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Public Administration and Democratic Governance - United Nations. Division for Public Administration and Development Management 2007

Strengthening trust, accountability, and participation in government are essential to serving the needs of citizens. This volume brings together concepts and ideas from around the world on how to achieve more responsive and accountable public administration within the framework of democratic governance. Public officials and administrators are provided with conceptual and policy tools to help them understand today's complex challenges, and to pursue ideas that are most likely to enhance service delivery from the citizen's perspective. The publication is one of the analytical products emerging from the Global Forum on Reinventing Government.

Roman Ondák - Roman Ondák 2008

Roman Ondák represents the Slovak Republic at the 2009 Venice Biennale. In this volume the Slovak artist Roman Ondák has brought together some of his works that deal with time, measurement, and surveying along with those that make visible what evades the visual, namely boundaries and experience. Alongside a complete documentation of the exhibition *Measuring the Universe*, where the museum attendants checked the body size of the visitors throughout its duration, one also finds *Failed Fall* (2008), a greenhouse's floor filled with dried autumn leaves, and *Across that Place* (2008), the story of the no longer existing Canal Zone by the Panama Canal. Whether working with installation, photography, drawing, or performance, Ondák underpins his work with processes, embedding them into the course of an action. The action extends over time, transcribes a scenario rather than explaining it, and can be attached to radically minimalist objects, or as in this case, to extremely narrative books. Anything that plays a role in his work has its place in this book: the displacement of people and places, presence and absence, the economy of time. This publication is part of the series of artists' projects by Christoph Keller Editions in collaboration with BAWAG Foundation. English text.

Intermediate Accounting, 11th Canadian Edition, Volume 1 Study Guide - Bruce Wright 2016-06-02

This is the student study guide to accompany *Intermediate Accounting 11th Canadian Edition, Volume 1*.

Protecting journalism sources in the digital age - Posetti, Julie 2017-05-08

This Study, which covers 121 UNESCO Member States, represents a global benchmarking of journalistic source protection in the Digital Age. It focuses on developments during the period 2007-2015. The legal frameworks that support protection of journalistic sources, at international, regional and country levels, are under significant strain in 2015. They are increasingly at risk of erosion, restriction and compromise - a development that is seen to represent a direct challenge to the established universal human rights of freedom of expression and privacy, and one that especially may constitute a threat to the sustainability of investigative journalism. --Page 7.

Meeting Environmental Challenges - Tom Crompton 2009

In addressing environmental challenges like climate change, governments, charities and business tend to focus either on changing policy or business practice, or on urging individuals to adopt different behaviour. The role of human identity is largely absent from the debate. And yet, our identities - who we see ourselves as being - have a profound impact in shaping the responses we make to environmental challenges. This provocative book will rattle the cages of many environmentalists, 'green-minded' business-people and policy makers. In it, Crompton and Kasser suggest that many current approaches to addressing problems like climate change may actually inadvertently serve to reinforce those aspects of identity that drive us towards unsustainable behaviour in first place. They suggest that it will only be by re-shaping political debate and social institutions in order to promote more helpful aspects of identity

that we can have any hope of meeting environmental challenges. The book closes by highlighting the opportunities that this perspective presents for building new alliances between people working not just on environmental issues, but also on a range of social and developmental concerns: Many of those aspects of human identity that frustrate progress on the environmental agenda also frustrate progress on meeting other challenges.

A First Course in Topos Quantum Theory - Cecilia Flori 2013-03-27

In the last five decades various attempts to formulate theories of quantum gravity have been made, but none has fully succeeded in becoming the quantum theory of gravity. One possible explanation for this failure might be the unresolved fundamental issues in quantum theory as it stands now. Indeed, most approaches to quantum gravity adopt standard quantum theory as their starting point, with the hope that the theory's unresolved issues will get solved along the way. However, these fundamental issues may need to be solved before attempting to define a quantum theory of gravity. The present text adopts this point of view, addressing the following basic questions: What are the main conceptual issues in quantum theory? How can these issues be solved within a new theoretical framework of quantum theory? A possible way to overcome critical issues in present-day quantum physics - such as a priori assumptions about space and time that are not compatible with a theory of quantum gravity, and the impossibility of talking about systems without reference to an external observer - is through a reformulation of quantum theory in terms of a different mathematical framework called topos theory. This course-tested primer sets out to explain to graduate students and newcomers to the field alike, the reasons for choosing topos theory to resolve the above-mentioned issues and how it brings quantum physics back to looking more like a "neo-realist" classical physics theory again.

Amarna Diplomacy - Raymond Cohen 2002-10-23

"This is an important volume for any scholar of the ancient Near East." -- Religious Studies Review

Marketing to Women - Marti Barletta 2003

Marketing expert Martha Barletta presents a business case for why marketing professionals should focus their undivided attention on the largest untapped market in the world - women. She provides a detailed field guide for creating and executing a complete marketing plan that targets women.

Eye - Steve Rose 2007

This is the story of what happens when a couple of idealistic, young architects, backed by the CEO of one of Britain's biggest corporations, challenge the status quo. It is illustrated with rare photographs by artist-photographer Marcus Robinson, and insightful writing by Steve Rose.

Flex - Annie Auerbach 2021-02-23

Seasoned trends forecaster and consultant Annie Auerbach takes a fresh look at women's professional lives today by rethinking the 9 to 5 in this "no-nonsense guide to thinking and behaving more flexibly in order to have a happier, better, less frenetic life" (Marie Claire)—now widely available for American readers and updated with an author note addressing work in the post-Covid age. The recent coronavirus outbreak has proven what Annie Auerbach has long championed: working 9-5 in an office doesn't work for most of us. It's time to change the rules. We can be efficient and productive when we're allowed the freedom of flexibility—to meet deadlines working during the hours and in the places we choose. But before the coronavirus pandemic, only 47 percent of American workers had access to flexible working options. Annie Auerbach advises major corporations, including Nike, Google, Unilever, and Pepsico. She understands work culture and the needs of employees. The world is changing for working women, but until the recent pandemic, companies turned a blind eye. Now, it's time to make this change routine. Auerbach reiterates the importance of leaving the office cubicle behind and explores the realities many women experience working from home and

the changes to their daily lives, including the trickle-down effects, from emotional labor to balancing childcare and education with work, to even biohacking the female body's unique rhythms. What happens when women embrace the concept of flex? We become more creative, more strategic with our time and energy, and more engaged with our personal lives. As Auerbach makes clear, we reject "our toxic culture of presenteeism, time-pressure, and ultimately burnout. It helps us escape the army of octopus lady jugglers, crazed with the exhaustion of "having it all." It allows us to live longer lives more sustainably. It gives us self-worth."

"I Want to See" - Arthur S. M. Lim 2000

The book is about a global mission against world cataract blindness. It highlights the resistance of some world organizations to changes, particularly the shift from ICCE to ECCE with PCI, and how they have relented over the years. It also highlights the success of cataract/implant training centres in China, especially in Tianjin. The book will be of interest to anyone involved in providing eye care, and may be of special interest to those dealing with blinding diseases including cataract.

The Courtiers of Civilization - Sasson Sofer 2013-09-26

Comprehensive study of the diplomat and the diplomatic mission in Western civilization. The professional diplomat frequently takes a back seat in the public imagination to such figures as the great heads of state and leading military figures. In *The Courtiers of Civilization*, Sasson Sofer aims to restore the importance and reputation of the diplomat in Western civilization. Drawing on an exhaustive reading of the vast literature on diplomacy, from the late Renaissance forward, he fashions an engaging portrait of the diplomat's milieu and lifestyle, his place in diplomatic rituals, and his role in international dialogue. Blending historical evidence, sociological analysis, and political thought, Sofer explores the vocational predicament faced by the diplomat, who must play many roles, including negotiator, honorable spy, horse trader, appeaser, and bureaucrat, while at the same time maneuvering in the world of rulers and warriors. Ultimately, the diplomat is a symbol of peace and a custodian of the virtues and norms of a civilized and functional international society—in sum a "courtier of civilization." Sasson Sofer is Professor of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His books include *Zionism and the Foundations of Israeli Diplomacy* and *Peacemaking in a Divided Society: Israel After Rabin*.

Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics - Oswald Szemerényi 1999

First published in 1970 in Germany, this is a revised and enlarged English translation of what remains the standard introduction to the subject. Each section contains a detailed bibliography.

The Sixth Language - Robert K. Logan 2004

This second edition includes 37 new pages in a new Foreword and Afterword where Logan reports on a number of new developments in his research into the origin and evolution of language. The first edition of the Sixth Language was a recipient of the Susanne K. Langer Prize of the Media Ecology Association for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Symbolic Form.

Managing Public Expenditure A Reference Book for Transition Countries - OECD 2001-03-20

Managing Public Expenditure presents a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of all aspects of public expenditure management from the preparation of the budget to the execution, control and audit stages.

The Anti-Emile - H. S. Gerdil 2011

The idea of translating Gerdil into English is brilliant, the translation is very good and the introduction of William Frank precise and inspiring. ... Rousseau proposes a complete break with tradition. A new man will arise who is severed from the whole heritage of the past. With him the history of mankind begins anew. In one sense we have here a transposition in the field of philosophy of education of the Cartesian cogito. The subject begins with himself. To this philosophical (and political) project Gerdil opposes the idea of tradition. We have not made ourselves. Our parents have procreated us. The parents do not only procreate their offspring, they also introduce them into the natural and social reality, that is they educate. No education is possible without a lively dialogue with history and society. Since the beginning man stands in a close relationship to others, is made for the human society. ... In these our times one form of modernity (that based largely on Rousseau) is collapsing and the mood of the day is an unclear postmodernity that in some of its versions could well be a return to barbarianism. All the more important is then that another form of modernity be rediscovered and brought to the attention of the American public. - Rocco Buttiglione, University of St. Pius V,

Rome A timely translation of a compelling 18th century critique of Rousseau by the neglected Italian author, Hyacinth S. Gerdil (1718-1802). Gerdil's *Anti-Emile* may have been written as a critique of Rousseau's *Emile*, but it can equally be read as a critique of the philosophy embraced by the American educational establishment. Through the influence of John Dewey, Rousseau came to inform much of the educational theory regnant in the United States, with disastrous consequences, now acknowledged by nearly all. In a valuable preface to his translation, Professor Frank, drawing upon his experience both here and abroad, not only places *Emile* in context, but defends Gerdil's time-transcending, classical view of education against its modern detractors. "Gerdil," Frank tells us, "addressed his *Anti-Emile* to elders responsible for education, be they parents, teachers, or political authorities, who might find themselves swayed by the powerful rhetoric of Rousseau's *Emile*." The same may be said of this translation and its informative prefatory material, for it is clearly a study that will be valued by anyone interested in principled education. - Jude P. Dougherty, Catholic University of America Cover image: "Adam and Eve" by Tintoretto. St. Augustine's Press acknowledges the kind permission granted by la Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Venice, for the use of the image. All rights reserved by la Scuola Grande di San Rocco.

Sustainability of Public Debt - Reinhard Neck 2008

This collection is an analysis of the theoretical foundations of public debt sustainability concepts and their application to the empirical study of actual budgetary policies. The contributors to this volume consider whether the development of public debt in the United States and six EU countries is sustainable.

The New Diplomacy - Abba Solomon Eban 1983

The eminent statesman analyzes the patterns of post-World War II diplomacy, particularly Soviet-American relations, noting how political alignments and technological developments such as telecommunications and nuclear weapons, have altered the rules

Values in Global Administrative Law - Gordon Anthony 2011-02-14

Global Administrative Law has recently emerged as one of the most important contemporary fields in public law scholarship. Concerned with developing fuller understandings of patterns in global governance, it represents one of the most insightful ways of viewing the multifarious forms of public power that now exist beyond the State. The present collection brings together some of the leading scholars working in the field of global administrative law to address past and future challenges related to global governance. Each of the contributions picks up on the more general theme of the values that do or should inform global administrative law, and the book in this way provides a novel and thought-provoking commentary on this most engaging area of debate. *Values in Global Administrative Law* will be of interest to public lawyers, social and political scientists and scholars of international relations. It will also be an invaluable resource for undergraduate and postgraduate courses that touch partly or exclusively on the challenges of global governance.

Economic Valuation of Wetlands - Edward Barbier 1997

Concrete Mushrooms - Elian Stefa 2012

During Albania's period under the rule of the Marxist-Leninist Enver Hoxha between 1945 and 1985, some 750,000 bunkers were constructed all over the Albanian landscape. All are rounded and mushroom-like in design, and remain as a legacy of Hoxha's fear-based isolationist policies. The book contains descriptions and photographs of variously located bunkers, as well as information relating to their potential for use today.

Terrorism, Crime, and Public Policy - Brian Forst 2008-10-20

Terrorism, Crime, and Public Policy describes the problem of terrorism; compares it to other forms of aggression, particularly crime and war; and discusses policy options for dealing with the terrorism. It focuses on the causes of terrorism with the aim of understanding its roots and providing insights toward policies that will serve to prevent it. The book serves as a single-source reference on terrorism and as a platform for more in-depth study, with a set of discussion questions at the end of each chapter. Individual chapters focus on the nature of terrorism, theories of aggression and terrorism, the history of terrorism, the role of religion, non-religious extremism and terrorism, the role of technology, terrorism throughout the modern world, responses to terrorism, fear of terrorism, short-term approaches and long-term strategies for preventing terrorism, balancing security and rights to liberty and privacy, and pathways to a safer and saner 21st century.

Construction Planning And Management - P S Gahlot 2007

In A Single Volume, This Book Presents A Comprehensive Account Of

The Subject Matter For Construction Planning And Management. Each Chapter Is Preceded By Instructional Objectives In Order To Promote Well-Defined Study. References To Related Indian Standard Codes Of Practice Are Included. Numerous Questions And Solved Examples Along With Various Illustrations, Graphs And Tables Facilitate Clarity In Understanding The Subject An Immensely Useful Work For Students Of Civil Engineering In Polytechnics And Engineering Colleges.

[The Future of Leadership Development](#) - Susan E. Murphy 2003

First Published in 2003. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Nonprofit Fundraising Strategy - Janice Gow Pettey 2013-03-06

Practical tools and techniques to incorporate ethical standards and practices in nonprofit fundraising Nonprofit Fundraising Strategy is a helpful and inspiring resource for nonprofits large and small, young and mature, local and international. The insightful guidance and case studies found within these pages will help you understand how to address specific ethical issues within your nonprofit and leave plenty of food for thought and discussion. Adds new materials on new business practice codes, the Ethics Assessment Inventory, coverage of new ethics standards Now includes an ethics assessment tool on the Ethical Fundraising, Second Edition companion website Considers essential topics including: appearance of impropriety, rights of donors, tainted money, using donations as intended, choosing a leadership role, ethical decision-making, restoring public confidence in the nonprofit sector, and the ethics of grant making and grant seeking Written by luminaries in the field of ethics in fundraising Explores a topic that all professional fundraisers must engage with in order to build the trust and confidence of the giving public Offers an invaluable collection of essays based on the rich experience of philanthropic leaders Presents wise reflections on the central role of ethics in fundraising Featuring contributions from a host of well-known and respected senior-level fundraising professionals, several of whom are members of the AFP Ethics Committee, Nonprofit Fundraising Strategy features a wealth of practical tools to help fundraising practitioners, board members, and governing boards implement these essential concepts into their own organizations.

Mother Teresa, the Final Verdict - Aroup Chatterjee 2003

Does Mother Teresa Deserve Her Reputations As The Most Charitable Person Of All Time: This Book Reveals The Real Teresa.

[The Ghost Rider](#) - Ismail Kadare 2010-05-20

An old woman is awoken in the dead of night by knocks at her front door. The woman opens it to find her daughter, Doruntine, standing there alone in the darkness. She has been brought home from a distant land by a mysterious rider she claims is her brother Konstandin. But unbeknownst to her, Konstandin has been dead for years. What follows is chain of events which plunges a medieval village into fear and mistrust. Who is the ghost rider?

[Fighting Fakes - The Nordic Way](#) - Per Lundgren 2018-04-24

Word matters and is the foundation for dialogue and democracy and so is trust. Thus, the phenomenon "Fake News" understood as propaganda, lies, disinformation and fake factory stories are serious threats to our democracies. The Nordic Council of Ministers urges for finding ways to meet this challenge and is launching a booklet to create a debate on how to counter fakes and build trust in words and facts. The booklet is based upon results from a meeting in September 2017 of a high-level group of key experts on the topic and in particular from four experts contributing by focusing on media and information literacy, ethical standards and quality journalism to be among the best tools to counter fakes. This booklet will be launched at the UNESCO World Press Freedom Day 2018 in Accra asking for international feedback on its recommendations.

[Civil Engineering Applications of Ground Penetrating Radar](#) - Andrea Benedetto 2015-04-07

This book, based on Transport and Urban Development COST Action TU1208, presents the most advanced applications of ground penetrating radar (GPR) in a civil engineering context, with documentation of instrumentation, methods and results. It explains clearly how GPR can be employed for the surveying of critical transport infrastructure, such as roads, pavements, bridges and tunnels and for the sensing and mapping of underground utilities and voids. Detailed attention is also devoted to use of GPR in the inspection of geological structures and of construction materials and structures, including reinforced concrete, steel reinforcing bars and pre/post-tensioned stressing ducts. Advanced methods for solution of electromagnetic scattering problems and new data processing techniques are also presented. Readers will come to appreciate that GPR is a safe, advanced, non destructive and noninvasive imaging technique that can be effectively used for the inspection of composite structures

and the performance of diagnostics relevant to the entire life cycle of civil engineering works.

Teaching and the Case Method - Carl Roland Christensen 1987

Teaching and the Case Method delves into the special role of teacher and students in the case method learning process. Schools that want to use the case method more effectively can use this book to teach groups of faculty how to apply case method techniques. For the first time, too, a book about case method teaching attempts to show how the method can be applied in a liberal arts setting. A liberal arts module in the book presents an innovative program for instructors who want to experiment with discussion teaching in traditional arts and science areas. The book focuses on a wide range of knotty problems faced by most instructors, experienced or new, creating an opportunity for them to learn from each other. It's main purpose is to provide a rich opportunity for both professional school and liberal arts instructors to develop their own discussion leadership skills, and to further the process of learning for both themselves and their students. [Publishers website]

[Journalism and Democracy](#) - Brian McNair 2012-10-12

The public sphere is said to be in crisis. Dumbing down, tabloidisation, infotainment and spin are alleged to contaminate it, adversely affecting the quality of political journalism and of democracy itself. There is a pervasive pessimism about the relationship between the media and democracy, and widespread concern for the future of the political process. Journalism and Democracy challenges this orthodoxy, arguing instead for an alternative, more optimistic evaluation of the contemporary public sphere and its contribution to the political process. Brian McNair argues not only that the quantity of political information in mass circulation has expanded hugely in the late twentieth century, but that political journalism has become steadily more rigorous and effective in its criticism of elites, more accessible to the public, and more thorough in its coverage of the political process. Journalism and Democracy combines textual analysis and extensive in-depth interviews with political journalists, editors, presenters and documentary makers. In separate chapters devoted to the political news agenda, the political interview, punditry, public access media and spin doctoring, McNair considers whether dumbing down is a genuinely new trend in political journalism, or a kind of moral panic, provoked by suspicion of mass involvement in culture.

Catholicism, Culture, Conversion - Ines Angjeli Murzaku 2006

[Your Brain's Politics](#) - George Lakoff 2016-11-08

At first glance, issues like economic inequality, healthcare, climate change, and abortion seem unrelated. However, when thinking and talking about them, people reliably fall into two camps: conservative and liberal. What explains this divide? Why do conservatives and liberals hold the positions they do? And what is the conceptual nature of those who decide elections, commonly called the "political middle"? The answers are profound. They have to do with how our minds and brains work. Political attitudes are the product of what cognitive scientists call Embodied Cognition — the grounding of abstract thought in everyday world experience. Clashing beliefs about how to run nations largely arise from conflicting beliefs about family life: conservatives endorse a strict father and liberals a nurturant parent model. So-called "middle" voters are not in the middle at all. They are morally biconceptual, divided between both models, and as a result highly susceptible to moral political persuasion. In this brief introduction, Lakoff and Wehling reveal how cognitive science research has advanced our understanding of political thought and language, forcing us to revise common folk theories about the rational voter.

Investing against evidence - Marope, P.T.M. 2015-08-17

Journalism, fake news & disinformation - Ireton, Cherilyn 2018-09-17

Vision for the World - Arthur S M Lim 1996-06-01

The problem of mass blindness today stems largely from cataract which accounts for a total of 40 million cataract victims in the world — and it will worsen with the ageing population. Fortunately, this problem can be resolved with cost effective extracapsular cataract extraction (ECCE) and posterior chamber implantation (PCI). This book highlights how the use of ECCE and PCI can restore normal vision to cataract victims around the world. A successful approach is to establish training centres. The success of the International Intraocular Implant Training Centre (IIITC) in the Peoples' Republic of China is cited to show that implant surgery for cataracts can be successfully performed in communities in developing nations in Asia with appropriate training and supervision. The centre has

since yielded excellent results with cost effective ECCE and PCI. The book challenges eye surgeons around the world to unite to address a global need to contain world cataract blindness.

Contents: Introduction Impact of Technology on Mass Blindness in Asia Increasing Importance of Eye Surgeons in Mass Cataract Blindness — A Megatrend Tianjin Centre — Training of Surgeons Quality Assurance in Cataract Surgery Towards Perfect Outcome Low Cost Implant Techniques Quality Cataract Surgery in Asia in the Year 2000 Interview with Professor Arthur Lim On Mass Cataract Blindness Readership: Ophthalmologists, hospital administrators, health economists, epidemiologists, medical institutions and general medical practitioners. keywords: Blindness; Cataract; Extracapsular Cataract Extraction; Posterior Chamber Implantation; Vision; Training; Quality Assurance

The Private Journals of Edvard Munch - Edvard Munch 2005-07-13
Scandinavia's most famous painter, the Norwegian Edvard Munch (1863-1944), is probably best known for his painting *The Scream*, a universally recognized icon of terror and despair. (A version was stolen from the Munch Museum in Oslo, Norway, in August 2004, and has not yet been recovered.) But Munch considered himself a writer as well as a painter. Munch began painting as a teenager and, in his young adulthood, studied and worked in Paris and Berlin, where he evolved a highly personal style in paintings and works on paper. And in diaries that he kept for decades, he also experimented with reminiscence, fiction, prose portraits, philosophical speculations, and surrealism. Known as an artist who captured both the ecstasies and the hellish depths of the human condition, Munch conveys these emotions in his diaries but also reveals other facets of his personality in remarks and stories that are alternately droll, compassionate, romantic, and cerebral. This English translation of Edvard Munch's private diaries, the most extensive edition to appear in any language, captures the eloquent lyricism of the original Norwegian text. The journal entries in this volume span the period from the 1880s, when Munch was in his twenties, until the 1930s, reflecting the changes in his life and his work. The book is illustrated with fifteen of Munch's drawings, many of them rarely seen before. While these diaries have been excerpted before, no translation has captured the real passion and poetry of Munch's voice. This is a translation that lets Munch speak for himself and evokes the primal passion of his diaries. J. Gill Holland's exceptional work adds a whole new level to our understanding of the artist and the depth of his scream.

Mindful Journalism and News Ethics in the Digital Era - Shelton A. Gunaratne 2015-02-11

This book aims to be the first comprehensive exposition of "mindful journalism"—drawn from core Buddhist ethical principles—as a fresh approach to journalism ethics. It suggests that Buddhist mindfulness strategies can be applied purposively in journalism to add clarity, fairness and equity to news decision-making and to offer a moral compass to journalists facing ethical dilemmas in their work. It comes at a time when ethical values in the news media are in crisis from a range of technological, commercial and social factors, and when both Buddhism and mindfulness have gained considerable acceptance in Western societies. Further, it aims to set out foundational principles to assist journalists dealing with vulnerable sources and recovering from traumatic assignments.

The European Union - Kristin Archick 2018-12-04

The European Union (EU) is a unique partnership in which member states have pooled sovereignty in certain policy areas and harmonized laws on a wide range of economic and political issues. The EU is the latest stage in a process of European integration begun after World War II, initially by six Western European countries, to promote peace,

security, and economic development. The EU currently consists of 28 member states, including most of the formerly communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The EU is largely viewed as a cornerstone of European stability and prosperity. For much of the last decade, however, many EU countries have faced considerable economic difficulties. Despite an improved economic situation in the EU since 2017, economic pressures and societal changes have contributed to the rise of populist and antiestablishment political parties, at least some of which harbor anti-EU or "euroskeptic" sentiments. Such trends have complicated the EU's ability to deal with multiple internal and external challenges. Among the most prominent challenges are the pending departure of the United Kingdom (UK) from the EU ("Brexit"); democracy and rule-of-law concerns in Poland, Hungary, and other EU members; migration and related societal integration concerns; a resurgent Russia; and a heightened terrorism threat. Amid these difficult issues, some are questioning the future shape and character of the EU are being. Supporters of the EU worry that some aspects of EU integration could be stopped or reversed. Others contend that the multiple crises could produce some beneficial reforms that ultimately would transform the EU into a more effective, cohesive entity. Recently, considerable attention has focused on developing a "multispeed EU," in which some EU members could pursue greater integration in specified areas and others could opt out. Successive U.S. Administrations and many Members of Congress long have supported the European integration project, viewing it as crucial to European peace and security and as a way to foster strong U.S. allies and trading partners. Despite some tensions over the years, the United States and the EU share a dynamic political partnership on various foreign policy issues and an extensive trade and investment relationship. How the EU evolves in the years ahead may have strategic and economic repercussions for the United States. At the same time, some EU leaders are concerned about President Trump's apparent skepticism of the EU and his reported assessment of the bloc as an economic competitor. Those of this view also worry that elements of the Trump Administration's "America First" foreign policy—such as the U.S. decision to withdraw from the 2015 multilateral nuclear deal with Iran—pit the United States against the EU. A number of European officials and analysts question whether traditional U.S. support for close U.S.-EU relations may be shifting and whether the United States will remain a reliable international partner. Some observers suggest that managing relations with the United States under the Trump Administration has emerged as another, somewhat unexpected, challenge for the EU. At the same time, many in the EU hope to preserve close U.S.-EU ties and EU policymakers continue to seek to cooperate with the Trump Administration where possible on issues of common interest and concern. This report provides a brief history of the EU and the major challenges confronting the bloc. It also discusses the potential implications for the EU and for U.S.-EU relations.

Regression and Time Series Model Selection - Allan D. R. McQuarrie 1998

This important book describes procedures for selecting a model from a large set of competing statistical models. It includes model selection techniques for univariate and multivariate regression models, univariate and multivariate autoregressive models, nonparametric (including wavelets) and semiparametric regression models, and quasi-likelihood and robust regression models. Information-based model selection criteria are discussed, and small sample and asymptotic properties are presented. The book also provides examples and large scale simulation studies comparing the performances of information-based model selection criteria, bootstrapping, and cross-validation selection methods over a wide range of models.