



that uniformity exists in the global financial system. In addition to regulating financial reporting, the adoption of IRFS has been shown to impact the flow of foreign capital and trade. Economics and Political Implications of International Financial Reporting Standards focuses on the consequences and determinants of the adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS), which has remained a top issue in International Accounting. This timely publication brings to the forefront issues related to the political and economic influences and impacts of IFRS in addition to providing a platform for further research in this area. Policy makers, academics, researchers, graduate-level students, and professionals across the fields of management, economics, finance, international relations, and political science will find this publication pertinent to furthering their understanding of financial reporting at the global level.

Since 2008, the financial sector has been the subject of extensive criticism. Much of this criticism has focused on the morality of the actors involved in the crisis and its extended aftermath. This book analyses the key moral and political philosophical issues of the crisis and relates them to the political economy of finance. It also examines to what extent the financial sector can or should be reformed. This book is unified by the view that the financial sector had been a self-serving and self-regulating elite consumed by greed, speculation and even lawlessness, with little sense of responsibility to the wider society or common good. In light of critical analysis by authors from a variety of backgrounds and persuasions, suggestions for reform and improvement are proposed, in some cases radical reform. By placing the world of finance under a microscope, this book analyses the assumptions that have led from hubris to disgrace as it provides suggestions for an improved society. Rooted in philosophical reflection, this book invites a critical reassessment of finance and its societal role in the 21st century. This book will be of interest to academics, politicians, central bankers and financial regulators who wish to improve the morality of finance.

This book outlines the connection between the principles of proportionality of state intervention and strategies made by the European Union. It describes underlining reasons for the occurrence of the global economic recession and available intervention options for governments to the EU markets. This book works out several possibilities EU countries use with the help of state intervention to actively intervene in the market economy. The author critically assesses the proportionality of interventions in the markets of EU members. With regard to the European economic recession, the book highlights the background of the global financial and external debt crisis. In this context, possible measures for growth promotion processes of the EU are also described. The book will appeal to lecturers and students of economics disciplines worldwide, political advisors of EU member states and decision-makers of the European Central Bank; as well as, in principle, all interested readers who would like to learn more about fiscal policy in the European Union. Sebastian Weischnur, born in 1979, is a shareholder-managing director of three German companies in the financial services sector and holds a Graduation Certificate from Harvard Business School. His research interests include Business Administration as well as macroeconomic topics, in particular intervention frameworks to address challenges in EU member states.

?Das Konstrukt der vorberuflichen Bildung charakterisiert die Gesamtheit der schulischen Maßnahmen, die von offizieller Seite in der Sekundarschule (Lower Secondary), mit der Intention den Übergang auf den Arbeitsmarkt zu erleichtern, durchgeführt werden. Sie zielt darauf ab, die Jugendlichen auf die Arbeitswelt oder auf weitere berufliche Bildungswege vorzubereiten. Balasundaram Krisanthan untersucht die vorberufliche Bildung in den Jahrgangsstufen 9 und 10 des indischen Schulsystems. Dazu analysiert und vergleicht er neben den nationalen Rahmenrichtlinien auch die entsprechenden Curricula der zwei größten Schulbeiräte. Ziel der Analyse ist es, Aussagen über die curriculare Ausgestaltung in Bezug auf die Wissens-, Persönlichkeits- und Situationsorientierung der vorberuflichen Bildung in Indien treffen zu können.?

A theoretical framework aiming to facilitate study of development economics. The author presents his theory in three sections: how advanced nations developed; a proposed third dimension, in addition to labour and capital; and why capital accumulation is unnecessary, even potentially harmful.

The research on social discourse in societies, firms, and organizations written by researchers working in fields such as Management, Corporate Governance, Accounting and Finance, Strategy, Sociology, and Politics often make reference to the term 'stakeholder'. Yet the concept of the 'stakeholder' is unclear, and research around it often muddled. This book provides an analysis, classification, and critique of the various strands of theory about stakeholders. The authors place these theories both in the context of their philosophical underpinnings, and their practical and policy implications. Practical examples based on new data are used to examine a diverse range of stakeholders, and the relationships stakeholders have with their organizations. This is the first book on stakeholder theory to propose a critical analysis, both at the macro and micro level, that is framed and guided by theory. Written to provide both order and clarity to research into the concept of the stakeholder, the book is also written as an introduction for students. It includes chapter introductions, useful tables and figures, short vignettes on key concepts and issues, and discussion questions.

A must-have recipe book for building software Perhaps you can relate to this all-too common scenario: you know all about your software product?but could do with some help in understanding the strategic side of things. If so, this book is the one-stop resource you'll need in order to become a successful software entrepreneur. Patterns expert Allan Kelly provides you with the step-by-step route that needs to be followed in order to understand business strategy and operations. Each chapter starts out with a solid introduction and theoretical overview, which is then further illustrated with patterns and case studies, all aimed at helping you move into the management of software. Teaches you the ropes of business strategy and operations for software Places special emphasis on the patterns for those who make software for sale Addresses patterns philosophy, patterns strategies, business strategy patterns, and software company lifecycle Shares practical tools, tips, and examples of best practices so you can see how each specific pattern fits in and needs to be implemented. Business Patterns for Software Development divulges strategies, operations, and structures for building successful software.

The new and updated edition of Microeconomic Policy provides an excellent blend of theory and application to foster understanding of economic-based policy making. The book is eclectic in its approach and addresses a rich set of current applications. It is an ideal book for teaching microeconomic-based policy analysis to students. Todd Sandler, University of Texas at Dallas, US Designed for students who have already encountered the microeconomic principles, this valuable text focusses effectively on their policy implications, imbuing the apparently dry theory with its insights for the general welfare. William J. Baumol, New York University, US and Princeton University, US A distinctive feature of this book is the application of microeconomics to public policy. As to be expected given the international reputation of the authors there is a thorough treatment of global environmental policies, including the Stern Report, and a very useful chapter on



book addresses and explains the key pressing questions and issues that are transforming contemporary media industries and markets. Gillian Doyle makes the economics of the media fascinating, compelling and easy to understand. This is essential reading for all students of the media.

This book brings together an unprecedented number and range of contributions from different disciplines relating to sleep in one comprehensive volume. The contributors explore the science of sleep - what it is, what makes it happen and why we do it - as well as the measurement of sleep, its importance for daytime performance and its sociological and cultural aspects. Sleep disorders, sleep quality and the importance of sleep for daytime performance are also explored, as are the ways in which sleep can be affected by medication and medical and psychiatric conditions. This groundbreaking and insightful book will be of great interest to students, academics and professionals in a wide range of disciplines, and anyone else who wishes to discover more about this fascinating topic.

Concise, engaging and highly intuitive Economics: A primer equips you with an understanding of all the basic principles of economics. It is designed specifically for readers with no prior knowledge of the field. Technical content is kept to a minimum and the universal principles of economics are distilled. At its core, economics is simply the study of how humans behave and the choices which they make. Chrystal and Hayley emphasise the practical application of economics for an individual as a consumer, saver and employee; and within the context of business and financial decision-making. This approach ensures that the connection between economic theory and our everyday lives is illuminated.

Whether you are taking a short course in economics; are about to begin an Economics or related degree, or simply want to understand the theories which lie behind the headlines, this book will ensure you master the core concepts. Supported by online resources to take your learning further: For Students - Multiple choice questions - Weblinks - Summaries of key concepts - Bespoke videos of the authors summarising each chapter For Lecturers - PowerPointRG slides

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