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Organization Theory - Ann L Cunliffe 2008-02-28

The SAGE Course Companion on Organization Theory is an accessible introduction to a challenging subject area. This book helps readers to extend their understanding of theories and make the connection between them and organizational practice. It will enhance their thinking skills in line with course requirements and provides support on how to revise for exams and prepare for and write assessed pieces. Readers are encouraged not only to think like a organizational theorist but also to think about the subject critically. Designed to compliment existing textbooks for the course, the companion provides: - Easy access to the key themes in Organizational Theory - Helpful summaries of the approaches taken by the main course textbooks - Sample questions and answers, with common themes that must always be addressed - Short vignettes and a case study that runs throughout the chapters - Guidance on the essential study skills required to pass the course - 'Taking It Further' sections that suggest how readers can extend their thinking beyond the 'received wisdom' The SAGE Course Companion in Organizational Theory is much more than a revision guide for undergraduates; it is an essential tool that will help readers take their course understanding to new levels and help them achieve success in their undergraduate course.

Organization Theory - Derek S. Pugh 2007-10-04

This book spans seventy years of theory from Max Weber's seminal writings on bureaucratic organization to the latest management thinking represented by Handy, Peters and Waterman. Covering three main areas of interest, those of the structure of organizations, management and decision making, as well as that of organizational behaviour, this thoroughly revised and updated edition contains a vast amount of new contributions. It is a widely acknowledged text in its field, and an essential handbook for all those it concerns. It has also been announced as a core text for Open University courses from January 2008.

Diagnosing Organizations - Michael I. Harrison 2005

"Professors of research methods across the social sciences will find Diagnosing Organizations, Third Edition an invaluable text for their courses."--Jacket.

Leadership: A Very Short Introduction - Keith Grint 2010-07-29

The subject of leadership raises many questions: What is it? How does it differ from management and command? Are leaders born or bred? Who are the leaders? Do we actually need leaders? Inevitably, the answers are provocative and partial; leadership is a hugely important topic of debate. There are constant calls for 'greater' or 'stronger' leadership, but what this actually means, how we can evaluate it, and why it's important are not very clear. In this Very Short Introduction Keith Grint prompts the reader to rethink their understanding of what leadership is. He examines the way leadership has evolved from its earliest manifestations in ancient societies, highlighting the beginnings of leadership writings through Plato, Sun Tzu, Machiavelli and others, to consider the role of the social, economic, and political context undermining particular modes of leadership. Exploring the idea that leaders cannot exist without followers, and recognising that we all have diverse experiences and assumptions of leadership, Grint looks at the practice of management, its history, future, and influence on all aspects of society. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

Organization Theory - Tuomo Peltonen 2016-03-23

Understanding of the history and development of organization theory has recently made advances through work emerging on the history of management thought as well as through the institutionalization of critical approaches to organizations and organizational knowledge. This book provides a new reading of the historical development of organization.

Organization Theory - Ulla Eriksson-Zetterquist 2011-03-24

This new text takes a unique practice-based approach, identifying questions, problems and issues that are perceived as pertinent by practitioners, and using these as the starting point to identify the relevant theories.

Street-Level Bureaucracy - Michael Lipsky 1983-06-29

Street-Level Bureaucracy is an insightful study of how public service workers, in effect, function as policy decision makers, as they wield their considerable discretion in the day-to-day implementation of public programs.

Organizational Identity - Mary Jo Hatch 2004

Organizational Identity presents the classic works on organizational identity alongside more current thinking on the issues. Ranging from theoretical contributions to empirical studies, the readings in this volume address the key issues of organizational identity, and show how these issues have developed through contributions from such diverse fields of study as sociology, psychology, management studies and cultural studies. The readings examine questions such as how organizations understand who they are, why organizations develop a sense of identity and belonging where the boundaries of identity lie and the implications of postmodern and critical theories' challenges to the concept of identity as deeply-rooted and authentic. Includes work by: Stuart Albert, Mats Alvesson, Blake E. Ashforth, Marilyn B. Brewer, George Cheney, Lars Thoger Christensen, C.H. Cooley, Kevin G. Corley, Barbara Czarniawska, Janet M. Dukerich, Jane E. Dutton, Kimberly D. Elsbach, Wendi Gardner, Linda E. Ginzela, Dennis A. Gioia, E. Goffman, Karen Golden-Biddle, Mary Jo Hatch, Roderick M. Kramer, Fred Rael, G.H. Mead, Michael G. Pratt, Anat Rafaeli, Hayagreeva Rao, Majken Schultz, Howard S. Schwartz, Robert I. Sutton, Henri Tajfel, John Turner, David A. Wherren, and Hugh Willmott. Intended to provide easy access to this material for students of organizational identity, it will also be of interest more broadly to students of business, sociology and psychology.

Organization Theory - Mary Jo Hatch 2013

Organization Theory offers a clear and comprehensive introduction to the study of organizations and organizing processes. It encourages an even-handed appreciation of the main perspectives defining our knowledge of organizations and challenges readers to broaden their intellectual reach. Organization Theory is presented in three parts: Part I introduces the reader to theorizing using the multi-perspective approach. Part II presents different core concepts useful for analysing and understanding organizations - as entities within an environment, as social structures, technologies, cultures and physical structures, and as the products of power and political processes. Part III explores applications of organization theory to the practical matters of organizational design and change, and introduces the latest ideas, including organizational identity theory, process and practice theories, and aesthetics. An Online Resource Centre accompanies this text and includes: For students: Multiple Choice Questions For registered adopters:

Lecturer's guide PowerPoint slides Figures and tables from the book

Tamara - John Krizanc 2021-08-03

Available for the first time in over thirty years, John Krizanc's internationally acclaimed play redefined the limits of theatre with its haunting tale of art, sex, violence, and political intrigue in Fascist Italy. In the late twenties the poet, war hero, and lothario Gabriele d'Annunzio waits in his opulent villa — a gift from Benito Mussolini in return for his political silence — for the arrival of the artist Tamara de Lempicka, who is to paint his portrait. What follows is a tale of art, sex, violence and the meaning of complicity in an authoritarian state. The action is directed by the reader/audience member, who decides which characters to follow and which narratives to experience. John Krizanc's masterpiece redefined theatre and won six L.A. Drama Critics Circle Awards, six Dora Mavor Moore Awards, six Drama-Logue Awards, and six Mexican Association of Theatre Critics, and Journalists Awards for its original productions. Now available in a handsome new A List edition, *Tamara* is an astonishing piece of experimental art and a penetrating look into ethical choices in times of encroaching autocracy.

Pandemonium - Gibson Burrell 1997-05-06

"Pandemonium is a dark, gothic place, full of dangers and enchantment for all who enter its labyrinth, a retro-vision that seeks to ensnare, disarm, and disturb all who enter whatever sense they make from the many opportunities that it provides." --Stewart R. Clegg, University of Western Sydney, Macarthur, Australia "Two volumes in one, *Pandemonium* is a disorganisationally challenging contribution to the postmodern theory of organizations which systematically questions the underlying assumptions and values of contemporary administrative science and organization theory. The MBA will never be the same again." --Bryan S. Turner, Deakin University In this irreverent, yet highly serious book, Gibson Burrell challenges the established frameworks that have defined our understanding of organization and organizations. With a vision that extends deep into the history of Western societies, an interdisciplinary sweep that encompasses the broad domain of social and cultural theory and critical vigor that exposes the staleness of tired ideas, *Pandemonium* disconcerts and reinvigorates the study of organizations. Moving the field of organization theory back into the center of contemporary critical thought, Gibson Burrell brings to bear different forms of analysis: notions of discourse and genealogy, or narrative and text. Disclaiming the voices of modern, positivist science and of authorial distance, the text itself presents a metaphor for the rejection of linearity and the reassertion of organizational creativity. This is not an organizational behavior textbook, but an exploration mining new ideas and insights that take organization theory into another era.

Classics of organization theory - 1978

Organization Theory and Postmodern Thought - Stephen Linstead 2004

Focuses on a major philosopher who has had, or should have, a major influence on organization theory.

Leadership from the Inside Out - Kevin Cashman 2008-11-24

Designing Effective Organizations - William A. Pasmore 1988-04-27

Many organizational designs are possible, and some are better than others. An effective organization produces excellent results by any standard measure while enhancing the energy and commitment of its members. In the past 40 years, sociotechnical organizational development has proven more successful than any other system in improving bottom-line organizational effectiveness while also paying attention to human values. This book brings together information found scattered throughout the literature and in unpublished documents. Presenting a coherent, jargon-free account of successful sociotechnical design of organizations, it addresses the often difficult prospect of organizational change and presents numerous real-life examples.

Organization Theory and Design - Jonathan Murphy 2014

Organizing involves continuous challenges in the face of uncertainty and change. How is globalization impacting organizations? How will new strategies for a turbulent world affect organizational design? In this second edition of *Organization Theory and Design*, developed for students in the UK, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, respected academics Jonathan Murphy and Hugh Willmott continue to add an international perspective to Richard L. Daft's landmark text. Together they tackle these questions in a comprehensive,

clear and accessible study of the subject.

The Blackwell Handbook of Principles of Organizational Behavior - Edwin A. Locke 2003-08-08

This international handbook provides students and managers with an essential resource connecting the theories to the real world of organizations and showing how to apply them. Goes beyond other handbooks by linking theory to practice in the real world. Gives students and managers practical principles to apply to all types of work situation. Includes contributions from a selection of experts from all over the world.

Key Concepts in Organization Theory - Ann L Cunliffe 2012-08-16

Electronic Inspection Copy available for instructors here From agency theory to power and politics, this indispensable guide to the key concepts of organization theory is your compass as you navigate through the often complex and abstract theories about the design and functioning of organizations. Designed to complement and elucidate your textbook or reading list, as well as introduce you to concepts that some courses neglect, this historical and interdisciplinary account of the field: - Helps you understand the basics of organization theory - Allows you to check your understanding of specific concepts - Fills in any gaps left by your course reading, and - Is a powerful revision tool Each entry is consistently structured, providing a definition of the concept and why it's important to theory and practice, followed by a summary of current debates and a list of further reading. This companion will provide you with the nuts and bolts of an understanding that will serve you not just in your organization studies course, but throughout your degree and beyond. Key concepts include: agency theory; business strategy; corporate governance; decision making; environmental uncertainty; globalization; industrial democracy; organizational change; stakeholder theory; storytelling and narrative research; technology and organization structure.

Understanding Organizational Culture - Mats Alvesson 2002-03-29

The concept of culture is a key issue within management and organization studies. Understanding Organizational Culture provides a useful and comprehensive guide to understanding organizational culture, from a range of angles, contexts and sectors. The book answers questions of definition, explores alternative perspectives, and expands on substantive issues (such as leadership and change), before discussing key issues of research and providing a new framework for this topic. Mats Alvesson synthesizes for students the advances in the field of organizational culture, drawing upon the range of relevant literature within Organization Studies. The author also uses examples to develop and illustrate ideas on how cultural

New Directions for Organization Theory - Jeffrey Pfeffer 1997

Pfeffer argues that the world of organizations has changed in several important ways, including the increasing externalization of employment and the growing use of contingent workers; the changing size distribution of organizations, with a larger proportion of smaller organizations; the increasing influence of external capital markets on organizational decision-making and a concomitant decrease in managerial autonomy; and increasing salary inequality within organizations in the US compared both to the past and to other industrialized nations. These changes and their public policy implications make it especially important to understand organizations as social entities. But Pfeffer questions whether the research literature of organization studies has either addressed these changes and their causes or made much of a contribution to the discussion of public policy.

A Process Theory of Organization - Tor Hernes 2014-05-15

This book presents a novel and comprehensive process theory of organization applicable to 'a world on the move', where connectedness prevails over size, flow prevails over stability, and temporality prevails over spatiality. The framework developed in the book draws upon process thinking in a number of areas, including process philosophy, pragmatism, phenomenology, and science and technology studies. Salient ideas from these schools are carefully woven into a process theory of organization, which makes the book not only a thought provoking theoretical contribution, but also a much-needed glimpse into the challenges of organizing in a complex and moving world. Taking a distinctly temporal view of organizational life the author shows how actors continually carve out their temporal existence from being in the flow of time. This on-going work, in which technologies, concepts, and social actors take part, is crucial for the making of any type of organizational formation. A key construct of the book is that of events, which provide force, movement, and historicity to organizational life. The book is suitable for scholars and advanced level students in organization studies, management studies, technology studies, and sociology. It contains a

number of practical examples to illustrate the theoretical framework.

Images of Organization - Gareth Morgan 2006-04-15

Since its first publication over twenty years ago, *Images of Organization* has become a classic in the canon of management literature. The book is based on a very simple premise—that all theories of organization and management are based on implicit images or metaphors that stretch our imagination in a way that can create powerful insights, but at the risk of distortion. Gareth Morgan provides a rich and comprehensive resource for exploring the complexity of modern organizations internationally, translating leading-edge theory into leading-edge practice.

Organization Theory - Mary Jo Hatch 2018

The only textbook to use a three-perspective framework to explain, explore, and evaluate organizational theory in a distinctively engaging style. *Organization Theory* offers a clear and comprehensive introduction to the study of organizations and organizing processes. Through the unique three-perspective approach, students are challenged to explain, explore, and evaluate organizational theory, drawing on their own experiences as well as the book's diverse practical examples. The fourth edition includes a host of new learning features, which examine the practicality of theorizing and encourage students to broaden their intellectual reach. 'Theory to Practice' boxes and case studies highlight organizing processes in a range of settings, either through real-life, business examples or through exercises that encourage students to apply the theory to organizations they know or organizing experiences of their own. 'Think like a Theorist' and 'Exercise Those Perspectives' boxes then encourage students to actively theorize and evaluate, developing essential critical thinking skills and a greater understanding of the complex knowledge with which organization theorists grapple. By taking theory off the page, students can learn through doing and adopt a reflexive stance to the world around them. Mary Jo Hatch draws on her extensive experience in the field to produce a trusted and accessible introduction to the subject that provides academic depth, engaging pedagogy, and a practical focus. This book is accompanied by a collection of online resources: For students: Multiple-choice questions For lecturers: PowerPoint slides Figures and tables from the book Lecturers' guide Additional case studies

Postmodern Management and Organization Theory - David Boje 1996

"This excellent, pioneering book is a must-read as we enter the new millennium." --David J. Farmer, State University of New York Comprehensive and timely, *Postmodern Management and Organization Theory* provides a critique of postmodern theory as it stands today. The text gives an overview of issues as they relate to management and organization theory and its history and assembles in one volume a variety of important works on postmodern philosophy—including feminist, cultural, and environmental philosophies. The contributors address the future of postmodern advancement in management and organization theory and method, establishing an agenda for future research. This thought-provoking book will be useful to scholars, researchers and upper-level students in organization theory, organization behavior and change, management, and industrial psychology.

The Oxford Handbook of Organization Theory - Haridimos Tsoukas 2005

This handbook provides a forum for leading researchers in organization theory to reflect on their own discipline: how it has developed and why; what sorts of knowledge claims it regards as acceptable and why; and where it may be, or should be, going.

The Three Faces of Leadership - Mary Jo Hatch 2009-02-04

The Three Faces of Leadership takes readers inside the minds of CEOs who have been celebrated by the Harvard Business Review over the last decade of the twentieth century. Drawing on interviews with these famous CEOs, Mary Jo Hatch, Monika Kostera and Andrzej K. Kozminski demonstrate how business leaders today use aesthetics, specifically storytelling, dramatizing and mythmaking, to lead their companies successfully. They look at how they inspire organizations through their creativity, virtue and faith, and thus show the faces of the artist and priest alongside the technical and rational face of the manager. *The Three Faces of Leadership* features clear and accessible explanations of the aesthetic philosophy of management: as applied to the concepts of creativity, imagination, courage, virtue, inspiration, faith and ethics. It presents techniques for developing these qualities as an essential part of leadership; together with the capacity to communicate them to others. Aesthetic leadership practices are linked to organizational culture,

change, vision, values and identity. In this way, the book encourages students and executives to align the creative and spiritual aspects of business with their technical training and practice.

Experts in Organizations - Armand Hatchuel 1995-01-01

Peter Drucker's Five Most Important Questions - Peter F. Drucker 2015-03-10

Enduring Management Wisdom for Today's Leaders From Peter F. Drucker. *Peter Drucker's Five Most Important Questions* provides insightful guidance and stirring inspiration for today's leaders and entrepreneurs. By applying Drucker's leadership framework in the present context of today's leaders and those who lead with them, this book is an essential resource for people leading, managing and working in all three sectors—public, private and social. Readers will gain new perspectives and develop a solid foundation upon which to build a successful and bright future. They will learn how to focus on why they are doing what they're doing, how to do it better, and how to develop a realistic, motivational plan for achieving their goals. This brief, clear, and accessible guide — peppered with commentary from distinguished management gurus, contemporary entrepreneurs and dynamic millennial leaders — will challenge readers and stimulate spirited discussion and action within any organization, inspiring positive change and new levels of excellence. In addition to contributions from Jim Collins, Marshall Goldsmith, and Judith Rodin, the book features new insights from some of today's most influential leaders in business (GE and Salesforce.com), academia (Harvard Business School and Northwestern University), social enterprise (Levo League, Pencils of Promise and Why Millennials Matter) and the military (United States Military Academy), who have been directly influenced by Drucker's theory of management.

Studying Organization - Stewart R Clegg 1999-04-29

In response to the needs of lecturers, the acclaimed *Handbook of Organization Studies* has been made available as two major paperback textbooks. In this, the first of a two-volume paperback edition of the landmark *Handbook of Organization Studies*, editors Stewart Clegg and Cynthia Hardy survey the field of organization studies. *Studying Organization* is an ideal textbook around which to build courses on organization theory and research methodology. Central to the enterprise has been a concern to reflect and honour the manifest diversity of the field, including recognition of the extent to which the very notion of a single field of organization studies is debated. Part One locates the study of organization by reviewing some of the most significant theoretical paradigms to have shaped our understanding. The second part reflects on the relationships between theory and research in organization studies.

Organization Theory - Derek Salman Pugh 1987

Outlines and Highlights for Organization Theory - Cram101 Textbook Reviews 2010-12

Never HIGHLIGHT a Book Again! Virtually all of the testable terms, concepts, persons, places, and events from the textbook are included. Cram101 Just the FACTS101 studyguides give all of the outlines, highlights, notes, and quizzes for your textbook with optional online comprehensive practice tests. Only Cram101 is Textbook Specific. Accompanys: 9780199260218 .

[Narrative Change](#) - Hans Hansen 2020-07-28

Texas prosecutors are powerful: in cases where they seek capital punishment, the defendant is sentenced to death over ninety percent of the time. When management professor Hans Hansen joined Texas's newly formed death penalty defense team to rethink their approach, they faced almost insurmountable odds. Yet while Hansen was working with the office, they won seventy of seventy-one cases by changing the narrative for death penalty defense. To date, they have succeeded in preventing well over one hundred executions—demonstrating the importance of changing the narrative to change our world. In this book, Hansen offers readers a powerful model for creating significant organizational, social, and institutional change. He unpacks the lessons of the fight to change capital punishment in Texas—juxtaposing life-and-death decisions with the efforts to achieve a cultural shift at Uber. Hansen reveals how narratives shape our everyday lives and how we can construct new narratives to enact positive change. This narrative change model can be used to transform corporate cultures, improve public services, encourage innovation, craft a brand, or even develop your own leadership. *Narrative Change* provides an unparalleled window into an innovative model of change while telling powerful stories of a fight against injustice. It reminds us

that what matters most for any organization, community, or person is the story we tell about ourselves—and the most effective way to shake things up is by changing the story.

Understanding Organization as Process - Tor Hernes 2007-09-27

Organization takes place in a tangled world, intermeshed by changing markets, products, standards, technologies, institutions and social groups. Coming to grips with the complexity and fluidity of organization and management is a persistent problem for scholars and practitioners alike, which is why process issues have received renewed interest in r

Postmodern Management Theory - Marta B. Calás 2018-12-24

First published in 1997, this volume asks: when was 'The Postmodern' in the History of Management Thought? Marta B. Calás and Linda Smircich have chosen this subtitle as entry point to the collection for several reasons. The first, and most evident, is that it prompts us to reflect on the inclusion of a volume on postmodern organization studies within a series of books on the history of management thought. What does such inclusion signal? Are we saying that we are past the postmodern in organization studies? That we have transcended modernity and, beyond, postmodernity? Similar to other social sciences, organization and management studies in the Anglo-American and European academy became impressed by the styles of 'postmodernism' and their epistemological companions, 'poststructuralisms', during the 1980s. For this collection we have selected twenty two journal articles, published between 1985 and 1996, that we consider emblematic of postmodern endeavours in management thought, as they further our understanding of how 'truth' (of any paradigmatic persuasion), is fashioned through particular discourses and other signifying practices. Taken together, these articles address the following questions: What has the field accomplished through attempts at being postmodern? With what consequences? And, where does the field stand now, if it is still/already (going) after 'the postmodern'? In our view 'the postmodern' cannot transcend modern management thought; it is, rather, part of it. Nevertheless, the mere appearance of efforts towards making the field 'postmodern' makes it important to account for them in the history of the field. Such is the narrative that we are trying to portray in this volume.

Organizations: A Very Short Introduction - Mary Jo Hatch 2011-03-24

Most of us recognize that organizations are everywhere. You meet them on every street corner in the form of families and shops, study in them, work for them, buy from them, pay taxes to them. But have you given much thought to where they came from, what they are today, and what they might become in the future? How and why do they have so much influence over us, and what influences them? How do they contribute to and detract from the meaningfulness of lives, and how might we improve them so they better serve our needs and desires? This Very Short Introduction addresses all of these questions and considers many more. Mary Jo Hatch introduces the concept of organizations by presenting definitions and ideas drawn from the a variety of subject areas including the physical sciences, economics, sociology, psychology, anthropology, literature, and the visual and performing arts. Drawing on examples from prehistory and everyday life, from the animal kingdom as well as from business, government, and other formal

organizations, Hatch provides a lively and thought provoking introduction to the process of organization. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

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Engaging Organizational Communication Theory and Research - Steve May 2004-10-05

Engaging Organizational Communication Theory and Research: Multiple Perspectives is a book unlike any in the field. Each chapter is written by a prominent scholar who presents a theoretical perspective and discusses how he or she "engages" with it, personally examining what it means to study organizations. Rejecting the traditional model of a "reader," this volume demonstrates the intimate connections among theory, research, and personal experience. *Engaging Organizational Communication Theory and Research* is an indispensable resource for anyone wishing to be familiar with current trends in the field of organizational communication.

Philosophy and Organization Theory - Haridimos Tsoukas 2011-02-03

What is the relationship between philosophy and organization theory (OT)? This title includes the papers that explore connections between several streams in philosophy and OT. It explores the question: What does a particular philosophy contribute to OT?

Practice Theory, Work, and Organization - Davide Nicolini 2013

The volume provides a rigorous yet accessible introduction to this emerging area of study.

Organizational Development and Alignment - Gagandeep Singh 2013-05-30

Organizational Development and Alignment: The Tensegrity Mandala Framework takes a close look at the underlying axioms of Organization Design and Alignment that have not only proliferated rigid structures and oppressive hierarchies, but also have rendered employees worldwide as mere instruments and dehumanized the organizational context. By looking at an organizational system as inherently a Tensegrity structure, an architectural paradigm vitalized by Buckminster Fuller, the book offers the reader insights into the dynamic tensions, role-holding, and dialog possibilities that pervade the modern organization across stakeholders such as investors, customers, employees and the ecology. By containing the organization as a 'Mandala', a dynamic force field with arrays of polarities and counter-pulls that burden the leadership, it explicates the various dilemmas that are contained within, and offers insights into design, policies, culture and role-effectiveness. The Tensegrity Mandala empowers the organization of today towards reflexivity and transformation. It serves as a blueprint for growth, organization development, dialog, and institutionalizing leadership.