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In this engaging and practical book, authors Lisa K. Gundry and Jill R. Kickul uniquely approach entrepreneurship across the life cycle of business growth—offering entrepreneurial strategies for the emerging venture, for the growing venture, and for sustaining growth in the established venture. Written from the point of view of the founder or the entrepreneurial team, the book offers powerful and practical tools to increase a venture's potential for success and growth.

This two-volume set LNCS 11576 and 11577 constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Cross-Cultural Design, CCD 2019, which was held as part of the 21st HCI International Conference, HCII 2019, in Orlando, FL, USA, in July 2019. The total of 1275 papers and 209 posters included in the 35 HCII 2019 proceedings volumes were carefully reviewed and selected from 5029 submissions. CCD 2019 includes a total of 80 papers; they were organized in topical sections named: Part I, Methods, Tools and User Experience: Cross-cultural design methods and tools; culture-based design; cross-cultural user experience; cultural differences, usability and design; aesthetics and mindfulness. Part II, Culture and Society: Cultural products; experiences and creativity; design for social change and development; cross-cultural product and service design; intercultural learning.

The revised and updated Fifth Edition gives an in-depth and incisive analysis of the basic principles of strategic management. The exposition of these principles is reinforced by seven case studies that encompass the broad spectrum of Indian companies. These case studies are culled mainly from manufacturing and information technology, and include both private and public sector units. The case studies will be of immense help to the budding managers as well as provide them with the requisite practical orientation for understanding the strategic management issues. The inclusion of the concepts, theory and case studies in a single, compact volume is the main feature of the book, which makes the subject easier to understand and learn. Intended primarily as a textbook for postgraduate students of management and

commerce, this book is of immense help to all those attending management development and executive development programmes. New to This Edition • A brief section on 'Government Initiatives' is added in Chapter 4. • Section on 'CSR activities mandated by the Government of India', have been incorporated in Chapter 5. • A new case study on Indian Airline has been introduced. • All case studies of the previous edition have been updated with latest company information and development.

This text discusses how companies create competitive advantage through strategic marketing. Using established frameworks and concepts, it examines aspects of marketing strategy and thinking. It provides examples to facilitate the understanding of theoretical concepts.

Humanitarian aid workers are faced with many challenges, from possible terrorist attacks to dealing with difficult stakeholders and securing operational space free from violence. To do their work properly and safely, they need effective intelligence. Humanitarian intelligence refers to the use of investigative and analytical techniques in service of rapid and continuous assessment, project and program development, impact evaluation, and learning. It focuses just as much on how to use early warning indicators to assess risks, evaluate trends, and write early warning analyses as it does provide guidance on the operational design of humanitarian relief efforts. Further, operational security depends on the intelligence analysis. Unlike governments, NGOs' resources are very limited. Humanitarian intelligence officers hardly have any literature detailing useful current standards and important tools for their analysis needs. Humanitarian Intelligence is the first to provide an overview and a practical guide to the tools and methods of data gathering and assessment, standards of measurement in humanitarian action, interpretation strategies, and operational planning tools. Short hypothetical cases and practical examples illustrate and explain the tools detailed in each chapter. Additional resources including case studies and teaching tools are available online at <http://humanitarianintelligence.net>.

Develop strengths to decrease the weaknesses of your business This book is a practical and accessible guide to understanding and implementing the SWOT analysis, providing you with the essential information and saving time. In 50 minutes you will be able to: • Determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of your business • Distinguish the factors that affect the internal functioning and external environment of your business • Develop a coherent strategy ABOUT 50MINUTES.COM | Management & Marketing 50MINUTES.COM provides the tools to quickly understand the main theories and concepts that shape the economic world of today. Our publications are easy to use and they will save you time. They provide elements of theory and case studies, making them excellent guides to understand key concepts in just a few minutes. In fact, they are the starting point to take action and push your business to the next level.

The Short Introduction to Strategic Management provides an authoritative yet accessible account of strategic management and its contemporary challenges. It explains the roots and key rationales of the strategy field, discussing common models, tools and practices, to provide a complete overview of conventional analytical techniques in strategic management. Andersen extends the discussion to consider dynamic strategy making and how it can enable organizations to respond effectively to turbulent and unpredictable global business environments. There is a specific focus on multinational corporate strategy issues relevant to organizations operating across multiple international markets. Written in a clear and direct style, it will appeal to students and practising managers and executives alike.

The twelve chapters of this book were written by the subject matter experts who led the NATO workshop 'Terror Medicine' in Jerusalem in 2008. This book is an important resource for all those for whom training and information is essential to the mounting of a successful medical response to terror threats, wherever they occur.

Business Strategy is ideal for those approaching strategy for the first time. The authors' user-friendly writing style and innovative pedagogical features ensure students engage more readily with the material, so that complex strategic concepts are grasped quickly and easily. The book is accompanied by Strategic Planning Software (SPS), a platform where students can evaluate, formulate and implement specific company strategies – bringing the real world of business into the classroom with authentic research and analysis based activity. Key Features:

- Ensures students have access to all topical issues – includes dedicated chapters on CSR, financial analysis, new technologies and emerging markets
- Excellent international case studies of varying lengths help students digest theory through practical examples, bringing the subject-matter to life
- Innovative pedagogy including 'Guru Guides' (bite-sized bios of key thinkers in the field) and an on-page glossary to define complex issues as they appear
- A range of student learning and teacher resource materials, including bonus case studies, Powerpoint slides and self-test questions available at www.palgrave.com/business/campbell
- AND includes free access to SPS at www.planning-strategy.com where students can solve real business problems

The creative and cultural industries are a dynamic and rapidly expanding field of enterprise. Yet all too often the dominant narrative about arts organisations is one of crisis, collapse, and closure. This edited collection seeks to challenge that narrative through pursuing a focus on organisational success in the management of creative and cultural organisations. This book offers a robust and in-depth analysis of nine international case studies exploring how different organisations have achieved their objectives through effectively managing their resources. Spanning a broad cross section of the cultural sector including Theatres; Multi-Arts Venues; Performing Arts Companies; Museums and Galleries; and Festivals and Events, these cases highlight the importance of examining an individual organisation's success in relation to its environmental context, revealing not only how arts organisations work in practice, but also providing inspiration and encouragement for those wishing to emulate such success. With an explicit focus on examining theory in practice, this unique collection will be of great interest to students, academics, and practitioners alike. While traditional approaches have often been overly theoretical, this pragmatic approach will help students to gain a richer understanding of how to manage cultural and creative organisations more effectively.

The 6th edition of this established text is streamlined to a more manageable format, with the Appendices moved to the web-site and a significant shortening of the main text. There is a greater focus on the global analysis of industry and competition; and analysis of the internal

environment. In consultation with feedback from their adopters, the authors have concentrated on the fundamentals of strategy analysis and the underlying sources of profit. This reflects waning interest among senior executives in the pursuit of short-term shareholder value. As ever students are provided with the guidance they need to strategic planning, analysis of the health services environment (internal and external) and lessons on implementation; with additional discussion of organizational capability, deeper treatment of sustainability and corporate social responsibility and more coverage of the sources of organizational inertia and competency traps. This edition is rich in new examples from real-world health care organizations. Chapters are brought to life by the 'Introductory Incidents', 'Learning Objectives', 'Perspectives', 'Strategy Capsules', useful chapter summaries; and questions for class discussion. All cases and examples have been updated or replaced. In this edition the teaching materials and web supplements have been greatly enhanced, with power-point slides, to give lecturers a unique resource.

Administrative Topics in Athletic Training: Concepts to Practice is a dynamic text that addresses important administrative issues and procedures as well as fundamental concepts, strategies, and techniques related to the management of all aspects of an athletic training health care delivery system. Unlike traditional organization and administration textbooks, this text delivers a multitude of content focused on classical management theory. Drs. Gary Harrelson, Greg Gardner, and Andrew Winterstein have presented a balance of theory and application in Administrative Topics in Athletic Training: Concepts to Practice, including case studies and scenarios in each chapter to help students realize immediate application of the content. Content areas covered include: • Leadership and management theory and concepts • Risk management and legal issues • Finance • Human Resources • Ethical issues • Athletic Training Administration • Medical records and documentation • Insurance and reimbursement • Organizational skills • Improving organizational performance • Employment issues • Case studies Unique benefits and features include: • Extensive discussion of management theory • Chapters on ethics and risk management • Strong focus on professional development issues • Presentation of unique reimbursement models • Discussion of issues in the educational setting With its valuable information, insightful theoretical concepts, helpful models, and practical case studies, Administrative Topics in Athletic Training: Concepts to Practice is a valuable text for any undergraduate, entry-level, or graduate education program in athletic training. The literature on family business has developed significantly over the last years. However, efforts remain to summarize and systematize the main aspects that affect the behavior of this type of company. In this regard, the topic of strategic management has been developed. In this sense, it is especially important to recognize how the family decisively influences the behavior of the company and also to identify how the existence of the company affects family dynamics. Those who manage family businesses, whether family or not, must reconcile both perspectives (business and family) in the definition of strategic objectives, allowing sustainability and continuity in this type of organization. The Handbook of Research on the Strategic Management of Family Businesses provides emerging research that covers how strategic management in the family business has been developed and identifies the objectives that sustain this strategic behavior, the main areas of analysis (family and business), the definition of strategies, and their implementation. Also, the authors of this book review the different scenarios for family firms and propose strategies to tackle the challenges and seize the possibilities to grow in a competitive and dynamic environment. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as human capital, organizational leadership, and knowledge creation, this book is ideally designed for family firms, managers, advisors, consultants, policymakers, business professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, researchers, academicians, and students.

This work examines all the fuzzy multicriteria methods recently developed, such as fuzzy AHP, fuzzy TOPSIS, interactive fuzzy multiobjective

stochastic linear programming, fuzzy multiobjective dynamic programming, grey fuzzy multiobjective optimization, fuzzy multiobjective geometric programming, and more. Each of the 22 chapters includes practical applications along with new developments/results. This book may be used as a textbook in graduate operations research, industrial engineering, and economics courses. It will also be an excellent resource, providing new suggestions and directions for further research, for computer programmers, mathematicians, and scientists in a variety of disciplines where multicriteria decision making is needed.

This systematically organized text, now in its second edition, gives an in-depth analysis of the multidimensional aspects of strategic marketing. Comprising a harmonious blend of theoretical aspects and real-world applications, the book presents the framework that governs a firm's strategic decisions in the area of marketing. Divided into five parts, the text attempts to provide an explanation and critical analysis of the core concepts that have driven the growth and development of the subject for decades. At the same time, emerging concepts that would shape the scope of the subject have also been highlighted. The book is specifically written for the students who pursue academic and professional programmes in marketing, management and business studies. **KEY FEATURES** • Provides case studies in the context of Indian business at the end of each chapter to reinforce the understanding of the theory. • Comprises glossary of terms in addition to chapter-end summary, exercises and references. • Emphasizes self-study approach by explaining complex issues in a simple and student-friendly manner. **NEW TO THE SECOND EDITION** • Entirely revamped and updated to make the book an effective teaching and learning resource. • New chapters on 'Service Marketing Strategies', 'Global Marketing Strategies' and 'Internal Marketing: A Tool for Implementation'. • Inclusion of several new sections throughout the text as per the latest development in the field. **TARGET AUDIENCE** • Marketing MBA • (Specialisation–Marketing)

The transformational technologies of the Internet-Web compound continue to exert a vast and readily apparent influence on the way we live and work. In recent times, internet penetration is now very high in most parts of the world, impacting the context and content of the workplace and the boundary between work and private life is even more porous. Not only has the reach increased, but the technologies to access the Internet-Web have further evolved towards increasing portability. The hardware evolution from desktops to laptops to mobile technologies (phones, tablets, watches, eyeglasses) marches forward. The increasing mobility and 24/7 accessibility offers the opportune time to revisit the transformations occurring. Today the Internet consists of billions of digital devices, people, services and other physical objects with the potential to seamlessly connect, interact and exchange information about themselves and their environment. Organizations now use these digital devices and physical objects to produce and consume Internet-based services. This new Internet ecosystem is commonly referred to as the Internet of People, Things and Services (IoPTS). In this follow-up to their 2006 volume, Simmers & Anandarajan examine how The Internet of People, Things and Services (IoPTS) transforms our workplaces. Information and communications technology (ICT) expansion from desktops to laptops to ubiquitous smart objects that sense and communicate directly over the internet – the IoPTS - offers us the opportune time to revisit how the Internet transforms our workplaces.

100+ Management Models is an essential resource for managers at all levels. It gives an overview of each of the most important business models in eight categories: sustainability, innovation, strategy, diversity, customers, human resources, benchmarking and leadership and analyses their strengths and weaknesses.

This book is based on the research papers presented during The Institute of Industrial Engineers Asian Conference 2013 held at Taipei in July 2013. It presents information on the most recent and relevant research, theories and practices in industrial and systems engineering. Key topics include: Engineering and Technology Management Engineering Economy and Cost Analysis Engineering Education and Training Facilities Planning and Management Global Manufacturing and Management Human Factors Industrial & Systems Engineering Education Information Processing and Engineering Intelligent Systems Manufacturing Systems Operations Research Production Planning and Control Project Management Quality Control and Management Reliability and Maintenance Engineering Safety, Security and Risk Management Supply Chain Management Systems Modeling and Simulation Large scale complex systems

The Third Edition of Structured Analytic Techniques for Intelligence Analysis by Randolph H. Pherson and Richards J. Heuer Jr showcases sixty-six structured analytic techniques—nine new to this edition—that represent the most current best practices in intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security, and business analysis. With more depth, detail, and utility than existing handbooks, each technique is clearly and systematically explained. Logically organized and richly illustrated, and with spiral binding and tabs that separate techniques into categories, this book is an easy-to-use, comprehensive reference.

Written in English, this practice-oriented textbook covers all stages of the strategy process. Besides strategic analysis and strategy development, the true challenges of strategic management, which is operationalization and implementation on various levels, will also be considered in detail. Further focus: current issues like business modelling and strategy alignment. Ideal for English-language events at universities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Advanced, compact, pragmatic, practice-oriented! Including extensive exercises and practice-oriented case studies for students Including teaching aids for lecturers

This book is an open access book with CC BY 4.0 license. This comprehensive open access textbook provides a comprehensive coverage of principles and practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. With a range of topics starting from routine dentoalveolar surgery to advanced and complex surgical procedures, this volume is a meaningful combination of text and illustrations including clinical photos, radiographs, and videos. It provides guidance on evidence-based practices in context to existing protocols, guidelines and recommendations to help readers deal with most clinical scenarios in their daily surgical work. This multidisciplinary textbook is meant for postgraduate trainees, young practicing oral surgeons and

experienced clinicians, as well as those preparing for university and board certification exams. It also aids in decision-making, the implementation of treatment plans and the management of complications that may arise. This book is an initiative of Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI) to its commitment to academic medicine. As part of this commitment, this textbook is in open access to help ensure widest possible dissemination to readers across the world.

A comprehensive guide to effective strategic management of health care organizations. Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations provides essential guidance for leading health care organizations through strategic management. This structured approach to strategic management examines the processes of strategic thinking, consensus building and documentation of that thinking into a strategic plan, and creating and maintaining strategic momentum – all essential for coping with the rapidly evolving health care industry. Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations fully explains how strategic managers must become strategic thinkers with the ability to evaluate a changing industry, analyze data, question assumptions, and develop new ideas. The book guides readers through the strategic planning process demonstrating how to incorporate strategic thinking and create and document a clear and coherent plan of action. In addition, the all-important processes of creating and maintaining the strategic momentum of the organization are fully described. Finally, the text demonstrates how strategic managers in carrying out the strategic plan, must evaluate its success, learn more about what works, and incorporate new strategic thinking into operations and subsequent planning. This strategic management approach has become the de facto standard for health care management as leadership and strategic management are more critical than ever in coping with an industry in flux. This book provides health care management students as well as health care administrators with foundational guidance on strategic management concepts and practices, tailored to the unique needs of the health care industry. Included are a clear discussion of health services external analysis, organizational internal analysis, the development of directional strategies, strategy alternative identification and evaluation, and the development and management of implementation strategies providing an informative and insightful resource for anyone in the field. This new eighth edition has been fully updated to reflect new insights into strategic thinking, new methods to conceptualize and document critical environmental issues, practical steps for carrying out each of the strategic management processes, industry and management essentials for strategic thinkers, and new case studies for applying the strategic management processes. More specifically, readers of this edition will be able to: Create a process for developing a strategic plan for a health care organization. Map and analyze external issues, trends, and events in the general environment, the health care system, and the service area. Conduct a comprehensive service area competitor analysis. Perform an internal analysis and determine the competitive advantages and competitive

disadvantages. Develop directional strategies. Identify strategic alternatives and make rational strategic decisions for a health care organization. Develop a comprehensive strategy for a health care organization. Create effective value-adding service delivery and support strategies. Translate service delivery and support plans into specific action plans. The health care industry's revolutionary change remains ongoing and organizational success depends on leadership. Strategic management has become the single clearest manifestation of effective leadership of health care organizations and the strategic management framework's strengths are needed now more than ever. The Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations provides comprehensive guidance and up-to-date practices to help leaders keep their organizations on track.

The central resource for process improvement and innovation, this book includes valuable techniques to identify and improve organizational processes, as well as manage the change that accompanies implementation. Strategic Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations discusses SWOT analysis, TQM, systematic innovation, Six Sigma, quality function deployment, process mapping, gap analysis, and activity based costing. With helpful references to secondary sources and a comprehensive glossary, this text will benefit public administrators, financial managers, public planners, investment managers, policy analysts, and public policy specialists, and upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in these disciplines.

A comprehensive reference on ways to enhance strategic planning and implement effective corporate strategies introduces a broad spectrum of methods to assess the tools that analyze business, competition, and market data, and offers detailed instructions to help implement strategies quickly and effectively, covering Analysis Theory and Competitive, Enterprise, Environmental, Evolutionary, and Financial and Statistical techniques. (Intermediate)

Essay from the year 2020 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,0, University of Portsmouth, language: English, abstract: This essay focuses on the role of the TOWS matrix in strategy work. The purpose of this perspective is to reflect upon the usage, experience and usefulness of using the TOWS (Threats, Opportunities, Weaknesses, Strengths) matrix based on personal impressions and experience made as a strategy consultant working on a strategic project for Nike's footwear segment in the USA. A TOWS matrix was created for the presentation. The key findings are that the TOWS matrix facilitates the development of strategic options which consider both external and internal factors. Moreover, the TOWS matrix forces a view on threats and weaknesses to make practitioners aware of aspects that need to be improved, overcome or changed. However, it has also been found that the TOWS matrix can frame and limit the thinking.

This best selling management book is a true classic. If you want to be a model manager, keep this new, even better 3rd edition close at hand. Key Management Models has the winning combination of brevity and clarity, giving you short, practical overviews of the top classic and cutting edge management models in an easy-to-use, ready reference format. Whether you want to remind yourself about models you've already come across, or want to find new ones, you'll find yourself referring back to it again and again. It's the essential guide to all the

management models you'll ever need to know about. Includes the classic and essential management models from the previous 2 editions. Thoroughly updated to include cutting edge new models. Two-colour illustrations and case studies throughout.

In today's global village, every manager is a global manager. Even if your business is putatively 'local', with no sales abroad, you still probably face competitors in other countries. Smartonomics provides global managers with a simple, powerful set of macroeconomic tools, many of which have been until now rather opaque for non-economists, that empower them to think independently, swim against the tide (when warranted), and at times enter markets when everyone else is abandoning them. It will provide managers a holistic picture of the global marketplace and the systemic risks it conceals. Throughout this book, readers will find numerous case studies, illustrating how smart managers transform risk into opportunity, as well as numerous action learning exercises, to help readers test whether they understand the eight tools well enough to employ them and through them achieve important insights.

These two volumes are about understanding—why—and application—how—with the aim of providing guidance and introduction to both. Quality is the consistent achievement of the user's expectations of a product or service. The achievement needs to be “The right thing, right first time, every time, in time.” Beginning with manufacturing and services, it also includes professional, personal, and spiritual dimensions. Variation does not sit happily with consistency and skill in handling risk and opportunity requires competence in the use of statistics, probability, and uncertainty; and needs to complement the critically essential soft dimensions of quality and the overarching and underpinning primacy of personal relationships. There are no clear boundaries to the applicability of quality and the related processes and procedures expressed in management systems, and this is why it matters so much to show “how it applies in diverse business and social environments.” Increasingly, the acceptability of boundaries that are drawn depends on their effect on the user and the achievement of quality, and the latest standards on quality management are explicit on this key point. Quality is everyone's business, and there is no single professional discipline that can properly express this. Insights, knowledge, experience, best practice, tools, and techniques need to be shared across all kinds of organizational and professional boundaries, and there is no departmental boundary that can stand apart from the organization-wide commitment to quality achievement.

Scholarly Research Paper from the year 2007 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: 1,3, University of Applied Sciences Berlin, course: Marketing, language: English, comment: This paper provides content on 31 pages and furthermore, there is an Integral Total Management Checklist at the end giving a 360-degree feedback to the topic under all management perspectives., abstract: Due to strong competition and a continuous market change, most companies engage in strategic planning today to become or stay competitive in the long run. Strategy is all-embracing. Strategy has to capture internal and external aspects, that means to comprise competencies and market opportunities. Strategy has to keep in view the own company, the customers and the competitors. The challenge is to create customer values and competitive advantages to assure benefits and growth. As a result, the starting point of every strategic decision demonstrates the recognition and the analysis of the company's current situation containing a high variety of parameters. These parameters are generally defined by the company's influence into internal and external parameters. However, the understanding of the company's situation is only defined in absolute by analysing parameters and its bilateral dependencies. Therefore, the combination of the company's internal factors and the external environmental circumstances presents the basis for the strategy development and the resulting organisational marketing goals and application of the marketing instruments. The SWOT analysis is a strategic planning tool used to evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of a company. It provides

information that is helpful in matching the company's resources and capabilities to the competitive environment in which it operates. The resulting SWOT matrix contrasts the results of the internal analysis (strengths and weakness) and the ex

In this Second Edition of Structured Analytic Techniques for Intelligence Analysis, authors Richards J. Heuer Jr. and Randolph H. Pherson showcase fifty-five structured analytic techniques—five new to this edition—that represent the most current best practices in intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security, and business analysis.

In today's competitive marketplace, customer value is a combination of product and service benefits at a fair price that creates value in the minds of customers - this is the key variable for business success. Using several comprehensive and highly integrated frameworks, Peter Duchessi provides strategies for defining customer value and for developing the critical business, personnel, quality, and information systems that are responsible for delivering customer value. Whereas other books focus on just one of these critical areas, Crafting Customer Value provides a comprehensive account of what a company must do in each area and the steps to achieve it. The author's numerous vignettes and cases illustrate how successful companies set clear business direction, formulate a customer value strategy, design and implement new business processes, develop a loyal cadre of employees, institute effective quality programs, and deploy state-of-the-art information systems. This book is a valuable guide for managers who are interested in transforming their companies into customer value-added enterprises that can earn high profits.

The thoroughly revised and updated 11th edition of Essentials of Management: An International, Innovation and Leadership Perspective takes an international and innovative view of management. This edition comprehensively covers foundational and emerging managerial insights and practices. It also emphasizes the managerial perspectives found in Silicon Valley. This edition also emphasizes the enhancement of the professional profile and network of its readers with creative exercises and online projects. Salient Features: • Inclusion of exclusive interviews with leading executives to help students gain more professional insights • Focus on professional development and network growth of students to enhance career opportunities • Case examples that detail managerial actions in global firms such as Apple, Google, Microsoft, Cisco, Samsung and many others • Iterative concept review and discussion questions in each chapter • Instructor and student resources available at – <http://www.mhhe.com/koontz/eom11e>

The TOWS matrix in strategy work. Usage, experience and usefulnessGRIN Verlag

This open access book focuses on both the theory and practice associated with the tools and approaches for decisionmaking in the face of deep uncertainty. It explores approaches and tools supporting the design of strategic plans under deep uncertainty, and their testing in the real world, including barriers and enablers for their use in practice. The book broadens traditional approaches and tools to include the analysis of actors and networks related to the problem at hand. It also shows how lessons learned in the application process can be used to improve the approaches and tools used in the design process. The book offers guidance in identifying and applying appropriate approaches and tools to design plans, as well as advice on implementing these plans in the real world. For decisionmakers and practitioners, the book includes realistic examples and practical guidelines that should help them understand what decisionmaking under deep uncertainty is and how it may be of assistance to them. Decision Making under Deep Uncertainty: From Theory to Practice is divided into four parts. Part I presents five approaches for designing strategic plans under deep uncertainty: Robust Decision Making, Dynamic Adaptive Planning, Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways, Info-Gap Decision Theory, and Engineering Options Analysis. Each approach is worked out in terms of its theoretical foundations, methodological steps to follow when using the approach, latest methodological insights, and challenges for

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improvement. In Part II, applications of each of these approaches are presented. Based on recent case studies, the practical implications of applying each approach are discussed in depth. Part III focuses on using the approaches and tools in real-world contexts, based on insights from real-world cases. Part IV contains conclusions and a synthesis of the lessons that can be drawn for designing, applying, and implementing strategic plans under deep uncertainty, as well as recommendations for future work. The publication of this book has been funded by the Radboud University, the RAND Corporation, Delft University of Technology, and Deltares. This book is exceptional treatise on strategic planning for single-business companies that is at once academically rigorous and uncommonly practical.

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