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Companies made more than 42,000 alliances over the past decade worldwide, many of which failed to deliver strong results. This book explains why and how you can seize the benefits from your business's network of alliances with customers, suppliers and competitors. This network can provide three key advantages: · superior information · better cooperation · increased power Network Advantage shows how awareness of these three advantages can help align your portfolio of alliances with your corporate strategy to maximize advantages from existing networks and to position your business as an industry leader. This book is written by three leading authorities in the field of organizational management who work with many international corporate clients. Based on groundbreaking research and illustrative cases, it provides practical tools to help you think strategically about reconfiguring your alliances and partnerships. For business executives, consultants, and executive MBAs who want to get the most advantage from the combined power of their alliance portfolios, Network Advantage offers in-depth, practical guidance. Make it your first strategic connection to gaining competitive advantage! Companies' connections to other firms—their network of alliances—matter for economic success. In this practical, jargon-free, evidence-based book, three experienced scholar/educators provide practical tools to understand your company's network positioning and what to do to build webs of relationships that provide competitive advantage and economic value. —Jeffrey Pfeffer, professor, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University and co-author of *The Knowing-Doing Gap*. The book, *Network Advantage*, presents compelling ideas and is a must-read. It articulates three different perspectives to think about a firm's network advantage and shows how a firm can maximize the value of its alliance network. The book is filled with theoretical and practical insights on the topic and offers captivating case studies to illustrate its key points. It is fun to read. I highly recommend this book. —W. Chan Kim, The BCG Chair Professor of INSEAD and the Co-director of the INSEAD Blue Ocean Strategy Institute In this eminently researched book, the authors show how executives and entrepreneurs alike can unlock the value of alliances. And the book comes with some "secrets" to success that most managers overlook. Every CEO, executive and entrepreneur who are collaborating with other firms ought to read this book. —Morten T. Hansen, Professor at University of California at Berkeley, author of *Collaboration* and co-author of *Great by Choice*. Don't compete alone! "Network Advantage" provides a fresh perspective on how all firms can benefit from their alliances and partnerships. The authors seamlessly integrate academic research and real life examples into a practical step by step guide for unleashing the power, information and cooperation advantages available in networks. A must read for thoughtful executives and entrepreneurs alike. —Stein Ove Fenne, President, Tupperware U.S. & Canada Having the "right" business network is everything for a company's success in Asia and worldwide. With its rich cases and practical tools, this book is an indispensable guide for a thoughtful executive on how to design, build and manage a network that will make your firm globally competitive. —Yong-Kyung Lee, Former CEO of Korean Telecom, Member of the Korean National Assembly. Alliances and Partnerships, in their various formats and guises, are the bridges that allow businesses to thrive in their ecosystems by leveraging each other's strengths. The authors show how those bridges, when used appropriately, can help your firm create an alliance network to enhance your business power. The book contains many examples and models to help you shape your own alliance strategy in a world of ever increasing co-opetition. —Ricardo T. Dias, Strategic Alliances Director, Hewlett Packard (HP) Software, Asia Pacific & Japan

The 16th edition of the International Design Yearbook presents an array of domestic designs from around the world. This year's selection has been made by Italian designer Michele De Lucchi who has grouped the objects into categories that reflect current developments in design, such as home-office furniture; the work of leading architects, ranging from Norman Foster and David Chipperfield to Zaha Hadid and Kazuyo Sejima; new treatments of traditional forms like wickerware; minimalist designs; and innovations from leading companies including Apple, Philips, Sharp and Siemens. Seeing them as extensions of modern living space, De Lucchi has also chosen to include vehicles and concept cars this year.

A detailed look at the evolution of employment and its far-reaching implications *Lead the Work* takes an incisive look at the evolving nature of work, and how it's affecting management and productivity at the organizational level. Where getting things done once meant assigning it to an employee, today's leaders are increasingly at risk if they fail to recognize that talent can float into and out of an organization. Long-term employment has given way to medium- or short-term employment, marking the first step in severing the bond that once fixed an individual inside an organization. Getting work done by means other than an employee was once considered a fringe event, but now leading organizations are accepting and taking advantage of the notion that talent has shown itself to be mutable. This book explores this phenomenon in detail and provides a new roadmap to help managers navigate this new environment. The workplace has undergone many changes over the years, but the emerging trend away from traditional employment represents a massive shift that has profound implications for the business model of every organization, large or small. This book describes how management is changing, and how managers must adapt to survive. Examine the dispersed organization and the changing nature of employment Learn how work is becoming impermanent and individualized Find new strategies for managing and leading Get up to speed on the decision science for the new era Workplaces evolve like biological beings; only the strong survive, and it's the competitive edge that ensures continued success. *Lead the Work* describes the new landscape, and shows you how to adapt and thrive.

As retailers have become more powerful and global, they have increasingly focused on their own brands at the expense of manufacturer brands. Rather than simply selling on price, retailers have transformed private labels into brands. Consequently, manufacturers such as Johnson & Johnson, Nestle, and Procter & Gamble now compete with their largest customers: major retail chains like Carrefour, CVS, Tesco, and Wal-Mart. The growth in private labels has huge implications for managers on both sides. Yet, brand manufacturers still cling to their outdated assumptions about private labels. In *Private Label Strategy: How to Meet the Store Brand Challenge*, Nirmalya Kumar and Jan-Benedict E.M. Steenkamp describe the new strategies for private labels that retailers are using, and challenge brand manufacturers to develop an effective response. Most important, they lay out actionable strategies for competing against - or collaborating with - private label purveyors. Packed with detailed international case studies, valuable visuals, and hands-on tools, *Private Label Strategy* enables managers to navigate profitably in this radically altered landscape.

This book addresses branding.

Cutting edge and relevant to the local context, this first Australia and New Zealand edition of Hoyer, *Consumer Behaviour*, covers the latest research from the academic field of consumer behaviour. The text explores new examples of consumer behaviour using case studies, advertisements and brands from Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. The authors recognise the critical links to areas such as marketing, public policy and ethics, as well as covering the importance of online consumer behaviour with significant content on how social media and smartphones are changing the way marketers understand consumers. \* Students grasp the big picture and see how the chapters and topics relate to each other by reviewing detailed concept maps \* Marketing Implications boxes examine how theoretical concepts have been used in practice, and challenge students to think about how marketing decisions impact consumers \* Considerations boxes require students to think deeply about technological, research, cultural and international factors to consider in relation to the contemporary consumer \* Opening vignettes and end-of-chapter cases give students real-world insights into, and opportunities to analyse consumer behaviour, with extensive Australian and international examples providing issues in context

A richly illustrated overview of the best in contemporary design for the home captures one thousand innovative objects produced over the past five years, including furniture, storage, lighting, textiles, carpets and rugs, bathroom fixtures, kitchenware, and electronics, with

addresses and designers and manufacturers, materials, dimensions, and other data. Original.

Who are the world's best retail brands? Is there a formula for success you can learn from? How to Succeed at Retail helps you find the key factors that will make you successful. Building on the process introduced in the international bestseller Retailization, it begins by encouraging you to become 'retail obsessed' and to think strategically, creatively and operationally in a retail context. It then illustrates success in action with 25 winning international case studies that show you some inspirational ways forward. Fast paced and accessible, it concludes with an operational methodology which can be applied to any and every business. By introducing you to new ideas, winning cases and real tools, How to Succeed at Retail will help you to develop and implement an actionable brand vision. An accompanying website provides access to further case studies, strategies, tools and downloads.

This book presents a radically different approach to innovation aimed at creating new growth cycles for the Russian economy. To better grasp the opportunities hidden behind worldwide megatrends, such as the growing economic prosperity of Asian countries and the importance of the internet-based economy, the authors argue for a reinvention of Russia's innovation strategy. Instead of a purely technology-driven approach, the authors illustrate how the principles of strategic innovation help develop institutional and non-technical innovation, as well as new forms of leadership and entrepreneurship within the Russian business culture. The authors also discuss the impact of strategic innovation on corporate strategies, innovation and economic policy, as well as academic research and development agendas. The book also sheds new light on how cooperation between Russia and the EU, the US and China in the area of innovation can be of mutual benefit.

Reviews, Recipes, Columns, Events and more from Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai.

Modern technology and innovation are vital to the success of all companies, be they hi-tech firms or companies seemingly unaffected by technology and innovation; whether established firms or business start-ups. This book focuses on understanding technology as a corporate resource, covering product development, design of systems and the managerial aspects of new and high technology. Topics investigated include: the internal organization of high technology firms the management of technology in society managing innovation dilemmas and strategies. The wide-ranging experience of the teachers and experts contributing to this book has resulted in an integrated, multi-disciplinary, textbook that provides an introductory overview to managing technology and innovation in the twenty-first century. This text is essential reading for students of business and engineering concerned with technology and innovation management.

Praise for Rebuilding the Corporate Genome "Whether you talk about capability-driven organizations, modular approaches, or networked economies, the implications of very low costs for transactions, information exchanges, and communications are clear: Business boundaries are dissolving and re-forming. Aurik, Jonk, and Willen show how innovators are creatively exploiting this trend to their decided advantage." —Gerard Hoetmer, Senior Vice President, Unilever Bestfoods "If you set your strategy at lower levels of the business, you can more effectively compete and grow—and fend off unexpected rivals. Rebuilding the Corporate Genome shows that once you look through capability lenses, new horizons and new possibilities suddenly come into focus." —Jan Oosterveld, Member, Group Management Committee, Royal Philips Electronics "This book is a compelling and prescient look at the future of the modern corporation. While the 'corporate genome project' may be a work in progress, the authors take important steps towards the goal of understanding how corporations really work, and how capability-based corporations will emerge as the organizations of tomorrow. Read this book carefully, because this is as close as you will get to a key for unlocking innovation and value in your industry." —Mohanbir Sawhney, McCormick Tribune Professor of Technology and Director, Center for Research in Technology & Innovation, Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management "Rebuilding the Corporate Genome reveals the future before it arrives. The authors masterfully extrapolate from a set of current trends to paint a picture of how businesses and strategies will evolve. The book is a must-read for anyone charged with charting the direction of a business in these turbulent times." —Toby E. Stuart, Fred G. Steingraber-A.T. Kearney Professor of Organizations and Strategy, University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business

Adopted internationally by business schools and MBA programmes, The New Strategic Brand Management is simply the reference source for senior strategists, positioning professionals and postgraduate students. Over the years it has not only established a reputation as one of the leading works on brand strategy, but also has become synonymous with the topic itself. Using an array of international case studies, Jean-Noël Kapferer covers all the leading issues faced by brand strategists today. With both gravitas and intelligent insight, the book reveals new thinking on topics such as putting culture and content into brands, the impact of private labels and the comeback of local brands. This updated fifth edition of The New Strategic Brand Management builds on its impressive reputation, including new information to enable students and practitioners to stay up to date with targeting, adding recent research and market knowledge to the discipline. With dedicated sections for specific types of brands (luxury, corporate and retail), international examples and case studies from companies such as Audi, Nivea, Toyota and Absolut Vodka; plus models and frameworks such as the Brand Identity Prism; it remains at the forefront of strategic brand thinking.

An updated celebration of great coffee discusses the growing, roasting, grinding, and brewing of coffee, and provides more than fifty recipes for a wide variety of coffee-compatible treats. Original.

Demonstrates how companies can think creatively when producing new products and services for their customers.

In this book the entrepreneur occupies centre stage. Whether a period of economic prosperity or economic decline, entrepreneurs seem to be able to seize opportunities at every turn, enabling them to make a very important contribution to the economy and to enhance wealth. At the heart of the book is the Nyenrode ten-step model of entrepreneurship.

Prior to 1862, when the Department of Agriculture was established, the report on agriculture was prepared and published by the Commissioner of Patents, and forms volume or part of volume, of his annual reports, the first being that of 1840. Cf. Checklist of public documents ... Washington, 1895, p. 148.

As a cultivated form of invention, product design is a deeply human phenomenon that enables us to shape, modify and alter the world around us – for better or worse. The recent emergence of the sustainability imperative in product design compels us to recalibrate the parameters of good design in an unsustainable age. Written by designers, for designers, the Routledge Handbook of Sustainable Product Design presents the first systematic overview of the burgeoning field of sustainable product design. Brimming with intelligent viewpoints, critical propositions, practical examples and rich theoretical analyses, this book provides an essential point of reference for scholars and practitioners at the intersection of product design and sustainability. The book takes readers to the depth of our engagements with the designed world to advance the social and ecological purpose of product design as a critical twenty-first-century practice. Comprising 35 chapters across 6 thematic parts, the book's contributors include the most

significant international thinkers in this dynamic and evolving field.

This edition of "Ice Cream" is a full revision of previous editions and includes an updating of the areas that have been affected by changes and new technology. The ice cream industry has developed on the basis of an abundant economical supply of ingredients and is a high-volume, highly automated, modern, progressive, very competitive industry composed of large and small businesses manufacturing ice cream and related products. The industry underwent a difficult period of adjusting to economic changes and to the establishment of product specifications and composition regulations. The latter area has now become more stabilized and the Frozen Desserts Definitions and Standards of Identity are now more clearly defined, as are ingredient and nutritional labeling specifications. The chapters that include basic information on ice cream technology remain for the most part unchanged in order to accommodate beginners in the industry and the smaller processors. In other chapters major revisions and the incorporation of new material have been made. Key classical references and information have been retained or added in order to keep intact those portions of the book which students have found most useful and helpful as reflected in my own teaching, research, and publications in the field of dairy science, and particularly in the field of ice cream production.

Strategic alliances offer organisations an alternative to organic growth or acquisition when faced with the need to develop the business to a new level, innovate in terms of products or services or significantly reduce costs. The Strategic Alliance Handbook is a clear and complete guide to the nuts and bolts of the process behind successful collaborations. The book enables readers to understand the commercial, technical, strategic, cultural and operational logic behind any alliance and to establish an approach that is appropriate for the type of alliance they are seeking and the partner organisation(s) with whom they are working. Whether you are an alliance executive, responsible for the systems, strategy and performance of your organisation's alliancing programme or an alliance manager needing to ensure the success of a given partnership, The Strategic Alliance Handbook is an essential guide.

CONSUMER BEHAVIOR combines a foundation in key concepts from marketing, psychology, sociology, and anthropology with a highly practical focus on real-world applications for today's business environment. The new edition of this popular, pioneering text incorporates the latest cutting-edge research and current business practices, including extensive coverage of social media influences, increased consumer power, emerging neuroscience findings, and emotion in consumer decision making. In addition, the Sixth Edition includes an increased emphasis on social responsibility and ethics in marketing. With even more real-world examples and application exercises, including new opening examples and closing cases in every chapter, CONSUMER BEHAVIOR provides a thorough, yet engaging and enjoyable guide to this essential subject, enabling students and professionals alike to master the skills they need to succeed. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Creating Ecological Value is a timely contribution that matches recent trends in innovation economics suggesting that an evolutionary notion of system innovations and a sector-specific industrial dynamics perspective are a suitable analytical framework for the way in which firms address sustainability challenges through innovation. Marcus Wagner, University of Würzburg, Germany We cannot expect to solve the environmental problems we face today by narrowing our focus on single firms. We need to think more systemically. In his book, Creating Ecological Value, Frank Boons takes on this challenge. While his research begins by exploring the diversity of environmental strategies adopted by companies, he moves his analysis next to the level of the production and consumption systems to understand how these strategies shape and alter them. His work considers how the diffusion of strategies and novel approaches can be facilitated but also finds that the systems into which these strategies are imposed are resilient and, at times, resistant to change. He offers plenty of ideas to ponder as we consider how the market system as a whole addresses environmental issues. Andrew J. Hoffman, The University of Michigan, US Humans as scientists and managers often draw on metaphors to help describe and understand the complex issues they observe or manage. As human activities begin to bump up against the constraints set by natural systems there is a tendency to search for metaphors from natural science biomimicry or industrial ecology have been around for some time now. In this book, Frank Boons explores the power of ideas from evolutionary science as metaphor to understand economic systems. This is complex work, but, he does it with skill; remembering that a metaphor is powerful not just in what it explains but even more in what it doesn't serve to explain. Nigel Roome, Free University of Brussels, Belgium and TiasNimbas Business School, Tilburg, The Netherlands Firms adopt a wide variety of ecological strategies, ranging from the development of innovative products with reduced environmental impact to lobbying against governmental attempts to set standards for the way in which firms deal with the natural environment. This book explores this variety and is the first to provide a coherent evolutionary approach to the ecological strategies of firms. Drawing on insights from organization and management sciences and innovation studies, the author outlines an evolutionary framework enabling a deeper understanding of how firms shape ecological strategies and interact to create inertia or change at the level of systems of production and consumption. This framework is applied to the coffee and automobile production and consumption systems, yielding insight into the complex dynamics through which such systems evolve in dealing with ecological impact. The book advances theoretical insight into business strategies and the natural environment and illuminates the dynamics of production and consumption systems. Scholars, students and practitioners from organization and management sciences, innovation studies and industrial ecology interested in the relationship between business and the natural environment will find this book invaluable.

Organizations have to work continuously on the improvement of the quality of their products and services to secure future profit. They have also to develop and deliver timely new innovations and products. But the development of these new innovations and products is always both a challenging and a difficult process. Challenging because it enables us to exploit new ways, challenges and possibilities, and difficult because it requires choices to be made, which exclude other challenges and possibilities. Each choice or possibility in the design process also means financial consequences or a specific cost price and so impacts upon future profitability. Well designed products promise profit, whilst a poor design can even result in losses. So design as a profession is not only a challenging one but also a risky one. But no improvement means no future profits. Value creation will be the red line in this book. How to organize the right design process is the main topic. This will mean an integration of all stakeholders around the design and engineering processes of products and services. This process can deliver the right prospects for client satisfaction and value creation. Organizing the design processes of a design team around all the stakeholders is necessary and the quality of this team will be a main factor for success. Another important factor is to investigate and weight the right client needs, demands and wishes. And finally, the effective utilization of information technology as a knowledge tool around design and engineering processes is also a key factor. What lessons will you learn after reading and in particular applying this book: What is involved in

setting up a design and engineering process that is client oriented and value driven for your organization. How to organize an improvement of existing products and services with all the stakeholders. How to implement the role of information technology over the whole life cycle of a product, including the reuse of proven knowledge. Exciting applications from the fields of designing products, of building services and of asset management.

Best-selling author of *Thinking in New Boxes* and *Fellow* in a \$5 billion international consulting firm, BCG, Luc de Brabandere shares the secrets to change that are not just vital to businesses, but life itself. Throughout history, human beings have adapted to improve their lives and shape the world as we know it. But as the world changes, so must our perception of it—even what we create. Using approachable, witty, and engaging examples from philosophy, science, technology and linguistics, Luc de Brabandere explores the dangers, both in business and in life, of relying on habit and repetition. Behaviors that work for us one day may not the next. To truly move forward, we must not just embrace what works, but constantly explore what could work better. This constant exploration is what drives change, inspires creativity, and fosters dynamic strategy in all facets of life, especially business, where innovation and out-of-the-box thinking has led and will lead to humankind's greatest tomorrows. Both a clever and eye-opening guide and an invaluable vault of knowledge, *The Forgotten Half of Change* provides tools for strategic management that adapt to the test of time.

A timely and practical guide that helps senior managers design successful strategic partnerships Strategic alliances are increasingly common among modern corporations and a hot topic in today's business schools. Alliance is a sophisticated guide to crafting successful partnerships, offering a combination of carefully designed checklists, up-to-date examples and scenarios from around the world, and the tools needed to ensure that all elements of an alliance are taken into account and fully assessed. Most managers don't have the experience or knowledge to create a functional alliance governance structure. This book fills that knowledge gap with a clear description of the proper implementation process. Ideal for business leaders engaged in building a corporate alliance and business school students Covers all of the available alliance structure, describes the building blocks of alliance design, and defines an effective process for managers constructing alliances Written by a leading expert on the subject who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Strategic Alliance Professionals As the popularity and frequency of corporate strategic alliances grows, Alliance gives business leaders the insight and practical advice they need to ensure their partnerships benefit all parties. This work, first published in 1994, provides a framework which covers the major aspects of contemporary standard Korean and allows cross-language comparisons. It offers a wide-ranging and comprehensive grammatical description of Korean, covering syntax, morphology, phonology, ideophone/interjections and lexicon.

Metaphor pervades discourse and may govern how we think and act. But most studies only discuss its verbal varieties. This book examines metaphors drawing on combinations of visuals, language, gestures, sound, and music. Investigated texts include advertising, political cartoons, comics, film, songs, and oral communication. Where appropriate, the influence of genre and cultural factors is thematized.

Natural resources, including minerals, water, energy and arable land, are the basis of human society. Throughout the 20th century, the growing population has led to an increase in the use of fossil fuels by a factor of 12, and to the extraction of 34 times more material resources. As a consequence, Earth's climate is changing, fish stocks and forests are shrinking, the prices of energy resources and critical materials are rising, and species are becoming extinct. If the population grows as expected and the mean per capita consumption doubles by the year 2050, it is most probable that humanity will experience the limits to growth.

A comprehensive collection of essays in multidisciplinary metaphor scholarship that has been written in response to the growing interest among scholars and students from a variety of disciplines such as linguistics, philosophy, anthropology, music and psychology. These essays explore the significance of metaphor in language, thought, culture and artistic expression. There are five main themes of the book: the roots of metaphor, metaphor understanding, metaphor in language and culture, metaphor in reasoning and feeling, and metaphor in non-verbal expression. Contributors come from a variety of academic disciplines, including psychology, linguistics, philosophy, cognitive science, literature, education, music, and law.

Paul Vlaar s book very creatively combines three rich streams of research dealing with economic exchanges; and, in doing so, provides readers with new and important insights on trust, contracts and inter-organizational relationships (IORs). This is cross-disciplinary research at its best. Focusing on the independent and interdependent roles of contracts and trust in value creation and in value capture in IORs, Vlaar relies on solid quantitative and qualitative data to support his arguments. This book is must reading for scholars, managers and policy makers who are interested in these topics. Peter Smith Ring, Loyola Marymount University, US Paul Vlaar s *Contracts and Trust in Alliances* is one of the most creative contributions to the alliance literature in a very long time. Vlaar s discussion is informed by an unusually deep knowledge of the literature, and significantly pushes the research frontier by examining non-standard but crucial issues, notably how mutual understanding and recognition are preconditions for value discovery and creation. Nicolai Juul Foss, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark Paul Vlaar contends that strategic alliances and other forms of cooperation, such as buyer supplier relationships, joint ventures and offshoring initiatives, increasingly stand at the basis of competitive advantage. Although contracts and trust play a crucial role in such relationships, prior studies on both governance solutions are generally confined to single theories, paradigms and viewpoints. Drawing on an in-depth case study, survey data and conceptual developments, the author advances a more integrative framework. He probes issues such as: the tension between the need and the ability to contract trust and contracts as co-evolving and self-reinforcing phenomena contractual functions other than coordination and control dialectical tensions stemming from contract application standardization of contracting practices. By exploring these topics, the book offers novel perspectives on the role of trust in interorganizational relationships, shifting our attention and creation to the discovery of value by collaborating partners. The book offers novel perspectives on the role of contracts and trust in interorganizational

relationships, shifting our attention from the creation and appropriation to the discovery of value by collaborating partners. The book will be useful for managers as well as practitioners interested in the governance and management of inter-organizational relationships. It will also be an important resource for academics and students interested in strategy, organization and organizational theory.

This book contains a collection of the papers accepted in the 18th Asia Pacific Symposium on Intelligent and Evolutionary Systems (IES 2014), which was held in Singapore from 10-12th November 2014. The papers contained in this book demonstrate notable intelligent systems with good analytical and/or empirical results.

Innovation leaders promote and address the innovation agenda in their company. Through personal conviction or competitive necessity they are obsessed with providing superior value to customers through innovation. They know how to mobilize their staff behind concrete innovation initiatives and do not hesitate to personally coach innovation teams. For innovation to occur leadership has to be collective. To create a momentum for innovation in their company, leaders from different functions need to team up, to build innovation networks. Innovation leadership is not just an innate talent that can be selected at the hiring level. It can be developed within an appropriate company culture through careful leadership development, typically achieved through career management and coaching. Innovation leaders also need to stay on board and it is the responsibility of the top management team to create an attractive climate to develop and keep its innovation leaders. There are plenty of books that deal with innovation, or with new product development, or with leadership; this is different in its focus on the specifics of innovation leadership – that particular form of leadership that stimulates and sustains innovation. This book maps the broad territory of innovation leadership and contributes new thinking on the focus of the emerging leadership role of the CTO; distinction between ‘front end’ and ‘back end’ innovation leaders; the concept of aligning leadership styles with strategy; and the chain of leadership concept.

Combining practice-based and empirical research-based observations with simple conceptual frameworks, illustrated by many company examples and case stories from a broad range of industries in the US and Europe, this is a systematic presentation of innovation drivers and their implications in terms of what leaders need to do to make it work.

Collaboration across organizational boundaries is often critical to achieve an objective, but difficult to achieve in practice. This book explores the structures, processes, roles, skills, tools and techniques that enable people in different places to achieve a successful joint outcome and build advantage through collaboration. Written by an experienced practitioner who has facilitated many collaborative efforts, it includes practical case studies to illustrate key points.

Representing the coordinated work of a research group from four different Italian University departments which conducted the Eco-Management for Food (EMAF) Project, this book offers a systematic approach for managing and improving the environmental aspects of agri-food processes and products using Product-Oriented Environmental Management Systems (POEMS).

This updated, useful book on business strategy, with The Economist brand, shows today’s manager how to create and sustain a dynamic, profitable business with techniques to support effective decisions. Kourdi evaluates the tools, tactics, and techniques for making profit-boosting decisions.

Discourse and Creativity examines the way different approaches to discourse analysis conceptualize the notion of creativity and address it analytically. It includes examples of studies of creativity from a variety of traditions and examines the following key areas, how people interpret and use discourse, the processes and practices of discourse production, discourse in modes other than written and spoken language, and the relationship between discourse and the technologies used to produce it. Discourse and Creativity combines a forward-thinking and interdisciplinary approach to the topic of creativity; this collection will be of great value to students and scholars in applied linguistics, stylistics, and communication studies.

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