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Topics include: · Social Networks · Smart Education · Social Capital · Corporate Innovation · Disruptive Innovation · Knowledge integration · Enhanced Decision-Making. SECTION B. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & BIG DATA ENABLED INNOVATION In this section, knowledge management and big data applications and systems are presented. Selective topic include: · Crowdsourcing Analysis · Natural Language Processing · Data Governance · Knowledge Extraction · Ontology Design Semantic Modeling SECTION C. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT In the section, the debate on the impact of knowledge management and big data research to sustainability is promoted with integrative discussion of complementary social and technological factors including: · Big Social Networks on Sustainable Economic Development · Business Intelligence **Technology Enhanced Learning: Quality of Teaching and Educational Reform 1st International Conference, TECH-EDUCATION 2010, Athens, Greece, May 19-21, 2010. 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Digital technologies can provide innovative solutions that can prevent the negative effects of lockdowns of countries and regions on education. It is important to analyze digital solutions and experiences for distance learning and to better understand the available resources and best practices to deal effectively with the challenges of digital learning for both learners and academic staff. It is important that countries promote digital excellence and explore the opportunities that information technologies can provide to education institutions, especially in the post-pandemic scenario, and the major transformations it will bring to citizens, societies, and economies. The Handbook of Research on Analyzing IT Opportunities for Inclusive Digital Learning explores the new demands of labor markets in the digital economy, how educational institutions can respond to these new opportunities and threats, the development of new teaching and learning methods, and finally, the development of digital skills and competences. It also discusses the challenges and opportunities caused by the pandemic in the area of education and how information technologies can transform education and develop a new workforce with the required digital skills and competences and knowledge to fit the post-pandemic labor market. This book highlights topics including knowledge management systems, learning technologies, personalized learning, and more within the context of diverse student populations. It is a valuable reference tool for academics, researchers, lecturers, decision makers, policymakers, and practitioners interested in new theories, research findings, and case studies for understanding inclusive digital learning and the opportunities for digital technologies in education. **Knowledge Management, Information Systems, E-Learning, and Sustainability Research Third World Summit on the Knowledge Society, WSKS 2010, Corfu, Greece, September 22-24, 2010, Proceedings Springer Science & Business Media** It is a great pleasure to share with you the Springer CCIS 111 proceedings of the Third World Summit on the

Knowledge Society––WSKS 2010––that was organized by the International Scientific Council for the Knowledge Society, and supported by the Open Research Society, NGO, (http://www.open-knowledge-society.org) and the Int- national Journal of the Knowledge Society Research, (http://www.igi-global.com/ijksr), and took place in Aquis Corfu Holiday Palace Hotel, on Corfu island, Greece, September 22–24, 2010. The Third World Summit on the Knowledge Society (WSKS 2010) was an inter- tional scientific event devoted to promoting the dialogue on the main aspects of the knowledge society towards a better world for all. The multidimensional economic and social crisis of the last couple years brings to the fore the need to discuss in depth new policies and strategies for a human-centric developmental process in the global c- text. This annual summit brings together key stakeholders of knowledge society dev- opment worldwide, from academia, industry, government, policy makers, and active citizens to look at the impact and prospects of it information technology, and the knowledge-based era it is creating, on key facets of living, working, learning, innovating, and collaborating in today's hyper-complex world. **Technological Solutions for Sustainable Business Practice in Asia IGI Global** Central Asian countries play a geostrategic role in world economy and politics. As a result, efforts are being made to establish an effective channel of communication between academic and research institutions, policymakers, government agencies, and individuals concerned with the complexities of Asian business, information technologies, sustainable development, and globalization. Technological Solutions for Sustainable Business Practice in Asia provides an in-depth analysis on Asian economy, business, and management with a clear international and interdisciplinary approach. This comprehensive resource is beneficial for academics, PhD students, policymakers, and government officials. **Digital Culture and E-Tourism: Technologies, Applications and Management Approaches Technologies, Applications and Management Approaches IGI Global** "This edition fosters multidisciplinary discussion and research on the adoption of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the contexts of culture and tourism, investigating how emerging technologies and new managerial models and strategies can promote sustainable development for culture and tourism"--Provided by publisher. **Cases on Open-Linked Data and Semantic Web Applications IGI Global** With the purpose of building upon standard web technologies, open linked data serves as a useful way to connect previously unrelated data and to publish structured data on the web. The application of these elements leads to the creation of data commons called semantic web. Cases on Open-Linked Data and Semantic Web Applications brings together new theories, research findings and case studies which cover the recent developments and approaches towards applied open linked data and semantic web in the context of information systems. By enhancing the understanding of open linked data in business, science and information technologies, this reference source aims to be useful for academics, researchers, and practitioners. **The China Information Technology Handbook Springer Science & Business Media** This handbook is a reference for those interested in information technologies and emerging management practices in China. The emphasis on information technologies and management provides a unique proposition and gives characteristics of flexibility and adoption to diverse audiences. The subject area is a combination of global information technology and management along with strategic management of IT. The handbook exploits state-of-the-art and emerging trends in theory and technology. This handbook is primarily designed for a professional and academic audience. **Strategic Role of Tertiary Education and Technologies for Sustainable Competitive Advantage IGI Global** Strategic Role of Tertiary Education and Technologies for Sustainable Competitive Advantage explores how education enables social and economic development through the targeted training of human capital and the evaluation and dissemination of knowledge resources across generations. This book provides entrepreneurs, leaders, policy makers, and educators with the necessary tools to make the most of higher education in order to meet emerging economic and social challenges through the use of new technologies enabling effective collaboration and knowledge sharing. **Handbook of Research on Building Greener Economics and Adopting Digital Tools in the Era of Climate Change IGI Global** Cities, economies, and societies around the world must address the urgent global challenges such as climate change or the transition towards a greener and digital economy. It is important that economies are transformed into resource-efficient, competitive, and resilient ones. In the context of rapid change, transformative technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, or the internet of things (IoT) play a key role in this digital transition across a wide range of areas. The Handbook of Research on Building Greener Economics and Adopting Digital Tools in the Era of Climate Change discusses global challenges like the transition towards a circular, greener, and digital economy. It proposes actions to advance the agenda towards climate-friendly businesses and economies. The book fosters cooperation among researchers, companies, and policymakers to share national initiatives and disseminate relevant knowledge. Covering topics such as cross-cultural communication, green product consumption, and organization performance strategies, this major reference work is an essential resource for business leaders and managers, entrepreneurs, government officials, politicians, policymakers, environmentalist organizations, students and faculty of higher education, researchers, and academicians. **Knowledge Management and Drivers of Innovation in Services Industries IGI Global** Knowledge Management is concerned with all aspects of eliciting, acquiring, modelling, and managing knowledge. Application of knowledge resources successfully helps the organization to deliver creative products and services. Especially in service business, service job experience and information about the customer, as well as the installed site equipment, are key factors to deliver services efficiently and with high quality. In many cases supporting information is stored in different backend systems and it needs to be retrieved, aggregated, and presented on demand. Knowledge Management and Drivers of Innovation in Services Industries provides a comprehensive collection of knowledge from experts within the Information and Knowledge Management field. Outlining areas on Knowledge Management, Innovation, Information Technologies and Systems, and Services Industry, this book provides insight for academic professors, policymakers, and students alike. **International Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship: An Information Technology Perspective An Information Technology Perspective IGI Global** There is a high demand in our society to adopt emerging technologies in all aspects of business and economic activity. As traditional business practices and economic activity are occurring in a global context, new areas of economic development are being recognized as the key enablers of wealth and income production. International Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship: An Information Technology Perspective discusses innovative solutions to research problems and high performance systems while emphasizing the role of IT and management for sustainable development. This book brings together academics, researchers, entrepreneurs, policy makers and government officers aiming to contribute to the debate of technology related to international business and strategic management. **E-Procurement Management for Successful Electronic Government Systems IGI Global** As governments search for the best ways to restyle their services, the E-Government field continues to attract interest from public administrators, politicians, academics, and citizens. As a result, new topics such as e-

procurement have become core factors in public sector development by providing way to better serve citizens and businesses in our digital economy. E-Procurement Management for Successful Electronic Government Systemsenhances the understanding and collaboration in e-government and the role of information technologies in supporting the development of improved services for citizens. By analyzing recent developments in theory and practices as well as providing fresh ideas and research, this reference source aims to bridge the gap between academia, industry, and government. **Intellectual Capital in Organizations Non-Financial Reports and Accounts Routledge** In a global competitive economic environment, resources that are scarce or irreplicable are a source of sustained competitive advantage for companies and organizations. Knowledge-based resources are a major and increasing driver of long term competitive advantage. Most accounting standards however do not allow for knowledge-based resource calculations, including the most important of these, intellectual capital. Intellectual capital is the collective knowledge, documented and otherwise, of individuals in an organization. In the absence of accounting standards to numerically evaluate intellectual capital, some institutions have devised their own reports and statements. But why should companies, universities, and research centers measure these resources? How are intellectual capital statements built? How does one set targets, and what indicators should they include? This book reviews the development of the field of intellectual capital reporting, including core concepts, latest developments, the main components of intellectual capital, how a statement is built, and key indicators of each component. It further analyzes experiences from a variety of pioneering companies and institutions around the globe in measuring intellectual capital, including case studies from educational and research institutions, and provides crucial transnational comparisons. Authors Ordóñez de Pablos and Edvinsson examine the challenges and next steps for the harmonization of intellectual capital reports, consider the creation of a special international agency for intellectual capital reporting standards, and evaluate the weaknesses of current standards and how they might be overcome. **Statebuilding and Justice Reform Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Afghanistan Routledge** The book provides an updated account of justice reform in Afghanistan, which started in the wake of the US-led military intervention of 2001. In particular, it focuses on the role of international actors and their interaction with local stakeholders, highlighting some provisional results, together with problems and dilemmas encountered in the reform activities. Since the mid-1990s, justice system reform has become increasingly important in state-building operations, particularly with regard to the international administrations of Bosnia, Kosovo, East Slavonia and East Timor. Statebuilding and Justice Reform examines in depth the reform of justice in Afghanistan, evaluating whether the success of reform may be linked to any specific feature or approach. In doing so, it stresses the need for development programmes in the field of justice to be implemented through a multilateral approach, involving domestic authorities and other relevant stakeholders. Success is therefore linked to limiting the political interests of donors; establishing functioning pooled financing mechanisms; restricting the use of bilateral projects; improving the efficacy of technical and financial aid; and concentrating the attention on the 'demand for justice' at local level rather than on the traditional supply of financial and technical assistance. This book will be of much interest to students of Afghanistan, intervention and statebuilding, peacekeeping, and post-conflict reconstruction, as well as International Relations in general. Matteo Tondini is a researcher and a legal advisor. He has served as a project advisor to the Embassy of Italy in Kabul, Development Cooperation Unit, working within the 'Afghanistan Justice Program' and has a Phd in Political Systems and Institutional Change, from the Institute of Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy. **Technology Enhanced Learning for People with Disabilities: Approaches and Applications Approaches and Applications IGI Global** "This book brings together academics, policy-makers and practitioners, with the goal of delivering a reference edition for all those interested in approaches and applications of technology enhanced learning for people with disabilities"--Provided by publisher. **Contemporary Vietnam A Guide to Economic and Political Developments Taylor & Francis** This book provides full details of contemporary economic and political developments in Vietnam. Key topics covered include Vietnam's success, in general, in maintaining high rates of growth in the face of inflation and the global financial crisis; continuing economic reforms; foreign trade and investment; battles against corruption; population growth; the Communist Party's determined maintainance of power; and Vietnam's response to public health problems such as AIDS, SARS and bird flu. **Electronic Globalized Business and Sustainable Development Through IT Management: Strategies and Perspectives Strategies and Perspectives IGI Global** "This book provides fresh ideas on how IT and modern management can contribute to societal and economic objectives and the significant role of IT for global challenges and international collaboration"--Provided by publisher. **The British National Bibliography Management Strategies and Technology Fluidity in the Asian Business Sector IGI Global** The ultimate success or failure of a business, in modern society, depends on a variety of factors across all levels of the organization. By utilizing dynamic technology and management techniques, businesses can more efficiently reach their goals and become successful in the growing market. Management Strategies and Technology Fluidity in the Asian Business Sector is a critical scholarly resource that examines the collaboration in business, management, and technology in Asia. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as business ethics, entrepreneurship, and international trade, this book is geared towards academicians, students, and managers seeking current research on business in Southeast Asia. **Technology Enhanced Learning: Quality of Teaching and Educational Reform 1st International Conference, TECH-EDUCATION 2010, Athens, Greece, May 19-21, 2010. 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Management **IT and the Development of Digital Skills and Competences in Education IGI Global** Digital technologies are transforming economies and societies around the world. As such, markets demand new types of skills and competences that students must learn in order to be successful. IT and emerging technologies can be integrated into educational institutions to improve teaching methods and academic results as well as digital literacy. IT and the Development of Digital Skills and Competences in Education compiles critical research into one comprehensive reference source that explores the new demands of labor markets in the digital economy, how educational institutions can respond to these new opportunities and threats, the development of new teaching and learning methods, and the development of digital skills and competences. Through new theories, research findings, and case studies, the book seeks to incite new perspectives to understandings of the challenges and opportunities of the utilization of IT in the education sector around the world. Due to innovative topics that include digital competence, disruptive technologies, and digital transformation, this book is an ideal reference for academicians, directors of schools, vice-chancellors, education and IT experts, CEOs, policymakers in the field of education and IT, researchers, and students. **Gendered Paradoxes Women's Movements, State Restructuring, and Global Development in Ecuador Penn State Press** Since the early 1980s Ecuador has experienced a series of events unparalleled in its history. Its &"free market&" strategies exacerbated the debt crisis, and in response new forms of social movement organizing arose among the country&'s poor, including women&'s groups. Gendered Paradoxes focuses on women&'s participation in the political and economic restructuring process of the past twenty-five years, showing how in their daily struggle for survival Ecuadorian women have both reinforced and embraced the neoliberal model yet also challenged its exclusionary nature. Drawing on her extensive ethnographic fieldwork and employing an approach combining political economy and cultural politics, Amy Lind charts the growth of several strands of women&'s activism and identifies how they have helped redefine, often in contradictory ways, the real and imagined boundaries of neoliberal development discourse and practice. In her analysis of this ambivalent and &"unfinished&" cultural project of modernity in the Andes, she examines state policies and their effects on women of various social sectors; women&'s community development initiatives and responses to the debt crisis; and the roles played by feminist &"issue networks&" in reshaping national and international policy agendas in Ecuador and in developing a transnationally influenced, locally based feminist movement. **Web Technologies Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications IGI Global** With the technological advancement of mobile devices, social networking, and electronic services, Web technologies continues to play an ever-growing part of the global way of life, incorporated into cultural, economical, and organizational levels. Web Technologies: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications (4 Volume) provides a comprehensive depiction of current and future trends in support of the evolution of Web information systems, Web applications, and the Internet. Through coverage of the latest models, concepts, and architectures, this multiple-volume reference supplies audiences with an authoritative source of information and direction for the further development of the Internet and Web-based phenomena. **Markets for Cybercrime Tools and Stolen Data Hackers' Bazaar Rand Corporation** Criminal activities in cyberspace are increasingly facilitated by burgeoning black markets. This report characterizes these markets and how they have grown into their current state to provide insight into how their existence can harm the information security environment. Understanding these markets lays the groundwork for exploring options to minimize their potentially harmful influence. **Opening Up Education for Inclusivity Across Digital Economies and Societies IGI Global** The evolution of information technologies, mobile devices, and social media as well as the needs of students, workers, and academics have experienced rapid changes in the past several years. This complex and dynamic reality requires new forms of delivery of learning content to students, the building of special learning environments, and new teaching methodologies for academics. Opening Up Education for Inclusivity Across Digital Economies and Societies is an essential reference source that aims to foster the international exchange of academic insights and approaches in order to broaden visibility in the development of technology for education, establish an international platform for interactions on information technology and application in education, accelerate innovation in education technology, and analyze the latest achievements and progress in new and emerging information technology for education with a special focus on higher education institutions. The book addresses applications of technology use and digital competence development in education systems around the world including both specific uses in classrooms and broader uses in national and regional policies. The book is ideally designed for educators, administrators, policymakers, managers, politicians, and academicians. **Handbook of Research on Human Resources Strategies for the New Millennial Workforce IGI Global** Each new generation of upcoming professionals requires different strategies for effective management within the workforce. In order to promote a cohesive and productive environment, managers must take steps to better understand their employees. The Handbook of Research on Human Resources Strategies for the New Millennial Workforce is an authoritative reference source for the latest scholarly research on theoretical frameworks and applications for the management of millennials entering the professional realm. Focusing on methods and practices to enhance organizational performance and culture, this book is ideally designed for managers, professionals, upper-level students, and researchers in the fields of human resource and strategic management. **Business, Technology, and Knowledge Management in Asia: Trends and Innovations Trends and Innovations IGI Global** "This book highlights the efforts and developments in the fields of Asian studies as well as its intentional role in IT and management within the constant growing business market"--Provided by publisher. **The Mosquito Bite Author University of Texas Press** Originally published in 2011, The Mosquito Bite Author is the seventh novel by the acclaimed Turkish author Barış Bıçakçı. It follows the daily life of an aspiring novelist, Cemil, in the months after he submits his manuscript to a publisher in Istanbul. Living in an unremarkable apartment complex in the outskirts of Ankara, Cemil spends his days going on walks, cooking for his wife, repairing leaks in his neighbor's bathroom, and having elaborate imaginary conversations in his head with his potential editor about the meaning of life and art. Uncertain of whether his manuscript will be accepted, Cemil wavers between thoughtful meditations on the origin of the universe and the trajectory of political literature in Turkey, panic over his own worth as a writer, and incredulity toward the objects that make up his quiet world in the Ankara suburbs. **Distributed Computing and Artificial Intelligence, Special Sessions, 15th International Conference Springer** This book presents the outcomes of the 15th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Artificial Intelligence, held in Toledo (Spain) from 20th to 22nd June 2018 and hosted by the UCLM, and which brought together researchers and developers from industry, education and the academic world to report on the latest scientific research, technical advances and methodologies. Highlighting multi-disciplinary and transversal aspects, the book focuses on the conferences Special Sessions, including Advances in Demand Response and Renewable Energy Sources in Smart Grids (ADRESS); AI- Driven Methods for Multimodal

Networks and Processes Modeling (AIMPM); Social Modelling of Ambient Intelligence in Large Facilities (SMAILF); Communications, Electronics and Signal Processing (CESP); Complexity in Natural and Formal Languages (CNFL); and Web and Social Media Mining (WASMM). **Understanding Central America ReadHowYouWant.com** The fifth edition of Understanding Central America explains how domestic and global political and economic forces have shaped rebellion and regime change in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. John A. Booth, Christine J. Wade, and Thomas W. Walker explore the origins and development of the region's political conflicts and its efforts to resolve them. Covering the region's political and economic development from the early 1800s onward, the authors provide a background for understanding Central America's rebellion and regime change of the past forty years. This revised edition brings the Central American story up to date, with special emphasis on globalization, evolving public opinion, progress toward democratic consolidation, and the relationship between Central America and the United States under the Obama administration, and includes analysis of the 2009 Honduran coup d'etat. A useful introduction to the region and a model for how to convey its complexities in language readers will comprehend, Understanding Central America stands out as a must-have resource. **Handbook of Research on Disruptive Innovation and Digital Transformation in Asia IGI Global** With new technologies constantly being created, implemented, and sold, it is a robust opportunity for companies to hop on board with the latest digital trends. With the business world undergoing rapid changes and advancements in current times, the transformation process has been rapid and the disruptions significant. This has created a culture of innovation and a plethora of available business opportunities, especially when focused on Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. Along with these innovative technologies and new opportunities in the business world comes challenges and trends within the Asian region that require more attention and advanced research to fully understand this digital transformation era and the resulting impacts, challenges, and solutions. The Handbook of Research on Disruptive Innovation and Digital Transformation in Asia addresses key topics for understanding business opportunities in Asia, covering a variety of challenges and nations in the Asian region from technological disruption and innovation to connectivity and economic corridors in Asia, Islamic finance and tourism, and more. Due to its innovative topics and approaches, geographical focus, and methodologies, the chapters provide readers with a unique value in bringing new perspectives to understanding emerging businesses and challenges in Asia. This book is ideal for professors in academia, deans, students, politicians, policymakers, corporate heads of firms, senior general managers, managing directors, information technology directors and managers, and researchers. **Economics, Business, and Islamic Finance in ASEAN Economics Community IGI Global** The economic integration of Southeast Asia or ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) offers enormous opportunities for its members to develop and collectively collaborate with other economies. Combining the culture of the region with global business in an expanding digital atmosphere, however, has caused numerous challenges on an international scale. Due to the importance of this economic player in Asia, research on key topics including Islamic economics, Islamic finance, technology, and cultural issues in doing business are essential to understand the ASEAN competitive landscape and its relations with other countries. Economics, Business, and Islamic Finance in ASEAN Economics Community is a pivotal reference source that explores key issues and enhances understanding of business and economics in the ASEAN community and explores the collaboration between this community and Islamic finance and technology. While highlighting topics such as global business, smart manufacturing, and human resource management, this publication explores sustainable development practices as well as the methods of cultural appreciation in economics. This book is ideally designed for deans, heads of department, directors, politicians, policymakers, economists, corporate heads, senior general managers, managing directors, information technology directors and managers, libraries, academicians, researchers, and students. **Traditional Organized Crime in the Modern World Responses to Socioeconomic Change Springer Science & Business Media** Despite strenuous efforts from local, national, and international law enforcement, organized crime continues to thrive and prosper—even centuries-old crime outfits are surviving the global forces of mass migration and multinational business and finance. From traditional gangland enterprises such as narcotics, gambling, and prostitution, the world's mafias have moved into new sources of illegal income, including high-tech arms smuggling, money laundering, and identity fraud. Traditional Crime in the Modern World tracks these organizations—the Italian and Mexican mafias, Columbian drug cartels, Chinese triads, and others—across five continents as they adapt to change, and assesses their prospects in the short and long term. World events such as the collapse of the Soviet Union and the 9/11 terror attacks are discussed in the context of contributing to emerging markets for illicit goods and services, and to evolving partnerships among criminal entities. This timely volume: • Provides a comprehensive overview of how mafia-like structures function today. • Analyzes in depth national crime situations with global implications. • Examines the migration of organized crime groups and their operations in their new countries. • Gauges the influence of digital and other technologies on organized crime. • Where applicable, notes the links between organized crime and national political institutions. • Describes the impact of the global financial crisis on crime organizations. Concise, compelling, and deeply documented, Traditional Crime in the Modern World is an eye-opening resource for researchers in Criminology and Criminal Justice, particularly with an interest in organized crime and trafficking, as well as related topics of Demography, Political Science, and International Relations. **The Quest for Universal Social Policy in the South Actors, Ideas and Architectures Cambridge University Press** This volume examines the concept of global social policy architectures and its emergence across issues and through time. **Interventions in Pulmonary Medicine Springer Science & Business Media** Interventions in Pulmonary Medicine is an important new volume that addresses all areas of interventional pulmonology, a minimally invasive endoscopic way to diagnose and treat lung disorders. This volume contains dedicated chapters that outline the many issues related to lung cancer, both in early and advanced stages, from diagnosis to personalized treatment. It also covers bronchoscopic therapeutic options to benign conditions that are highly prevalent, such as COPD and asthma. Techniques described in this volume are: laser therapy, argon plasma coagulation therapy, cryotherapy, brachytherapy, placement of intrapleural drainage systems, endoscopic treatment of emphysema, stents in the airway, and thermoplasty for bronchial asthma. Diagnostic procedures that are covered are: medical thoracoscopy, flexible and rigid bronchoscopy, endobronchial ultrasound, electromagnetical navigation, and trends in personalized treatment for lung cancer and other benign lung conditions. Chapters are written by experts and the developers of the techniques that are currently considered gold standard. Evidence-based reviews are presented for all topics and indications, and contraindications are discussed. Interventions in Pulmonary Medicine is a must have for pulmonologists, endoscopists, pulmonary oncologists, ENT physicians, thoracic surgeons, anesthesiologists, and intensive care specialists and their teams. **Blood, Land and Power The Rise and Fall of the Spanish Nobility and Lineages in the Early Modern Period University of Wales Press** OPEN

ACCESS The analysis of land management, lineage and family through the case study of early modern Spanish nobility from sixteenth to early nineteenth century is a major issue in recent historiography. It aims to shed light on how upper social classes arranged strategies to maintain their political and economic status. Rivalry and disputes between old factions and families were attached to the control and exercise of power. Blood, land management and honour were the main elements in these disputes. Honour, service to the Crown, participation in the conquest and 'pure' blood (Catholic affiliation) were the main features of Spanish nobility. This book analyses the origins of the entailed-estate (mayorazgo) from medieval times to early modern period, as the main element that enables us to understand the socio-economic behaviour of these families over generations. This longue durée chronology within the Braudelian methodology of the research aims to show how strategies and family networks changed over time, demonstrating a micro-history study of daily life. **Managerial Strategies and Solutions for Business Success in Asia IGI Global** Globalization, sustainable development, and technological applications all affect the current state of the business sector in Asia. This complex industry plays a vital part in the overall economic, social, and political aspects of this region, as well as on a larger international scale. Managerial Strategies and Solutions for Business Success in Asia is an authoritative reference source for the latest collection of research perspectives on the development and optimization of various business sectors across the Asian region and examines their role in the globalized economy. Highlighting pertinent topics across an interdisciplinary scale, such as e-commerce, small and medium enterprises, and tourism management, this book is ideally designed for academics, professionals, graduate students, policy makers, and practitioners interested in emerging business and management practices in Asia. **Assessing the Role of Mobile Technologies and Distance Learning in Higher Education** "This book provides a comprehensive understanding of m-learning processes by discussing challenges in higher education and the role of information technologies for effective learning"-- **Advances in Emerging Trends and Technologies Volume 1 Springer Nature** This book constitutes the proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Advances in Emerging Trends and Technologies (ICAETT 2019), held in Quito, Ecuador, on 29–31 May 2019, jointly organized by Universidad Tecnológica Israel, Universidad Técnica del Norte, and Instituto Tecnológico Superior Rumiñahui, and supported by SNOTRA. ICAETT 2019 brought together top researchers and practitioners working in different domains of computer science to share their expertise and to discuss future developments and potential collaborations. Presenting high-quality, peer-reviewed papers, the book discusses the following topics: Technology Trends Electronics Intelligent Systems Machine Vision Communication Security e-Learning e-Business e-Government and e-Participation