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Advances in Global Leadership - Joyce S. Osland 2019-11-18

Advances in Global Leadership, Volume 12 updates researchers and practitioners on the state of the field and ongoing research gaps. Part I presents new empirical studies; Part II features pioneering scholars and trainers in the Practitioner's Corner. Contributors range from well-known voices to newly minted scholars with fresh perspectives.

Workforce Management - 2008

Global Mergers and Acquisitions - Abdol S. Soofi 2018-03-19

This book primarily deals with corporate restructuring through mergers and acquisitions (M&As). It critically examines all functions that must be performed in completing an M&A transaction. Domestic and crossborder M&A's are very similar in many respects even though differences between them also exist. The book includes discussions of international finance and multinational financial management—the topics that arise in cross-border M&A transactions. Given the increasing importance of China as the second largest economy in the world and Chinese companies' growing merger and acquisition (M&A) activities globally, we devote the last two chapters of the book to China's outward foreign direct investment and cross-border M&A activities. Moreover, the second volume includes the case studies regarding Chinese foreign direct investment both in Greenfield and acquisition forms give additional insights into challenging tasks of due diligence and post-merger cultural integration that foreign investors face. The M&A literature is a fragmented field of inquiry. This book brings together important, practical insights from this vast literature in a short, but cohesive form that has high managerial relevance.

Contemporary Issues in Finance - Simon Grima 2016-11-09

Including studies on different topical issues in finance by the participants of the 8th international scientific conference "New Challenges of Economic and Business Development - 2016" this new work contains research from various European countries, specifically Germany, Italy, Latvia, Malta, and Poland.

Advances in Mergers and Acquisitions - Cary L. Cooper 2012-01-02

Focuses on the studies of the advances in mergers and acquisitions from scholars in different countries, with different research questions, relying on different theoretical perspectives. This title helps scholars think about mergers and acquisitions in different ways.

Private Equity Unchained - T. Meyer 2014-09-10

There are significant returns to be made from private equity, infrastructure, real estate and other illiquid investments, but a competitive strategy is essential for investment success and for meeting objectives. This book takes readers through all the considerations of planning and implementing an investment strategy in illiquid investments.

Commercial due diligence - Ralph Niederdrenk 2012

Im Unterschied zu anderen Formen der Due Diligence prüft allein die Commercial Due Diligence umfassend die Zukunftsaussichten einer Zielgesellschaft. Nur sie prüft die strategische Logik von Transaktionen und damit auch den Wandel des externen Unternehmensumfeldes sowie den Einfluss auf Geschäftsmodell und Unternehmensplanung. Ralph Niederdrenk und Matthias Müller stellen die Inhalte und Methoden der Commercial Due Diligence unter Praxisaspekten dar. Dabei wird insbesondere die vom Markt geforderte Quantifizierung strategischer Analysen in den Mittelpunkt gestellt. Nach einer

Einordnung der Commercial Due Dilligence in den Transaktionskontext erfolgt eine ausführliche Diskussion der Analyseinhalte. Die Darstellung der technischen Aspekte bei der Durchführung der Prüfung und von immer wieder auftretenden Spezialproblemen runden das Buch ab.

How to Make Partner and Still Have a Life - Heather Townsend 2019-12-03

Becoming a partner in a professional services firm is for many ambitious fee-earners the ultimate goal. But in this challenging industry, with long hours, high pressure and even higher expectations, how do you stand out from the crowd? How do you build the most effective relationships? And how do you find the time to do all of this and still have a fulfilling personal life? Now in its third edition, *How to Make Partner and Still Have a Life* equips individuals at the start of their career through to partner with the skills needed to reach and succeed at the leadership level. *How to Make Partner and Still Have a Life* details the expectations and realities of being a partner and outlines how you can continue to achieve once you have obtained the much-coveted role. This edition is updated with guidance on developing the right mindset for success and the importance of mentoring and sponsorship. There is a specific focus on women and BAME professionals and the challenges faced by individuals coming from non-traditional or under-represented backgrounds. Heather Townsend and Jo Larbie provide a guide to help you tackle common obstacles and work smarter - not harder - to reach the top. Start your journey to partnership and still have the time for a life outside of work.

Border Management Modernization - Gerard McLinden 2010-11-30

Border clearance processes by customs and other agencies are among the most important and problematic links in the global supply chain. Delays and costs at the border undermine a country's competitiveness, either by taxing imported inputs with deadweight inefficiencies or by adding costs and reducing the competitiveness of exports. This book provides a practical guide to assist policy makers, administrators, and border management professionals with information and advice on how to improve border management systems, procedures, and institutions.

Venture Deals - Jason Mendelson 2011-07-05

An engaging guide to excelling in today's venture capital arena Beginning in 2005, Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson, managing directors at Foundry Group, wrote a long series of blog posts describing all the parts of a typical venture capital Term Sheet: a document which outlines key financial and other terms of a proposed investment. Since this time, they've seen the series used as the basis for a number of college courses, and have been thanked by thousands of people who have used the information to gain a better understanding of the venture capital field. Drawn from the past work Feld and Mendelson have written about in their blog and augmented with newer material, *Venture Capital Financings* puts this discipline in perspective and lays out the strategies that allow entrepreneurs to excel in their start-up companies. Page by page, this book discusses all facets of the venture capital fundraising process. Along the way, Feld and Mendelson touch on everything from how valuations are set to what externalities venture capitalists face that factor into entrepreneurs' businesses. Includes a breakdown analysis of the mechanics of a Term Sheet and the tactics needed to negotiate Details the different stages of the venture capital process, from starting a venture and seeing it through to the later stages Explores the entire venture capital ecosystem including those who invest in venture capitalist Contain standard documents that are used in these transactions Written by two highly regarded experts in the world of venture capital The venture capital arena is a

complex and competitive place, but with this book as your guide, you'll discover what it takes to make your way through it.

She Didn't Have a Choice - Harshul Srivastava 2018-03-13

Audreys close relationship with Lindsay causes her to take matters into her own hands and to look for Lindsay after she goes missing. Little did she know that she would need to enlist the help of a popular biker gang that goes against everything she stands for and believes in. But did Lindsay go missing on purpose, or was she kidnapped? Most importantly, will she be found? As she tries to unravel the numerous clues leading to Lindsay's disappearance, Audreys romantic senses are wide awake, and she finds herself caught up in some romantic chemistry with a biker gang leader. Will she explore this inexplicable chemistry? And when faced with a legal yet romance-based conundrum, will she go by the books or succumb to the game theory that could ultimately lead to her demise and that of her loved ones? This love and passion is belligerent, but will it work out for Audrey? She has a choice to make, and what will that choice be?

Success of Mergers and Acquisitions in the Insurance Industry: What Can We Learn From Previous Empirical Research? - Sven Bach 2014-08-20

Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Banking, Stock Exchanges, Insurance, Accounting, grade: 1,3, University of Cologne (Seminar für Allg. BWL, Risikomanagement und Versicherungslehre), language: English, abstract: Since the 20th century, the insurance industry has experienced an unprecedented wave of M&A. However, in spite of the drastic increase in insurance M&A activity, there has been little consistent empirical evidence on the value enhancement of these deals. Hence, many open questions still exist in this research area. The most fundamental questions are whether insurance M&A actually create value and what determinants influence the success of these undertakings. This thesis attempts to find answers to these questions by first examining the status quo of academic literature published in this field of research and bringing together the empirical findings on the success of insurance M&A and its influencing factors. Overall, the literature review outlines that insurance M&A on average tend to create value for shareholders of the target firms as well as for the combined entity of acquirer and target. Moreover, shareholders of acquiring US insurance firms, on average, also benefit from these corporate undertakings. However, negative short-term as well as long-term wealth effects for acquiring insurers' shareholders are the common finding in capital market studies analyzing the effects of M&A transactions in the European insurance industry. Secondly, the reliability and validity of the findings of previous research are tested in an own empirical analysis which uses a fairly new approach to evaluating the success of M&A by using the idea of stochastic dominance (SD). More precisely, using a sample of 102 transactions conducted by publicly traded Western European insurance firms between the years 1993 and 2009, this work analyzes whether investors in acquiring insurance firms benefit from M&A by comparing return distributions of acquiring firm portfolios with benchmark portfolios using the first two orders of SD. The results show that insurance M&A trigger a negative short-term capital market reaction for acquiring European insurance firms. However, this short-term underperformance diminishes over time, and over a longer period of time of up to three years after M&A announcement, there is no underperformance of acquiring European insurers. In conclusion, based on the accumulated evidence from past empirical studies as well as the empirical investigation of this thesis, it can be concluded that M&A, not only in the US insurance market but also in the European insurance market, seem to be a viable model and are likely to lead to success for all parties involved.

Influencing Up - Allan R. Cohen 2012-05-22

The authors of the classic *Influence Without Authority* explain the unique challenges of influencing powerful people. Learn to overcome your difficulties with a boss who is uninterested in your concerns, or resistant to giving needed support. Or discover how to win the cooperation of senior managers who are hard to reach, and hard to sell on your ideas, products, or services. In their classic book, *Influence Without Authority*, Allan Cohen and David Bradford provided a universal model of how to influence someone you don't control. *Influencing Up* applies those ideas to problematic bosses and other powerful people, with sophisticated tactics for building partnerships with them. If you're afraid of retaliation or just unclear as to how to change a senior person's behavior, don't stay paralyzed. *Influencing Up* gives you the tools to bridge the power gap. Offers practical advice about how to turn your relationship with your boss into a partnership in which both

parties benefit. Explains what powerful people care about. Shows how to overcome power gaps by developing more partner-like relationships. Learn what a great partnership with your boss can do for your career—and your mental health!

Killer Consulting Resumes - WetFeet 2008

Developing Sustainable Supply Chains to Drive Value - Robert P. Sroufe 2013-10-07

As we enter the 21st Century, we find ourselves faced by two major developments. The first is emergence of the supply chain as a critical strategic and tactical weapon. As has been pointed out by many researchers, with the emergence of the supply chain, the unit of competition has shifted from the firm to the supply chain. However, with the advent of the supply chain, it is important to recognize that we have to view strategic objectives within a context that stresses not simply the internal operations of the firm but also the elements of the supply chain - elements that include the supplier base, customers, logistics linkages, and relationships, both visible and virtual. We are now coming to realize that the supply chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The second development is that of sustainability. This is more than simply being environmentally responsible. Rather, it is overall sustainability as measured in terms of the firm's ability to reduce waste, improve profitability, generating strategic competitive advantages, and ensure that it treats its employees well. Sustainability is increasingly becoming at a minimum an expectation and a requirement for doing business (i.e., an order qualifier) and under many conditions something that differentiates firms and makes them more attractive to potential critical consumers (i.e., an order winner). These two developments, while often treated as separate entities, are interrelated. It is this interrelationship that forms the major focus and thrust of this book. This book presents the reader with an integrated, business oriented treatment of sustainable supply chain management that explores why it is no longer enough for a firm to focus on sustainability within the four walls of the firm. Rather, in today's environment, sustainability must involve the supply chain in a deliberate and integrated fashion. To succeed with sustainability, a firm must ensure that this outcome is not only present within the firm but is also present within the supply chain. As the book will show, the market and consumers will punish those firms that promise sustainability but are not able to deliver on this promise because of problems in the supply chain.

Intelligent M&A - Scott Moeller 2011-01-19

Most mergers and acquisitions fail to deliver their expected outcomes, yet they remain essential for growing world-class companies. It follows that those handling M&As must draw on all the tools at their disposal to improve their chances of success. Applying the techniques of business intelligence can help managers to beat the odds. Intelligent M&A looks at the full process of a merger or acquisition from start to finish, and identifies areas where business intelligence can improve the odds of a favourable outcome. Using techniques developed by governmental intelligence services and a wide range of case studies, quotations and anecdotes, the expert authors show how to build success into every phase of the deal.

Cultural Clash and Cultural Due Diligence at DaimlerChrysler - Dirk Hollank 2009-01-13

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,0, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (Wirtschaft / AIM), course: AIM Aussenwirtschaft und Internationales Management Seminar 7. Semester HAW Hamburg, language: English, abstract: The following paper deals with the topic "Cultural Due Diligence and Cultural Clash" using the example of Daimler and Chrysler's merger in 1998. The paper is therefore dealing with the corporate culture in a company and the importance of its consideration. It will define corporate culture and illustrate different views of measuring it and looking at it. Further a closer look on Daimler's and Chrysler's corporate culture will be given and the challenge of merging these two cultures will be clarified. This paper is going to accentuate the need for a Cultural Due Diligence and familiarize the whole process of it. It will therefore prove that the analyses of a company's cooperate culture with the Cultural Due Diligence is majorly important in order to successfully merge two companies. In detail the term paper therefore indicate tools that are being used to get to know the culture of a company and introduce theoretical as well as practical approaches. Whenever it is possible a connection to DaimlerChrysler and their Cultural Due Diligence is given. An analyze why DaimlerChrysler's merger failed to realize the synergies will be given in the last chapter and are being underlined with statements of personalities that have been involved in the

merger process or that were engaged in the fusion.

The Future of Finance - Henri Arslanian 2019-07-15

This book, written jointly by an engineer and artificial intelligence expert along with a lawyer and banker, is a glimpse on what the future of the financial services will look like and the impact it will have on society.

The first half of the book provides a detailed yet easy to understand educational and technical overview of FinTech, artificial intelligence and cryptocurrencies including the existing industry pain points and the new technological enablers. The second half provides a practical, concise and engaging overview of their latest trends and their impact on the future of the financial services industry including numerous use cases and practical examples. The book is a must read for any professional currently working in finance, any student studying the topic or anyone curious on how the future of finance will look like.

Edge Strategy - Alan Lewis 2015-12-29

Are you missing opportunities for growth that are right in front of you? In today's volatile economic environment, filled with uncertainty and sudden change, the forces pushing you to stay focused on the core business are extremely powerful. Profiting from the core is crucial, but the danger is that overfocus on the core can blind companies. Scanning the horizon for new markets and new products can also be tempting, but risky. Fixating too much on either strategy can cause you to miss the substantial opportunities for growth that are often hidden in plain sight, at the edge of the core business. In this insightful yet practical book, strategy experts Alan Lewis and Dan McKone articulate a mindset that helps leaders recognize and capitalize on these opportunities. The Edge Strategy framework challenges how the boundaries of your existing products and services map to your customers' views of the world and then provides three different lenses through which you can see and leverage value:

- Product edge. How to capture incremental profits and other benefits by slightly altering the elements and composition of a core offering
- Journey edge. How to create and capture extra value by adjusting your role in supporting the customer's journey to and through your offering
- Enterprise edge. How to unlock additional value from resources and capabilities that support your core offering by applying them in a different context, for a different offering or different set of customers

With engaging examples across many industries, Lewis and McKone coach you on how to identify and assess each of the different "edges" and then provide concrete insights and advice on applying edge strategy and tactics to use in specific business contexts. The book concludes with a ten-step process to help executives and managers find and leverage the edges in their own companies. Edge Strategy is the concise, hands-on guide for growing your business by getting more yield from assets already in place, relationships already established, and investments already made.

Retail Banking - A. Omarini 2016-01-12

The world of retail banking is changing. While previously a purely money-making entity, the industry has brought social responsibility onto its agenda, and the ground rules for success have altered. Traditional convictions, rules and values that have influenced all banking business in the past are brought into question by this shift, and banks are adopting bold strategies in order to win out over competitors. Taking both multidisciplinary and holistic approaches, Retail Banking is a comprehensive analysis of how traditional retail banks can meet the challenges of the emerging competitive landscape. It outlines the importance of considering the traditional fundamentals of banking and fitting them into the modern times, where technology is pervasive and developments in the macro and micro scenarios have changed the landscape of the industry. It highlights that modern retail banking is a conscious step away from the past, and suggests that for banks to succeed in this field, they must step away from ad-hoc initiatives and instead encourage loyalty and a life-long confidence in each of their customers. This book will be of interest to those with an interest in retail banking, bank management, business models and strategies and financial services.

Technology Due Diligence: Best Practices for Chief Information Officers, Venture Capitalists, and Technology Vendors - Andriole, Stephen J. 2008-08-31

Due diligence conducted around technology decisions is complex. Done correctly, it has the power to enable outstanding positive outcomes; done poorly, it can wreak havoc on organizations, corporate cultures, and markets. Technology Due Diligence: Best Practices for Chief Information Officers, Venture Capitalists, and Technology Vendors develops a due diligence framework for anyone resolving technology decisions intended to help their business achieve positive results. This essential book contains actual case

studies that incorporate the due diligence methodology to assist chief information officers, venture capitalists, and technology vendors who wrestle with technology acquisitions challenges on a daily basis.

Computerworld - 2004-08-02

For more than 40 years, Computerworld has been the leading source of technology news and information for IT influencers worldwide. Computerworld's award-winning Web site (Computerworld.com), twice-monthly publication, focused conference series and custom research form the hub of the world's largest global IT media network.

Designing and Controlling the Outsourced Supply Chain - Andy a. Tsay 2014-06-30

All organizations outsource. They differ only in the scope and extent of what they procure as goods and services from outside entities. These choices drive an organization's financial performance and long-term competitive viability, and establish the tenor of day-to-day operations. Outsourcing can solve many problems, but is also fraught with hidden costs and risks. This monograph examines outsourcing from a lifecycle perspective. This means tracing the full arc from the germination of the idea to outsource, to the assessment of options, to the installation of control mechanisms, to grappling with conflicts that inevitably arise over time, all the way to the sunset of the chosen strategy. The analysis is highly attentive to the details of operational execution, especially regarding how human resources participate in these decision processes and are impacted by the choices made.

Insurance Bulletin - 1919

Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick - Chris Bradley 2018-01-10

Beat the odds with a bold strategy from McKinsey & Company "Every once in a while, a genuinely fresh approach to business strategy appears" – legendary business professor Richard Rumelt, UCLA McKinsey & Company's newest, most definitive, and most irreverent book on strategy—which thousands of executives are already using—is a must-read for all C-suite executives looking to create winning corporate strategies. Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick is spearheading an empirical revolution in the field of strategy. Based on an extensive analysis of the key factors that drove the long-term performance of thousands of global companies, the book offers a ground-breaking formula that enables you to objectively assess your strategy's real odds of future success. "This book is fundamental. The principles laid out here, with compelling data, are a great way around the social pitfalls in strategy development." — Frans Van Houten, CEO, Royal Philips N.V. The authors have discovered that over a 10-year period, just 1 in 12 companies manage to jump from the middle tier of corporate performance—where 60% of companies reside, making very little economic profit—to the top quintile where 90% of global economic profit is made. This movement does not happen by magic—it depends on your company's current position, the trends it faces, and the big moves you make to give it the strongest chance of vaulting over the competition. This is not another strategy framework. Rather, Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick shows, through empirical analysis and the experiences of dozens of companies that have successfully made multiple big moves, that to dramatically improve performance, you have to overcome incrementalism and corporate inertia. "A different kind of book—I couldn't put it down. Inspiring new insights on the facts of what it takes to move a company's performance, combined with practical advice on how to deal with real-life dynamics in management teams." —Jane Fraser, CEO, Citigroup Latin America

Forbes - 2001

Managing the Supply Chain - David Simchi-Levi 2003-11-22

In today's environment of tight budgets and even tighter turnarounds, effective supply-chain management has become a core business requirement. Managing the Supply Chain adapts the number one supply-chain book on the college market to examine how professionals can consistently turn supply-chain strategy into a competitive advantage. This results-based book examines the experiences of today's most accomplished companies to demonstrate supply-chain innovation at work in the marketplace.

Global Innovation Index 2020 - Cornell University 2020-08-13

The Global Innovation Index 2020 provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 131 countries and economies around the world. Its 80 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including

political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication. The 2020 edition sheds light on the state of innovation financing by investigating the evolution of financing mechanisms for entrepreneurs and other innovators, and by pointing to progress and remaining challenges - including in the context of the economic slowdown induced by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis.

Digital Business Transformation - Nigel Vaz 2021-01-05

Fuel your business' transition into the digital age with this insightful and comprehensive resource *Digital Business Transformation: How Established Companies Sustain Competitive Advantage* offers readers a framework for digital business transformation. Written by Nigel Vaz, the acclaimed CEO of Publicis Sapient, a global digital business transformation company, *Digital Business Transformation* delivers practical advice and approachable strategies to help businesses realize their digital potential. *Digital Business Transformation* provides readers with examples of the challenges faced by global organizations and the strategies they used to overcome them. The book also includes discussions of: How to decide whether to defend, differentiate, or disrupt your organization to meet digital challenges How to deconstruct decision-making throughout all levels of your organization How to combine strategy, product, experience, engineering, and data to produce digital results Perfect for anyone in a leadership position in a modern organization, particularly those who find themselves responsible for transformation-related decisions, *Digital Business Transformation* delivers a message that begs to be heard by everyone who hopes to help their organization meet the challenges of a changing world.

Managing Acquisitions - Philippe C. Haspeslagh 1991

Based on eight years of research at 20 companies involved in 30 mergers or acquisitions in the United States, Europe and Asia, this book argues that too much attention is paid to takeover strategies and not enough to developing resources after they have been acquired. This book aims to redress this balance by devoting as much space to the issues that arise after an acquisition or takeover as to the measures needed to pull off the initial business coup.

Logistics Transportation Systems - MD Sarder 2020-10-17

Logistics Transportation Systems compiles multiple topics on transportation logistics systems from both qualitative and quantitative perspectives, providing detailed examples of real-world logistics workflows. It explores the key concepts and problem-solving techniques required by researchers and logistics professionals to effectively manage the continued expansion of logistics transportation systems, which is expected to reach an estimated 25 billion tons in the United States alone by 2045. This book provides an ample understanding of logistics transportation systems, including basic concepts, in-depth modeling analysis, and network analysis for researchers and practitioners. In addition, it covers policy issues related to transportation logistics, such as security, rules and regulations, and emerging issues including reshoring. This book is an ideal guide for academic researchers and both undergraduate and graduate students in transportation modeling, supply chains, planning, and systems. It is also useful to transportation practitioners involved in planning, feasibility studies, consultation and policy for transportation systems, logistics, and infrastructure. Provides real-world examples of logistics systems solutions for multiple transportation modes, including seaports, rail, barge, road, pipelines, and airports Covers a wide range of business aspects, including customer service, cost, and decision analysis Features key-term definitions, concept overviews, discussions, and analytical problem-solving

[Future of Jobs](#) - IntroBooks Team

Times are changing and the labor markets are under immense burden from the collective effects of various megatrends. Technological growth and grander incorporation of economies along with global supply chains have been an advantage for several workers armed with high skills and in growing occupations. However, it is a challenge for workers with low or obsolete skills in diminishing zones of employment. Business models that are digitalized hire workers as self-employed instead of standard employees. People seem to be working and living longer, but they experience many job changes and the peril of skills desuetude. Inequalities in both quality of job and earnings have increased in several countries. The depth and pace of digital transformation will probably be shocking. Industrial robots have already stepped in and artificial intelligence is making its advance too. Globalization and technological change predict the great potential for additional developments in labor market performance. But people should be ready for change. A

progression of creative annihilation is probably under way, where some chores are either offshored or given to robots. A better world of for jobs cannot be warranted - a lot will be contingent on devising the right policies and institutes in place.

My Connie - Pradeep Berry 2017-06-09

Everything changed for Pradeep K. Berry on February 28, 2015. That was the day his wife of forty-one years, Constance A. "Connie" Berry, died. He's been mourning ever since, and he seeks to cope with his loss in this tribute to his beloved spouse. In *My Connie*, he celebrates their love—a love that would have never happened if he hadn't left India to go to the United States. He only had seven dollars at the time, and he could not have dreamed that he'd meet a beautiful, intelligent, American wife. The author's family embraced Connie as soon as they realized she was polite, smart, and self-made. In short order, she became the star of the family. Berry lovingly describes Connie's qualities, character, and ethics as well as her professional career. He observes that even though he's been in tremendous pain since she died, he would have never had such a long and happy marriage if he and Connie had not loved each other so much. Connie and Pradeep, both consider themselves as two bodies and one soul. Now, Pradeep is hoping that they will be again two bodies and one soul in the next life. Join the author as he shares lessons on enjoying a happy marriage and honors the woman who made his dreams come true. His only hope is to make some difference in other woman's lives and how their husband can make a difference in their lives.

Zero to One - Peter Thiel 2014-09-16

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world."—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta "Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and *Zero to One* shows how."—Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. *Zero to One* presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings - Patrick A. Gaughan 2017-11-27

The essential M&A primer, updated with the latest research and statistics *Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings* provides a comprehensive look at the field's growth and development, and places M&As in realistic context amidst changing trends, legislation, and global perspectives. All-inclusive coverage merges expert discussion with extensive graphs, research, and case studies to show how M&As can be used successfully, how each form works, and how they are governed by the laws of major countries. Strategies and motives are carefully analyzed alongside legalities each step of the way, and specific techniques are dissected to provide deep insight into real-world operations. This new seventh edition has been revised to improve clarity and approachability, and features the latest research and data to provide the most accurate assessment of the current M&A landscape. Ancillary materials include PowerPoint slides, a sample syllabus, and a test bank to facilitate training and streamline comprehension. As the global economy slows, merger and acquisition activity is expected to increase. This book provides an M&A primer for business executives and financial managers seeking a deeper understanding of how corporate restructuring can work for their companies. Understand the many forms of M&As, and the laws that govern them Learn the offensive and defensive techniques used during hostile acquisitions Delve into the strategies and motives that inspire M&As Access the latest data, research, and case studies on private equity, ethics, corporate governance, and more From large megadeals to various forms of downsizing, a full

range of restructuring practices are currently being used to revitalize and supercharge companies around the world. Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings is an essential resource for executives needing to quickly get up to date to plan their own company's next moves.

Why Deals Fail - Anna Faelten 2016-10-11

The combined value of all M&A deals from 1980 to the end of 2015 was almost \$65 trillion—bigger than the current annual world economy value outside the US. In that same period, almost 900,000 deals were announced. Many were questionable, as *Why Deals Fail* shows. With companies expected to continue to merge in record numbers, it is time to learn some critical lessons from those deals. In 2014 the government of the UK—one of the most open markets globally for M&A—commissioned Cass Business School's Mergers and Acquisitions Research Centre, headed by Scott Moeller, to investigate whether M&A has a negative or positive impact on the country's economy. Their findings: M&A deals do generate short-term benefits for the economy, especially because some large deals were spectacularly successful. However, over the longer term, the results are less clear-cut. Despite those highly successful tie-ups that drove the economic results to an overall positive average, the majority of UK mergers by number in the research period actually destroyed value. In summary, deals can be hugely beneficial for all involved when you get it right but they still, at large, struggle to live up to their initial hype—and potential. Done wrong, they can damage business and, by extension, the economy and result in hundreds if not thousands of employees being made redundant. Most of the mergers detailed in this book are lessons in what not to do; the authors get behind the corporate veil to show what went wrong when huge and otherwise highly successful global businesses such as the Royal Bank of Scotland, Microsoft, and HP embarked on M&A transactions. *Why Deals Fail* is aimed at business people who want to understand better how M&A can drive corporate fortunes. Whether you are a seasoned M&A professional, an employee in a company that is acquiring or being acquired, or a newly graduated business student doing analysis about a deal, this book will help you to make the right decisions when they are most crucial.

Actionable Gamification - Yu-kai Chou 2019-12-03

Learn all about implementing a good gamification design into your products, workplace, and lifestyle Key Features Explore what makes a game fun and engaging Gain insight into the Octalysis Framework and its applications Discover the potential of the Core Drives of gamification through real-world scenarios Book Description Effective gamification is a combination of game design, game dynamics, user experience, and ROI-driving business implementations. This book explores the interplay between these disciplines and captures the core principles that contribute to a good gamification design. The book starts with an overview of the Octalysis Framework and the 8 Core Drives that can be used to build strategies around the various systems that make games engaging. As the book progresses, each chapter delves deep into a Core Drive, explaining its design and how it should be used. Finally, to apply all the concepts and techniques that you learn throughout, the book contains a brief showcase of using the Octalysis Framework to design a project experience from scratch. After reading this book, you'll have the knowledge and skills to enable the widespread adoption of good gamification and human-focused design in all types of industries. What you

will learn Discover ways to use gamification techniques in real-world situations Design fun, engaging, and rewarding experiences with Octalysis Understand what gamification means and how to categorize it Leverage the power of different Core Drives in your applications Explore how Left Brain and Right Brain Core Drives differ in motivation and design methodologies Examine the fascinating intricacies of White Hat and Black Hat Core Drives Who this book is for Anyone who wants to implement gamification principles and techniques into their products, workplace, and lifestyle will find this book useful.

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Merger and Acquisition Integration: Exploring Uncertainty From the Perspective of the Middle Manager - Joseph Pazmany 2020-03-31

Most organizations are not managing M&A integration processes well. This poor management of M&A activity yields 40-80% failure rate with significant value being lost during the integration process of bringing two organizations together. This does not need to be the case since organizations can utilize a variety of tangible actions that can be taken to stem the loss of value and increase their capabilities during these times of major organizational change. The purpose of this qualitative study was to explore middle managers' perceptions about how organizations managed job-related, structural, and strategic uncertainty during a merger and acquisition (M&A) integration process. Furthermore, this research investigated what strategies middle managers perceived effective and ineffective for managing uncertainty and recommendations for managing uncertainty during future integrations. Overall, participants perceived strategic uncertainty was managed well, structural uncertainty was managed poorly, and job-related uncertainty was mixed. Effective strategies for managing job-related uncertainty focused on communication, whereas effective strategies for managing strategic and structural uncertainty included clear visions, defined roles and responsibilities, and opportunities to collaborate. Recommendations for managing all types of uncertainty were related to communicating, planning, interacting as a team, and valuing employees. Companies need to adequately manage information from the onset of the M&A until full integration is achieved to avoid adverse effects and reduce uncertainty. Communication through in-person roadshows, websites, and newsletters helped employees gain a better understanding of why the change was occurring, which reduced uncertainty. Organizations could better use middle managers during M&A processes to create structure, build trust, disseminate information, and reduce uncertainty, which could lead to a more successful integration process. The success of an M&A often pivots on the integration process. During an M&A, executives need to establish the direction for the integration process and prioritize intentional communication. A dedicated integration team should be appointed to develop a comprehensive integration plan, implement the plan, and monitor the integration process to ensure appropriate course corrections. Middle managers should be given additional training to best support the M&A integration process.

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