

Business Question Paper 2014 Grade 12

Although banking and sovereign debt crises are not unusual, the crisis that has unfolded across the world since 2007 has been unique in both its scale and scope. It has also been unusual in being both triggered by, and mainly affecting, developed economies. Starting with the US subprime mortgage crisis, and the recession in 2007-2009, the problem soon erupted into financial crisis in Europe. A few of these countries came to the brink of bankruptcy, and were rescued by the EU and the IMF on the condition they adopt austerity measures. The detrimental social effects of the crisis in both the US and Europe are still emerging. Although there have been several studies published on the US crisis in particular, there has so far been an absence of an accessible comparative overview of both crises. This insightful text aims to fill this gap, offering a critical overview of causes, policy responses, effects and future implications. Starting with the historical context and mutation of the crisis, the book explores the policies, regulations, and governance reforms that have been implemented to cope with the US subprime mortgage crisis. A parallel analysis considers the causes of the European sovereign debt crisis and the responses of the European Union (EU), examining why the EU is as yet unable to resolve the crisis. This book is supported with eResources that include essay questions and class discussion questions in order to assist students in their understanding. This uniquely comprehensive and readable overview will be of interest and relevance to those studying financial crises, financial governance, international economics and international political economy.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Banking, Stock Exchanges, Insurance, Accounting, grade: 1,7, University of Applied Sciences Essen, language: English, abstract: The national crisis of the American banking system developed to a multinational crisis of the financial world and finally ended in an international implosion of the world's economic system. The experts discuss how to stabilize this system in order to avoid a further collapse and critics reveal that the current crisis is the proof of failure of our traditional banking system. As a consequence of the financial crisis in 2007, a higher attendance of discussing alternative banking systems aroused the interest of this paper. The Islamic banking sector survived that crisis without having any insolvencies and governmental help as it could be observed in the western world. In contrast to the western banking system, the modalities of financial transactions are characterized among many other features by its connection to real economy and abdication of interest-bearing or speculative investments. This term paper will deal with the question whether the "Islamic Banking" could represent an alternative the predominating system in Germany. One aspect of this thesis will be if the Islamic system could replace the German one in the future. Firstly each culture will be analyzed and afterwards compared on the basis of Hofstede's cultural studies. The main part will take care of the practical application of the theoretical elements by a result evaluation and critical analysis of the above-mentioned thesis. In section four a conclusion will be drawn as well as an outlook will be given on future development potentialities in the field of "Islamic Finance".

Energy consumption and production have major influences on the economy, environment, and society, but in return they are also influenced by how the economy is structured, how the social institutions work, and how the society deals with environmental degradation. The need for integrated assessment of the relationship between energy, economy, environment, and society is clear, and this handbook offers an in-depth review of all four pillars of the energy-economy-environment-society nexus. Bringing together contributions from all over the world, this handbook includes sections devoted to each of the four pillars. Moreover, as the financialization of commodity markets has made risk analysis more complicated and intriguing, the sections also cover energy commodity markets and their links to other financial and non-financial markets. In addition, econometric modeling and the forecasting of energy needs, as well as energy prices and volatilities, are also explored. Each part emphasizes the multidisciplinary nature of the energy economics field and from this perspective, chapters offer a review of models and methods used in the literature. The Routledge Handbook of Energy Economics will be of great interest to all those studying and researching in the area of energy economics. It offers guideline suggestions for policy makers as well as for future research.

The examining team reviewed P5 Practice & Revision Kit provides invaluable guidance on how to approach the exam and contains past ACCA exam questions for you to try. The questions in the Practice & Revision Kit reflect the scenario-based questions you will find on the exam.

These Proceedings are the work of researchers contributing to the 2nd International Conference on Cloud Security Management Security (ICCSM 2014), being held this year at the University of Reading, UK on the 23-24 October 2014, . The conference chair is Dr John McCarthy, Vice President, from the Cyber Security, ServiceTech, UK and the Programme Chair is Dr. Barbara Endicott-Popovsky, from the Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity, University of Washington, Seattle, USA. As organisations rush to adopt Cloud Computing at a rate faster than originally projected, it is safe to predict that, over the coming years, Cloud Computing will have major impacts, not only on the way we conduct science and research, but also on the quality of our daily human lives. Computation research, education, and business communities have been exploring the potential benefits of Cloud Computing and the changes these imply. Experts have predicted that the move to the cloud will alter significantly the content of IT jobs, with cloud clients needing fewer hands-on skills and more skills that administer and manage information. Bill Gates was recently quoted: "How you gather, manage, and use information will determine whether you win or lose." Cloud Computing impacts will be broad and pervasive, applying to public and private institutions alike.

Credit rating agencies play an essential role in the modern financial system and are relied on by creditors and investors on the market. In the recent financial crisis, their power and reliability were often questioned, yet a simple rating downgrade could threaten to bankrupt a whole country. This book examines the governance of credit rating agencies, as expressed by their ability to fairly, ethically and consistently assign higher rates to issuers having lesser default risks. However, factors such as the drive for increased revenue and market share, the inadequate business model, the inadequate methodology of assessing risk, opacity and inadequate internal monitoring have all been identified as critical governance failures for credit agencies. This book explores these issues, and proposes some potential solutions and improvements. This will be of interest to researchers and advanced students of corporate finance, finance, financial economics, risk management, investment management, and banking.

This authoritative textbook offers a thorough, theoretical and practical overview of the current EU legal framework applicable to capital markets. It is intended to enable a critical analysis of the overall regulatory principles as well as the interaction between market actors and EU law which has shaped the regulatory agenda both at national and EU level. The book gives an overview of the foundations of EU capital markets and touches upon issuer disclosure obligations, inappropriate market practices and gatekeepers. EU law is the main focus, complemented by comparative analysis where applicable, primarily relating to UK, French

and German laws. Ideal for upper-level undergraduate or graduate law students taking a module in Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, Corporate Finance Law or EU Company Law. Also useful for accounting, business or economics MSc students who need to broaden their understanding of the legal aspects of capital markets, and for academics and policy makers. Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - General, grade: 1,7, Technical University of Munich (TUM School of Management), language: English, abstract: Incubators and their influence on start-ups as well as their performance are widely discussed, especially in Germany where Berlin and Munich are developing a very supportive environment for start-ups. There is a variety of different types of incubators and offered services. Some work for-profit others work non-profit and receive governmental support. For a start-up, the decision, which incubator to chose (or apply for a development program) depends on its business model and the parts of it that need further adjustment. Does a start-up for example need capital? Does it require a lab to conduct experiments? Does it need entrepreneurial education? All those questions influence the decision for the right incubator type. There has been some research done compiling the services offered by incubators in general (Aerts, Matthyssens, & Vandenbempt, 2007; Al-Mubarak & Busler, 2010; European Commission Enterprise Directorate-General, 2002; Rice, 2002; Sang Suk & Osteryoung, 2004). In a first step I want to map the different services offered by incubators to the parts of a start-up's business model to generate an overview of what parts of a business model are influenced in general. There has also been some research about the services offered by different types of incubators (Mian, 1994, 1996) and there has been research comparing different types of incubators (Gassmann & Becker, 2006; Grimaldi & Grandi, 2005; von Zedtwitz & Grimaldi, 2006), but there is almost no literature comparing the influence on a start-up's business model of different types of incubators. In this work I want to reveal differences in influence on a start-up's business model in Germany between university-sponsored incubators and independent incubators, as they are the most distinguishable types of incubators. University-sponsored incubators mostly belong to governmental institution and are non-profit oriented, whereas independent (private) incubators do not belong to any institution and aim to make a profit. This work should help distinguish university-sponsored and independent incubators regarding their influence on a business model. First I want to compile the results of existing literature and in a second step challenge those results with qualitative interviews. Therefore I conducted interviews with one university-sponsored and one independent incubator. Providing a clear view on the differences in influence can help start-ups decide which incubator type to chose.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Supply, Production, Logistics, grade: 1,0, University of Cooperative Education Mannheim, language: English, abstract: According to Schönsleben "The link between process management and logistics management is evident" (2007). In order to be able to agree to Mr. Schönsleben, the thesis on hand focuses on processes and flows involved in integral logistics. In this context, touching supply chain management is indispensable. The author also wants to sensibilise the reader for recognizing the omnipresence of processes and accompanying flows in daily operations and their increasing significance for business success. Questions answered during the following elaborations concern the development from logistics to integrated means, the existence of different process types and how to design the same. Additionally, process implementation and the position of a chief process officer are discussed. The paper also tries to point out reasons for the status quo of process handling within companies. Demonstrating the current relevance of the given topic, the results are mainly based on literature originating from the previous 15 years plus contemporary sources available via Internet. A study conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers dealing with business processes also influenced the findings. Complexity of business models and widely-branched supply chains long for a sophisticated organisational effort. Nearly every part of an integral logistics chain is related to a process and IT-support is inalienable for handling them. Physical and information flows are of equal importance. Companies do acknowledge the benefits of process management but yet the majority stays behind possibilities. Necessary investments still represent obstacles but advantages of well-working processes outweigh related concerns increasingly. Thus, further clarification is necessary among the management level to enhance sustainable awareness about process implementation for staying competitive.

Academic Paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 1,7, Technical University of Munich, language: English, abstract: The focus of this paper lies on answering the questions, what factors should be considered to successfully exist a venture with regard to exit timing and routing and how these strategic choices are interrelated. The divestment process plays a critical role in the Venture Capital (VC) business model. Typically, a VC invested venture is not able to pay dividends prior to its exit as the business has not fully matured yet. Therefore, a Venture Capital Firm (VCF) generates virtually all of its income by realizing capital gains at the time of the venture's exit. This indicates that a VCF heavily depends on a successful divestment transaction - in most cases, a poor exit execution leads to an inferior return on investment which in turn can ruin the VCF's overall performance. A VCF therefore plans its exits carefully and evaluates its strategic choices. In this context, the two most important exit decision variables considered by a VCF are the choice of exit route and the choice of exit timing. By choosing the right exit route and pursuing good exit timing, a VCF can significantly increase its proceeds for a given venture. The primary focus of this paper lies on answering these aforementioned questions by drawing together the empirical research on these two dominant strategic exit choices.

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Between 2000 and 2015, women ascended to the top of judiciaries across Africa, most notably as chief justices of supreme courts in common law countries like Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Malawi, Lesotho and Zambia, but also as presidents of constitutional courts in civil law countries such as Benin, Burundi, Gabon, Niger and Senegal. Most of these appointments was a "first" in terms of the gender of the chief justice. At the same time, women are being

appointed in record numbers as magistrates, judges and justices across the continent. While women's increasing numbers and roles in African executives and legislatures have been addressed in a burgeoning scholarly literature, very little work has focused on women in judiciaries. This book addresses the important issue of the increasing numbers and varied roles of women judges and justices, as judiciaries evolve across the continent. Scholars of law, gender politics and African politics provide overviews of recent developments in gender and the judiciary in nine African countries that represent north, east, southern and west Africa as well as a range of colonial experiences, postcolonial trajectories and legal systems, including mixes of common, civil, customary, or sharia law. In the process, each chapter seeks to address the following questions: What has been the historical experience of the judicial system in a given country, from before colonialism until the present? What is the current court structure and where are the women judges, justices, magistrates and other women located? What are the selection or appointment processes for joining the bench and in what ways may these help or hinder women to gain access to the courts as judges and justices? Once they become judges, do women on the bench promote the rights of women through their judicial powers? What are the challenges and obstacles facing women judges and justices in Africa? Timely and relevant in this era in which governmental accountability and transparency are essential to the consolidation of democracy in Africa and when women are accessing significant leadership positions across the continent, this book considers the substantive and symbolic representation of women's interests by women judges and the wider implications of their presence for changing institutional norms and advancing the rule of law and human rights.

This volume consists of revised selected papers presented at the 3rd and 4th International Conference on Smart Energy Research, SmartER Europe 2016 and 2017, held in Essen, Germany, in February 2016 and 2017. The 13 full papers included in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 25 submissions. The papers discuss recent advances and experiences in building and using new IT-based solutions for Smart Grids and Smart Markets combining the knowledge of different disciplines such as engineering, business management and economics as well as computer science. They reflect the versatility and the complexity of the transformation process in the energy sector and also show the great need for research that is required to achieve the high targets for a digitized and sustainable energy landscape. Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Miscellaneous, grade: 1,3, <http://www.uni-jena.de/> (Fachbereich Interkulturelle Wirtschaftskommunikation), course: Seminar Wirtschaftsbezogene Kulturgeschichte Indiens, language: English, abstract: Time is inseparably intertwined with our lives. We seldom stop to think about it because it appears to be a natural constant, which has always been and always will be. Most people are oblivious to the fact, that our perception of time and our ways to handle it are not uniform but culturally shaped. To say it with the words of the US-American anthropologist Edward T. Hall, who is one of the leading theoreticians in the field: "Time is a core system of cultural, social, and personal life. In fact, nothing occurs except in some kind of time frame. A complicating factor in intercultural relations is that each culture has its own time frames in which the patterns are unique. This means that to function effectively abroad it is just as necessary to learn the language of time as it is to learn the spoken language." (Hall 1983, p. 3). Consequently, different time frames might explain many misunderstandings in intercultural collaboration. Due to globalization, companies invest all around the world and it becomes more and more relevant for them to understand, why the attempt to implement their management approaches in culturally different contexts often fail. It is not enough to look at the surface only – time matters as well. Accordingly, Sahay emphasizes that taking time and space into account will lead to a more holistic understanding of implementation problems by going beyond the search for the elusive dependent variable that determines success or failure (Sahay 1998, p. 149). It is my ambition to strive for a deeper understanding as well. The underlying questions of this paper are: what kind of time related misunderstandings can occur in intercultural collaboration of Indians and Germans? And correspondingly, what do business people need to know about the time perception of the other to work together successfully? In order to answer these questions, I will use Hall's theoretical dimensions of polychronic and monochronic time. Investigating the applicability of this framework to India and Germany, I will try to locate both on a range from polychronic to monochronic time and analyze if typical misunderstandings occur. Finally, I will try to put these considerations into a greater context by discussing the question, if time concepts can be related to culturally different systems of thought. In doing so, I will refer to the theory of holistic vs. analytic cognition by Nisbett et al.

This book provides tips to teachers for moving toward active learning by using simulation and gaming. The book is a rare reference for teachers who wish to initiate active learning by applying many real experiences from world experts in simulation and gaming. This cumulative wisdom comes from cutting-edge trials reported at the 49th International Simulation and Gaming Association's annual conference in Thailand 9–13 July 2018. The importance of changing teachers' one-way lecture approach to that of active learning has been commonly understood for several decades and has been promoted especially in recent years in Asian universities. Simulation and gaming meets the requirements of such teaching programs, especially for active learning, but there are few books or references on how to gamify a lecture. This book serves as a guide to facilitate that change. The author recognizes the duty to provide readers with fixed directions toward simulation and gaming in the next generation, which have still not been fully elucidated. Developing a simulation and gaming culture and making it sustainable in the next decade are the purpose of this book.

This book constitutes revised selected papers from the 17th Workshop on e-Business, WeB 2018, which took place in Santa Clara, CA, USA, in December 2018. The purpose of WeB is to provide an open forum for e-Business researchers and practitioners world-wide, to share topical research findings, explore novel ideas, discuss success stories and lessons learned, map out major challenges, and collectively chart future directions for e-Business. The WeB 2018 theme was "The Ecosystem of e-Business: Technologies, Stakeholders, and Connections." There was a total of 47 submissions and 41 papers were presented at the conference. Of these, 19 revised papers are presented in this volume. These contributions are organized in the following topical sections: social, policy, and privacy issues; e-market; FinTech; and artificial intelligence.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Business Ethics, Corporate Ethics, grade: 2,0, University of Augsburg, language: English, abstract: This essay is concerned with the empirical question whether Corporate Social Responsibility of

Multinational Companies has an impact on its financial performance. Currently, the widely spread debate about the importance of responsible and sustainable behavior of firms leads to different positions in the business world and requires explicit generally excepted answers. The multitude of already existing studies shows that it is almost impossible to find one commonly accepted definition and one perfectly fitting level of CSR. This study works out two widely accepted measures of CSR and its relation to financial performance in the context of a company's reputation. The results of these studies show that a positive relation between social and environmental awareness and the accounting-based financial performance of a company do in fact exist. By using data from already analyzed meta-studies, the phenomenon can be explained by the importance of reputation in today's business world.

Most academics still wrestle with the "publish or perish" phenomenon. Based on Dr. Liebowitz's 25 years serving as the editor-in-chief of a leading international journal, along with insights from some of the most knowledgeable journal editors, this book shares key lessons learned to help new professors, doctoral students, and practitioner-scholars

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,7, University of Applied Sciences Essen, language: English, abstract: This term paper deals with the Uppsala model of internationalization and the question whether it is still working today or if modern companies have more possibilities to enter new markets in foreign countries in a different way. The model was developed almost forty years ago and the framework and conditions of internationalization and technological progress have changed a lot. In economics, internationalization is the process of increasing involvement of enterprises in international markets, although there is no agreed definition of internationalization. There are several internationalization theories which try to explain why there are international activities. This paper will stick to the classic school theory, the Uppsala model or international stage model in comparison to modern ways of internationalization by the example of 'Born Globals'. The Uppsala model provides a universal explanation of how internationalization works in the form of sequential stages during its early development. 'Born Globals' are young companies that start to globalize very fast from the beginning without any preceding long term period of internationalization. They do not follow the stages in the suggested order, they rather leap-frog some of the steps given by the model. The aim is to show that the business world has changed and the model is not contemporary anymore. This paper will start with the background of the Uppsala model, its structure. A description of the establishment chain and the psychic chain will follow. After that the internationalization model will be illustrated which will lead to the critical view of the Uppsala model. Chapter three describes the modern way of internationalization using the example of 'Born Globals'. The last chapter of this term paper is the conclusion.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - General, grade: 1,7, Technical University of Munich (TUM School of Management), language: English, abstract: Incubators and their influence on start-ups as well as their performance are widely discussed, especially in Germany where Berlin and Munich are developing a very supportive environment for start-ups. There is a variety of different types of incubators and offered services. Some work for-profit others work non-profit and receive governmental support. For a start-up, the decision, which incubator to chose (or apply for a development program) depends on its business model and the parts of it that need further adjustment. Does a start-up for example need capital? Does it require a lab to conduct experiments? Does it need entrepreneurial education? All those questions influence the decision for the right incubator type. There has been some research done compiling the services offered by incubators in general (Aerts, Matthyssens, & Vandenbempt, 2007; Al-Mubarak & Busler, 2010; European Commission Enterprise Directorate-General, 2002; Rice, 2002; Sang Suk & Osteryoung, 2004). In a first step I want to map the different services offered by incubators to the parts of a start-up's business model to generate an overview of what parts of a business model are influenced in general. There has also been some research about the services offered by different types of incubators (Mian, 1994, 1996) and there has been research comparing different types of incubators (Gassmann & Becker, 2006; Grimaldi & Grandi, 2005; von Zedtwitz & Grimaldi, 2006), but there is almost no literature comparing the influence on a start-up's business model of different types of incubators. In this work I want to reveal differences in influence on a start-up's business model in Germany between university-sponsored incubators and independent incubators, as they are the most distinguishable types of incubators. University-sponsored

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Cross-Cultural Design, CCD 2014, held as part of the 16th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCI International 2014, held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, jointly with 13 other thematically similar conferences. The total of 1476 papers and 220 posters presented at the HCII 2014 conferences was carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers address the latest research and development efforts and highlight the human aspects of design and use of computing systems. They thoroughly cover the entire field of human-computer interaction, addressing major advances in knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas. The 76 papers included in this volume deal with the following topics: cross-cultural product and service design; cross-cultural issues in interaction; social aspects and implications of cross-cultural design; cross-cultural issues in e-commerce, marketing and branding; cross-cultural design for knowledge sharing and learning; cross-cultural design for the smart city and cross-cultural design for creativity.

"Automated scoring engines [...] require a careful balancing of the contributions of technology, NLP, psychometrics, artificial intelligence, and the learning sciences. The present handbook is evidence that the theories, methodologies, and underlying technology that surround automated scoring have reached maturity, and that there is a growing acceptance of these technologies among experts and the public." From the Foreword by Alina von Davier, ACTNext Senior Vice President Handbook of Automated Scoring: Theory into Practice provides a scientifically grounded overview of the key research efforts required to move automated scoring systems into operational practice. It examines the field of automated scoring from the viewpoint of related scientific fields serving as its foundation, the latest developments of computational methodologies utilized in automated scoring, and several large-scale real-world applications of automated scoring for complex learning and assessment systems. The book is organized into three parts that cover (1) theoretical foundations, (2) operational methodologies, and (3) practical illustrations, each with a commentary. In addition, the handbook includes an introduction and synthesis chapter as well as a cross-chapter glossary. This volume consists of a number of selected papers that were presented at the 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Information and Creativity Support Systems (KICSS 2014) in Limassol, Cyprus, after they were substantially revised and extended. The 26 regular papers and 19 short papers included in this proceedings cover all aspects of knowledge management, knowledge engineering, intelligent information systems, and creativity in an information technology context, including computational creativity and its cognitive and collaborative aspects.

Integrating Curricular and Co-Curricular Endeavors to Enhance Student Outcomes reports on innovative approaches taken in universities in a number of nations of their experience in bringing together learning in courses with learning in co- and extracurricular activities.

The Trade and Development Report (TDR), launched in 1981, is issued every year for the annual session of the Trade and Development Board. The Report analyses current economic trends and major policy issues of international concern, and makes suggestions for addressing these issues at various levels.

Over the last few decades, many countries have reformed their secured transactions law. One of the main reasons has been the

clear link between reform and the availability of credit, and the drive to improve access to finance, particularly for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. This book focuses particularly on developing economies in Africa, which have legal frameworks influenced by English, French, Belgian, Roman-Dutch and other laws. Reform in this area of law across African countries has taken a number of forms, which are explored and discussed in this book. Secured Transactions Law Reform in Africa is a mixture of a critical description of the pre-reform law and practice, and the reform process itself. It also includes a comparative analysis of the legal provisions and an examination of the early results of the reforms. The book sets out a road map for the future of secured transactions reform; primarily in Africa, but also in other countries that have undertaken or are contemplating similar reforms. This book is the second in a series of books about Secured Transactions Law in countries around the world, and its reform, both on a national and an international scale. The first book, Secured Transactions Law Reform: Principles, Policies and Practice, was published in 2016.

International Conference on Engineering Education and Research

This books constitutes the thoroughly refereed papers and poster abstracts from the FC 2014 Workshops, the First Workshop on Bitcoin Research, BITCOIN 2014, and the Second Workshop on Applied Homomorphic Cryptography and Encrypted Computing, WAHC 2014, co-located with the 18th International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security, held in Christ Church, Barbados, on March 7, 2014. The 15 full papers and 3 poster abstracts presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 30 submissions. They are grouped in topical sections on Bitcoin transactions, policy and legal issues; Bitcoin security; improving digital currencies; posters, and WAHC papers.

Following the recent global financial crisis there is a growing interest in alternative finance – and microfinance in particular – as new instruments for providing financial services in a socially responsible way or as an alternative to traditional banking. Nonetheless, correspondingly there is also a lack of clarity about how to regulate alternative financial methods particularly in light of the financial crisis' lessons on regulatory failure and shadow banking's risks. This book considers microfinance from a legal and regulatory perspective. Microfinance is the provision of a wide range of financial services, particularly credit but also remittances, savings, to low-income people or financially excluded people. It combines a business structure with social inspiration, often resorts to technological innovations to lower costs (Fintech: e.g. crowdfunding and mobile banking) and merges with traditional local experiences (e.g. financial cooperatives and Islamic finance), this further complicating the regulatory picture. The book describes some of the unique dimensions of microfinance and the difficulties that this can cause for regulators, through a comparative analysis of selected European Union (EU) countries' regimes. The focus is in fact on the EU legal framework, with some references to certain developing world experiences where relevant. The book assesses the impact and validity of current financial regulation principles and rules, in light of the most recent developments and trends in financial regulation in the wake of the financial crisis and compares microfinance with traditional banking. The book puts forward policy recommendations for regulators and policy makers to help address the challenges and opportunities offered by microfinance.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Personnel and Organisation, grade: 1,3, FOM Hochschule fur Oekonomie und Management gemeinnutzige GmbH, Hochschulstudienzentrum Freiburg, language: English, abstract: The recession in 2008/09 illustrated for some companies the weakness in the marketplace that led to lower company valuations, increased business failures, outsourced businesses of companies, and sell offs of noncore business units. But if the organizations think forward they find opportunities that were not available when business was booming, such as expanding their company through acquisition. Eventually companies always need to look forward to stay competitive, capture market share, and be the first to innovate a new product or service (Mondy 2014, p.115). Organizations use strategic planning as a constantly changing and ongoing process in order to find a competitive advantage. They see the need to diversify and increase variety of goods that are made or sold. At other times companies have the requirement to downsize in response of the external environment or the strategic plan sees integration as their driving force, what means the unified control of a number of successive or similar operations. Therefor strategic planning endeavours to position the organization regarding external environment. Thus strategic planning at all levels of organization is important (Mondy 2014, p.115). To anticipate future business and environmental demands on the company, strategic planning in human resource (HR) is necessary to meet the personnel requirements dictated by those conditions (Lengnick-Hall 1988, p. 457). Hereby the strategic management process is used to answer a central question in HR strategy planning: "How to develop a human resource strategic plan?"

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Economic and Social History, grade: 1,0, Texas A&M University (Texas A&M University-Commerce), language: English, abstract: The Research Paper provides an analysis of two different economic policies and attempts to answer the question whether the US is better off with industrial policy or free trade. The analysis reviews Japan's industrial policy of the 20. century in order to answer this question.

The second edition of this acclaimed book continues to provide a discussion of key theoretical and policy issues in corporate finance law. Fully updated, it reflects developments in the law and the markets in the continuing aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis. One of its distinctive features is that it gives equal coverage to both the equity and debt sides of corporate finance law, and seeks, where possible, to compare the two. This book covers a broad range of topics regarding the debt and equity-raising choices of companies of all sizes, from SMEs to the largest publicly traded enterprises, and the mechanisms by which those providing capital are protected. Each chapter analyses the present law critically so as to enable the reader to understand the difficulties, risks and tensions in this area of law, and the attempts made by the legislature and the courts, as well as the parties involved, to deal with them. This book will be of interest to practitioners, academics and students engaged in the practice and study of corporate finance law.

The examining team reviewed P3 Study Text covers all the relevant ACCA P3 syllabus topics. It explores the theories behind the key areas of Business Analysis and demonstrates how these theories are put in to practice. Detailed examples throughout the text will help build your understanding and reinforce learning.

We are working with SQA to gain endorsement for this straightforward guide to all five core areas of the latest syllabus. - Written by an experienced author and examiner - Offers an innovative approach and layout in-line with CfE approaches to learning - Provides a wide range of classroom and homework activities

This comprehensive text on Quality Management provides ways and means of delivering efficient and effective production/services quality to utmost satisfaction of the customers. Comprising 20 chapters, the book explains the concepts and techniques of quality management supported with related case studies. Numerical examples given in each chapter help students

to understand the concept easily. Primarily designed for MBA, ME/MTech (Industrial Engineering, Production Engineering), BE/BTech (Mechanical Engineering and Production Engineering) and MSc (Operations Research and Statistical Quality Control), the book also serves as a reference for professionals/consultants to carryout projects in quality domain for manufacturing or service organisations. KEY FEATURES OF THE BOOK • Detailed coverage of process and statistical quality control • Chapters on ANOVA, orthogonal arrays and signal-to-noise ratio • A chapter on Six Sigma including Shainin techniques • A chapter on Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) • Presentation of Design of Experiments (DOE) techniques Audience • MBA • ME/MTech (Industrial Engineering, Production Engineering) • BE/BTech (Mechanical Engineering and Production Engineering) • MSc (Operations Research and Statistical Quality Control)

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