

Cost Management By Marc Wouters

The book introduces pragmatic constructivism as a paradigm for understanding actors' construction of functioning practice and for developing methods and concepts for managing and observing that practice. The book explores, understands and theorises organisational practices as constructed through the activities of all organisational actors. Actors always act under presumptions of a specific actor-world-relation which they continuously construct, adjust and reconstruct in light of new experiences, contexts and communication. The outcome of the actor-world-relation is a reality construction. The reality construction may function successfully or it may be hampered by fictitious and illusionary elements, due to missing or faulty actor-world relations. The thesis is that four dimensions of reality – facts, possibilities, values and communication – must be integrated in the actor-world-relation if the construct is to form a successful basis for effective, functioning actions. Drawing on pragmatic constructivism, the book provides concepts and ideas for studies regarding actors and their use of management accounting models in their construction of organized reality. It concentrates on researching and conceptualizing what creates functioning reality construction. It develops concept and methods for understanding, analysing and managing the actors' reality constructions. It is intended for people who do research on or work actively with developing management accounting.

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Zentrale Ansätze des Kostenmanagements sind u.a. das Kaizen, das Target Costing, die Wertanalyse und das Benchmarking. Bei der Anwendung dieser Ansätze in der betrieblichen Praxis treten u. a. zwei Probleme auf: (1) Mitarbeiter müssen zur aktiven Mitwirkung an der Erarbeitung und Umsetzung von Kostensenkungsmaßnahmen motiviert werden. Zudem muss mit dem Widerstand der Mitarbeiter gegen die Umsetzung von Kostensenkungsmaßnahmen umgegangen werden. (2) Die Senkung der Kosten erfordert immer häufiger die Zusammenarbeit mit Lieferanten und Abnehmern in der Wertschöpfungskette. Die bekannten Ansätze müssen deshalb an die Erfordernisse des unternehmungsübergreifenden Kostenmanagements angepasst werden. In dem Buch werden die Ansätze des Kostenmanagements detailliert erläutert und Lösungen für die Probleme bei der betrieblichen Anwendung diskutiert. Es enthält eine systematische und fundierte Darstellung des Entwicklungsstandes des Kostenmanagements. Weiterhin werden Ansatzpunkte für die Weiterentwicklung des Kostenmanagements aufgezeigt. Suitable for students studying both traditional and new Management Accounting techniques, this text takes its readers beyond just the traditional accounting techniques, to place accounting information and the role of the Management Accountant in a broader organizational context.

The second edition of Financial Accounting and Reporting by John McKeith and Bill Collins has been fully updated to reflect the latest International Accounting Standards as well as explaining the effects of exposure drafts in issue. The text takes an uncomplicated, practical approach to intermediate level financial accounting, offering a manageable way to master the subject one step at a time.

This is an introductory level text for students undertaking accounting or business studies that offers a foundation to financial accounting. An interactive approach has been adopted to integrate the theory with practical situations.

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Advances in Management Accounting is a publication of quality applied research in management accounting. The journal's purpose is to publish thought-provoking articles that advance knowledge in the management accounting discipline and are of interest to both academics and practitioners.

Written by a leading pricing researcher, Pricing Strategies makes this essential aspect of business accessible through a simple unified system for the setting and management of prices. Robert M. Schindler demystifies the math necessary for making effective pricing decisions. His intuitive approach to understanding basic pricing concepts presents mathematical techniques as simply more detailed specifications of these concepts.

Supply Chain Management and Cost Management are important developments helping companies to respond to increased global competition and demanding customer needs. Within the 23 chapters of the book, more than 35 authors provide insights into new concepts for cost control in supply chains. The frameworks presented are illustrated with case studies from the automotive, textile, white goods, and transportation industry as well as from retailing. Academics will benefit from the wide range of approaches presented, while practitioners will learn from the examples how their own company and the supply chains which they compete in, can be brought to lower costs and better performance.

Das Lehrbuch gliedert sich in abgeschlossene, aber inhaltlich zusammenhängende Lerneinheiten. Für jede Lerneinheit sind die Lernziele klar definiert. Mit ausführlichen Fallstudien kann der Lernerfolg anwendungsorientiert überprüft werden.

The world is currently undergoing an historic energy transition, driven by increasingly stringent decarbonisation policies and rapid advances in low-carbon technologies. The large-scale shift to low-carbon energy is disrupting the global energy system, impacting whole economies, and changing the political dynamics within and between countries. This open access book, written by leading energy scholars, examines the economic and geopolitical implications of the global energy transition, from both regional and thematic perspectives. The first part of the book addresses the geopolitical implications in the world's main energy-producing and energy-consuming regions, while the second presents in-depth case studies on selected issues, ranging from the geopolitics of renewable energy, to the mineral foundations of the global energy transformation, to governance issues in connection with the changing global energy order. Given its scope, the book will appeal to researchers in energy, climate change and international relations, as well as to professionals working in the energy industry.

The seventh edition of International Financial Reporting and Analysis has been thoroughly updated in line with changes to the IFRS. The first parts have also been restructured to better reflect the current theoretical, market, regulatory and societal framework in which international financial reporting standards (IFRSs) are being developed and used. Several chapters have been rewritten to better promote student understanding and there are new chapters on corporate governance, business ethics, corporate social responsibility, sustainability reporting and responsible investment and the ethics of the accounting profession. In addition, all of the real world illustrations have been reviewed and many of them replaced with up to date examples to give students an insight into how the principles in the text work in practice.

Immersive technology as an umbrella concept consists of multiple emerging technologies including augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), gaming, simulation, and 3D printing. Research has shown immersive technology provides unique learning opportunities for experiential learning, multiple perspectives, and knowledge transfer. Due to its role in influencing learners' cognitive and affective processes, it is shown to have great potential in changing the educational landscape in the decades to come. However, there is a lack of general cognitive and affective theoretical framework to guide the diverse aspects of immersive technology research. In fact, lacking the cognitive and affective theoretical framework has begun to hamper the design and application of immersive technology in schools and related professional training. Cognitive and Affective Perspectives on Immersive Technology in Education is an essential research book that explores methods and implications for the design and implementation of upcoming immersive technologies in pedagogical and professional development settings. The book includes case studies that highlight the cognitive and affective processes in immersive technology as well as the successful applications of immersive technology in education. Featuring a wide range of topics such as curriculum design, K-12 education, and mobile learning, this book is ideal for academicians, educators, policymakers, curriculum developers, instructional designers, administrators, researchers, and students.

In this book, Shank and Govindarajan demonstrate how strategic cost management - an analytical framework which relates meaningful accounting information to a firm's business strategy - is changing accounting practices in leading companies. Using case studies, including Ciba-Geigy, Ford, Motorola and Texas Instruments, they show how the tools of strategic cost management - value chain analysis, strategic positioning analysis and cost driver analysis - provide a sustainable competitive advantage over companies whose cost systems are in disarray.

Features articles on: information overload and multiple constituency values related to environmental and social disclosures; the extent to which product life cycle cost analysis, customer involvement and cost management contribute to the competitive advantage of firms; and, more.

Cutting-edge perspectives on the art and science of business creativity--from generating new ideas to transforming your company. For over a decade, there has been an increasing interest in the use of supply chain methods to improve performance across the entire business enterprise. Numerous industries have recognized the importance of efficient supply chain integration, and, as a result, supply chain management has become a standard part of business practice. The Practice of Supply Chain Management: Where Theory and Application Converge is a must-have volume for users of supply chain management methods, supply chain management researchers, and students in supply chain management. The objective of the book is to provide an overview of this important practice-research cycle, and it is organized into three sections: Core Concepts and Practices; Emerging Supply Chain Practices; and Supply Chain in Action. The focus of the book is on supply chain practice, but supply chain practice that has been heavily influenced by supply chain research. It is this synergy between research and practice that continues to simulate new directions for research.

Cost estimation is central to understanding complex situations. This case helps students understand how seemingly simple situations can be complex for cost estimation because of interdependencies between different cost pools. The case focuses on energy costs, and there are interdependencies because of technical relationships: one system influences the energy use and costs of another system. For example, if the air compressor uses more energy, it also radiates more heat—which increases the ventilation system's energy use but reduces the heating system's energy use in the winter. The case also provides an opportunity to discuss the motives of the heads of different departments and how they influence departmental priorities for achieving the company's energy efficiency objectives. Other teaching cases covering cost estimation in the literature are noted in the references section of this Teaching Note.

Offers an innovative look at why science and technology cannot alone meet the needs of energy policy making in the future.

Offers a collection of papers that offer an understanding of the broad uses of management accounting information. These papers cover such topics as: product pricing, performance measurement, activity-based costing in different countries and adoption issues, strategic control systems, ABC implementation in a service firm, and more.

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This book is open access under a CC BY 4.0 license. It constitutes a unique source of knowledge and guidance for all healthcare workers who care for patients with sepsis and septic shock in resource-limited settings. More than eighty percent of the worldwide deaths related to sepsis occur in resource-limited settings in low and middle-income countries. Current international sepsis guidelines cannot be implemented without adaptations towards these settings, mainly because of the difference in local resources and a different spectrum of infectious diseases causing sepsis. This prompted members of the Global Intensive Care working group of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) and the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU, Bangkok, Thailand) - among which the Editors - to develop with an international group of experts a comprehensive set of recommendations for the management of sepsis in resource-limited settings. Recommendations are based on both current scientific evidence and clinical experience of clinicians working in resource-limited settings. The book includes an overview chapter outlining the current challenges and future directions of sepsis management as well as general recommendations on the structure and organization of intensive care services in resource-limited settings. Specific recommendations on the recognition and management of patients with sepsis and septic shock in these settings are grouped into seven chapters. The book provides evidence-based practical guidance for doctors in low and middle income countries treating patients with sepsis, and highlights areas for further research and discussion.

The Mogao Grottoes, a World Heritage Site in northwestern China, are located along the ancient caravan routes—collectively known as the Silk Road—that once linked China with the West. Founded by a Buddhist monk in the late fourth century, Mogao flourished over the following millennium, as monks, local rulers, and travelers commissioned hundreds of cave temples cut into a mile-long rock cliff and adorned them with vibrant murals. More than 490 decorated grottoes remain, containing thousands of sculptures and some 45,000 square meters of wall paintings, making Mogao one of the world's most significant sites of Buddhist art. In 1997 the Getty Conservation Institute, which had been working with the Dunhuang Academy since 1989, began a case study using the Late-Tang dynasty Cave 85 to develop a methodology that would stabilize the deteriorating wall paintings. This abundantly illustrated volume is the definitive report on the project, which was completed in 2010.

The authors have kept the text concise by focusing on the key concepts students need to master. Opening vignettes & 'in action' boxes show realistic applications of these concepts throughout. Comprehensive end-of-chapter problems provide students with all the practice they need to fully learn each concept.

Perspektiven des Supply Management gibt einen Einblick in innovative Ansätze zum Beschaffungs-, Einkaufs- und Logistikmanagement. Das Buch kombiniert Best Practice-Unternehmensbeispiele (BASF AG, Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Morgan Stanley Bank AG, MTU AeroEngines GmbH, Siemens AG, Thiel Logistik AG, etc.) mit internationalen Wissenschaftskonzepten und liefert somit Anregungen für Forschung, Lehre und Praxis gleichermaßen. Unter der Klammer eines integrierten Supply Management-Ansatzes ("House of Sourcing and Supply Management") vereinigen sich zahlreiche namhafte Fachautoren mit ihren Überlegungen für eine zukunftsgerichtete Versorgungsfunktion. Die Bandbreite der Themen reicht von Fragen der Beschaffungsstrategie und des Lieferantenmanagement bis zur Optimierung von Supply Chain-Strukturen, Finanzierungs- und Kapitalbeschaffungskonzepten sowie Beschaffungs- und Supply Chain-Controlling.

Concise and jargon free, this is a one-step primer on the tools and techniques of forecasting new product development. Equally useful for students and professionals, the book is generously illustrated, and features numerous current real-world industry cases and examples. Part I covers the basic foundations and processes of new product forecasting, and links forecasting to the broader processes of new product development and sales and operations planning. Part II includes detailed, step-by-step techniques of new product forecasting, from judgmental techniques to regression analysis. Each chapter in this section begins with the most basic techniques, then progresses to more advanced levels. Part III addresses managerial considerations of new product forecasting, including postlaunch issues such as cannibalization and supercession. The final chapter presents an important set of industry best practices and benchmarks. Four questions determine whether a company is using interorganizational cost management. Does your firm set specific cost-reduction objectives for its suppliers? Does your firm help its customers and/or suppliers find ways to achieve their cost-education objectives? Does your firm take into account the profitability of its suppliers when negotiating component pricing with them? Is your firm continuously making its buyer-supplier interfaces more efficient? If the answer to any of these questions is "no", your firm risks introducing products that cost too much or are not competitive. The full potential of the supply network can be realized only when the entire supply chain adopts interorganizational cost management practices. Competitive pressure has led many firms to try to increase the efficiency of supplier firms through interorganizational cost management systems, a structured approach to coordinating the activities of firms in a supplier network to reduce the total costs in the network. It is particularly important to lean enterprises for two reasons: Lean enterprises typically outsource more of the added value of their products than their mass producer counterparts. Lean enterprises usually compete more aggressively and must manage costs more effectively. Interorganizational cost management can reduce costs in three ways: through product design, through product manufacture and through cooperative approaches between buyers and suppliers to build smoother interfaces. However, more than just cost management must cross interorganizational boundaries. Suppliers are also a major source of innovation for lean enterprises. Successful supplier networks encourage every firm in the network to innovate and compete more

aggressively. Read this book to learn to manage the supply chain to forge competitive advantage while reducing costs. Performance management is key to the ongoing success of any organisation, allowing it to meet its strategic objectives by designing and implementing management control systems. This book goes beyond the usual discussion of performance management in accounting and finance, to consider strategic management, human behaviour and performance management in different countries and contexts. With a global mix of world-renowned researchers, this book systematically covers the what, the who, the where and the why of performance management and control (PMC) systems. A comprehensive, state-of-the-art collection edited by a leading expert in the field, this book is a vital resource for all scholars, students and researchers with an interest in business, management and accounting.

This text provides a gentle introduction to the complexities of accounting. This new edition has been enhanced to provide more emphasis on management accounting topics.

A refreshingly non-revolutionary approach to change based on ten years of research that shows how transitions can be effective, cost-efficient, and painless. In this powerful and refreshing book, he outlines a positive new approach to change called “creative recombination.” Rather than obliterating and then reinventing anew—the change approach advocated by most gurus and “experts” over the last twenty years—creative recombination seeks sustainable, repeatable transformation by using the firm’s existing resources more wisely. Abrahamson identifies five key elements that every company has—people, structures, culture, processes, and networks—and offers a broad toolkit of techniques for recombining, reusing, and redeploying these resources to achieve smoother, more cost-efficient, less painful organizational change.

Responsible Innovation encourages innovators to work together with stakeholders during the research and innovation process, to better align the outcomes of innovation with the values, needs and expectations of society. Assessing the benefits and costs of Responsible Innovation is crucial for furthering the responsible conduct of science, technology and innovation. However, there is until now only limited academic work on Responsible Innovation assessment. This book fills this lacuna. *Assessment of Responsible Innovation: Methods and Practices* presents tools for measuring, monitoring, and reporting upon the Responsible Innovation process and the social, environmental, scientific, and economic impacts of innovations. These tools help innovators to mitigate risk and to strengthen their strategic planning. This book aligns assessment tools and practices with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The prospects as well as the limitations of various Responsible Innovation assessment approaches and tools are discussed, as well as their applicability in various industry contexts. The book brings together leading scholars in the field to present the most comprehensive review of Responsible Innovation tools. It articulates the importance of assessment and value creation, the different metrics and monitoring systems that can be deployed and the reporting mechanisms, including the importance of effective communication.

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