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Africa's Social Cleavages and Democratization Oct 26 2019 Africa ' s Social Cleavages and Democratization offers a comparative approach to African countries by providing an in-depth analysis of the impact of ethnicity and religion on both multiparty and post-multiparty eras. By applying different theoretical frameworks, Douglas Kimemia explores and analyzes how social cleavages have affected the growth of democracy in Africa. It is crucial to assess the relationship between democratic development and the impact of social cleavages, because multiparty politics have increased political competition, participation, transparency, and civic engagement in Africa. However, social divisions have significantly slowed the maturing of democracy, as these social cleavages have become polarizing factors, which are used by political elites for their own self-interest. As a result, politics of identity caused by competition of natural resources have led to increased conflicts and political instability in Africa. The social cleavages have also led to polarized party systems and caused adverse effects on democracy due to the highly polarized societies and political competition. Despite the many positive impacts, multiparty politics have increased the consciousness of ethnic and religious identities, leading to unhealthy political competition as evidenced by highly fragmented societies prone to conflicts and violence. Kimemia comprehensively examines different governing, electoral, and party systems in order to determine the different incentives and how social divisions shape them. This analysis helps to distinguish more permanent political structures from the merely epiphenomenal within the African political scene.

Ending Civil Wars Sep 17 2021 "A project of the International Peace Academy and CISAC, The Center for International Security and Cooperation"--P. ii.

Interagency Coordination During Disaster Apr 12 2021 This publication deals with the often-lamented coordination deficit among international relief organizations - mainly the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and the Red Cross/Crescent Movement - in responding to humanitarian crises. The book begins by reviewing the relevant literature and identifying the most important trends and actors in the international humanitarian arena. Next, it discusses the advantages and disadvantages of existing coordination models in practice, including those promoted by the UN. In addition, the book examines the suitability of organization theory - including network theory - for the diagnosis of coordination deficits and the deduction of a recommended course of action. Building upon organization theory, it then proceeds to develop a theoretical framework. Despite the complexity of the context of a humanitarian crisis, this framework allows for a surprisingly straightforward deduction of feasible strategies to improve coordination. Finally, the framework is applied and tested, using several

cases of coordination in the ongoing humanitarian crisis of Sudan's Darfur region.

Civilians in War Aug 05 2020 While recognizing the changing face of war casualties (the civilian casualty rate has escalated from five percent in World War I to up to 90 percent in recent conflicts), the 1949 Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians has not been able to reverse that trend. In this project of the International Peace Academy, with which the editor is affiliated, a dozen essays endeavor to expand the tools available to protect civilians in times of war. They address the themes of the evolving norms of international humanitarian law, inducing compliance, enforcing compliance, and reevaluating protection by reviewing traditional assumptions and new needs to deal at the local level with unconventional belligerents like guerillas. c. Book News Inc.

Enabling Manufacturing Competitiveness and Economic Sustainability Feb 29 2020 The changing manufacturing environment requires more responsive and adaptable manufacturing systems. The theme of the 5th International Conference on Changeable, Agile, Reconfigurable and Virtual production (CARV2013) is "Enabling Manufacturing Competitiveness and Economic Sustainability. Leading edge research and best implementation practices and experiences, which address these important issues and challenges, are presented. The proceedings include advances in manufacturing systems design, planning, evaluation, control and evolving paradigms such as mass customization, personalization, changeability, re-configurability and flexibility. New and important concepts such as the dynamic product families and platforms, co-evolution of products and systems, and methods for enhancing manufacturing systems' economic sustainability and prolonging their life to produce more than one product generation are treated. Enablers of change in manufacturing systems, production volume and capability, scalability and managing the volatility of markets, competition among global enterprises and the increasing complexity of products, manufacturing systems and management strategies are discussed. Industry challenges and future directions for research and development needed to help both practitioners and academicians are presented. About the Editor Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael F. Zaeh, born in 1963, has been and is Professor for and Manufacturing Technology since 2002 and, together with Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gunther Reinhart, Head of the Institute for Machine Tools and Industrial Management (iwb) at the Technische Universitaet Muenchen (TUM). After studying general mechanical engineering, he was doctoral candidate under Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Milberg at TUM from 1990 until 1993 and received his doctorate in 1993. From 1994 to 1995, he was department leader under Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gunther Reinhart. From 1996 to 2002, he worked for a machine tool manufacturer in several positions, most recently as a member of the extended management. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael F. Zaeh is an associated member of the CIRP and member of acatech, WGP and WLP. His current researches include among others Joining and Cutting Technologies like Laser Cutting and Welding as well as Friction Stir Welding, Structural Behaviour and Energy Efficiency of Machine Tools and Manufacturing Processes like Additive Manufacturing. Strategic, Coordination, and Operational Issues in Biopharmaceutical Supply Chains

Jun 26 2022 Biopharmaceutical industry uses live cells to produce biopharmaceuticals to be used in a range of application areas from therapeutic use to diagnosis, drug discovery and development. Using live cells poses several manufacturing and optimization challenges. This research addresses strategic, coordination, and operational issues in biopharmaceutical supply chains. First, we analyze strategic resource allocation in biopharmaceutical operations where differences in scientist capabilities can lead to significantly different outcomes. We use queuing models, and quantify the performance of different resource allocation strategies using the matrix-geometric approach. We show that certain partial flexibility structures coupled with appropriate priority rules can yield efficient system performance. We also define a new server utilization metric that can be very effective in ordering strategies. Second, we analyze operational issues related to scheduling of biomanufacturing projects. We formulate the problem as a mixed-integer linear programming model with the objective of total tardiness minimization to create an initial schedule. We propose a dynamic scheduling approach that solves an augmented model to accommodate additional constraints due to the complexity of biomanufacturing operations. In collaboration with a contract biomanufacturer, we illustrate the implementation of proposed approach. Next, we explore coordination issues in the collaboration built for biopharmaceutical projects. We develop effort-based formulations that capture the key characteristics of biopharmaceutical industry, and show that traditional incentive schemes through fixed payment, revenue sharing, and risk sharing do not achieve effort coordination although they are commonly used in the industry. We introduce a new contract called fee-for-effort and output contract that encourages the parties to exert higher efforts by offering discounts on their operating costs and show that this contract achieves coordination with appropriate selection of parameters. We also investigate the efficiency of noncoordinating contracts to explain their popularity in practice. Finally, we explore incentive alignment issues in conducting scouting experiments as part of collaborative biopharmaceutical projects. Scouting experiments provide improved knowledge about capabilities and limitations of operations. However, they constitute additional cost, and may not yield inconclusive results. We investigate contract structures that examine when scouting should be conducted and additional material should be requested to improve project outcomes.

Selected Readings from Military Thought, 1963-1973 Mar 24 2022

Terrorist Financing and Money Laundering Investigations Mar 12 2021

Strategy, Knowledge Topology, and Coordination in Product Development Jan 10 2021

The Practice of Industrial Policy Aug 29 2022 Much of the information relevant to policy formulation for industrial development is held by the private sector, not by public officials. There is therefore fairly broad agreement in the development literature that some form of structured engagement, often referred to as close or strategic coordination, between the public and private sectors is needed, both to assist in the design of appropriate policies and to provide feedback on their implementation. There is less agreement on how that engagement should be structured, how its objectives

should be defined, and how success should be measured. In fact, the academic literature on close coordination provides little practical guidance on how governments interested in developing a framework for government business engagement should go about doing it. The burden of this lack of guidance falls most heavily on Africa, where -- despite 20 years of growth -- lack of structural transformation has slowed job creation and the pace of poverty reduction. Increasingly, African governments are seeking to design and implement policies to encourage the more rapid growth of high productivity industries and in the process confronting the need to engage constructively with the private sector. These efforts have met with mixed results. For sustained success in structural transformation, new policies and new approaches to government-business coordination will be needed. In 2014 the Korea International Cooperation Agency and UNU-WIDER launched a joint research project on 'The Practice of Industrial Policy'. The objective of the project was to help African policy-makers develop better coordination between the public and private sectors in order to identify the constraints to faster structural transformation and to design, implement, and monitor policies to remove them. This book, written by national researchers and international experts, presents the results of that research.

China - Central Asia Countries Sep 25 2019 Based on research financed by the Ford Foundation this book brings together the work of scholars and experts from China and its Central Asian neighbors providing a detailed insight into China's relations with Central Asian Nations. This ebook is also available within China: Making New Partnerships - A Rising China and its Neighbors.

Military Thought Feb 20 2022

Shaping Strategy Jan 22 2022 Good strategic assessment does not guarantee success in international relations, but bad strategic assessment dramatically increases the risk of disastrous failure. The most glaring example of this reality is playing out in Iraq today. But what explains why states and their leaders are sometimes so good at strategic assessment--and why they are sometimes so bad at it? Part of the explanation has to do with a state's civil-military relations. In Shaping Strategy, Risa Brooks develops a novel theory of how states' civil-military relations affect strategic assessment during international conflicts. And her conclusions have broad practical importance: to anticipate when states are prone to strategic failure abroad, we must look at how civil-military relations affect the analysis of those strategies at home. Drawing insights from both international relations and comparative politics, Shaping Strategy shows that good strategic assessment depends on civil-military relations that encourage an easy exchange of information and a rigorous analysis of a state's own relative capabilities and strategic environment. Among the diverse case studies the book illuminates, Brooks explains why strategic assessment in Egypt was so poor under Gamal Abdel Nasser prior to the 1967 Arab-Israeli war and why it improved under Anwar Sadat. The book also offers a new perspective on the devastating failure of U.S. planning for the second Iraq war. Brooks argues that this failure, far from being unique, is an example of an assessment pathology to which states commonly succumb.

The United Nations & Regional Security Aug 24 2019 Events in Europe over the past decade or so have created a dynamic requiring conceptual and practical adjustments on the part of the UN and a range of regional actors. This volume explores the resulting collaborative relationships in the context of peace operations in the Balkans.

Upgrading China's Information and Communication Technology Industry Apr 24 2022 This book effectively challenges the conventional wisdom regarding the cluster-innovation relationship and has provided convincing evidence to show that prevailing theoretical models derived from Anglo-American experiences cannot be uncritically applied to Chinese reality. This book introduces a new theory of state-firm coordination to explain why and how some Chinese ICT firms have turned out to be more innovative than others. Its subjects involve economic geography, institutional economics, political science and regulation theory. Empirically, the book provides state-of-the-art findings to clarify many puzzles, confusion, and misunderstanding about the exact nature of China's ICT industry. It has essentially set a new baseline and made definitive contribution to knowledge production about China's economic geography. Methodologically, this book shows how original, critical, and independent research can be undertaken effectively and innovatively through cross-disciplinary theoretical interaction, deductive reasoning with hypotheses testing, combination of multiple means of data collection, integration of quantitative and qualitative methods, and structured presentation of research findings with extensive tabular, graphic, and cartographic illustrations.

Good Strategy/Bad Strategy Sep 05 2020 When Richard Rumelt's Good Strategy/Bad Strategy was published in 2011, it immediately struck a chord, calling out as bad strategy the mish-mash of pop culture, motivational slogans and business buzz speak so often and misleadingly masquerading as the real thing. Since then, his original and pragmatic ideas have won fans around the world and continue to help readers to recognise and avoid the elements of bad strategy and adopt good, action-oriented strategies that honestly acknowledge the challenges being faced and offer straightforward approaches to overcoming them. Strategy should not be equated with ambition, leadership, vision or planning; rather, it is coherent action backed by an argument. For Rumelt, the heart of good strategy is insight into the hidden power in any situation, and into an appropriate response - whether launching a new product, fighting a war or putting a man on the moon. Drawing on examples of the good and the bad from across all sectors and all ages, he shows how this insight can be cultivated with a wide variety of tools that lead to better thinking and better strategy, strategy that cuts through the hype and gets results.

Strategy for Security in East Asia's Shanghai Cooperation Organization May 14 2021 The Shanghai Cooperation Organization or SCO is a Eurasian political, economic and military organization which was founded in 2001 in Shanghai by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. This book is written by leading researchers from China and provides an overview of the SCO and examines important meetings, the regional situation and hot-spot issues. The current situation

and future prospects for intra-SCO cooperation is also explored. Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Eurasian Security Status and Trend provides information on the current international and regional situations and the complex changes in the geopolitical and economic patterns faced by the SCO, plus in-depth views on the impact of regional hot-spot issues and major events in the development of the SCO. It also provides a comprehensive introduction to intra-SCO cooperation and the vigorous progress that has been achieved in the fields of security, military, economy, transportation, education and culture. It also includes a systematic and objective description of the current situation of the SCO member states and observer states, as well as their relations with the SCO. What makes this book different from others is the predictions and studies on the political and economic trends of the member states and observer states and the policy recommendations given by several experts from within the key organisations.

The Many Faces of Strategic Voting May 26 2022 Voters do not always choose their preferred candidate on election day. Often they cast their ballots to prevent a particular outcome, as when their own preferred candidate has no hope of winning and they want to prevent another, undesirable candidate's victory; or, they vote to promote a single-party majority in parliamentary systems, when their own candidate is from a party that has no hope of winning. In their thought-provoking book The Many Faces of Strategic Voting, Laura B. Stephenson, John H. Aldrich, and André Blais first provide a conceptual framework for understanding why people vote strategically, and what the differences are between sincere and strategic voting behaviors. Expert contributors then explore the many facets of strategic voting through case studies in Great Britain, Spain, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and the European Union.

Subsector Strategic Coordination Toward Improved Performance Oct 31 2022

Strategy, Economic Organization, and the Knowledge Economy Jun 02 2020 The advent of the knowledge economy changes the ways in which firms organise their activities and how they strategize in the market place. This non-technical volume lays the foundations for an analysis of these phenomena. The discussion is both theoretical and empirical.

Multi-project Strategy and Organizational Coordination in Automobile Product Development Jul 16 2021

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Between Fragmentation and Democracy Mar 31 2020 This book explores how global institutions have created democratic deficits, and the role of the courts in mitigating the effects of globalization.

International Strategies in Telecommunications Jan 28 2020 This book provides: * a broad description of the telecommunications industry * details of an in-depth study of the telecommunications group Ericsson * a description of how the strategic states model has worked for companies

Strategic Management of Global Manufacturing Networks Nov 19 2021 The preceding process of globalization and the continuously rising competitive pressure on manufacturing companies in more developed economies unveiled the limits of classical site-focused optimization approaches. The focus of network optimization shifts ever more towards an integrative view of manufacturing networks, striving for a harmonization of the strategy-, configuration- and coordination levels. This book presents such an integrative approach to the strategic management of manufacturing networks. Besides strategic network requirements, this book discusses the derivation of an optimal global footprint and the optimization of network coordination activities. Special attention is paid to the site roles concept, especially to the concept of 'lead factory'. A large number of up-to-date cases from the producing industry enrich the book and provide the reader with vivid examples for the application of the presented concepts. Hence, this book is a must-read for both practitioners and academic researchers.

Organizing Peacebuilding Jun 14 2021 Coordination between different United Nations (UN) entities has become an issue of increasing concern for scholars and practitioners. With the UN taking on ever more ambitious roles in countries emerging from conflict, no single unit can master the task of post-conflict reconstruction alone. However, efforts at reorganizing the way the UN works in peacebuilding have not yielded the desired result of ensuring a more effective UN presence. To offer fresh inputs for the debate, Organizing Peacebuilding looks at coordination from a theoretical perspective. It develops a framework for interorganizational coordination and applies it to the UN and to two selected case examples, the UN missions in Kosovo and Afghanistan. The research suggests that in order to improve coordination, the UN should acknowledge its network character and cultivate those social and structural control mechanisms which facilitate coordination in networks.

Beyond Varieties of Capitalism Oct 07 2020 Since the early 1990s, Europe's economies have been facing several new challenges: the single market programme,

the collapse of the Berlin wall and eastward enlargement, and monetary unification. Building on the influential Varieties of Capitalism (VoC) perspective, first elaborated in detail in the book Varieties of Capitalism (OUP, 2001), this book critically analyzes these developments in the European political economy and their effects on the continental European economies. Leading political economists from Europe and the US debate how VoC can help understand the political-economic challenges that Europe is facing today and how understanding these new challenges can in turn enrich and enhance the VoC perspective. Thematically, the contributions to this volume are organised in four sections: * how the macro-economics of EMU have influenced different European models of capitalism, * how the Single Market programme was received in the different institutional regimes in European capitalism, * how welfare and labour market reforms are debated and implemented, * how European capitalism travelled east after 1989. Preceding this is a spirited defence of the VoC approach by Peter Hall, and an introduction from the volume editors, considering the approach, and proposing extensions and amendments. This book demonstrates that the VoC approach remains, as the editors put it in their introduction, a rich seam to mine, capable of accommodating new developments, and theoretically flexible enough to produce new and innovative hypotheses and arguments.

Making Votes Count Jan 02 2023 Popular elections are at the heart of representative democracy. Thus, understanding the laws and practices that govern such elections is essential to understanding modern democracy. In this book, Cox views electoral laws as posing a variety of coordination problems that political forces must solve. Coordination problems - and with them the necessity of negotiating withdrawals, strategic voting, and other species of strategic coordination - arise in all electoral systems. This book employs a unified game-theoretic model to study strategic coordination worldwide and that relies primarily on constituency-level rather than national aggregate data in testing theoretical propositions about the effects of electoral laws. This book also considers not just what happens when political forces succeed in solving the coordination problems inherent in the electoral system they face but also what happens when they fail.

The Future of Intermodal Freight Transport Nov 07 2020 . . . the book will be a valuable resource for students, researchers, policy makers and practitioners. Competition and Regulation in Network Industries The book is well balanced. . . The authors depict the reality of this complex world and identify the right strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Bart Jourquin, European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research . . . the editors and the expert contributors provide a timely overview of the present role and challenges of intermodal freight transport. . . the book will not only be appealing to academics and researchers with an interest in the emerging field of intermodal transport research. As the book is largely kept at an executive and policy level, it is also appealing to practitioners and policy makers. . . the book is a valuable contribution to the study of intermodal freight transport as a new transportation research application field. It is an essential reading for all stakeholders in

the field of intermodal freight transportation, providing them with insight and tools to address the mounting academic and practical challenges in this segment of the transport and logistics market. Theo Notteboom, *Journal of Transport Geography* This book explores the great challenge of increasing the scope of intermodal freight transport. In view of the current dominant role of road transport and the increasing difficulties in coping with a growing number of vehicles in an efficient and sustainable way, intermodal freight transport could be considered a viable alternative. However, the book makes recognition of the fact that there is still a need to improve the performance of the intermodal transport system. The expert contributors provide an overview of the present role of intermodal freight transport, address opportunities to significantly improve current performance, and demonstrate design and modelling tools used to analyse and support this performance. Requirements for the implementation of intermodal innovations are also prescribed, and policies needed to improve competitiveness are outlined. Many factors contributing to the performance and competitiveness of intermodal freight transport are explored, from technological and organisational innovations through to institutional settings and policy frameworks. This comprehensive range of topics will attract a broad audience including academics, researchers, policymakers and practitioners involved in the design and development of freight transport systems. It will also strongly appeal to those with an interest in the future of freight transport.

Contemporary Hong Kong Government and Politics Feb 08 2021 This title describes the present political system and development in Hong Kong. The second edition assesses the main strands of continuity and change in Hong Kong's government and politics since the creation of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 1997.

Debating Varieties of Capitalism Dec 21 2021 Peter Hall and David Soskice's *Varieties of Capitalism* has become a seminal text and reference point across the social sciences, generating debate and research around political-economic models. Here, Bob Hanck é presents the key readings on 'Varieties of Capitalism', including the original Hall and Soskice introduction, which encompass the key issues in the study of capitalism and capitalist diversity, its origins, and the debates that followed it. Beginning with the broad theoretical arguments around the idea of 'Varieties of Capitalism', the book then goes on to focus on specific empirical controversies, before finally considering recent attempts at rethinking this influential framework. The *Debating Varieties of Capitalism Reader* is the perfect guide to understanding this set of ideas that have changed the way we look at comparative political economy.

Southeast Asian Affairs 2016 May 02 2020 "Southeast Asian Affairs, first published in 1974, continues today to be required reading for not only scholars but the general public interested in in-depth analysis of critical cultural, economic and political issues in Southeast Asia. In this annual review of the region, renowned academics provide comprehensive and stimulating commentary that furthers understanding of not only the region 's dynamism but also of its tensions and conflicts. It is a must read." -Suchit Bunbongkarn, Emeritus Professor, Chulalongkorn University "Now in its forty-third

edition, *Southeast Asian Affairs* offers an indispensable guide to this fascinating region. Lively, analytical, authoritative, and accessible, there is nothing comparable in quality or range to this series. It is a must read for academics, government officials, the business community, the media, and anybody with an interest in contemporary Southeast Asia. Drawing on its unparalleled network of researchers and commentators, ISEAS is to be congratulated for producing this major contribution to our understanding of this diverse and fast-changing region, to a consistently high standard and in a timely manner.” -Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies, Australian National University

Metropolitan Governance and Spatial Planning Jul 04 2020 *Metropolitan Governance and Spatial Planning* explores the relationship between metropolitan decision-making and strategies to co-ordinate spatial policy. This relationship is examined across 20 cities of Europe and the similarities and differences analysed. Cities are having to formulate their urban policies in a very complex and turbulent environment. They are faced with numerous new pressures and problems and these often create contradictory conditions. The book provides a theoretical framework for exploring these issues and links this to a detailed investigation of each city. In the context of globalisation, cities in the last twenty years have experienced new patterns of activity and these usually transcend political boundaries. The management of these changes therefore requires an effort of co-ordination and different cities have found different approaches. However the institutional setting itself has not remained static. The nation states in Europe have handed over many responsibilities to the European Union while also increasing devolution to regions and cities. Government has therefore become a more complex multi-level activity. There has also been the move from government to governance. Many different public, quasi-public and private bodies are now involved in making decisions that affect urban development. Metropolitan governance is therefore also a complex multi-actor process. In these conditions of fragmented governance and the widening spatial networking of urban development, the issue of policy co-ordination become ever more important. The exploration of the 20 cities shows that many face similar difficulties while some also provide interesting examples of innovative practice. The book concludes that the way forward is to find strategies to link the different spheres of metropolitan action through 'organising connectivity'.

Soviet Military Strategy in Europe Oct 19 2021 *Soviet Military Strategy in Europe* focuses on the development, form and content, implications for international relations, and goal of Soviet military plan in Europe. The book first discusses the foundation of Soviet military thought and revolution in Soviet military affairs, including basic concepts of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, Soviet study of military affairs, nuclear revolution, and scientific and technical revolution. The publication also concentrates on Soviet study of laws and principles of military art and forces and primary operational concepts. Topics include laws of the first order, naval and air operations, nuclear strike, and conventional war considerations. The manuscript ponders on command and control, as well as combat modeling, survivability, coordination, centralization, and attack of NATO

command and control. The book also reviews the issues of Soviet military strategy toward Europe and special Soviet problems. Topics include role of nuclear weapons, chemical warfare options, escalation to intercontinental war, NATO nuclear threat, nuclear weapon stockpile, and superiority and war initiation. The publication is a dependable reference for readers interested in the Soviet military scheme in Europe.

Accomplishments of the U.S. Global Change Research Program Sep 29 2022 The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is an interagency program, established by the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990, mandated by Congress to "assist the Nation and the world to understand, assess, predict, and respond to human-induced and natural processes of global change". Since the USGCRP began, scientific understanding of global change has increased and the information needs of the nation have changed dramatically. A better understanding of what is changing and why can help decision makers in the public and private sectors cope with ongoing change. Accomplishments of the U.S. Global Change Research Program highlights the growth of global change science in the quarter century that the USGCRP has been in existence, and documents some of its contributions to that growth through its primary functions of interagency planning and coordination, and of synthesis of research and practice to inform decision making.

Strategies of Peace Dec 09 2020 How can a just peace be built in sites of genocide, massive civil war, dictatorship, terrorism, and poverty? In *Strategies of Peace*, the first volume in the *Studies in Strategic Peacebuilding* series, fifteen leading scholars propose an imaginative and provocative approach to peacebuilding. Today the dominant thinking is the "liberal peace," which stresses cease fires, elections, and short run peace operations carried out by international institutions, western states, and local political elites. But the liberal peace is not enough, the authors argue. A just and sustainable peace requires a far more holistic vision that links together activities, actors, and institutions at all levels. By exploring innovative models for building lasting peace—a United Nations counter-terrorism policy that also promotes good governance; coordination of the international prosecution of war criminals with local efforts to settle civil wars; increasing the involvement of religious leaders, who have a unique ability to elicit peace settlements; and many others--the authors advance a bold new vision for peacebuilding.

Coordination Strategies for Interorganizational Networks Nov 27 2019 "This monograph presents a framework for the formulation of coordination strategies in interorganizational networks. The framework builds on the hypothesis that effective coordination strategies are contingent to bargaining power and trust exposures in the network. In turn, these characteristics are strongly impacted by the formal structure of the network. As a consequence, buyer-supplier relationships ask for different strategic directions compared to strategic alliances or project networks. The proposed framework is two-tier with strategies on the collective network level and on the level of the individual firm. After describing the essential elements of the framework, the authors also apply their findings to a specific case study in German health care."

Power Dec 29 2019 Power plays a central role in business and management. But what is power exactly, and what are key elements of this concept? Defining power as relative ability, this book discusses structures of power, individual power, the exercise of power, strategy, and collective power. While discussing these key components, ideas of important thinkers about power, from Plato to Foucault, Weber to Lukes, Machiavelli to Kahneman, Sun to Kotter, and Barnard to Clegg, are discussed and interpretively categorized into a toolbox of conceptual elements - what Blumer referred to as sensitizing concepts. This toolbox of sensitizing concepts allows the selection of those elements of the concept of power that provide the most constructive and effective practical understanding in particular situations. The core message behind the discussion is that knowledge of key components of the concept of power is empowering. It is empowering to learn about aspects of structures of power, individual power, the exercise of power, strategy, and collective power. Understanding such conceptual components empowers students, researchers, practitioners, and other readers to use their understanding in interpreting, theorizing about, and dealing with the complexities of power in their particular situations - without tying them to any preconceived general theories about power.

Information and Coordination in Strategic Interaction Over Time Jul 28 2022

Strategy as Action Aug 17 2021 Based on ten years of research of actual competition, this cutting-edge text helps students evaluate a firm's capabilities and adopt specific action strategies that lead to success. This brief one-color text is appropriate for MBA strategy courses or as a supplement to various upper-division managerial texts. This text is part of the West's Strategic Management Series edited by Michael A. Hitt, R. Duane Ireland, and Robert E. Hoskisson, authors of Strategic Management: Competitiveness and Globalization, 2nd.

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