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### AID AND DEVELOPMENT

**Affordable housing in the urban global south: seeking sustainable solutions.** Bredenoord, Jan, Paul van Lindert and Peer Smets, editors. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2014.

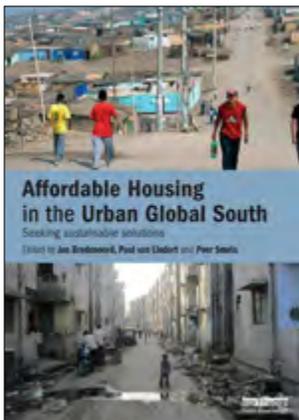


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This volume provides extensive overviews of current housing policies in Asia, Africa, and Latin American countries, offering ideas for affordable and sustainable solutions to low-income housing production. It also examines the role of various stakeholders in these efforts including local and national governments, NGOs, and private sector organizations.

**Humanitarian architecture: 15 stories of architects working after disaster.** Charlesworth, Esther. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2014.

This book draws attention to the role architects play in designing projects for communities in the wake of natural disasters. It includes fifteen case studies that illustrate how architects have collaborated with post-disaster communities to achieve goals of both physical and social reconstruction.

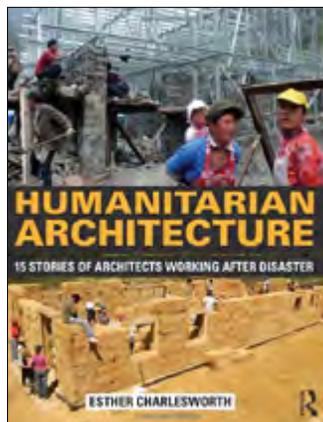


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## “Lost” causes: agenda vetting in global issue networks and the shaping of human security.

Carpenter, Charli. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014.

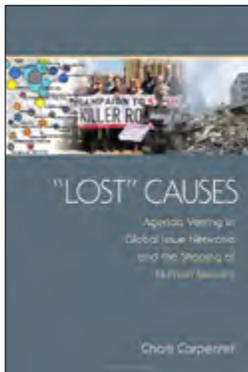


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Why do certain issues become the focus of global advocacy while other ideas and vulnerable groups get overlooked? Carpenter argues, based on surveys, web content analysis, and focus groups, that advocacy elites choose issues not only based on merit, but also on the structure of their relationships to other actors, issues, and networks. To show these dynamics at work, she highlights three case studies of emerging campaigns focusing on collateral damage control, deployment of fully autonomous weapons, and infant male circumcision.

## New frontiers of philanthropy: a guide to the new tools and actors reshaping global philanthropy and social investing.

Salamon, Lester M., editor. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

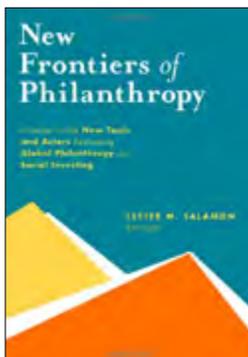


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As government and traditional philanthropic resources have proven inadequate to meet the social and environmental challenges of the twenty-first century, a revolution in philanthropy is taking place, in which socially minded private investment capital is increasingly utilized. This collection of essays explores the new players and tools that are shaping global philanthropy efforts, examines the challenges they encounter, and the steps that need to be taken to ensure their maximum impact.

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## The spacemaker's guide to big change: design and improvisation in development practice.

Hamdi, Nabeel. Abingdon, Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2014.

Hamdi details participatory practice as a necessary form of activism in development planning for urban spaces. He adheres to a method of adding strategic value to small pieces of practical work as a way to build toward a larger purpose and explores ways to build synergy and negotiate the competing ideals of social and political spaces, balancing the agendas of outsiders and the local needs of insiders.

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## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

### Community-based adaptation to climate

**change: emerging lessons.** Ensor, Jonathan, Rachel Berger and Saleemul Huq, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2014.

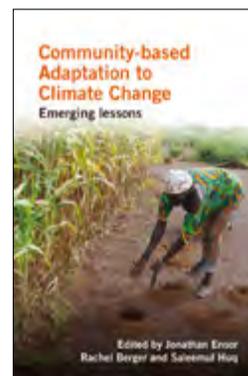


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Community-based adaptation (CBA) has been used by the NGO community to analyze the impacts of climate change among vulnerable communities in the developing world since the late 1990s. Using case studies from Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America, contributors reflect on experiences of CBA in practice, framing lessons for adaptation planning in developing countries for the future.

### Evaluating environment in international development.

Uitto, Juha, editor. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Detailing perspectives and experiences from international aid agencies and programs, this book explores how systematic evaluation is key to sustainable development. Contributors explore how environmental concerns can be incorporated into the development agenda, evaluating normative work on the environment and economic consequences of development efforts.

## Making markets more inclusive: lessons from CARE and the future of sustainability in agricultural value chain development.

McKague, Kevin and Muhammad Siddiquee. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

The authors examine how value chains and market systems in developing countries can be improved to more effectively benefit poor producers, creating positive social and economic impacts. They look, in particular, at how the organization CARE has helped enhance and strengthen the dairy value chain in northwest Bangladesh for the benefit of poor producers, giving them the tools and understanding to engage with their market.

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## DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

**Civil war and democracy in West Africa: conflict resolution, elections and justice in Sierra Leone and Liberia.** Harris, David. New York: I.B. Taurus, 2012.

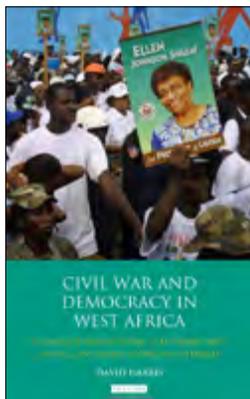


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After periods of civil wars in Africa in the 1990s and 2000s, the West often touts the establishment of multi-party elections as the culmination of conflict and beginning of democratic rule. Harris explores post-conflict elections in Sierra Leone and Liberia, examining factors of these elections that contributed to a return to or the prevention of conflict. He

concludes that it is political solutions, rather than legal, that are more likely to enhance positive political change post-conflict.

**Iraq after America: strongmen, sectarians, resistance.** Rayburn, Joel. Stanford, CA: Hoover Institution Press, 2014.



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Rayburn examines the Iraqi political landscape and the interrelations among its various actors in the post-American period. He identifies three trends that have dominated the political order: authoritarianism, sectarianism, and Islamist resistance, tracing their origins and significant players, while detailing how they have created a toxic political and social environment. The author concludes by examining aspects of the American legacy in Iraq, analyzing what it means for the U.S. and other nations' interests.

**Restorative justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding.** Llewellyn, Jennifer J. and Daniel Philpott. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Across the world, peacebuilding is met with dilemmas: peace vs. justice, reconciliation vs. retribution, and religious vs. secular approaches, among many others. In this volume, contributors explore the basic question: What is justice, and how is it related to the building of peace? They discuss concepts of reconciliation and restorative justice in addition to their implications for accountability, forgiveness, reparations, human rights, and international law.

**Zone of crisis: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Iraq.** Saikal, Amin. New York: I.B. Taurus, 2014.

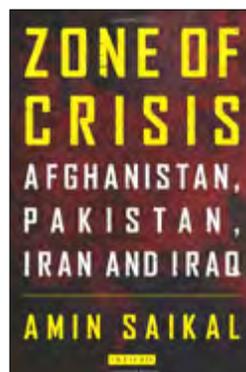


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The states of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq have historically been a zone of conflict, major power rivalry, and foreign interventions. These variables have interacted with internal situations within the states to make the region highly volatile. Saikal provides analyses of the political and strategic factors that have played a key role in determining each countries' past and present, and that are likely to influence their future development.

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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

### Determining the economic value of water: concepts and methods, 2nd ed.

Young, Robert A. and John B. Loomis. New York: RFF Press, 2014.

This volume provides an explanation of the application of nonmarket economic valuation methods to proposed water resources investments and policies. Authors provide a conceptual framework for valuation of both commodity and public good uses of water and

address valuation techniques appropriate to measuring public benefits such as water quality improvement, recreation and wildlife habitat enhancement, and flood risk reduction. They describe the various measurement methods, illustrate how they are applied in practice, and debate their strengths and limitations.

### Displacement economies in Africa: paradoxes of crisis and creativity.

Hammar, Amanda, editor. New York: Zed Books, 2014.

Using case studies from across sub-Saharan Africa, contributors explore the intended and unintended material and symbolic effects that displacement, by violence, development or natural disaster, generates. They examine the relevant actors of displacement economies and highlight the agency of those often labeled as victims.

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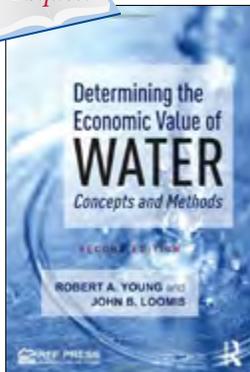


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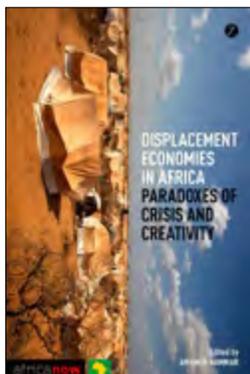


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### Emerging issues in economic development: a contemporary theoretical perspective: essays in honour of Dipankar Dasgupta and Amitava Bose.

Marjit, Sugata and Meenakshi Rajeev, editors. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Developing countries recent focus on market-driven approaches to addressing their economic issues has resulted in financial growth, but has also lead to challenges. Contributors to this volume explore these emerging challenges, addressing corruption and transparency, growth and poverty, credit and micro-finance, democracy and development, and technology transfer.

### Jamaican entrepreneurship: a review of the characteristics, traits and ideas underlying the success of some of the island's

most accomplished entrepreneurs. Laman, Glen. Kingston, Jamaica: Minna Press, 2014.

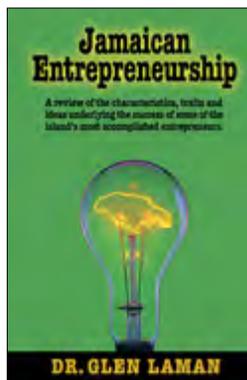


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Through interviews and research, Laman profiles 15 successful Jamaican entrepreneurs, examining the key traits that made them successful. He explores the role of entrepreneurship in a small island developing state and maintains that if Jamaican entrepreneurs direct their energies internally, Jamaica would experience an economic boost.

### Women and the informal economy in urban Africa: from the margins to the centre.

Kinyanjui, Mary Njeri. London: Zed Books, 2014.

Hindered in the past by poor education, low income and confinement to domestic duties, women in Nairobi have managed to create jobs within the informal economy, relying on social ties, reciprocity, and collaborative nature of "solidarity entrepreneurialism." Kinyanjui chronicles this trajectory of women from the margins of urbanization to the center of business activity.

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## EDUCATION

**Giving space to African voices: rights in local languages and local curriculum.** Babaci-Wilhite, Zehlia, editor. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishers, 2014.



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Contributors argue that a local curriculum through indigenous language instruction is essential to preserve African children's rights in education. They make the case that despite scientifically based evidence supporting local language instruction, English continues to be used to teach students in developing countries and they argue that students' rights in education cannot be preserved while continuing to value "Western" curriculums over locally-grounded programs.

**Measuring innovation in education: a new perspective (e-book).** Centre for Educational Research and Innovation. Paris: OECD, 2014.

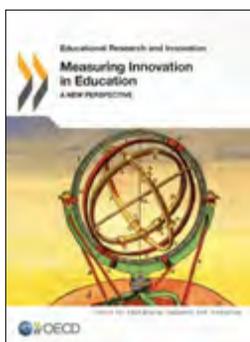


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This e-book addresses the need for a measurement agenda to support an improvement and innovation strategy in education. Contributors document changes in international education practices in recent years, assess approaches to recording the types of innovation occurring within educational systems, highlight a pilot that presents over 200 measures of innovation in education, and propose new approaches for measuring innovation in the future. USAID staff may download this title in PDF via the [OECD iLibrary](#).

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## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

**Representation: the case of women.** Escobar-Lemmon, Maria and Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson, editors. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Contributors explore what constitutes women's interests and how to measure them in terms of representation. Essays examine the need for both descriptive representation and substantive representation of women, to not only elect group members into government, but also translate group interests into policy. Included are case studies from the U.S., Latin America, Western Europe, and Africa.

**Women's social entrepreneurship and innovation (e-book).** Huysentruyt, Marieke. Paris: OECD, 2014.

In this working paper, Huysentruyt explains the smaller gender gap in social entrepreneurship compared to commercial entrepreneurship. Using case studies from Hungary, Russia, and Chile in addition to SELUSI data, she provides information on female management style and the innovation capacity of social enterprises led by women. USAID staff may download the paper via the [OECD iLibrary](#).

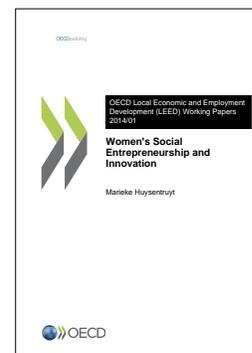


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## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

**Health communication: from theory to practice.** Schiavo, Renata. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2014.



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In its second edition, this book emphasizes the importance of a people-centered and participatory approach to health communication interventions, linking health with related social, political, and environmental issues. Topics explored include: theoretical models and case studies on health equity, urban health, emergency and risk communication,

strategic partnerships in health communication, policy communication and public advocacy, cultural competence, health literacy, and the evaluation of health communication interventions.

**Universal health coverage for inclusive and sustainable development: a synthesis of 11 country case studies (e-book).** Maeda, Akiko, et al. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2014.

This e-book book details the experiences from 11 geographically and economically diverse countries in implementing policies and strategies to achieve and sustain Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The study analyzes the UHC policies for each country, focusing on political economy and policy process, health financing to enhance health coverage, and human resources for health policies. Findings are intended to provide lessons for countries aspiring to achieve UHC. USAID staff may download the e-book via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).



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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Big data, big innovation: enabling competitive differentiation through business analytics.** Stubbs, Evan. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2014.

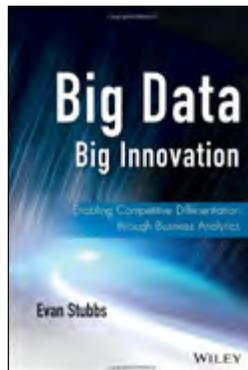


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Stubbs links big data to innovation, providing practical instructions on using big data analytics to support innovation throughout an organization. He takes a step-by-step approach to making big data a differentiator and outlines how to identify opportunities, assemble teams and hire new specialists, cultivate the proper mindset to allow for data analytics progress and success, and design real-world solutions.

**GIS tutorial for Python® scripting.** Allen, David W. Redlands, CA: Esri Press, 2014.

Allen provides a workbook with hands-on tutorials and exercises to help users develop proficiency using Python® in ArcGIS®. The workbook builds upon previously acquired GIS skills and takes them to the next level through the use of Python. Exercise data and instructor resources are available.

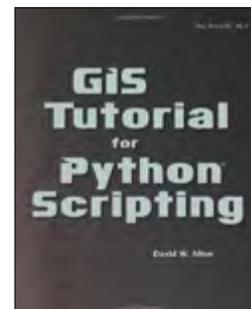


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**Predictive analytics, data mining, and big data: myths, misconceptions and methods.** Finlay, Steven. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

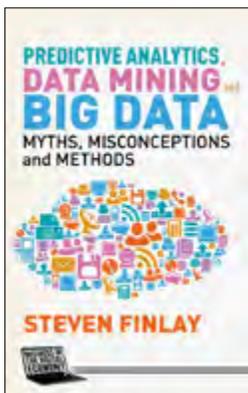


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Using case studies and insight gathered from his own experience, Finlay provides readers an understanding of the application and usage of predictive analytics, exploring how big and small data can be used to support better business decision making and operational efficiency. He details the process of developing and implementing predictive models and considers the legal and ethical issues associated with the collection and use of personal data.

**Reality mining: using big data to engineer a better world.** Eagle, Nathan and Kate Greene. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2014.

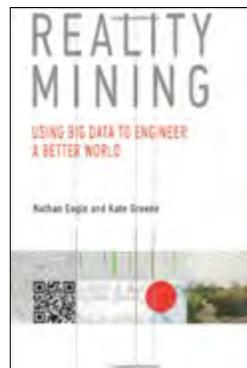


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Eagle and Greene explore the positive potential of Big Data and ways in which it can be used to develop or improve social systems, while still considering user privacy. The book is divided into five parts, each addressing challenges and opportunities inherent to Big Data on various scales of collection: the individual, the neighborhood and organization, the city, the nation, and the world.

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### ASIA

**Embattled saints: my year with the Sufis of Afghanistan.** Lizzio, Kenneth P. Wheaton, IL: Quest Books, Theosophical Publishing House, 2014.

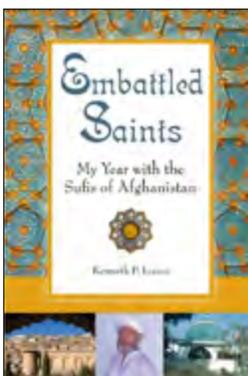


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Sufism, Islam's mystical dimension, is often dismissed as the delusions of an irrational and backward people. Kenneth Lizzio, a democracy officer at USAID, corrects such misperceptions in his memoir detailing the year he spent in 1991 living with the head of the Naqshbandis, Afghanistan's largest Sufi order. He presents the order in all its dimensions—

social, economic, political, and spiritual—at a pivotal moment in history, as the Naqshbandi way of life faces threats to its existence from both modernism and Islamic fundamentalist sects.

### AFRICA

**Dust.** Owuor, Yvonne Adhiambo. New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.

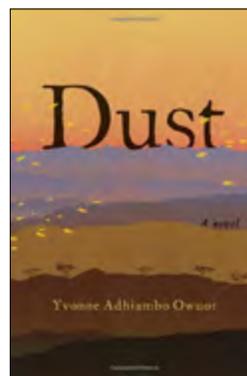


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The novel opens with Odidi Olanda gunned down in the streets of Nairobi. His murder stirs memories long unspoken, and unleashes a series of unexpected events. As Odidi's sister, Ajany, investigates his life and death, the author shifts between Kenyan past and present, from the Mau Mau uprisings in the 1950s, to the political assassination of Tom

Mboya in 1969, to contemporary upheavals, as we come to learn the secrets held by a splintered family caught up in a conflicted nation.

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## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

**Disposable people: a novel inspired by true events.** Alan, Ezekel. Charleston, SC: CreateSpace, 2012.

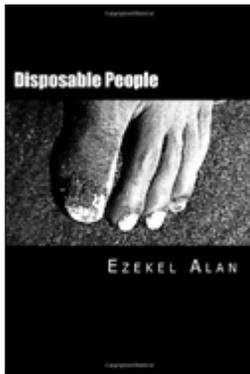


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Influenced by events in the author's past, this novel tells the story of a young boy's journey out of a deeply superstitious, highly sexual, poor, and violent village in rural Jamaica. Kenneth Lovelace's story begins in the late 1970s when Jamaica's socialist regime had plunged the country and Lovelace's family into extreme poverty. Over 30 years later, Kenneth revisits his old village and relives all the

shocking details of his hateful past in order to come to heal and give a voice to the victimized "disposable people."

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## MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**Successful onboarding: a strategy to unlock hidden value within your organization.** Stein, Mark A. and Lilith Christiansen. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

Global consultants Stein and Christiansen outline a systemic approach to a successful onboarding process. Using case learnings from Fortune 500 companies, the authors stress the importance of effective onboarding in setting up employees for success, increasing new hires' productivity, and reducing time-to-productivity, ultimately leading to greater company performance.

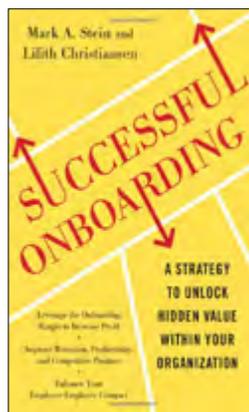


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**The work revolution: freedom and excellence for all.** Clow, Julie. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2012.

Drawing upon her experience at Google, Clow provides an inside look at the links between a positively designed workplace and organizational success. She calls for existing organizations to revolutionize work, articulating the ways in which old-school work systems with rule-based, top-down environments are lagging behind a collaborative world. Through self-assessments, case studies, and expert contributions, she provides concrete tactics for influencing organizations to change and describes organizational culture principles that nurture high performance and healthy environments.

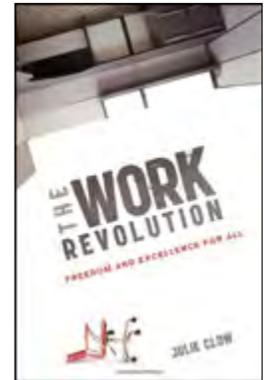


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