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This is the first book to connect digital media technologies in digital sociology to traditional sociological and offers a much needed overview of it. It includes problems of the digital age in relation to inequality and identity, making it suitable for use for a global audience on a variety of courses.

For students, business people, government officials, artists, and tourists—in short, anyone traveling to or wishing to know more about contemporary Brazil—this is an essential resource. * 250 A–Z entries on contemporary government, the economic and business sectors, social movements, environmental issues, culture, and more * Dozens of photographs of geographic features, landmarks, architecture, the urban landscape, industrial and agricultural enterprises, and personalities from politics, entertainment, and sports * Cross-listings and indexes to guide readers to related topics

Stable, higher income democracies often gave both a strong middle class and relatively low levels of inequality. Lower and middle income countries with highly unequal patterns of income distribution and stratified social structures often have a weak middle class, more social conflict and a tendency to populist and/or authoritarian politics. This publication investigates, for a sample of more than 120 countries, some empirical correlations between the size of a middle class and the following set of variables: the level (mean) of per capita income and wealth, the degree of inequality (Gini coefficients) of per capita income and wealth, the level and composition of public expenditure, the share of small and medium size enterprises in employment and output and an indicator of democracy.

Amazonia is never quite what it seems. Despite regular attention in the media and numerous academic studies the Brazilian Amazon is rarely appreciated as a historical place home to a range of different societies. Often left invisible are the families who are making a living from the rivers and forests of the region. Broadly characterizing these people as peasants Amazon Peasant Societies in a Changing Environment seeks to bring together research by anthropologists, historians, political ecologists and biologists. A new paradigm emerges which helps understand the way in which Amazonian modernity has developed. This book addresses a comprehensive range of questions from the politics of conservation and sustainable development to the organization of women's work and the diet and health of Amazonian people. Apart from offering an analysis of a neglected aspect of Amazonia this collection represents a unique interdisciplinary exercise on the nature of one of the most beguiling regions of the world.

The publication examines the main characteristics of Argentine manufacturing industry and the development phases (going back more than a century), especially, concentrates on its structural features during the 1980s and on the changes that have occurred since the Convertibility Plan was introduced - between 1991 and 2001 - the most recent transformations between 2002 and 2006 and, finally, in the last section it analyses the possibilities of strengthening the development of competitiveness and the ways to industrial development.

Mycorrhiza - symbiotic associations between plant roots and fungi - play a major role in many fundamental plant functions such as mineral nutrition or stress resistance. As the link between plants and the soil, mycorrhiza are now of great interest for developing new strategies in sustainable agriculture. Since they allow a decreased use of fertilizer and pesticides, negative impacts on the environment can be minimized. With contributions from renowned international scientists, this manual offers a great variety of practical protocols for analyzing mycorrhiza, including the latest molecular, biochemical, genetical, and physiological techniques.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 4th Assessment Report (AR4)

concluded that climate change will have significant impacts on many aspects of biological diversity: On ecosystems, species, genetic diversity within species, and on ecological interactions. The implications of these impacts are significant For The long-term stability of the natural world and For The many benefits and services that humans derive from it. This report reviews the literature since the AR4. it draws on recent research to summarise advances in our understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity. The evidence For The impacts on biodiversity comes from three principal sources. First, from direct observation of changes in components of biodiversity in nature that can be clearly related to changes in climatic variables. Second, experimental studies using manipulations to elucidate responses to climate change. Finally, and most widely, from modelling studies where our current understanding of the requirements and constraints on the distribution of species and ecosystems are combined with modelled changes in climatic variables to project the impacts of climate change and predict future distributions and changes in populations. Laws, decrees, and administrative acts of government.

Amazon Frontier covers the 150 years when the first European scientists explored the natural riches of Amazonia and became fascinated by its tribal peoples. Exciting and murderous encounters with new tribes continued throughout the nineteenth century, particularly when the Amazon's rubber monopoly made Manaus a frontier boom town. However, the Indian population, once so feared by the Europeans, began to decline and they became little more than objects of anthropological study or romantic literature. John Hemming ends his account in 1910 with the creation of Brazil's famous Indian Protection Service, a subject he resumes in *Die If You Must*

Since the 1990 's Latin American and Caribbean countries, have advanced in the process of setting up national mechanisms for the advancement of women and have managed to carve out a formal space in the state apparatus as part of the democratisation process that has transpired in the region in the past few years. In the more developed countries in the region truly significant advances have been accomplished in recent years. The study examines the creation and development of new secondary mechanisms which have come to complement and support the efforts of the principal national machineries which have maintained their normative responsibilities of promoting public policies.

This publication studies the way information technology can be used to achieve broader developmental goals and integrate the region into the global information society. It addresses three main questions: what kind of information society is desirable; what are the specific regional traits of the move towards an information society; what policies are needed to support the transition. The book also contains the text of the Bavaro Declaration, which lays out some guiding principles.

This volume covers a wide range of existing and emerging topics in applied health economics, including behavioural economics, medical care risk, social insurance, discrete choice models, cost-effectiveness analysis, health and immigration, and more. This book explores heterosexualities in their complex and everyday expressions. It engages with theories about the intersection of sexuality with other markers of difference, and gender in particular. The outcome will productively upset equations of heterosexuality with heteronormativity and accounts that cast heterosexuality in "sex critical, sex as danger" terms. Queer/feminist 'pro-sex' perspectives have become prevalent in analyses of sexuality, but in these approaches queer becomes the site of subversive, transgressive, exciting and

pleasurable sex, while heterosex, if mentioned at all, continues to be seen as objectionable or dowdy. It challenges heterosexuality's comparative absence in gender/sexuality debates and the common constitution of heterosexuality as nasty, boring and normative. The authors develop an innovative analysis showing the limits of the sharply bifurcated perspectives of the "sex wars". This is not a revisionist account of heterosexuality as merely one option in a fluid smorgasbord, nor does it dismiss the weight of feminist/pro-feminist critiques of heterosexuality. This book establishes that if relations of domination do not constitute the analytical sum of heterosexuality, then identifying its range of potentialities is clearly important for understanding and helping to undo its "nastier" elements.

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Brokered Subjects digs deep into the accepted narratives of sex trafficking to reveal the troubling assumptions that have shaped both right- and left-wing agendas around sexual violence. Drawing on years of in-depth fieldwork, Elizabeth Bernstein sheds light not only on trafficking but also on the broader structures that meld the ostensible pursuit of liberation with contemporary techniques of power. Rather than any meaningful commitment to the safety of sex workers, Bernstein argues, what lies behind our current vision of trafficking victims is a transnational mix of putatively humanitarian militaristic interventions, feel-good capitalism, and what she terms carceral feminism: a feminism compatible with police batons.

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This document examines the Saint Lucia Development Bank and the Grenada Development Bank. In an attempt to place the examination of the Development Banks in some context, the examination begins with a discussion of the origins of developing banking in general. It then proceeds to look specifically at the emergence of development banking in Saint Lucia and Grenada.

The 'golden age' for antibiotic discovery, from 1940 until the early 1970s, ushered in a new era in human- and animal-health and the associated dramatic increase in human life expectancies. Indeed, the possibility of eradicating infectious disease seemed feasible. However, it soon became apparent that microorganisms wouldn't be defeated so easily. Their weapon: antibiotic resistance. Today, microbial antibiotic resistance is rapidly exhausting the supply of effective compounds, and this makes the possibility of a global public health disaster seem likely. The urgency of this situation has spawned a plethora of new multi-disciplinary research initiatives looking for novel antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents. In this timely book, respected international experts summarize the most important research to provide a timely overview of the field. Opening chapters define 'antibiotic,' explain why we need new compounds, outline the applications of antibiotics, both old and new, and describe the producing microbes. These are followed by chapters that cover antibiotic resistance, toxicity, overuse, new antimicrobial sources, new targets, novel technologies for antibiotic discovery (e.g. silent gene clusters), lantibiotics, natural antivirals, new macrolide derivatives, and antibiotics in the pipeline. The book will be essential reading for everyone working in antimicrobial research, biotechnology companies, and the pharmaceutical industry, and it is recommended for all microbiology libraries. [Subject: Microbiology, Life Science, Medicine

A major reference work on exotic and underutilised fruits and nuts of the New World. While many of these are well known in the local markets and in Spanish-language literature, they have rarely been brought to the attention of the wider English-speaking audience, and as such this book will offer an entirely new resource to those interested in exotic crops.

This book addresses the diversity of tropical microorganisms and its applications in agriculture, renewable energy production and environmental protection. It covers several tropical habitats such as rain forests, mangroves, sea and river waters and describes how microorganisms isolated from these regions can be used to control insects and plant diseases, to improve sugar cane and biofuels production among other applications. The book also aims to bring

researchers' attention to the potential of tropical microorganisms for biotechnological purposes, an area that is still far from being well explored.

Supply Chain Analytics introduces the reader to data analytics and demonstrates the value of their effective use in supply chain management. By describing the key supply chain processes through worked examples, and the descriptive, predictive and prescriptive analytic methods that can be applied to bring about improvements to those processes, the book presents a more comprehensive learning experience for the reader than has been offered previously. Key topics are addressed, including optimisation, big data, data mining and cloud computing. The author identifies four core supply chain processes – strategy, design, execution and people – to which the analytic techniques explained can be applied to ensure continuous improvement.

Pedagogy to aid learning is incorporated throughout, including an opening section for each chapter explaining the learnings designed for the chapter; worked examples illustrating how each analytic technique works, how it is applied and what to be careful of; tables, diagrams and equations to help 'visualise' the concepts and methods covered; chapter case studies; and end-of-chapter review questions and assignment tasks. Providing both management expertise and technical skills, which are essential to decision-makers in the supply chain, this textbook should be essential reading for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students of supply chain analytics, supply chain leadership, and supply chain and operations management. Its practice-based and applied approach also makes it valuable for operating supply chain practitioners and those studying for professional qualifications. Online resources include chapter-by-chapter PowerPoint slides, tutorial exercises, written assignments and a test bank of exam questions.

An innovative and insightful exploration of varieties of English in contemporary South Africa. This publication argues that Latin America and the Caribbean are in a position to move towards a "big push for sustainability" through a combination of economic, industrial, social and environmental policies capable of driving an equal and sustainable recovery and relaunching development in the region. Comprised of five chapters, the publication studies the three crises (slow growth, growing inequality and the environmental emergency) affecting economies and societies around the world, placing particular focus on those of Latin America and the Caribbean. It goes on to present a framework for analysing these crises in an integrated manner and measuring their magnitude in the specified regions. It then examines the quantitative impacts on growth, emissions, income distribution and the external sector under different policy scenarios, highlighting the potential of various policy combinations to forge a more dynamic growth path, with lower emissions and greater equality. Further identifying seven sectors that can drive sustainable development and proposing policies to foster these sectors, the publication concludes with an analysis that links up macroeconomic, industrial, social and environmental policies and the role of the State in building consensus for their implementation.

This collection of current scientific research reflects the characteristics and beneficial effects of tai chi chuan in the fields of biomechanics and physiology, sensory motor control and fall prevention, psychology and social aspects, as well as in clinical application of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, coronary heart disease, chronic heart failure, breast cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

This publication reviews the economy of Mexico, and is divided into four main sections: the behaviour of aggregate investment and its relationship to the growth process; trends and performance of foreign direct investment (FDI); the behaviour and determining factors of investment in manufacturing; and the impact of investment patterns on the manufacturing industry's structure and export performance.

The publication attempts to define the concept of industrial policy, to review certain relevant historical experiences, and to examine the current state of the art of industrial policy in Latin

America. First section presents introductory notes regarding the importance of manufacturing in the development process. The second section defines the concept of industrial policy and its scope. The third section discusses industrial policy's *raison d'être*. The fourth section provides an overview of the principal features of industrial policy at various historical times and places. The fifth section focuses on industrial policy in Latin America, presenting a balance of progresses and obstacles, and examining measures to overcome implementation problems, while the sixth section concludes.

In the last ten to fifteen years, profound structural reforms have moved Latin America and the Caribbean from closed, state-dominated economies to ones that are more market-oriented and open. Policymakers expected that these changes would speed up growth. This book is part of a multi-year project to determine whether these expectations have been fulfilled. Analysing the impact of the reforms on employment it is argued that expectations were not fulfilled with respect to the operation of the labour markets. The reforms limited the expansion of employment in some sectors, particularly in tradeable goods. They also created a bias in labour demand for better educated workers which exacerbates inequality. It is thus made clear that the region faces major challenges both in increasing the number of jobs and improving job equality.

Both in the Asia Pacific region and in Latin America, considerable confusion surrounds the concept of 'open regionalism' and casts doubt on its relevance for practical purposes. This study surveys the literature on the subject.

Brazil's Northeast has traditionally been considered one of the country's poorest and most underdeveloped areas. In this impassioned work, the Brazilian historian Durval Muniz de Albuquerque Jr. investigates why Northeasterners are marginalized and stereotyped not only by inhabitants of other parts of Brazil but also by *nordestinos* themselves. His broader question though, is how "the Northeast" came into existence. Tracing the history of its invention, he finds that the idea of the Northeast was formed in the early twentieth century, when elites around Brazil became preoccupied with building a nation. Diverse phenomena—from drought policies to messianic movements, banditry to new regional political blocs—helped to consolidate this novel concept, the Northeast. Politicians, intellectuals, writers, and artists, often *nordestinos*, played key roles in making the region cohere as a space of common references and concerns. Ultimately, Albuquerque urges historians to question received concepts, such as regions and regionalism, to reveal their artifice and abandon static categories in favor of new, more granular understandings.

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