practical business techniques to dramatically improve the performance of your nonprofit. Praise for *Enterprising Nonprofits* "I can't imagine a better team to bring powerful insights and practical guidance to social entrepreneurs. Readers will be inspired by the examples, and then they will roll up their sleeves to apply the many useful management tools in this engaging book."-Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Harvard Business School, Author of *Evolve!: Succeeding in the Digital Culture of Tomorrow* "In one book, *Enterprising Nonprofits* does for social entrepreneurs what countless volumes have done for entrepreneurs in the business sector. A wonderful mixture of analysis, practical advice, and inspiration."-Paul Brest, President, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation All of the royalties from this book will be used by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support continuing work on social entrepreneurship.

Sustainability Matters is a compilation of some of the best research papers by students from the National University of Singapore's multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary graduate programme in environmental studies, the M.Sc. in Environmental Management [MEM]. This collection is for the period 2012/2013 and 2013/2014. Entitled *Sustainability Matters: Environmental and Climate Changes in the Asia-Pacific*, this is the fifth compilation by the programme, and comprises 18 of the best research papers completed during this period. The papers have been edited for brevity. They analyse the many challenges to effective environmental management covering countries including Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and the US. Issues examined include biodiversity conservation, environmental impact assessments, energy, food security, sustainable business practices, public housing, environmental education, and climate change. The first compilation, *Sustainability Matters: Environmental Management in Asia* was published in 2010 (World Scientific) and comprised the best papers from 2001/2002 to 2006/2007. The second, *Sustainability Matters: Challenges and Opportunities in Environmental Management in Asia* was published in 2011 (Pearson), and comprised the best papers from 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. The third and fourth compilations (World Scientific) comprised the best papers from the period 2009/2010 to 2011/2012. The papers are edited by five staff members from different disciplines in the MEM programme: Lye Lin-Heng, Victor R Savage, Kua Harn-Wei, Chou Loke-Ming and Tan Puay-Yok. Contents: Preface and Acknowledgements, Lye Lin-Heng, Chair, MEM Message from Goh Swee-Chen, Chairperson, Shell Companies in Singapore Message from Tommy Koh, Chairman, MEM Advisory Committee, NUS Message from Heng Chye-Kiang, Dean, School of Design and Environment, NUS About the Authors About the Supervisors and Editors Introduction: Environmental and Climate Changes in Asia: Lessons in history and game changers in economics, politics and scientific research (Victor R Savage, Lye Lin-Heng, Kua Harn-Wei, Chou Loke-Ming & Tan Puay-Yok) Biodiversity: Understanding Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Occurrences in Manila Bay, Philippines (Rosa Celia Poquita-Du & Peter Alan Todd) CITES Legislative Implementation: Lessons from and for ASEAN Member States (Denise Cheong & Lye Lin-Heng) Environmental Management: Assessment of Protection against Sea Level Rise: A Case Study of a Coastal Area in Singapore (Efstathios Giannoustas and Jesuthason Thampapillai) Water Scarcity to Water Security: How Can Asian Cities Achieve a Sustainable Transition? (Maitreyee Mukherjee, Dennis Wichelns & Namrata Ravindra Chindarkar) Plastic Bags in Singapore: A Critical Examination of Issues in Sustainability (Marra Lin Teasdale-Hensby & Lye Lin-Heng) Environmental Impact Assessment Laws of Malaysia and Hong Kong: Lessons for Singapore (Nidhi Mehra & Lye Lin-Heng) Singapore's Fresh Pork Supply: Food Security and Environmental Impacts (Lim Chien-Fang & Victor R Savage) Green Business: Sustainable & Responsible: The New Face of Indian Businesses (Himadri Mahajan & Audrey Chia) Effectiveness of Sustainable Business Practices: Case Studies of Ready-Made Garment Companies of Bangladesh (Tayef Quader & Audrey Chia) Integrated Policy Design Through Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment: A Case Study of Cotton Garments (LCSA Of Cotton T-Shirt) (Thida Tun & Kua Harn-Wei) Sustainability Issues and Strategies of Biofuel Development in Southeast Asia (Mallika d/o Naguran) Urban Studies: Energy Efficiency in Affordable Housing: Can It Work for Independent Rental Owners (Julia Emerson & George Ofori) The Potential and Benefits of an Incentive System to Promote Environmentally Friendly Behaviour in Residents of HDB Flats (Koh Kai-Jie & Grace K M Wong) A Review of Environmental Education in Singapore — Towards a Change in Approach (Ang Guorong Albert & Audrey Chia) Environmental Literacy among Secondary Three Students in a

Singapore Secondary School (Loo Hui-Min & Harvey Neo) Climate Change: Possible Market Mechanisms for the Post-Kyoto Regime (Ellen May Zanolis Reynes) Past and Contemporary Proposals on Differentiation and Equity: Shaping the 2015 Climate Agreement (Melissa Low & Lim Lei-Theng) Mitigating the Environmental Impact of Aircraft Emissions through an Economic Theory — The Endowment Effect (Zhang Qiang) Readership: Graduate students, academics and researchers in environmental management/science. Keywords: Environment; Management; Sustainability; Asia; Corporate Environmental Management; Biodiversity and Planning; Marine Environment; Environment and Economic Development; Energy Sustainability; Renewable Energy; Urban Pollution and Waste Management; Sustainable Infrastructure; Transportation; Recycling; Urban Studies; Green Business

The nonprofit sector has changed in fundamental ways in recent decades. As the sector has grown in scope and size, both domestically and internationally, the boundaries between for-profit, governmental, and charitable organizations have become intertwined. Nonprofits are increasingly challenged on their roles in mitigating or exacerbating inequality. And debates flare over the role of voluntary organizations in democratic and autocratic societies alike. The Nonprofit Sector takes up these concerns and offers a cutting-edge empirical and theoretical assessment of the state of the field. This book, now in its third edition, brings together leading researchers—economists, historians, philosophers, political scientists, and sociologists along with scholars from communication, education, law, management, and policy schools—to investigate the impact of associational life. Chapters consider the history of the nonprofit sector and of philanthropy; the politics of the public sphere; governance, mission, and engagement; access and inclusion; and global perspectives on nonprofit organizations. Across this comprehensive range of topics, The Nonprofit Sector makes an essential contribution to the study of civil society.

Hybrid organizations combine elements of well-established, institutionalized structures and thereby move away from conventional organizational practices. The present research reveals that when hybrid organizations develop their operations, they are faced with challenges that are unique and unexplored and which are often grounded in their hybrid structure. Social business hybrids were chosen as an ideal setting for the study of organizational hybridity based on their unique organizational structure, which is characterized by a mix of commercial for-profit and charity logic.

China's Christian Colleges explores the cross-cultural dynamics that existed on the campuses of the Protestant Christian colleges in China during the first half of the twentieth century. Focusing on two-way cultural influences rather than on missionary efforts or Christianization, these campuses, most of which were American-supported and had a distinctly American flavor, were laboratories or incubators of mutual cultural interaction that has been very rare in modern Chinese history. In this Sino-foreign cultural territory, the collaborative educational endeavor between Westerners and Chinese created a highly unusual degree of cultural hybridity in some Americans and Chinese. The thirteen essays of the book provide concrete examples of why even today, more than a half-century after the colleges were taken over by the state, long-lasting cultural results of life in the colleges remain.

The recent era of economic turbulence has generated a growing enthusiasm for an increase in new and original economic insights based around the concepts of reciprocity and social enterprise. This stimulating and thought-provoking Handbook not only encourages and supports this growth, but also emphasises and expands upon new topics and issues within the economics discourse. Original contributions from key international experts acknowledge and illustrate that markets and firms can be civilizing forces when and if they are understood as expressions of cooperation and civil virtues. They provide an illuminating discourse on a wide range of topics including reciprocity, gifts and the civil economy, which are especially relevant in times of crisis for financial capitalism. The Handbook questions the current phase of the market economy that arises from a state of anthropological pessimism. Such anthropological cynicism is one of the foundations of the contemporary economic system that is challenged by the contributors. This highly original and interdisciplinary Handbook will provide a fascinating read for academics, researchers and students across a wide range of fields including economics, public sector economics, public policy and social policy.

Packed with 350 illustrations from Harvard's archives and museums, a twentieth-century documentary history of the nation's oldest university demonstrates how the evolution of America's mores and attitudes brought about profound changes at the institution. UP.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) continues to grow as an area of interest in academia and business. Encompassing broad topics such as the relationship between business, society, and government, environmental issues, globalization, and the social and ethical dimensions of management and corporate operation, CSR has become an increasingly interdisciplinary subject relevant to areas of economics, sociology, and psychology, among others. New directions in CSR research include advanced 'micro' based investigations in organizational behaviour and human resource management, additional studies of environmental social responsibility and sustainability, further research on "strategic" CSR, connections between social responsibility and entrepreneurship, and improvements in methods and data analysis as the field matures. Through authoritative contributions from international scholars across the social sciences, this Handbook provides a cohesive overview of this recent expansion. It introduces new perspectives, new methodologies, and new evidence from a range of disciplines to encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary research and global implementation of corporate social responsibility.

Business Planning: Financing the Start-Up Business and Venture Capital Financing, Third Edition uses a simulated deal format that is drawn from the "deal-files" of real world practicing lawyers. It integrates the teaching of transactional lawyering skills with the presentation of new substantive law that is critical to the success of a junior corporate lawyer practicing in a transactional setting. The book gives students an overview of the range of substantive law that lawyers representing new businesses need to be versed in. To bridge the gap between law school and practice, the authors integrate excerpts from sources authored by experienced practitioners, thus bringing practical and real-world insights to students. Shannon Treviño joins as co-author on the new edition. Key Features: Integrated teaching of transactional lawyering skills with the presentation of substantive law that is critical to the success of a junior corporate lawyer practicing in a transactional setting. Analysis of both the legal issues and the business

considerations that must be taken in to account in planning the structure and negotiating the terms of a capital raising transaction for an early stage company. A simulated deal format to provide a real-world appreciation of the "life cycle of a deal," with a new simulated client whose business is focused on addressing a need in the autonomous vehicle industry, which presents a timely topic for faculty to engage with students on at every juncture of the course. Graded memo assignments that are representative of the work assignments expected of a junior corporate lawyer practicing in a transactional setting and that relate directly to the substantive material that is part of the casebook reading assignments. A thoroughly revised Chapter 4 regarding federal securities laws, incorporating numerous legislative changes that have been adopted or have become effective since the publication of the second edition. Significant additions to Chapter 8, including an updated overview of venture capital and a broader discussion of the capital formation process prior to venture capital financing.

A timely reflection on law, development and economics through empirical and comparative perspectives on the case of Myanmar.

The second edition of the bestselling The SAGE Handbook of Organizational Institutionalism has been thoroughly revised with new chapters added, bringing together extensive coverage of aspects of Institutional Theory.

This book addresses the issues and functioning of accounting and accountability for social and non-profit organizations. It presents research papers that address the limitations of conventional accounting, the meaning of accountability, and the potential of social and environmental accounting for these organizations.

If the twentieth century was only focused on the complementarity and the opposition of market and state, the twenty-first century has now to deal with the prominence of the third sector, the emergence of social enterprises and other solidarity hybrid forms. The concept of civil society organisations (CSOs) spans this diversity and addresses this new complexity. The first part of the book highlights the organizational dimensions of CSOs and analyses the growing role of management models and their limits. Too often, the study of CSO governance has been centered on the role of the board and has not sufficiently taken into account the different types of accountability environments. Thus, the conversation about CSO governance rises to the level of networks rather than simple organizations per se, and the role of these networks in setting the agenda in a democratic society. In this perspective, the second part emphasizes the institutional dimensions of CSO governance by opening new avenues on democracy. First, the work of Ostrom about governing the commons provides us new insights to think community self-governance. Second, the work of Habermas and Fraser opens the question of deliberative governance and the role of public sphere to enlarge our vision of CSO governance. Third, the concepts of substantive rationality and economy proposed respectively by Ramos and Polanyi reframe the context in which the question can be addressed. Lastly, this book argues for a stronger intercultural approach useful for the renewal of paradigms in CSOs research. This book has for objective to present a unique collective work in bringing together 33 authors coming from 11 countries to share perspectives on civil society governance and will be of interest to an international audience of researchers and policy-makers.

By conceptualizing the rise of the hybrid domain as an emerging institutional form that overlaps public and private interests, this book explores how corporations, states, and civil society organizations develop common agendas, despite the differences in their primary objectives. Using evidence from India, it examines various cases of social innovation in education, energy, health, and finance, which offer solutions for some of the most pressing social challenges of the twenty-first century.

For half a century the US has sat at the center of the global economic system, and Western-style capitalism has dominated. Now, it's no secret that the center of gravity is shifting. The advanced economies that in 2000 consumed 75% of the world's output will, by 2050, consume just 32%. Meanwhile, the emerging economies of the world--Brazil, India, China, and others--will surge forward. As these fast-growing, low-income economies mature, will they adopt the practices of the old guard? Or will they make their own way, and create the next prevailing version of capitalism? What new opportunities will that create for firms around the world? Standing on the Sun tackles these questions with fresh ideas and provocative examples. Based on firsthand observations of companies defying capitalism's old rules yet prospering, the authors outline new principles for commercial success. Among them: • The obsession with return on equity gives way to more broad-based measurements of success. • Adam Smith's invisible hand of the market is redeemed by the "invisible handshake" of collaborative networks. • Businesses take ownership of the impacts they now call "externalities." Those who need to understand the emerging shape of global capitalism will benefit from Standing on the Sun.

How do you keep your customers coming back-and get them to bring others? If you need the best practices and ideas for making your customers loyal and profitable--but don't have time to find them--this book is for you. Here are nine inspiring and useful perspectives, all in one place. This collection of HBR articles will help you: - Turn angry customers into loyal advocates - Get more people to recommend you - Boost customer satisfaction by satisfying your employees - Focus on profitable customers--whether they're loyal or not - Invest in the right CRM technology for your business - Mine customer data for more effective marketing - Increase your customers' lifetime value

Looks at Harvard's history and administration, discusses the influence of corporations, and assesses Harvard's current ideology

Today's organizations are larger and more complex than ever. Increasingly, you cannot simply take cooperation across your company for granted. To manage cross-departmental projects effectively, you must break down 'silos'; and master the tools and tactics of collaboration. You'll benefit from a faster, better aligned, and more innovative enterprise.

Electrify all your communications... in business and beyond with everyone, everywhere! The top 100 power verbs • express strength, intelligence, and confidence • drive change and motivate action • make you a more powerful, charismatic leader Grab the right verb and use it the right way to: Work any room and become a truly unforgettable networker Write crisp, focused, highly-effective reports, emails, memos, and business plans Present brilliantly, whether you're a president, professor, preacher, or pundit Deepen and strengthen your relationships with every client, customer, and investor Jam-packed with examples drawing on thousands of years of storytelling, literature, and experience Indispensable for everyone who wants to win!

"Whether in the role of college professor, academic advisor, or education consultant, Tina Kruse focuses on facilitating others to reach their potential. She holds a PhD in

Educational Psychology and specializes in the cognitive, social and emotional development of young adult students, as well as in enhancing community-based, experiential learning. Tina has taught in the Educational Studies department at Macalester College in St. Paul for 13 years; more recently, she also co-direct a faculty program there to enhance student reflection and lifelong-learning skills"--

In this volume charity commissioners and leading charity policy reformers from across the world reflect on the aims and objectives of charity regulation and what it has achieved. Regulating Charities represents an insider's review of the last quarter century of charity law policy and an insight for its future development. Charity Commissioners and nonprofit regulatory agency heads chart the nature of charity law reforms that they have implemented, with a 'warts and all' analysis. They are joined by influential sector reformers who assess the outcomes of their policy agitation. All reflect on the current state of charities in a fiscally restrained environment, often with conservative governments, and offer their views on productive regulatory paths available for the future. This topical collection brings together major charity regulation actors, and will be of great interest to anyone concerned with contemporary third sector policy-making, public administration and civil society.

This book is appropriate for the following courses: Sustainable Enterprise Sustainable Business Practices Sustainability Marketing Society Social Marketing Sustainable Enterprise: A Macromarketing Approach goes beyond the internal firm strategies of micromarketing and the "four Ps" to take a broader perspective focused on the interconnectedness of markets, marketing, and society. In a globalized society concerned with social and environmental sustainability, this book encourages students to think critically about the opportunities and limitations of marketing, as well as its positive and potentially negative effects. Through the presentation of key research findings and actual company cases, Peterson engages students with questions such as: How do firms use sustainability concepts to navigate their firms in global business today? Why do markets change? How can firms conduct business profitably with the environment in mind? How can firms conduct business profitably with poor consumers in mind? Based on the premise that firms using holistic marketing strategies are better able to assess risks and identify opportunities, this text explains how firms can approach the marketplace to benefit the company, key stakeholders, and society at large. The result is a one-of-a-kind book that successfully explores macromarketing for sustainable enterprise.

The purpose of the book is to devise an alternative conceptual vocabulary for studying innovation by stressing the role of social, contextual and cultural perspectives. This vocabulary is drawn on a service and on sociological perspectives on innovation based on the ontological assumption that innovation is a value co-creation matter and that it takes place in a reality that is multiple, constructed and socially embedded. The aim is to tackle key issues such as social construction, service innovation, knowledge and learning processes, value (co) creation, innovating and innovation activities networking and collaborative innovation.

A complete set of tools for applying entrepreneurial strategies and techniques to your nonprofit As a follow-up to their book Enterprising Nonprofits, the authors of Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs provide a full set of practical tools for putting the lessons of business entrepreneurship to work in your nonprofit. The book offers hands-on guidance that helps social sector leaders hone their entrepreneurial skills and carry out their social missions more effectively than ever before. This practical and easy-to-use book is filled with examples, exercises, checklists, and action steps that bring the concepts, frameworks, and tools to life. Detailed explanations of all the tools and techniques will help you personalize and apply them to your nonprofit organization-making it stronger, healthier, and better able to serve the needs of our communities. Praise for Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs "I search constantly for resources that can help provide insight and guidance to take Teach For America to a higher level; Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs does this and more. The book takes the best practices of for-profits and social enterprises and adapts them to the needs of entrepreneurial, mission-driven nonprofits. Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs is a tremendous contribution to social entrepreneurs and to the nonprofit sector-many thanks to the authors for identifying this need and filling it!" -Wendy Kopp Founder and President, Teach For America All of the royalties from this book will be used by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support continuing work on social entrepreneurship.

The idea that international development aid needs to be better managed and coordinated gained currency in the early 1990s. The increasing emphasis on management has resulted in the present vogue of 'managing for development results' as one of the central tenets in the discourse on international aid. But how appropriate are these ideas, tools, and techniques for non-governmental development organizations (NGOs), and how much does geographic context matter? Examining the current debate on aid effectiveness and the role of NGOs in contributing to it, this book highlights the critical importance of understanding how the global and the local interact to increase aid efficacy and develop more culturally astute ways of managing NGOs. With a focus on NGOs active in sub-Saharan Africa as case studies, author Frederik Claeys demonstrates that NGOs are not mere passive recipients of management knowledge and practices emanating from the global governance structure of international aid, but actively engage with these ideas and practices to translate and rework them through a local cultural lens. This process results in the emergence of unique hybrid management systems that combine the pressure to become more business-like with the mission to satisfy the demands of the communities they serve.

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This book provides a rich overview and takes a closer look at the current state of theory and practice in the field of sustainable business models. The chapters in this book examine and analyze existing and new approaches towards sustainable business models and showcase the implementation of sustainable business through both quantitative and qualitative studies, including several case studies and many practical examples. It approaches these issues from the standpoints of diverse business disciplines to yield new

insights and ideas that are relevant from both an academic and professional perspective. In its essence, the book examines how firms' value creation processes can be driven by sustainability and social responsibility and how this impacts business and society. Readers will find a range of sustainable business models that have been employed and are being pioneered in various industries around the globe – which are thoroughly investigated and discussed, and put into a comprehensive conceptual framework.

This book provides a comprehensive exploration into the identification and development of sustainable business models as well as their implementation, management and evaluation. With ever-increasing pressure on organisations to respond to societal change and improve competition through sustainable business model innovation (SBMI), this book aims to contribute to the knowledge of their design and management. The chapters explore the role of partnerships, the Internet of Things and the circular economy, among other factors, in developing SBM and how SBMI is facilitated through ideation and in entrepreneurial settings. Providing new typologies, patterns and a framework to evaluate the level of sustainability of business models, this book critically reviews existing literature on the topic to examine the potential of SBMI in research and in practice. The contributing authors employ a number of case studies and case examples to illustrate the integration of sustainable business models throughout the value chain, and their influence on wider social, environmental and business activities.

Government Alone Can't Solve Society's Biggest Problems World hunger. Climate change. Crumbling infrastructure. It's clear that in today's era of fiscal constraints and political gridlock, we can no longer turn to government alone to tackle these and other towering social problems. What's required is a new, more collaborative and productive economic system. The Solution Revolution brings hope—revealing just such a burgeoning new economy where players from across the spectrum of business, government, philanthropy, and social enterprise converge to solve big problems and create public value. By erasing public-private sector boundaries, the solution economy is unlocking trillions of dollars in social benefit and commercial value. Where tough societal problems persist, new problem solvers are crowdfunding, ridesharing, app-developing, or impact-investing to design innovative new solutions for seemingly intractable problems. Providing low-cost health care, fighting poverty, creating renewable energy, and preventing obesity are just a few of the tough challenges that also represent tremendous opportunities for those at the vanguard of this movement. They create markets for social good and trade solutions instead of dollars to fill the gap between what government can provide and what citizens need. So what drives the solution economy? Who are these new players and how are their roles changing? How can we grow the movement? And how can we participate? Deloitte's William D. Eggers and Paul Macmillan answer these questions and more, and they introduce us to the people and organizations driving the revolution—from edgy social enterprises growing at a clip of 15 percent a year, to megafoundations, to Fortune 500 companies delivering social good on the path to profit. Recyclebank, RelayRides, and LivingGoods are just a few of the innovative organizations you'll read about in this book. Government cannot handle alone the huge challenges facing our global society—and it shouldn't. We need a different economic paradigm that can flexibly draw on resources, combine efforts, and create value, while improving the lives of citizens. The Solution Revolution shows the way.

Alongside increasing demands for transparency and accountability, business governance is transforming due to decades of economic turmoil, regulatory reform, and technological change. There is now a holistic approach to this concept, as it is no longer just about running companies and organization efficiently. Ethics and Decision-Making for Sustainable Business Practices is a critical scholarly resource that examines issues of sustainability, ethics, governance, and cultural influence in the business world. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as entrepreneurship, cost management, environmental business, and cultural diversity, this book is geared towards managers, leaders, researchers, and organizations interested in the integration of sustainable business practices.

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Over 550 references to reports, government documents, books, legislation, and journal articles published between 1960-1969. Entries arranged alphabetically by authors under topics. Author index.

Rethinking the means through which we can achieve economic well-being for all. In this timely book, Christine Firer Hinze looks back at the influential teachings of priest-economist Monsignor John A. Ryan (1869-1945), who supported worker justice and defended a living wage for all Americans in the first half of the twentieth century. Advancing Ryan's efforts to articulate a persuasive plan for social reform, Hinze advocates for an action-oriented livelihood agenda that situates US working families' economic pursuits within a comprehensive commitment to sustainable "radical sufficiency" for all. Documenting the daily lives and economic struggles of past and present US Catholic working-class families, Hinze explores the larger impulses and patterns—economic, cultural, political, moral, and spiritual—that affect the work these people perform in homes, in communities, and at paid jobs. Their story entwines with the larger history of the American dream and working people's pursuit of a dignified livelihood. Surveying this history with an eye to the dynamics of power and difference, Hinze rethinks Ryan's ethics and Catholic social teaching to develop a new conception of a decent livelihood and its implications for contemporary policy and practice. The result is a critical Catholic economic ethic capable of addressing the situations of workers and families in the interdependent global economy of the twenty-first century. Radical Sufficiency offers transformative strategies and strategic policy directions for achieving the radical Christian goal of dignified work and a good livelihood for all.

It is widely observed that societies are changing, and new social issues are raising. The relationship between actors in the global environment and in the local as well, is changing because of financial crisis, new technological revolution, climate change, richness reallocation and concentration. We can see that value creation and management models in organizations are often uncoherent with the satisfaction of needs. The ability to create competitive advantages on a financial level seems to be increasingly developed. This can be sustained by the clear trend that leads companies to grow in size or create strong groups by shifting uncertainty over the weaker part of the market and unorganized systems and citizens. In this misalignment, empty spaces in the economic environment are opened. These spaces are those where the action of the public system can no longer be effective (or where it has never been) and where, more and more, the private interests are weak or absent. New wants are emerging in these areas and traditional models are no longer able to answer many of these needs. The book "The Social Issue in Contemporary Society: relations between Companies, Public Administrations and People" originates from a huge number of questions with the social issue as "fil rouge". In this perspective, the book is divided in four parts: "Introduction", "New Models and Tools for Public Administration", "New Models for New Companies" and "New Models for New Societies". A range of scholars that authored that book provide us with a different point of view about the problem that is underlined in the book title. We hope it will be a worthy inspiration for who dream a new idea of society.

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