

# 2017

## **WIRinOberbilk - Festheft 2017**

Festausgabe zum Schützenfest 2017

## **Renten auf einen Blick 2017 OECD- und G20-Länder – Indikatoren**

Renten auf einen Blick 2017 stellt die Rentenreformen der OECD-Länder in den letzten beiden Jahren in den Vordergrund. Darüber hinaus befasst sich ein Sonderkapitel mit den Möglichkeiten für einen flexiblen Altersübergang und erörtert die diesbezüglichen Präferenzen der Menschen.

## **Zeitschrift für Rechtsphilosophie Neue Folge 1/2017**

Der erste Band der \"Neuen Folge\" der ZRPh versammelt Beiträge, die thematisch um eine aktuelle rechtsphilosophische Aneignung von Positionen Kants, Fichtes und Hegels zur Begründung der Strafe oder des Eigentums kreisen. Andere Beiträge erörtern die Bedeutung des Begriffs der Grenze für das Recht oder rechtsphilosophische Bezüge der Sozialphilosophie A. Honneths. Der Band umfaßt zudem ein Editorial zum Neustart der Zeitschrift sowie einen Rezensionenteil.

## **Arzneiverordnungs-Report 2017**

Im seit 1985 jährlich als Buch erscheinenden Arzneiverordnungs-Report werden die Rezepte für die Patienten der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung (GKV) mit Methoden der evidenzbasierten Medizin analysiert. Seit dieser Zeit bietet der Report eine unabhängige Informationsmöglichkeit über die verschiedenen Komponenten der Arzneimittelverordnung und trägt damit zur Transparenz des Arzneimittelmarkts, zur Bewertung von Arzneimitteln und zu einer sowohl zweckmäßigen und sicheren evidenzbasierten als auch wirtschaftlichen Arzneitherapie bei.

## **ADAC Camping-/Stellplatzführer Deutschland 2017**

Note: Anyone can request the PDF version of this practice set/workbook by emailing me at [cbsenet4u@gmail.com](mailto:cbsenet4u@gmail.com). I will send you a PDF version of this workbook. This book has been designed for candidates preparing for various competitive examinations. It contains many objective questions specifically designed for different exams. Answer keys are provided at the end of each page. It will undoubtedly serve as the best preparation material for aspirants. This book is an engaging quiz eBook for all and offers something for everyone. This book will satisfy the curiosity of most students while also challenging their trivia skills and introducing them to new information. Use this invaluable book to test your subject-matter expertise. Multiple-choice exams are a common assessment method that all prospective candidates must be familiar with in today's academic environment. Although the majority of students are accustomed to this MCQ format, many are not well-versed in it. To achieve success in MCQ tests, quizzes, and trivia challenges, one requires test-taking techniques and skills in addition to subject knowledge. It also provides you with the skills and information you need to achieve a good score in challenging tests or competitive examinations. Whether you have studied the subject on your own, read for pleasure, or completed coursework, it will assess your knowledge and prepare you for competitive exams, quizzes, trivia, and more.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS 2017**

Die FEDERWELT ist die Fachzeitschrift für Autorinnen und Autoren. Sie wendet sich an Schreibanfänger und Fortgeschrittene, Selfpublisher und VerlagsautorInnen und informiert, inspiriert, motiviert und stärkt sie. Den Hauptteil machen praxisorientierte Fachartikel und Interviews zum Thema Schreiben und Veröffentlichen aus, darunter die beliebte \"Textküche\" (siehe unten). Außerdem gibt es eine Pinnwand mit Terminen und Infos, Rezensionen von Schreibratgebern, die wichtigsten Nachrichten für Autoren sowie Anzeigen von Branchendienstleistern. Zielgruppe: Autorinnen und Autoren sowie literarisch Interessierte mit Freude am Schreiben. 2017 erscheint die Federwelt bereits im 20. Jahrgang; Auflage dieser Ausgabe: 5.000 Exemplare. Erscheinungstermine: Die FEDERWELT erscheint alle zwei Monate, jeweils zum 1. des betreffenden Monats (Februar, April, Juni, August, Oktober, Dezember). Auch im Bahnhofsbuchhandel. Chefredaktion: Anke Gasch Herausgeberin: Sandra Uschtrin, Uschtrin Verlag Preise: Jahresabonnement Print: 42 Euro (Inland; inkl. Versand), 54 Euro (Ausland; inkl. Versand). Einzelheft, Printfassung: 7,50 Euro zzgl. Versand; PDF/E-Book: 4,99 Euro Weitere Informationen sowie Auszüge aus den Artikeln der jeweils aktuellen Ausgabe finden Sie auf der Website der \"Autorenwelt\" unter \"Magazine\". Zur \"Textküche\": Schreibprofis, in jeder Folge andere, kommentieren Texte, die noch nicht ganz rund sind. Lektoratsarbeit also auf dem Präsentierteller – ein besonderes Schmankerl für alle, die Buchstaben lieben. Themen der Textküche waren bisher: - Folge 32: Figuren kreativ einführen - Folge 31: Passendes Erzähltempo – Folge 30: Innere Monologe – Folge 29: Figuren durch ihre Umgebung charakterisieren – Folge 28: Hörspiel – Folge 27: Klappentext und Kurzbeschreibung – Folge 26: Kinderroman – Folge 25: Sachbuchexposé schreiben – Folge 24: Subtext – Oder: Zwischen den Zeilen schreiben – Folge 23: Liebesroman - Folge 22: Gefühlsecht schreiben

## **Federwelt 125, 04-2017**

Switzerland continues to provide its citizens with a high standard of living. The economy has shown considerable resilience, most recently to the exchange rate appreciation in 2015. Nevertheless, growth has been too slow to absorb spare capacity or raise income per capita meaningfully. Unconventional monetary policies have helped return inflation to positive territory, but pose other risks. Fiscal policy is sound, and the federal fiscal rule has helped lower public indebtedness but it implies that spending priorities must be funded from other areas. Labour productivity growth has been falling since the late-1990s to be one-third of the OECD average rate in the past decade. Swiss R&D and innovation are top-ranked but need to be more widespread. Frontier firms' labour productivity has diverged from the rest. The Swiss education and training system is well regarded and has contributed to high employment rates. However, it is being increasingly challenged by the ever-growing demand for high-skilled workers along with the changing nature of work. Maintaining and raising living standards will require policies to restore productivity growth and ensure that the skills training and lifelong learning system is nimble. SPECIAL FEATURES: BOOSTING PRODUCTIVITY; MEETING SKILLS NEEDS

## **OECD Economic Surveys: Switzerland 2017**

**Summary Description** This book is primarily a celebration of the qualitative work undertaken internationally by a number of experienced researchers. It also focuses on developing the use of qualitative research for health and rehabilitative practitioners by recognizing its value methodologically and empirically. We find that the very nature of qualitative research offers an array of opportunities for researchers in being able to understand the social world around us. Further, through experience and discussion, this book identifies the multifaceted use of qualitative methods in the healthcare and rehabilitative setting. This book touches on the role of the researcher, the participants involved, and the research environment. In short, we see how these three central elements can affect the nature of qualitative work in attempts to offer originality. This text speaks to a number of audiences. Students who are writing undergraduate dissertations and research proposals, they may find the myriad of examples stimulating and may support the rationale for methodological decisions in their own work. For academics, practitioners, and prospective qualitative researchers this book also aims to demonstrate an array of opportunism in the field of qualitative research and how they may resonate with arguments proffered. It is anticipated that readers will find this collection of

qualitative examples not only useful for informing their own research, but we also hope to enlighten new discussions and arguments regarding both methodological and empirical use of qualitative work internationally. Features Encompasses the importance of qualitative research and how it can be used to facilitate healthcare and rehabilitation across a wide range of health conditions. Evaluates empirical data whilst critically applying it to contemporary practices. Provides readers with an overview with future directions and influence policy makers in order to develop practice. Focuses on an array of health conditions that can affect groups of the population, coincided with life issues and the care and family support received. Offers innovative methodological insights for prospective researchers in order to add to the existing evidence base.

## **Rabe v. Pappenheim, Lexikon Arbeitsrecht 2017 incl. Webinar**

The African Economic Outlook 2017 presents the continent's current state of affairs and forecasts its situation for the coming two years.

## **Enhancing Healthcare and Rehabilitation**

This timely book examines the role of fact-checking journalism within political policy debates, and its potential contribution to public engagement. Understanding facts not to operate in a political vacuum, the book argues for a wide remit for fact-checking journalism beyond empirically-checkable facts, to include the causal relationships and predictions that form part of wider political arguments and are central to electoral pledges. Whilst these statements cannot be proven or disproven, fact-checking can, and sometimes does, ask pertinent critical questions about the premises of those claims and arguments. The analysis centres on the three dedicated national British fact-checkers during the UK's 2017 snap general election, including their activity and engagement on Twitter. The book also makes a close political discourse and argumentation analysis of three key issue debates in flagship reporting from Channel 4 News and the BBC.

## **African Economic Outlook 2017 Entrepreneurship and Industrialisation**

Is transparency a necessary condition to build and restore citizen and civil society trust in governance and democracy? Throughout Europe, there is a growing demand for effective forms of citizen engagement and decentralisation in policy-making to increase trust and engage increasingly diverse populations. This volume addresses the relationship between trust and transparency in the context of multi-level governance. Drawing on fieldwork from the UK, France and Germany, this comparative analysis examines different efforts to build trust between key actors involved in decision-making at the sub-national level. It outlines the challenges of delivering this agenda and explores the paradox that trust might require transparency, yet in some instances transparency may undermine trust.

## **Fact-Checking Journalism and Political Argumentation**

This 2019 Article IV Consultation highlights that Costa Rican government recognizes the challenges and is planning a broad array of measures, although the political and social environment remains difficult. The Consultation focused on policies that would help restore fiscal sustainability, strengthen the inflation targeting framework, enhance resilience of the financial system, and boost potential and inclusive growth. The fiscal reform constitutes a critical step towards restoring fiscal sustainability, but full and timely implementation is key. Further frontloaded fiscal consolidation, based largely on revenue measures, should be implemented to further reduce debt and financing pressures, while taking measures to protect the poor. It is also recommended that monetary policy should continue to remain data dependent and balance downside risks to inflation stemming from slower activity and upside risks to inflation arising from tighter global financial conditions. Structural reforms, including those planned under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development accession process should be implemented to improve competitiveness and foster inclusive growth.

## **Analysing the Trust–Transparency Nexus**

The book focuses on smart computing for crowdfunding usage, looking at the crowdfunding landscape, e.g., reward-, donation-, equity-, P2P-based and the crowdfunding ecosystem, e.g., regulator, asker, backer, investor, and operator. The increased complexity of fund raising scenario, driven by the broad economic environment as well as the need for using alternative funding sources, has sparked research in smart computing techniques. Covering a wide range of detailed topics, the authors of this book offer an outstanding overview of the current state of the art; providing deep insights into smart computing methods, tools, and their applications in crowdfunding; exploring the importance of smart analysis, prediction, and decision-making within the fintech industry. This book is intended to be an authoritative and valuable resource for professional practitioners and researchers alike, as well as finance engineering, and computer science students who are interested in crowdfunding and other emerging fintech topics.

## **Costa Rica**

This book explores new approaches and strategies that luxury fashion brands could adopt in their operations toward sustainability goals. It addresses the unique challenges faced by luxury fashion brands, given that concepts of luxury and sustainability may be conflicting. In doing so, it elaborates on how fashion brands need to manage their suppliers to comply with and improve social and environmental conditions, the pressure to fulfill the triple-bottom lines, consumer demands for transparency, and social media and its advantages in achieving sustainability goals. Exploring the notion that luxury fashion brands are in a better position to pursue superior sustainability performance, it presents research that highlights how the consequences of non-compliance could have more devastating effects on luxury brands than on mass-market brands. The book is a valuable resource for academics and practitioners in the field of business, sustainability, and fashion.

## **Smart Computing Applications in Crowdfunding**

Value-added tax (VAT) is a mainstay of revenue systems in more than 160 countries. Because consumption is a more stable revenue base than other tax bases, VAT is less distorting and hence more likely to encourage investment, savings, optimum labor supply decisions, and growth. VAT is not without criticism however, and faces its own specific technical and policy challenges. This book, the first to thoroughly evaluate VAT from a global policy perspective after over 50 years of experience with its intricacies, offers authoritative perspectives on VAT's full spectrum—from its signal successes to the subtle ways its application can undermine revenue performance and economic neutrality. The contributors—leading tax practitioners and academics—examine the key policy issues and topics that are crucially relevant for measuring the success of the tax in the first part of the book, including: revenue generation and revenue efficiency; single rate versus multiple rates; susceptibility to fraud; exemptions and exceptions; compliance cost for businesses; policy and compliance gaps in revenue collection; adjustment rules caused by the transactional nature of the tax; transfer pricing issues; treatment of vouchers; permanent establishments and holding companies; payment of refunds; cross-border digital transactions; and supplies for free or below cost price. The second part offers six country reports—on New Zealand, Japan, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, and India—to demonstrate the different ways in which VAT operates in a variety of national economies. Whether a government is contemplating the imposition of a general consumption tax for the first time or new rules for applying an existing one, it is important for policymakers to keep central the aim to design a tax that realizes optimal efficiency and causes minimal distortions. This invaluable book serves as an expert guide to VAT policy development in this area. It will be welcomed not only by concerned government officials but also by tax professionals (both lawyers and accountants) and academics in tax law.

## **Biomarkers and Clinical Indicators in Motor Neuron Disease**

Transfer pricing continues to be one of the most significant areas of heightened controversy in international

taxation for multinational enterprises and tax administrations. Due to its far-reaching consequences, tax professionals and individual tax jurisdictions are required to understand the fundamentals of the topic, which is often caught in a maze of literature. Emerging from the joint research conducted by the WU Transfer Pricing Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law at WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business), the international tax law firm L&P – Ludovici Piccone & Partners, and the experiences from the annual advanced transfer pricing courses and conferences, this first edition of the book acts as a manual for understanding transfer pricing principles and their practical application. It provides a balanced approach by first detailing the basics of transfer pricing and second proceeding to specific topics that are highly relevant in today's tax environment. For the purpose of easy understanding, the book is presented in two parts: Part I: General Topics I. Introduction to Transfer Pricing II. Accurate Delineation and Recognition of Actual Transactions: Comparability Analysis III. Transfer Pricing Methods (Part I): Traditional Transaction Methods IV. Transfer Pricing Methods (Part II): Transactional Profit Methods V. Administrative Approaches to Avoiding/Minimizing Transfer Pricing Disputes VI. Administrative Approaches to Resolving Transfer Pricing Disputes VII. Transfer Pricing Documentation: Master File, Country File and Country-by-Country Reporting Part II: Specific Topics VIII. Attribution of Profits to Permanent Establishments IX. Transfer Pricing and Intra-group Services X. Transfer Pricing and Intra-group Financial Transactions XI. Transfer Pricing and Intangibles XII. Transfer Pricing, Supply Chain Management and Business Restructurings XIII. Transfer Pricing and Customs Valuation XIV. Transfer Pricing and EU State Aid In analysing the above topics, the work undertaken by the OECD, UN, EU, World Customs Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other international organizations is considered. Moreover, the book contains several practical examples, judicial precedents and illustrative explanations to complement the understanding. The book will be a catalyst for immense learning of students and young professionals who are at the introductory stage of understanding the nuances of transfer pricing. Further, the book also caters to tax lawyers, in-house tax counsels and academics working in international organizations, the business community and advisory firms as well as government officials interested in understanding transfer pricing.

## **Sustainability in Luxury Fashion Business**

This textbook presents a concise introduction to the fundamental principles of software engineering, together with practical guidance on how to apply the theory in a real-world, industrial environment. The wide-ranging coverage encompasses all areas of software design, management, and quality. Topics and features: presents a broad overview of software engineering, including software lifecycles and phases in software development, and project management for software engineering; examines the areas of requirements engineering, software configuration management, software inspections, software testing, software quality assurance, and process quality; covers topics on software metrics and problem solving, software reliability and dependability, and software design and development, including Agile approaches; explains formal methods, a set of mathematical techniques to specify and derive a program from its specification, introducing the Z specification language; discusses software process improvement, describing the CMMI model, and introduces UML, a visual modelling language for software systems; reviews a range of tools to support various activities in software engineering, and offers advice on the selection and management of a software supplier; describes such innovations in the field of software as distributed systems, service-oriented architecture, software as a service, cloud computing, and embedded systems; includes key learning topics, summaries and review questions in each chapter, together with a useful glossary. This practical and easy-to-follow textbook/reference is ideal for computer science students seeking to learn how to build high quality and reliable software on time and on budget. The text also serves as a self-study primer for software engineers, quality professionals, and software managers.

## **Virtues and Fallacies of VAT: An Evaluation after 50 Years**

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## **Fundamentals of Transfer Pricing**

The Yearbook of International Religious Demography presents an annual snapshot of the state of religious statistics around the world. Every year large amounts of data are collected through censuses, surveys, polls, religious communities, scholars, and a host of other sources. These data are collated and analyzed by research centers and scholars around the world. Large amounts of data appear in analyzed form in the World Religion Database (Brill), aiming at a researcher's audience. The Yearbook presents data in sets of tables and scholarly articles spanning social science, demography, history, and geography. Each issue offers findings, sources, methods, and implications surrounding international religious demography. Each year an assessment is made of new data made available since the previous issue of the yearbook. The 2018 volume features a wide range of subjects, including approaches to measuring religious violence, religious changes in the Indian Subcontinent, religious demography in Lebanon, Baptism and Godparenthood in Catholic Europe, the relevance of social media data for religious demographic research, and the methodological and practical challenges of measuring religiosity in Turkey. Contributors are: Todd M. Johnson, Gina Zurlo, Peter Crossing, Robert Brathwaite, J. K. Bajaj, M. D. Srinivas, Wissam Raji, Yves Rahme, Marc Zeinoun, Charbel Zeidan, Guido Alfani, Joey Marshall, Zubeyir Nisanci, Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa, María Concepción Servín Nieto.

## **Concise Guide to Software Engineering**

"The Transformation of Capacity in International Development" exposes the transformation of capacity within the development discourse through a discursive analysis of USAID projects in Afghanistan and Pakistan between 1977 and 2017. As development agendas increasingly call for human rights approaches to development and the foreign policies of donor states sound alarms over global security threats, capacity development has emerged as the solution to the complex problem of development. Through this examination of USAID's attempts to build capacity in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the book exposes how Western notions of progress, constructed by institutions, government officials, scholars and private sector actors, are obscured by the transformation of capacity. As agendas are translated into projects, they perpetuate historical relationships of global inequality that have corrupted and compete with indigenous models of governance. The Transformation of Capacity in International Development has implications for those considering the future of human rights-based approaches to development, the international management of global security threats and the sustainability of donor investments.

## **APSC Exam-Assam Veterinary Officer-Block Veterinary Officer Exam-Veterinary Science Subject Practice Sets**

The Routledge Handbook of Translation and Politics presents the first comprehensive, state of the art overview of the multiple ways in which 'politics' and 'translation' interact. Divided into four sections with thirty-three chapters written by a roster of international scholars, this handbook covers the translation of political ideas, the effects of political structures on translation and interpreting, the politics of translation and an array of case studies that range from the Classical Mediterranean to contemporary China. Considering established topics such as censorship, gender, translation under fascism, translators and interpreters at war, as well as emerging topics such as translation and development, the politics of localization, translation and interpreting in democratic movements, and the politics of translating popular music, the handbook offers a global and interdisciplinary introduction to the intersections between translation and interpreting studies and politics. With a substantial introduction and extensive bibliographies, this handbook is an indispensable resource for students and researchers of translation theory, politics and related areas.

## **Yearbook of International Religious Demography 2018**

Applying lessons from history to the reality of poverty today in the United States-the most affluent country in

the world-this book analyzes contributing factors to poverty and proposes steps to relieve people affected by it. American history is replete with efforts to alleviate poverty. While some efforts have resulted in at least partial success, others have not, because poverty is a multifaceted, complicated phenomenon with no simple solution. *Winning the War on Poverty* studies the history of poverty relief efforts in the United States dating to the 19th century, debunking misperceptions about the poor and tackling the problem of the ever-widening gap between the rich and poor. It highlights the ideological differences between liberal and conservative beliefs and includes insights drawn from a well-rounded group of disciplines including political science, history, sociology, economics, and public health. Premised on the idea that only the lessons of history can help policymakers recognize that the United States has a persistent poverty problem that is much worse than it is in many other democracies, the book suggests an 18-point plan to substantively address this dilemma. Its vision for reform does not pander to any particular ideology or political party; rather, this book explains how the United States can win the war on poverty in the short term.

## **The Transformation of Capacity in International Development**

*Comprehensive Overview of Modern Surgical Approaches to Intrinsic Brain Tumors* addresses limitations in the scientific literature by focusing primarily on surgical approaches to various intrinsic neoplasms using diagrams and step-by-step instructions. It provides the advantages and disadvantages of these approaches, controversies, and technical considerations and discusses topics such as anatomy, pathology and animal models, imaging, open brain tumor approaches and minimally invasive approaches. Additionally, it discusses controversial treatments and the pros and cons of each. This book is a valuable source for medical students, neurosurgeons and any healthcare provider who has an interest in brain tumors and techniques to treat them.

## **The Routledge Handbook of Translation and Politics**

South Africans often are deeply polarised in our perspectives of the present and the past. Our ‘ways of seeing’ are fraught with division, and we fail to understand the complexities when we do not see what lies beneath the surface. There is no denying that the Jacob Zuma presidency took a significant toll on South Africa, exacerbating tensions and exposing the deep fractures that already exist in our society along the lines of race, class and even ethnicity. The Zuma years were marked by cases of corruption and state capture, unprecedented in their brazenness, and increased social protests – many of which were accompanied by violence – aggressive public discourse, lack of respect for reason and an often disturbing resistance to meaningful engagement. Importantly, those years also placed enormous pressure on our democratic institutions, many of which still bear the scars, and challenged the sovereignty of the Constitution itself. As an analyst and governance specialist at the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA) for twelve years, February has had a unique perch. *Turning and turning* is a snapshot of her IDASA years and the issues tackled, which included work on the arms deal and its corrosive impact on democratic institutions, IDASA’s party-funding campaign, which February helped lead, as well as work on accountability and transparency. Combining analytical insight with personal observations and experience, February highlights the complex process of building a strong democratic society, and the difficulties of living in a constitutional democracy marked by soaring levels of inequality. There is a need to reflect on and learn from the country’s democratic journey if citizens are to shape our democracy effectively and to fulfill the promise of the Constitution for all South Africans.

## **Winning the War on Poverty**

This book consolidates the judgments and orders passed by the Supreme Court, High Courts across India and the Tribunal including Appellate Tribunal during January 2019 - December 2019 in the form of a digest based on qualitative research. The cases have been presented in a comprehensible manner under each provision giving the essence of the judgment in a concise manner. The insolvency practitioners, judicial officers, regulators and other stakeholders will find the IBC digest extremely useful in their endeavours. Key features Covers gist of more than 700 judgements and orders Cover judgements and orders passed during

January 2019 - December 2019 For easy reference, table of cases arranged: – Section-wise – Alphabet-wise – Authority-wise Conclusive heading/topic allocated to all cases digested Includes updated text of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 with footnotes

## **Comprehensive Overview of Modern Surgical Approaches to Intrinsic Brain Tumors**

This two-volume book considers from a risk perspective the current phenomenon of the new Alt-Right authoritarianism and whether it represents ‘real’ democracy or an unacceptable hegemony potentially resulting in elected dictatorships and abuses as well as dysfunctional government. Contributing authors represent an eclectic range of disciplines, including cognitive, organizational and political psychology, sociology, history, political science, international relations, linguistics and discourse analysis, and risk analysis. The Alt-Right threats and risk exposures, whether to democracy, human rights, law and order, social welfare, racial harmony, the economy, national security, the environment, and international relations, are identified and analysed across a number of selected countries. While Vol. 1 focusses on the US, Vol. 2 (ISBN 978-3-8382-1263-0) illuminates the phenomenon in the UK, Austria, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Italy, Hungary, and Russia. Potential strategies to limit the Alt-Right threat are proposed.

## **Turning and Turning**

This book makes an original contribution to our knowledge of the world’s major defence industries. Experts from a wide range of different countries – from the major economies of North America and Western Europe to developing economies and some unique cases such as China, India, Singapore, South Africa and North Korea – describe and analyse the structure, conduct and performance of the defence industry in that country. Each chapter opens with statistics on a key nation’s defence spending, its spending on defence R&D and on procurement over the period 1980 to 2017, allowing for an analysis of industry changes following the end of the Cold War. After the facts of each industry, the authors describe and analyse the structure, conduct and performance of the industry. The analysis of ‘structure’ includes discussions of entry conditions, domestic monopoly/oligopoly structures and opportunities for competition. The section on ‘conduct’ analyses price/non-price competition, including private and state funded R&D, and ‘performance’ incorporates profitability, imports and exports together with spin-offs and technical progress. The conclusion explores the future prospects for each nation’s defence industry. Do defence industries have a future? What might the future defence firm and industry look like in 50 years’ time? This volume is a vital resource and reference for anyone interested in defence economics, industrial economics, international relations, strategic studies and public procurement.

## **Case Digest on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**

Titel in englischer Sprache Eine wichtige Neuerscheinung für alle, die mit Rückversicherungen zu tun haben. Vor allem Einsteiger finden hier übersichtlich und verständlich alle relevanten Informationen auf einen Blick! Das „ABC der Rückversicherung“ ist in zwei Teile untergliedert. Im ersten befassen sich die Autoren intensiv mit der traditionellen Rückversicherung. Dazu zählen Themen wie die Vertragsrückversicherung und die fakultative Rückversicherung - und zwar sowohl in der proportionalen als auch in der nichtproportionalen Form. Der erste Teil behandelt zusätzlich zentrale Methoden der Bepreisung und der Rechnungslegung von Rückversicherungsverträgen. Zahlreiche Illustrationen, Beispiele und Übungsaufgaben mit nachvollziehbaren Musterlösungen sorgen dafür für bestmögliche Verständlichkeit. Ganz bewusst verzichteten die Autoren darauf, mathematische Herleitungen zu erklären. Aus gutem Grund: Im Vordergrund steht klar und deutlich die schnelle Anwendbarkeit, daher werden konkret die Vor- und Nachteile der einzelnen Techniken und Konzepte herausgearbeitet. Der zweite Teil widmet sich dann den fortgeschrittenen Aspekten in der Rückversicherung. Dazu gehören Methoden des alternativen Risikotransfers, aber auch die verschiedenen Anwendungsgebiete der passiven Rückversicherung kommen nicht zu kurz. In erster Linie ist der zweite Teil dazu gedacht, einen kompakten Überblick über weitere Themengebiete zu geben, die rund um die traditionelle Rückversicherung flankierend auftauchen. Bereits



Anfänger, die mit dem Thema noch nicht sehr vertraut sind, können so die wichtigsten Konzepte der Rückversicherung und die in der Praxis verwandten Fachtermini einsortieren und grob bewerten! Zahlreiche Referenzen geben dabei nicht nur Sicherheit, sie dienen auch einem vertieften Einstieg. Im Einzelnen werden hier die folgenden Themengebiete angesprochen: Fronting und Captives zur Steuerung des Selbstbehaltes der zedierenden Gesellschaft Run-Off-Management zur Abwicklung von Versicherungsbeständen Regulatorische Themen wie die Äquivalenz von einzelnen Aufsichtsregimen und die Erfassung von global systemrelevanten Versicherern sowie Skizzierung von Methoden zur Optimierung von Rückversicherungsstrukturen und Selbstbehalten Ein Glossar, das die im Buch gebrauchten Fachtermini kurz erläutert, rundet das für die Branche wichtige Buch ab. Ideal für Anfänger bei Versicherungsunternehmen, die sich mit der aktiven oder passiven Rückversicherung beschäftigen, und die sich einen kompakten, schnellen und anwendungsorientierten Überblick verschaffen wollen! Those who are dealing with assumed or ceded reinsurance can find here all information at a glance. In the first part the authors deal with traditional assumed reinsurance, i.e., treaty and facultative reinsurance, both proportional and non-proportional in nature. Illustrations, practical examples and exercises enhance the reader's experience. The second part is dedicated to advanced reinsurance, e.g., to methods of alternative risk transfer and work fields in ceded reinsurance. Ideal for the beginner to obtain an application-oriented overview of the relevant concepts and techniques in reinsurance!

## **The New Authoritarianism**

Through a series of studies of aspects of CSR from around the world, this book re-examines the topic through the lenses of various disciplines and cultures. It shows that the subject is much wider than is generally perceived and that CSR is evolving in a way which has not been generally recognized within the academic community.

## **The Economics of the Global Defence Industry**

With the advent of the internet and handheld or wearable media systems that plunge the user into 360° video, augmented—or virtual reality—technology is changing how stories are told and created. In this book, John V. Pavlik argues that a new form of mediated communication has emerged: experiential news. Experiential media delivers not just news stories but also news experiences, in which the consumer engages news as a participant or virtual eyewitness in immersive, multisensory, and interactive narratives. Pavlik describes and analyzes new tools and approaches that allow journalists to tell stories that go beyond text and image. He delves into developing forms such as virtual reality, haptic technologies, interactive documentaries, and drone media, presenting the principles of how to design and frame a story using these techniques. Pavlik warns that although experiential news can heighten user engagement and increase understanding, it may also fuel the transformation of fake news into artificial realities, and he discusses the standards of ethics and accuracy needed to build public trust in journalism in the age of virtual reality. Journalism in the Age of Virtual Reality offers important lessons for practitioners seeking to produce quality experiential news and those interested in the ethical considerations that experiential media raise for journalism and the public.

## **The ABC Of Reinsurance**

Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 will, to a great degree, depend on implementing a “circular economy”. In the forest sector, this relates to how we manage forests and use forest products. The Forest Products Annual Market Review covers recent trends, policies and market intelligence on forest products along with production, consumption and trade statistics for the UNECE region; all of which are critical to the role of forests in creating a more circular economy.

## **Redefining Corporate Social Responsibility**

Modern humanity with some 5,000 years of recorded history has been experiencing growing pains, with no

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A practical how-to guide for students and a powerful reminder of the value of a humanities education In recent decades, the humanities have struggled to justify themselves in the American university. The costs of attending a four-year college have exploded, resulting in intense pressure on students to major in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), business, and other pre-professional or “practical” majors that supposedly transmit more marketable skills than can be acquired from the humanities. But, as Laurie Grobman and E. Michele Ramsey argue, this vision of humanities majors idly pondering the meaning of life for four years is inaccurate. *Major Decisions* demonstrates how choosing a major in the humanities is a worthwhile investment in a global economy that is shifting in the direction of college graduates who think broadly, critically, and ethically. Indeed, the core skills and knowledge imparted by an education in the humanities—including facility with written and verbal communication, collaboration, problem-solving, technological literacy, ethics, leadership, and an understanding of the human impacts of globalization—are immensely useful to employers across a variety of sectors. *Major Decisions* serves as a deeply informative guide to students and parents—and provides a powerful reminder to employers and university administrators of the true value of an education in the humanities.

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“As technology threatens to displace countless jobs and skills, the ability to communicate is becoming more important than ever. This book is full of examples to help you get better at transporting your thoughts and emotions into the minds of other people.” —Adam Grant, New York Times bestselling author of *Give and Take*, *Originals*, and *Option B* with Sheryl Sandberg How to master the art of persuasion—from the bestselling author of *Talk Like TED*. Ideas don’t sell themselves. As the forces of globalization, automation, and artificial intelligence combine to disrupt every field, having a good idea isn’t good enough. Mastering the ancient art of persuasion is the key to standing out, getting ahead, and achieving greatness in the modern world. Communication is no longer a “soft” skill—it is the human edge that will make you unstoppable, irresistible, and irreplaceable—earning you that perfect rating, that fifth star. In *Five Stars*, Carmine Gallo, bestselling author of *Talk Like TED*, breaks down how to apply Aristotle’s formula of persuasion to inspire contemporary audiences. As the nature of work changes, and technology carries things across the globe in a moment, communication skills become more valuable—not less. Gallo interviews neuroscientists, economists, historians, billionaires, and business leaders of companies like Google, Nike, and Airbnb to show first-hand how they use their words to captivate your imagination and ignite your dreams. In the knowledge age—the information economy—you are only as valuable as your ideas. *Five Stars* is a book to help you bridge the gap between mediocrity and exceptionality, and gain your competitive edge in the age of automation. In *Five Stars*, you will also learn: -The one skill billionaire Warren Buffett says will raise your value by 50 percent. -Why your job might fall into a category where 75 percent or more of your income relies on your ability to sell your idea. -How Airbnb’s founders follow a classic 3-part formula shared by successful Hollywood movies. -Why you should speak in third-grade language to persuade adult listeners. -The one

brain hack Steve Jobs, Leonardo da Vinci, and Picasso used to unlock their best ideas.

## Major Decisions

This book closely scrutinizes the individual and collective roles played by China, the EU and the USA in contemporary world politics. Examining the three actors' respective strategic and policy positions on and behaviour towards the flux of the contemporary global order, the analysis focuses on three major issues and challenges: foreign and security policy; economics and trade; and climate change and energy. Discussing their relative power, as well as their interests, beliefs and positions on a set of decisive issues, this book explores bilateral relations between the three powers and the ways in which they may interact trilaterally in a broader global context to shape international politics. Written by a stellar line-up of experts from the fields of politics and international relations, *The Evolving Relationship between China, the EU and the USA* will be of huge interest to students and scholars from within these fields, as well as policy-makers and practitioners more generally.

## The Reactionary Mind

*The National Politics of EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans* examines the way in which a number of European Union member states, including Germany and France, formulate their policies towards enlargement in the Western Balkans. The six countries of the Western Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia – are on course to become the next members of the European Union. While there has been a lot of work on the ways in which these countries are preparing for accession, and how the EU as a whole approaches the question of expansion, very little attention has been paid to how individual EU member states regard enlargement into a region that presents a number of serious challenges, including the legacies of the conflicts of the 1990s, economic underdevelopment and poor governance. Focusing on key states, such as Germany, France and Italy, the neighbouring countries of Central and South East Europe, and Britain, once a leading advocate of enlargement that is now in the process of leaving the European Union, this volume casts important new empirical and conceptual light on the diverse motivations that underpin member state attitudes towards EU enlargement. *The National Politics of EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans* will be of great interest to scholars of the European Union, European politics, and the politics of the Western Balkans. The chapters were originally published as a special issue of *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*.

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