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DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

THE DIME ANALYTICS DATA HANDBOOK

World Bank Publications *Development Research in Practice leads the reader through a complete empirical research project, providing links to continuously updated resources on the DIME Wiki as well as illustrative examples from the Demand for Safe Spaces study. The handbook is intended to train users of development data how to handle data effectively, efficiently, and ethically. "In the DIME Analytics Data Handbook, the DIME team has produced an extraordinary public good: a detailed, comprehensive, yet easy-to-read manual for how to manage a data-oriented research project from beginning to end. It offers everything from big-picture guidance on the determinants of high-quality empirical research, to specific practical guidance on how to implement specific workflows—and includes computer code! I think it will prove durably useful to a broad range of researchers in international development and beyond, and I learned new practices that I plan on adopting in my own research group.†? —Marshall Burke, Associate Professor, Department of Earth System Science, and Deputy Director, Center on Food Security and the Environment, Stanford University "Data are the essential ingredient in any research or evaluation project, yet there has been too little attention to standardized practices to ensure high-quality data collection, handling, documentation, and exchange. Development Research in Practice: The DIME Analytics Data Handbook seeks to fill that gap with practical guidance and tools, grounded in ethics and efficiency, for data management at every stage in a research project. This excellent resource sets a new standard for the field and is an essential reference for all empirical researchers.†? —Ruth E. Levine, PhD, CEO, IDinsight "Development Research in Practice: The DIME Analytics Data Handbook is an important resource and a must-read for all development economists, empirical social scientists, and public policy analysts. Based on decades of pioneering work at the World Bank on data collection, measurement, and analysis, the handbook provides valuable tools to allow research teams to more efficiently and transparently manage their work flows—yielding more credible analytical conclusions as a result.†? —Edward Miguel, Oxfam Professor in Environmental and Resource Economics and Faculty Director of the Center for Effective Global Action, University of California, Berkeley "The DIME Analytics Data Handbook is a must-read for any data-driven researcher looking to create credible research outcomes and policy advice. By meticulously describing detailed steps, from project planning via ethical and responsible code and data practices to the publication of research papers and associated replication packages, the DIME handbook makes the complexities of transparent and credible research easier.†? —Lars Vilhuber, Data Editor, American Economic Association, and Executive Director, Labor Dynamics Institute, Cornell University*

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THE DIME ANALYTICS DATA HANDBOOK

REFORMING COLLATERAL LAWS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO FINANCE

World Bank Publications *Most readers, especially those with car loans or home mortgages, know about "collateral"--property that the lender can take away from the borrower in the event that the borrower defaults. In low/middle income countries, it is understood that conservative lenders exclude firms from credit markets with their excessive collateral requirements. Usually, this is because only some property is acceptable as collateral: large holdings of urban real estate and, sometimes, new motor vehicles. Microenterprises, SMEs, and the poor have little of this property but they do have an array of productive assets that could easily be harnessed to serve as collateral. It is only the legal framework which prevents firms from using these assets to secure loans. In countries with reformed laws governing collateral, property such as equipment, inventory, accounts receivable, livestock are considered excellent collateral. This book aims to better equip project managers to implement reforms to the legal and institutional framework for collateral (secured transactions). It discusses the importance of movable property as a source of collateral for firms, the relationship between the legal framework governing movable assets and the financial sector consequences for firms (better loan terms, increased access, more competitive financial sector), and how reforms can be put in place to change the lending environment.*

HANDBOOK ON USING ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab *This Handbook intends to inform Data Providers and researchers on how to provide privacy-protected access to, handle, and analyze administrative data, and to link them with existing resources, such as a database of data use agreements (DUA) and templates. Available publicly, the Handbook will provide guidance on data access requirements and procedures, data privacy, data security, property rights, regulations for public data use, data architecture, data use and storage, cost structure and recovery, ethics and privacy-protection, making data accessible for research, and dissemination for restricted access use. The knowledge base will serve as a resource for all researchers looking to work with administrative data and for Data Providers looking to make such data available.*

THE CONTENT ANALYSIS GUIDEBOOK

SAGE *Content analysis is one of the most important but complex research methodologies in the social sciences. In this thoroughly updated Second Edition of The Content Analysis Guidebook, author Kimberly Neuendorf provides an accessible core text for upper-level undergraduates and graduate students across the social sciences. Comprising step-by-step instructions and practical advice, this text unravels the complicated aspects of content analysis.*

SEVEN LAYERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

MINING BUSINESS INSIGHTS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA TEXT, ACTIONS, NETWORKS, HYPERLINKS, APPS, SEARCH ENGINE, AND LOCATION DATA

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform *The book offers concepts, tools, tutorials, and case studies that business managers need to extract and analyze the seven layers of social media data, including text, actions, networks, apps, hyperlinks, search engines, and location layers. Social media analytics is about converting unstructured social media data into meaningful business insights. By the end of this book, you will have mastered the concepts, techniques, and tools used to extract business insights from social media that help increase brand loyalty, generate leads, drive traffic, and ultimately make good business decisions. The book is non-technical in nature best suited for business managers, owners, consultants, students, and professors, etc. Here is how the book is structured: Chapter 1: The Seven Layers of Social Media Analytics Chapter 2: Understanding Social Media Chapter 3: Social Media Text Analytics Chapter 4: Social Media Network Analytics Chapter 5: Social Media Actions Analytics Chapter 6: Social Media Apps Analytics Chapter 7: Social Media Hyperlinks Analytics Chapter 8: Social Media Location Analytics Chapter 9: Social Media Search Engine Analytics Chapter 10: Aligning Social Media Analytics with Business Goals The book also comes with a companion site (<http://7layersanalytics.com/>) which offers Updated Tutorials, Power-Point Slide, Case Studies, Sample Data, and Syllabus.*

SYSTEM ENGINEERING ANALYSIS, DESIGN, AND DEVELOPMENT

CONCEPTS, PRINCIPLES, AND PRACTICES

John Wiley & Sons Praise for the first edition: "This excellent text will be useful to every system engineer (SE) regardless of the domain. It covers ALL relevant SE material and does so in a very clear, methodical fashion. The breadth and depth of the author's presentation of SE principles and practices is outstanding." –Philip Allen This textbook presents a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to System Engineering analysis, design, and development via an integrated set of concepts, principles, practices, and methodologies. The methods presented in this text apply to any type of human system -- small, medium, and large organizational systems and system development projects delivering engineered systems or services across multiple business sectors such as medical, transportation, financial, educational, governmental, aerospace and defense, utilities, political, and charity, among others. Provides a common focal point for "bridging the gap" between and unifying System Users, System Acquirers, multi-discipline System Engineering, and Project, Functional, and Executive Management education, knowledge, and decision-making for developing systems, products, or services Each chapter provides definitions of key terms, guiding principles, examples, author's notes, real-world examples, and exercises, which highlight and reinforce key SE&D concepts and practices Addresses concepts employed in Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE), Model-Driven Design (MDD), Unified Modeling Language (UML/TM) / Systems Modeling Language (SysML/TM), and Agile/Spiral/V-Model Development such as user needs, stories, and use cases analysis; specification development; system architecture development; User-Centric System Design (UCSD); interface definition & control; system integration & test; and Verification & Validation (V&V) Highlights/introduces a new 21st Century Systems Engineering & Development (SE&D) paradigm that is easy to understand and implement. Provides practices that are critical staging points for technical decision making such as Technical Strategy Development; Life Cycle requirements; Phases, Modes, & States; SE Process; Requirements Derivation; System Architecture Development, User-Centric System Design (UCSD); Engineering Standards, Coordinate Systems, and Conventions; et al. Thoroughly illustrated, with end-of-chapter exercises and numerous case studies and examples, Systems Engineering Analysis, Design, and Development, Second Edition is a primary textbook for multi-discipline, engineering, system analysis, and project management undergraduate/graduate level students and a valuable reference for professionals.

THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF CREDIT DERIVATIVES

OUP Oxford From the late 1990s, the spectacular growth of a secondary market for credit through derivatives has been matched by the emergence of mathematical modelling analysing the credit risk embedded in these contracts. This book aims to provide a broad and deep overview of this modelling, covering statistical analysis and techniques, modelling of default of both single and multiple entities, counterparty risk, Gaussian and non-Gaussian modelling, and securitisation. Both reduced-form and firm-value models for the default of single entities are considered in detail, with extensive discussion of both their theoretical underpinnings and practical usage in pricing and risk. For multiple entity modelling, the now notorious Gaussian copula is discussed with analysis of its shortcomings, as well as a wide range of alternative approaches including multivariate extensions to both firm-value and reduced form models, and continuous-time Markov chains. One important case of multiple entities modelling - counterparty risk in credit derivatives - is further explored in two dedicated chapters. Alternative non-Gaussian approaches to modelling are also discussed, including extreme-value theory and saddle-point approximations to deal with tail risk. Finally, the recent growth in securitisation is covered, including house price modelling and pricing models for asset-backed CDOs. The current credit crisis has brought modelling of the previously arcane credit markets into the public arena. Lipton and Rennie with their excellent team of contributors, provide a timely discussion of the mathematical modelling that underpins both credit derivatives and securitisation. Though technical in nature, the pros and cons of various approaches attempt to provide a balanced view of the role that mathematical modelling plays in the modern credit markets. This book will appeal to students and researchers in statistics, economics, and finance, as well as practitioners, credit traders, and quantitative analysts

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE

FRAMEWORK REPORT

World Bank Publications This report builds on the conclusions of the Green Infrastructure Finance: Leading Initiatives and Research report and lays out a simple and elegant way in which scarce public financing can leverage market interest in greening infrastructure, particularly in the East Asia and Pacific Region.

THE ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION HANDBOOK

A GUIDE TO IMPLEMENTING RPA SYSTEMS

Apress While Robotic Process Automation (RPA) has been around for about 20 years, it has hit an inflection point because of the convergence of cloud computing, big data and AI. This book shows you how to leverage RPA effectively in your company to automate repetitive and rules-based processes, such as scheduling, inputting/transferring data, cut and paste, filling out forms, and search. Using practical aspects of implementing the technology (based on case studies and industry best practices), you'll see how companies have been able to realize substantial ROI (Return On Investment) with their implementations, such as by lessening the need for hiring or outsourcing. By understanding the core concepts of RPA, you'll also see that the technology significantly increases compliance - leading to fewer issues with regulations - and minimizes costly errors. RPA software revenues have recently soared by over 60 percent, which is the fastest ramp in the tech industry, and they are expected to exceed \$1 billion by the end of 2019. It is generally seamless with legacy IT environments, making it easier for companies to pursue a strategy of digital transformation and can even be a gateway to AI. The Robotic Process Automation Handbook puts everything you need to know into one place to be a part of this wave. What You'll Learn Develop the right strategy and plan Deal with resistance and fears from employees Take an in-depth look at the leading RPA systems, including where they are most effective, the risks and the costs Evaluate an RPA system Who This Book Is For IT specialists and managers at mid-to-large companies

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE TO PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING

John Wiley & Sons "The best book on collaboration ever written!" —Diane Flannery, founding CEO, Juma Ventures And now this classic book is even better—much better. Completely revised and updated, the second edition is loaded with new tools and techniques. Two powerful new chapters on agenda design A full section devoted to reaching closure More than twice as many tools for handling difficult dynamics 70 brand-new pages and over 100 pages significantly improved

THE IBNET WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION BLUE BOOK 2014

THE INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING NETWORK FOR WATER AND SANITATION UTILITIES DATABOOK

World Bank Publications Well-run water utilities play an important role in ending poverty and boosting shared prosperity. Consumers need reliable access to high quality and affordable water and sanitation services. To deliver these basic services efficiently and effectively requires high-performing utilities that are able to respond to urban growth, to connect with the poor, and to improve wastewater disposal practices. The International Benchmarking Network for Water and Sanitation Utilities of the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program (IBNET) has been involved in water sector monitoring since 1997. IBNET works to improve utility performance through enhanced sharing of critical knowledge and expertise, to expand access to comparative data among utilities globally, and to promote best practice among water supply and sanitation providers. By delivering access to technical and financial information on utility performance, IBNET enables key stakeholders to do their jobs better: utility managers and employees can identify areas for improvement; governments can monitor and adjust sector policies and programs; regulators can ensure that customers get value; investors can identify viable markets and opportunities for creating value; and customer groups and NGOs can exercise 'voice' in an informed way. The IBNET Water Supply and Sanitation Blue Book 2014 summarizes the water sector status from 2006 to 2011. Since 2006, municipal water performance has improved despite accelerated urbanization and the impacts of triple crises (food, fuel, and financial). Overall coverage has increased and piped water and wastewater services became accessible to more people. An increasing number of utilities now actively handle the water billing, collection, and water management through metering. IBNET tools, such as data collection instruments and protocols, the IBNET database, and the IBNET tariff database, enable enhanced sharing of information on close to 4,500 utilities from more than 130 countries and territories.

HANDBOOK OF CHALCOGEN CHEMISTRY

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN SULFUR, SELENIUM AND TELLURIUM

Royal Society of Chemistry Provides an overview of the developments on the chemistry of the chalcogen group elements (S, Se and Te). Organised into two parts, this book deals systematically with the chemistry of chalcogens in relation to other group elements in the periodic table, and also includes an overview of metal-chalcogenides and metal-polychalcogenides.

HANDBOOK OF AIR POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Elsevier *The Handbook of Air Pollution Prevention and Control provides a concise overview of the latest technologies for managing industrial air pollution in petrochemical, oil and gas, and allied industries. Detailed material on equipment selection, sizing, and troubleshooting operations is provided along with practical design methodology. Unique to this volume are discussions and information on energy-efficient technologies and approaches to implementing environmental cost accounting measures. Included in the text are sidebar discussions, questions for thinking and discussing, recommended resources for the reader (including Web sites), and a comprehensive glossary. The Handbook of Air Pollution Prevention and Control also includes free access to US EPA's air dispersion model SCREEN3. Detailed examples on the application of this important software to analyzing air dispersion from industrial processes and point sources are provided in the Handbook, along with approaches to applying this important tool in developing approaches to pollution prevention and in selecting control technologies. By applying SCREEN3, along with the examples given in the Handbook, the user can: evaluate the impact of processes and operations to air quality, and apply the model to assess emergency scenarios to help in planning, to develop environmental impact assessments, to select pollution control technologies, and to develop strategies for pollution prevention. Two companion books by Cheremisinoff are available: Handbook of Water and Wastewater Treatment Technologies, and Handbook of Solid Waste Management and Waste Minimization Technologies. Uniquely combines prevention and control concepts while covering the practices and technologies that are applied to the prevention of air pollution in the chemicals manufacturing, oil and gas, iron and steel, and pharmaceutical industries, and to the cleaning and control of industrial air emissions. Provides a bridge for today's environmental manager by focusing on an integrated approach to managing air pollution problems within industrial operations. Shows you how to calculate financial returns from pollution prevention projects.*

THE DIGITAL FUNDRAISING BOOK

This is the guide for charities and nonprofits to help you learn all you need to know about digital fundraising. It covers everything from the very basics, right up to the tricky stuff, like maximising conversion rates. A must-read for anyone wanting to develop their digital fundraising strategy.

INNOVATIONS IN TAX COMPLIANCE

BUILDING TRUST, NAVIGATING POLITICS, AND TAILORING REFORM

By combining case studies, recent research, and the latest developments in tax compliance into a coherent and holistic framework, the book aims to guide policymakers and tax practitioners in their efforts to reform tax administrations and create a more equitable and robust foundation for economic growth.

THE PALGRAVE HANDBOOK OF HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Springer *Focusing on the specific challenges of research design and exploring the opportunities of conducting research in humanitarian logistics and supply chain management, this handbook is a significant contribution to future research. Chapters include extensive descriptions of methods used, highlighting their advantages and disadvantages, and the challenges in scoping, sampling, collecting and analysing data, as well as ensuring the quality of studies. Covering a wide variety of topics including risk and resilience and the impact of humanitarian logistics on capacity building, sustainability and the local economy, it also explores the need for scalability and co-ordination in the humanitarian network. Contributors provide important insight on future directions and offer crucial guidance for researchers conducting projects within the field.*

THE WORLD BANK GROUP A TO Z 2016

World Bank Publications *The World Bank Group A to Z provides the most concise and essential information about the mission, policies, procedures, products, and services of the new World Bank Group. This second edition is a follow-up to the first volume released for the 2014 Annual Meetings. The World Bank Group A to Z series builds on previous editions of A Guide to the World Bank to include features not found in its predecessors including: a graphical introduction to the World Bank Group, highlighting the Bank Group's goals, financials, regions, and results; examples and photos of Bank Group projects and programs; and tools to guide you to the information you are looking for (even if you don't know exactly what that is). It also reflects the wide-ranging reforms that have taken place within the World Bank Group in recent years, including the launch of the new World Bank Group Strategy; new approaches to development; the establishment of new Global Practice Groups and Cross Cutting Solutions Areas; and the goal of becoming a "Solutions Bank," one that will marshal the vast reserves of evidence and experiential knowledge across the five World Bank Group agencies and apply them to local problems. With more than 280 entries arranged in encyclopedic A-to-Z format, readers can easily find up-to-date information about the five agencies of the World Bank Group and the wide range of areas in which they work: from agriculture, education, energy, health, social protection and labor to gender, jobs, conflict, private sector development, trade, water and climate change. The World Bank Group's work in all of these areas now focuses on two new twin goals: eliminating extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity of the poorest 40 percent in every developing country.*

JOURNALISM RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

PERSPECTIVES ON CHANGE, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS

Routledge *Journalism Research in Practice: Perspectives on Change, Challenges, and Solutions is a unique collection of research on journalism written for journalists and wider audiences. Based on scholarship previously published in Journalism Practice, Journalism Studies, and Digital Journalism, authors have updated and rewritten their works to make connections to contemporary issues. These 28 studies include perspectives on modern-day freelancing, digitization, and partisan influences on the press. They appear in four distinct sections: • Addressing Journalism in Times of Social Conflict • Advancements in New Media and Audience Participation • Challenges and Solutions in a Changing Profession • Possibilities for Journalism and Social Change This book is a collection by leading scholars from the field of Journalism Studies who have revisited their previous work with the intent of asking more questions about how journalism looks, works, and is preparing for the future. From coverage on Donald Trump and alt-right media to media trust, verification, and social media, this volume is relevant for practicing journalists today who are planning for tomorrow, students learning about the field and its debates, and scholars and educators looking for approachable texts about complex issues.*

AN INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS

Cengage Learning *Ott and Longnecker's AN INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS, 6th Edition, International Edition provides a broad overview of statistical methods for advanced undergraduate and graduate students from a variety of disciplines who have little or no prior course work in statistics. The authors teach students to solve problems encountered in research projects, to make decisions based on data in general settings both within and beyond the university setting, and to become critical readers of statistical analyses in research papers and in news reports. The first eleven chapters present material typically covered in an introductory statistics course, as well as case studies and examples that are often encountered in undergraduate capstone courses. The remaining chapters cover regression modeling and design of experiments.*

THE OCCUPY HANDBOOK

Hachette UK *Analyzing the movement's deep-seated origins in questions that the country has sought too long to ignore, some of the greatest economic minds and most incisive cultural commentators - from Paul Krugman, Robin Wells, Michael Lewis, Robert Reich, Amy Goodman, Barbara Ehrenreich, Gillian Tett, Scott Turow, Bethany McLean, Brandon Adams, and Tyler Cowen to prominent labor leaders and young, cutting-edge economists and financial writers whose work is not yet widely known - capture the Occupy Wall Street phenomenon in all its ragged glory, giving readers an on-the-scene feel for the movement as it unfolds while exploring the heady growth of the protests, considering the lasting changes wrought, and recommending reform. A guide to the occupation, The Occupy Handbook is a talked-about source for understanding why 1% of the people in America take almost a quarter of the nation's income and the long-term effects of a protest movement that even the objects of its attack can find little fault with.*

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ONCOLOGY DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

BoD - Books on Demand *There exists a profound conflict at the heart of oncology drug development. The efficiency of the drug development process is falling, leading to higher costs per approved drug, at the same time personalised medicine is limiting the target market of each new medicine. Even as the global economic burden of cancer increases, the current paradigm in drug development is unsustainable. In this book, we discuss the development of techniques in machine learning for improving the efficiency of oncology drug development and delivering cost-effective precision treatment. We consider how to structure data for drug repurposing and target identification, how to improve clinical trials and how patients may view artificial intelligence.*

ABSENTEEISM AND BEYOND: INSTRUCTIONAL TIME LOSS AND CONSEQUENCES

World Bank Publications *Studies have shown that learning outcomes are related to the amount of time students engage in learning tasks. However, visits to schools have revealed that students are often taught for only a fraction of the intended time, particularly in lower-income countries. Losses are due to informal school closures, teacher absenteeism, delays, early departures, and sub-optimal use of time in the classroom. A study was undertaken to develop an efficient methodology for measuring instructional time loss. Thus, instructional time use was measured in sampled schools in Tunisia, Morocco, Ghana, and the Brazilian state of Pernambuco. The percentage of time that students were engaged in learning vis-à-vis government expectations was approximately 39 percent in Ghana, 63 percent in Pernambuco, 71 percent in Morocco, and 78 percent in Tunisia. Instructional time use is a mediator variable that is challenging to measure, so it often escapes scrutiny. Research suggests that merely financing the ingredients of instruction is not enough to produce learning outcomes; students must also get sufficient time to process the information. The quantity-quality tradeoff that often accompanies large-scale enrollments may be partly due to instructional time restrictions. Time wastage also distorts budgetary outlays and teacher salary rates. To achieve the Millennium Development Goals students must get more of the time that governments, donors, and parents pay for.*

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

IGI Global *"This book is a comprehensive and in-depth reference to the most recent developments in the field covering theoretical developments, techniques, technologies, among others"--Provided by publisher.*

IN SEARCH OF MIDNIGHT

THE MIKE MCGEE HANDBOOK OF AWESOME

SCB Distributors *A distinctive and incomparable collection from "Mighty" Mike McGee, the class clown of spoken word and poetry slam's geek champion. This debut includes his most notable performance poems, stories, humorous anecdotes and how-to's. This handbook moves between serious love tomes, like "Open Letter to Neil Armstrong" and "Every Day," to his most irreverent and requested works, like "Puddin'" and "Like." A true road-dog, McGee travels with words and camera, many results of which are captured in this collection. The humor contained in these pages are a campfire on a lonely winter night, the poetry – a reason to shout about love.*

BROKENOMICS

50 WAYS TO LIVE THE DREAM ON A DIME

Seal Press *In Brokenomics, author Dina Gachman shares the lessons she's learned about how to live large in the cheap seats. Through stories both painfully honest and laugh-out-loud funny that anyone can relate to, Dina reveals all the tricks you need to live the good life without spending a ton of money. Brokenomics covers the place where economics and everyday life collide. It includes: Rules for changing your mindset ("There Will Always Be Someone Richer, Taller, Smarter, and Better Looking Than You") Wise words about making big decisions, like raising children—or not ("Why Have a Baby When You Can Just Get a Nice Potted Plant?") Clear-eyed relationship advice ("Do Not Date Anyone Who Loves Their Bong More Than They Love You") Solid guidance for renters ("The Freeloader's Guide to Housesitting") And strategies for talking to your honey about money. . . without breaking up This helpful and hilarious handbook has the answers for crafting your own version of the glamorous life without breaking the bank. Dina shares advice on every page while keeping things fresh, light, and fun. Written with the wisdom afforded by hindsight, Brokenomics will appeal to recent college grads, newly committed couples, and those facing career crises alike.*

DEBT RELIEF AND BEYOND

LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES AHEAD

World Bank Publications *The history of debt relief goes back several decades. It reveals that a country's accumulation of unsustainable debt stems from such factors as deficiencies in macroeconomic management, adverse terms-of-trade shocks, and poor governance. Debt-relief initiatives have provided debt-burdened countries with the opportunity for a fresh start, but whether the benefits of debt relief can be preserved depends on transformations in a country's policies and institutions. In 1996, the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative was launched as the first comprehensive, multilateral, debt-relief framework for low-income countries. In 2005, the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative was established, which increased the level of debt relief provided to HIPCs. As of early 2009, assistance through these two initiatives had been committed to 35 countries and amounted to US\$117 billion in nominal terms, or half of the 2007 GDP of these countries. 'Debt Relief and Beyond' assesses the implications of debt relief for low-income countries and how its benefits can be preserved and used to fight poverty. The chapter authors bring unique operational experience to their examination of debt relief, debt sustainability, and debt management. Several key questions are addressed, including, what consequences does debt relief have for poverty-reducing expenditures, growth, and access to finance? Can debt relief guarantee debt sustainability? How can debt management at all levels of government be improved? What lessons can be learned from countries that have experienced debt restructuring? Finally, this book provides sound empirical evidence using current econometric techniques.*

AN INTRODUCTION TO SURVEY RESEARCH, POLLING, AND DATA ANALYSIS

SAGE *The nature of survey research - The survey process - Sampling procedures - Questionnaire construction - The data collection stage - Coding practices - Designing survey - The process of data analysis - Single-variable statistics - Statistical inference for means - Two-variable tables - Measures of association - Control tables - Correlation and regression - Writing survey reports - Evaluating surveys - The ethics of polls.*

WHAT'S COOKING

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE AGRIFOOD SYSTEM

World Bank Publications *The digital agriculture revolution holds a promise to build an agriculture and food system that is efficient, environmentally sustainable, and equitable, one that can help deliver the Sustainable Development Goals. Unlike past technological revolutions in agriculture, which began on farms, the current revolution is being sparked at multiple points along the agrifood value chain. The change is driven by the ability to collect, use, and analyze massive amounts of machine-readable data about practically every aspect of the value chain, and by the emergence of digital platforms disrupting existing business models. All this allows for drastically reduced transaction costs and pervasive information asymmetries that plague the agrifood system. The success of the digital transformation, however, is not guaranteed as the risks it brings are numerous, including those related to data governance and inadequate competition within and between digital platforms. What's Cooking: Digital Transformation of the Agrifood System investigates how digital technologies can accelerate the transformation of the agrifood system by increasing efficiency on the farm; improving farmers' access to output, input, and financial markets; strengthening quality control and traceability; and improving the design and delivery of agriculture policies. It also identifies a key role for the public sector in maximizing the benefits of this process while minimizing its risks, through enabling an innovation ecosystem featuring open datasets, digital platforms, digital entrepreneurship, digital payment systems, and digital skills and encouraging equitable technology adoption.*

MULTIFETAL PREGNANCY

A HANDBOOK FOR CARE OF THE PREGNANT PATIENT

This concise and easy-to-use handbook provides up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines for the optimal antepartum and intrapartum management of twin, triplet, and higher-order multifetal gestations. Coverage includes a detailed discussion of prenatal genetic diagnosis in multiple gestations and a review of the risks and benefits of multifetal pregnancy reduction and selective termination. Other topics addressed include maternal nutrition, prediction and prevention of preterm birth, obstetric complications unique to multiple gestations, intrapartum management of multiples, and management of triplet and higher-order multiple birth. Detailed and extensively researched tables summarize the outcomes of twin, triplet, quadruplet, and reduced pregnancies. A Brandon-Hill recommended title.

EMPIRE'S NURSERY

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN CENTURY

NYU Press *How children and children's literature helped build America's empire* America's empire was not made by adults alone. During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, young people became essential to its creation. Through children's literature, authors instilled the idea of America's power and the importance of its global prominence. As kids eagerly read dime novels, series fiction, pulp magazines, and comic books that dramatized the virtues of empire, they helped entrench a growing belief in America's indispensability to the international order. Empires more generally require stories to justify their existence. Children's literature seeded among young people a conviction that their country's command of a continent (and later the world) was essential to global stability. This genre allowed ardent imperialists to obscure their aggressive agendas with a veneer of harmlessness or fun. The supposedly nonthreatening nature of the child and children's literature thereby helped to disguise dominion's unsavory nature. The modern era has been called both the "American Century" and the "Century of the Child." Brian Rouleau illustrates how those conceptualizations came together by depicting children in their influential role as the junior partners of US imperial enterprise.

SURFING TSUNAMIS OF CHANGE

A HANDBOOK FOR CHANGE AGENTS

IM Publishing *Surfing Tsunamis of Change* tells the powerful story of a woman's voyage to Hawaii to find her purpose as an "agent of change" in the era of sustainability. Her journey describes the building of a campus and state wide movement and lays the foundation for the "transformative emergent model" that introduces 30 axioms for creating change in all aspects of life. Using Futures Studies, Engineering, and Political Science she describes each step along the way in an accessible narrative that clarifies how we are all change agents. Every reader will find concrete tools to surf the waves of change in their life and in the world today.

BEADLE'S DIME BASE-BALL PLAYER 1860

Beadle's Dime Base-Ball Player is a high quality reprint of one of the earliest baseball guides. The original printing is extremely collectable and highly sought after by collectors.

THINK LIKE A UX RESEARCHER

HOW TO OBSERVE USERS, INFLUENCE DESIGN, AND SHAPE BUSINESS STRATEGY

CRC Press *Think Like a UX Researcher* will challenge your preconceptions about user experience (UX) research and encourage you to think beyond the obvious. You'll discover how to plan and conduct UX research, analyze data, persuade teams to take action on the results and build a career in UX. The book will help you take a more strategic view of product design so you can focus on optimizing the user's experience. UX Researchers, Designers, Project Managers, Scrum Masters, Business Analysts and Marketing Managers will find tools, inspiration and ideas to rejuvenate their thinking, inspire their team and improve their craft. Key Features A dive-in-anywhere book that offers practical advice and topical examples. Thought triggers, exercises and scenarios to test your knowledge of UX research. Workshop ideas to build a development team's UX maturity. War stories from seasoned researchers to show you how UX research methods can be tailored to your own organization.

YOU DECIDE

A PARANORMAL COLORING BOOK

Createspace Independent Pub *The sketch-style depictions and unusual fonts create an eerie atmosphere where the reader has to decide if what they see really happened or if it is just a work of fiction. Includes writing space for your conclusions. This book makes a great group activity. This is not intended for children. Contains brief nudity.*

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY REPORT

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