

Business A Changing World

In the last century, we have witnessed the rise of a new kind of company, one that leverages on a new business model — the platform. Though platform companies are very common, they can take extremely diverse forms in today's business landscape. People use the term 'platform' to mean many different things. Managers are often confused about which is platform business and which is not. When it comes to platform strategy, things become even more complicated. Using real world examples, this book acts as a primer for platform strategy, discussing the underlying mechanism of various types of platform models to help people understand what platform business is and what they can do with it. Theories and frameworks appropriate for understanding platform business are introduced and related cases follow to support readers' understanding. The diverse and international case studies analysed range from IBM's horizontal production platform, to the digital platform of China's breakout smartphone star, Xiaomi. This book will not only enable readers to understand platform business, but also teach them how to harness these frameworks to build effective strategies for their own platform business pursuits.

Through compelling ideas and examples, *Beyond Authority* argues that new leaders need to be confident to legitimise themselves and challenge old ways. They need to develop a leadership style that enables them to lead beyond the traditional boundaries and constraints of their organizations.

In today's world of business, gaining an advantage of competitors is a focal point for organizations and a driving force in the economy. New practices are being studied and implemented constantly by rivaling companies. Many industries have begun putting emphasis on intensive knowledge practices, with the belief that implementing cutting-edge learning practices will fuel research and innovation within the company. Understanding this dynamic method of management is critical for managers and executives who wish to propel the success of their organizations. *Knowledge Management, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in a Changing World* is a collection of pioneering research on the methods of gaining organizational advantages based on knowledge innovation and management. While highlighting topics including human-robot teaming, organizational learning, and e-collaboration, this book will explore the sustainable links between knowledge management influences and organizational capability. This book is ideally designed for managers, strategists, economists, policymakers, entrepreneurs, business professionals, researchers, students, and academics seeking research on recent trends in innovative economics and business technologies.

Developing Societies in a Changing World offers students a concise and accessible exploration of our developing world. Readers learn about globalization, the interconnected nature of our world, and how these connections influence our daily lives. Through the presentation of key concepts, theoretical frameworks, examples, case studies, illustrations, figures, and tables, the text demonstrates how all individuals are actors in both the localized and globalized world. The opening chapters present students with basic concepts and empirical findings regarding development and the organization of the developed and developing world. The following chapters provide a chronological sequence of capitalist world development, discussing the advent of colonialism, the nation-states and modern economies that formed post-colonialism, the influence of modernity on prosperity and poverty, and an overview of globalization. Students learn about the relationship between population growth and well-being, the interplay of culture and the environment, and current real-world issues that are bringing about global social change. Designed to help students develop a greater understanding of the world and the environment that shapes it, *Developing Societies in a Changing World* is ideal for introductory courses with focus on developing societies and globalization.

"Resilient by design provides managers with a more complete approach to creating lasting success in a changing world. Rich with examples and case studies, it explains how to connect the external systems, stakeholders, communities, infrastructure, supply chains, and natural resources, to create innovative organisations that survive and prosper." --Publisher description.

The study of expertise weaves its way through various communities of practice, across disciplines, and over millennia. To date, the study of expertise has been primarily concerned with how human beings perform at a superior level in complex environments and sociotechnical systems, and at the highest levels of proficiency. However, more recent research has continued the search for better descriptions, and causal mechanisms that explain the complexities of expertise in context, with a view to translating this understanding into useful predictions and interventions capable of improving the performance of human systems as efficiently as possible. The *Oxford Handbook of Expertise* provides a comprehensive picture of the field of Expertise Studies. It offers both traditional and contemporary perspectives, and importantly, a multidiscipline-multimethod view of the science and engineering research on expertise. The book presents different perspectives, theories, and methods of conducting expertise research, all of which have had an impact in helping us better understand expertise across a broad range of domains. The Handbook also describes how researchers and practitioners have addressed practical problems and societal challenges. Throughout, the authors have sought to demonstrate the heterogeneity of approaches and conceptions of expertise, to place current views of expertise in context, to show how these views can be used to address current issues, and to examine ways to advance the study of expertise. The *Oxford Handbook of Expertise* is an essential resource both to those wanting to gain an up-to-date knowledge of the science of expertise and those wishing to study experts.

Business: A Changing World carefully blends the right mix of coverage and applications to give students a firm grounding in business principles. Where other products have you sprinting through the semester to cover everything, *Business: A Changing World* allows breathing space to explore topics and incorporate additional activities to complement your teaching. Built from the ground up, *Business: A Changing World* is for faculty and students who value a briefer, flexible, integrated, and affordable resource that is exciting, applicable, and happening! What sets this learning program apart from the competition? An unrivaled mixture of exciting content and resources blended with application focused text and activities, and fresh topics and examples that show students what is happening in the world of business today!

Agricultural Development: New Perspectives in a Changing World is the first comprehensive exploration of key emerging issues facing developing-country agriculture today, from rapid urbanization to rural transformation to climate change. In this four-part volume, top experts offer the latest research in the field of agricultural development. Using new lenses to examine today's biggest challenges, contributors address topics such as nutrition and health, gender and household decision-making, agrifood value chains, natural resource management, and political economy. The book also covers most developing regions, providing a critical global perspective at a time when many pressing challenges extend beyond national borders. Tying all this together, *Agricultural Development* explores policy options and strategies for developing sustainable agriculture and reducing food insecurity and malnutrition. The changing global landscape combined with new and better data, technologies, and understanding means that agriculture can and must contribute to a wider range of development outcomes than ever before, including reducing poverty, ensuring adequate nutrition, creating strong food value chains, improving environmental sustainability, and promoting gender equity and equality. *Agricultural Development: New Perspectives in a Changing World*, with its unprecedented breadth and scope, will be an indispensable resource for the next generation of policymakers, researchers, and students dedicated to improving agriculture for global wellbeing.

Dedicated to Professor Peter Buckley, OBE, this volume of *Progress in International Business Research* explores the new challenges for MNEs, SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) and INVs (International New Ventures) emerging from this changing and increasingly unpredictable political, economic, social and technological VUCA world.

In a resort town turned internment camp, a female prisoner is brutally murdered. Before the war, the hotels of Vittel hosted the wealthiest members of French society. Now, in the winter of 1943, two of France's most luxurious resorts have been converted into

an internment camp for British and American women who failed to escape the country when the German army stormed across the border. For two years, the prisoners have lived quietly, surviving on Red Cross aid packages, but now they are beginning to die. An American woman is found stabbed through the heart with a pitchfork. By the time inspectors Jean-Louis St-Cyr and Hermann Kohler arrive from Paris, rigor mortis and the February frost have frozen her solid. In her pockets are Cracker Jacks and Hershey bars--bribes intended for one of the guards. To bring justice to Vittel, St-Cyr and Kohler will have to unravel the conspiracy that is at the heart of this luxurious, elegant hell.

This book is the latest book from the author, documents the United States' hidden crisis and shows how balanced transportation and natural resources preservation can make new urban development sustainable, as well as more efficient and more equitable. The rules of business are changing dramatically. The Aspen Institute's Judy Samuelson describes the profound shifts in attitudes and mindsets that are redefining our notions of what constitutes business success. Dynamic forces are conspiring to clarify the new rules of real value creation—and to put the old rules to rest. Internet-powered transparency, more powerful worker voice, the decline in importance of capital, and the complexity of global supply chains in the face of planetary limits all define the new landscape. As executive director of the Aspen Institute Business and Society Program, Judy Samuelson has a unique vantage point from which to engage business decision makers and identify the forces that are moving the needle in both boardrooms and business classrooms. Samuelson lays out how hard-to-measure intangibles like reputation, trust, and loyalty are imposing new ways to assess risk and opportunity in investment and asset management. She argues that “maximizing shareholder value” has never been the sole objective of effective businesses while observing that shareholder theory and the practices that keep it in place continue to lose power in both business and the public square. In our globalized era, she demonstrates how expectations of corporations are set far beyond the company gates—and why employees are both the best allies of the business and the new accountability mechanism, more so than consumers or investors. Samuelson's new rules offer a powerful guide to how businesses are changing today—and what is needed to succeed in tomorrow's economic and social landscape.

Ferrell, Business: A Changing World reflects the many dynamic changes in the business environment related to how managers make decisions. Business: A Changing World helps students to understand how the functional areas of business have to be coordinated as the economy, technology, global competition, and consumer decision making continue to evolve. Ferrell presents concepts that entry-level students can understand and learn in a one-semester course. With the most up to date content and technology available, Business: A Changing World represents the best value available in the brief Introductory Business market today. What sets Ferrell apart is an unrivaled mixture of topical depth, current content and student-focused design and pedagogy. Ferrell offers a real-world, skill-building, decision-focused framework in a compact and user-friendly format providing instructors the opportunity to cover all key business concepts in a single semester.

From legendary investor Ray Dalio, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Principles, who has spent half a century studying global economies and markets, Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order examines history's most turbulent economic and political periods to reveal why the times ahead will likely be radically different from those we've experienced in our lifetimes—and to offer practical advice on how to navigate them well. A few years ago, Ray Dalio noticed a confluence of political and economic conditions he hadn't encountered before. They included huge debts and zero or near-zero interest rates that led to massive printing of money in the world's three major reserve currencies; big political and social conflicts within countries, especially the US, due to the largest wealth, political, and values disparities in more than 100 years; and the rising of a world power (China) to challenge the existing world power (US) and the existing world order. The last time that this confluence occurred was between 1930 and 1945. This realization sent Dalio on a search for the repeating patterns and cause/effect relationships underlying all major changes in wealth and power over the last 500 years. In this remarkable and timely addition to his Principles series, Dalio brings readers along for his study of the major empires—including the Dutch, the British, and the American—putting into perspective the “Big Cycle” that has driven the successes and failures of all the world's major countries throughout history. He reveals the timeless and universal forces behind these shifts and uses them to look into the future, offering practical principles for positioning oneself for what's ahead.

Business Foundations: A Changing World carefully blends the right mix of content and applications to give students a firm grounding in business principles. Where other products have you sprinting through the semester to cover everything, Business Foundations: A Changing World allows breathing space to explore topics and incorporate additional activities to complement your teaching. Build from the ground up, Business Foundations: A Changing World is for faculty and students who value a briefer, flexible, and integrated resource that is exciting, happening, focused and applicable! What sets this learning program apart from the competition? An unrivaled, focused mixture of exciting content and resources blended with application examples, activities, and fresh topics that show students what is happening in the world of business today!

This classic volume achieves a remarkable width of appeal without sacrificing scientific accuracy or depth of analysis. It is a valuable contribution to the study of business efficiency which should be read by anyone wanting information about the developments and place of management, and it is as relevant today as when it was first written. This is a practical book, written out of many years of experience in working with managements of small, medium and large corporations. It aims to be a management guide, enabling readers to examine their own work and performance, to diagnose their weaknesses and to improve their own effectiveness as well as the results of the enterprise they are responsible for.

Business: A Changing World is the fastest growing introduction to business text available today. Its success is due in large measure to the real-world, skill-building, decision-focused framework in a compact and timely format, as well as the authors' commitment to providing the content and teaching materials that instructors and students desire. Contemporary examples and boxed features help the fundamental concepts of business come alive for students. The authors provide an abundance of new real-world examples, cases, boxed features, and exercises to make the course interesting and exciting. Feedback from adopters and reviewers alike indicates that they have done an excellent job in providing a complete teaching package that engages and connects students to the realities of business. Authors O.C. Ferrell and Geoff Hirt emphasize the important issues and challenges facing business today, but they also believe that there must be a balance in coverage to avoid an over-emphasis of trendy topics. They believe that students must first learn some of the fundamental concepts that provide a foundation for understanding the world of business. This 4th Edition of Business: A Changing World continues the technology trail-blazing tradition that made the 3rd Edition so successful. In addition to Cybertrak icons throughout the text that lead the students directly to the wealth of information available on the online learning center, a new chapter on Information Technology and e-Business is a heralded feature of the new edition. And the new "dot.comment" boxes provide commentary on internet-related business issues. All chapters in the new edition have been updated with the latest knowledge and best practices that are appropriate for coverage at the introduction to business

level, including such important information as NBES, WTO, Mercosur, APEC, the future for small business, and 2000 census data. data. Looks at the bigger picture, and the future trends that are going to affect the global business world over the next few years. The author analyses traditional themes such as technology and sustainability but also takes into consideration the effects of developments in other areas such as health, education and demographics

Holacracy is a revolutionary management system that redefines management and turns everyone into a leader. Holacracy distributes authority and decision-making throughout an organization, and defines people not by hierarchy and titles, but by roles. Holacracy creates organizations that are fast, agile, and that succeed by pursuing their purpose, not following a dated and artificial plan. This isn't anarchy – it's quite the opposite. When you start to follow Holacracy, you learn to create new structures and ways of making decisions that empower the people who know the most about the work you do: your frontline colleagues. Some of the many champions of Holacracy include Tony Hsieh, CEO of Zappos (author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Delivering Happiness*), Evan Williams (co-founder of Blogger, Twitter, and Medium), and David Allen.

Enterprise Agility is practical framework for enhancing Agility and equipping your company with the tools to survive. Key Features Prepare your company to navigate the rapidly-moving business world Enhance Agility in every component of your organization Build a framework that meets the unique requirements of your enterprise Book Description The biggest challenge enterprises face today is dealing with fast-paced change in all spheres of business. Enterprise Agility shows how an enterprise can address this challenge head on and thrive in the dynamic environment. Avoiding the mechanistic construction of existing enterprises that focus on predictability and certainty, Enterprise Agility delivers practical advice for responding and adapting to the scale and accelerating pace of disruptive change in the business environment. Agility is a fundamental shift in thinking about how enterprises work to effectively deal with disruptive changes in the business environment. The core belief underlying agility is that enterprises are open and living systems. These living systems, also known as complex adaptive systems (CAS), are ideally suited to deal with change very effectively. Agility is to enterprises what health is to humans. There are some foundational principles that can be broadly applied, but the definition of healthy is very specific to each individual. Enterprise Agility takes a similar approach with regard to agility: it suggests foundational practices to improve the overall health of the body—culture, mindset, and leadership—and the health of its various organs: people, process, governance, structure, technology, and customers. The book also suggests a practical framework to create a plan to enhance agility. What you will learn Drive agility-oriented change across the enterprise Understand why agility matters (more than ever) to modern enterprises Adopt and influence an Agile mindset in your teams and in your organization Understand the concept of a CAS and how to model enterprise and leadership behaviors on CAS characteristics to enhance enterprise agility Understand and convey the differences between Agile and true enterprise agility Create an enterprise-specific action plan to enhance agility Become a champion for enterprise agility Recognize the advantages and challenges of distributed teams, and how Agile ways of working can remedy the rough spots Enable and motivate your IT partners to adopt Agile ways of working Who this book is for Enterprise Agility is a tool for anyone with the motivation to influence outcomes in an enterprise, who aspires to improve Agility. Readers from the following backgrounds will benefit: chief executive officer, chief information officer, people/human resource director, information technology director, head of change program, head of transformation, and Agile coach/consultant.

An extensive analysis of how the business community can adapt and contribute to the crucial goals of sustainable development--which combines the objectives of environmental protection and economic growth. All recommendations are based on incorporating the "polluter pay" principle into environmental and economic policies.

The Business of People is purposefully focused on people. The book will assist you to develop and support yourself with your people leadership, knowledge, and skills. It is an opportunity to better manage yourself and lead others, including your organization, into the modern volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world. It is also a sequel to the top-selling book *The Business of Portfolio Management: Boosting Organizational Value*. Authors Madeleine Taylor and Iain Fraser combine to give you the very best in knowledge and experience in a variety of situations. This is a book that cuts through the nonsense and presents real-world solutions for situations facing leaders today and tomorrow. Shifting from managing people to leading people requires a pivot...Leadership matters because the future is at greater risk without it. Regardless of where you are in your leadership journey I am confident this new book from Madeleine and Iain will be a valuable resource for you. Enjoy the journey, it never ends. —Mark A. Langley, Former President and CEO, Project Management Institute Iain and Madeleine are honest and raw about the challenges faced, and the resiliency needed, to lead in business. —Suzanne M. O’Gorman, Senior Strategic Business Architect, United Healthcare Group In a world where leadership increasingly requires emotional and cultural intelligence skills, this masterpiece couldn’t be any timelier. —Dr. Hilary Aza, Senior Portfolio Manager, Tarrant County, Texas Essential for anyone seeking to better understand their personal leadership and to inform further development. —Rob Loader, Executive, Capital Planning & Delivery, Telstra Corporation The book to me is written from a position of empowerment, cultural acknowledgment, hopefulness, and purpose. —Elissa Farrow, Founder, About Your Transition This book will challenge your own thinking and behaviour and give you an opportunity to develop your adaptability and leadership style for an evolving future. —Thomas Davis, GM, Corporate Services, Capital & Coast District Health Board, New Zealand

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The world is becoming more complex, fraught with increasing possibilities for conflict over national rivalries, economic competition, and cultural and ideological fault lines. This clear-eyed text offers a structured and theoretically grounded way to think about the forces that animate change and the alternative futures they may create. Donald Kelley views both contemporary reality and the future we face through the perspective of four different paradigms that shape our way of thinking about the world: The nation-state paradigm, built on the assumption that the traditional Westphalian nation-state remains the key building block of the present and the future, which leads us to predict the future in terms of the nature and alignment of nation-states The economic paradigm, built on the assumption that economic factors are increasingly important, which leads us to see the future in terms of factors such as interdependence, globalization, and trade as well as the growing opposition to these developments and the prioritization of national economic needs The identity and culture paradigm, built on the distinct identities and cultures of nations and regions, which leads us to view the future in terms of conflicting culture-based communities transcending formal national or economic interests The ideology paradigm, based on a post-cold war reemergence of ideological conflict within and among nations, which leads us to view a world based on ideology-based conflict From these paradigms and their interactions, Kelley builds a series of possible alternative futures of the international system. His framework provides a unique way of looking at how and why the world is changing and the many different "futures"--some peaceful and productive, some warlike and destructive, and others simply dysfunctional--in which we might live.

Lipman-Blumen presents a detailed explanation of the Connective Leadership Model, showing leaders how to move

beyond competition towards an "ethical instrumentalism" that employs the talents of others to achieve strategic goals. 5 line drawings.

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How the world's most influential companies are building business strategies that tackle the biggest global challenges. Today's business landscape is changing in fundamental ways: Natural resources are growing ever more scarce and expensive. Technology and changing consumer expectations are making transparency a fact of life. The rise of emerging economies creates vast market opportunities for companies--and better living standards for hundreds of millions. In *Sustainable Excellence*, Aron Cramer and Zachary Karabell tell the stories of the companies who are transforming themselves by responding to these paradigm shifts and in the process shaping the future. From their work with these Global 1000 companies, Cramer and Karabell know firsthand how business can successfully grapple with big-picture issues like resource scarcity, supply chain complexities, and the diverse expectations of government and the public. In *Sustainable Excellence*, they tell the story of how Coca-Cola and Greenpeace collaborated on a refrigerator that fights climate change. They show how companies like Best Buy and Nike are transforming the very products they sell to deliver more value to consumers with less waste. They recount how GE and Google created an innovative partnership that is developing "smart grids" that radically reduce energy use. And they show how business leaders like Starbucks' founder and CEO Howard Schultz put sustainable excellence at the center of his company's business strategy. Through these and other fascinating stories, *Sustainable Excellence* makes the case for a different way of doing business--one that will define both business success and economic vitality in the 21st century.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The founder and co-CEO of Salesforce delivers an inspiring vision for successful companies of the future—in which changing the world is everyone's business. "The gold standard on how to use business as a platform for change at this urgent time."—Ray Dalio, founder of Bridgewater Associates and author of *Principles: Life and Work* What's the secret to business growth and innovation and a purpose-driven career in a world that is becoming vastly more complicated by the day? According to Marc Benioff, the answer is embracing a culture in which your values permeate everything you do. In *Trailblazer*, Benioff gives readers a rare behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of one of the world's most admired companies. He reveals how Salesforce's core values—trust, customer success, innovation, and equality—and commitment to giving back have become the company's greatest competitive advantage and the most powerful engine of its success. Because no matter what business you're in, Benioff says, values are the bedrock of a resilient company culture that inspires all employees, at every level, to do the best work of their lives. Along the way, he shares insights and best practices for anyone who wants to cultivate a company culture positioned to thrive in the face of the inevitable disruption ahead. None of us in the business world can afford to sit on the sidelines and ignore what's going on outside the walls of our workplaces. In the future, profits and progress will no longer be sustainable unless they serve the greater good. Whether you run a company, lead a small team, or have just draped an ID badge around your neck for the first time, *Trailblazer* reveals how anyone can become an agent of change. Praise for *Trailblazer* "A guide for what every business and organization must do to thrive in this period of profound political and economic change."—Jamie Dimon, chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase "In *Trailblazer*, Benioff explores how companies can nurture a values-based culture to become powerful platforms for change."—Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube

The Future of Business explores how the commercial world is being transformed by the complex interplay between social, economic and political shifts, disruptive ideas, bold strategies and breakthroughs in science and technology. Over 60 contributors from 21 countries explore how the business landscape will be reshaped by factors as diverse as the modification of the human brain and body, 3D printing, alternative energy sources, the reinvention of government, new business models, artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, and the potential emergence of the Star Trek economy. *Living in a Changing World* touches on a wide array of topics with the aim of motivating and inspiring others in these changing times. Things will change, but do not allow the changes to change your core values or to change you. Continue to love and help others.

In a stressful, turbulent world, sports can be an escape from reality. Yet sport actually mirrors the issues and problems of our world today, bearing the imprint of powerful forces of social change. This book offers a sociological perspective for seeing and understanding the place of sport in society and how it is affected by big business and by demographic, cultural, organizational, economic, political, and technological change. Nixon's main focus is "big-time" commercialized and corporate sport, from Little League Baseball, Inc. to youth club sports, high school and college athletics, and professional and Olympic sports. He writes vividly of the making and unmaking of heroes and celebrities. Throughout he shows how the combined influence of networks of major sports organizations, media corporations, and corporate sponsors is shaping sport around the world.

This fresh new text introduces IB from a truly global and contemporary perspective. Packed with case studies drawn from an impressive spectrum of countries, *International Business* enables students to link theory with practice and encourages critical thinking. Particular emphasis is placed on key issues such as the growing role of SMEs and entrepreneurship in IB, ethics, CSR, corporate governance and global warming.

Twenty leading scholars provide a visionary look at the future of business, propelling past damaging industrial-age values to uncover the potential for humanistic, ecologically sustainable, and intergenerational prosperity. This edited collection, featuring contributions by some of the world's most prominent thinkers on the future of business, is an interdisciplinary and international collaborative project to articulate a new 21st century theory of business. This book will be our greatest aid in meeting the organizational opportunities and ecological challenges of the future. Through the exploration of robust cases and stories packed with deep insight and vital science, twenty of the world's leading thinkers explore how we can adapt our current notions of value, markets, models of cooperation and collective action, and intergenerational concern to create a world where economies and businesses can excel, all people can thrive, and nature can flourish for future generations. This book

is not dispassionate but rather designed to galvanize change and unite a global community of inquiry. It expounds on the conceptual cornerstones of the new kind of business practice that will enable the ascent to better prosperity.

This unique collection of papers, from authors whose experience and nationalities are themselves diverse, captures intellectual and personal reflections on diversity. The authors offer unique perspectives into diversity on an individual level, as well as the experiential challenges of implementing diversity programs at the country, public sector, company and civil society levels. In doing so, the book identifies a variety of elements that define 'a multi-faceted reality' that is at once contradictory, deeply personal, artistic, emotionally evocative and intellectually stimulating.

This book explores the current state of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) from an international perspective, the goal being to share ideas and visions for a sustainable future and to provide useful guidelines for academics, practitioners and policymakers in the context of the 2030 "Agenda for Sustainable Development" released by the United Nations. Research on CSR has evolved considerably over the last three decades. However, there are still many unanswered questions concerning the sustainability of business in an increasingly changing world, for example: If most companies consider CSR to be valuable to their organizations, why do only 15% of them systematically implement Social Responsibility initiatives? If CSR has been found to be profitable for companies, why are they so reluctant to develop an active, internal CSR policy? Why are there such significant differences in CSR adoption from country to country? Why does it take a huge crisis to make politicians react and regulate certain core CSR issues? This contributed volume answers these questions, presenting a wealth of case studies and new approaches in the process.

The new world of results-driven aid that could put an end to extreme poverty Drawing on 2 decades covering global development as editor in chief of Devex, Raj Kumar explores how nontraditional models of philanthropy and aid are empowering the world's poorest people to make progress. Old aid was driven by good intentions and relied on big-budget projects from a few government aid agencies, like the World Bank and USAID. Today, corporations, Silicon Valley start-ups, and billionaire philanthropists are a disrupting force pushing global aid to be data driven and results oriented. This \$200 billion industry includes emerging and established foundations like the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Entrepreneurial startups like Hello Tractor, which offers an Uber-like app for farmers in Nigeria, and Give Directly, whose app allows individuals to send money straight to the phone of someone in need, are also giving rise to this new culture of charity. The result is a more sustainable philosophy of aid that elevates the voices of the world's poor as neighbors, partners, and customers. Refreshing and accessibly written, *The Business of Changing the World* sets forth a bold vision for how we can use our vote, our voice, and our wallet to turn well-intentioned charity into effective advocacy to transform the world for good. Businesspeople, policymakers, entrepreneurs, nonprofit executives, philanthropists, and aid workers around the world will all be influenced by this transformation.

Is democracy done? Historian Dr. Cesar Vidal explores the expressions and failures of democracy throughout history, and the current threats to its existence around the globe in *A Changing World*. Vidal, author of over 180 books and possessing Ph.Ds. in history, philosophy, law, and theology, connects the dots between the collapse of national sovereignty and global warming, illegal immigration, gender ideology, national debt, and a globalist agenda. *A Changing World* details in five parts— a history of democracy, its threats, and options for the future, explaining the following: The foundations of modern democracy and the preponderant role of the Reformation in vital notions such as the supremacy of the law, limited power, and the separation of powers. Similarly, the author explores how these concepts took root in America and gave rise to the emergence of the United States, distinguishing this nation from European countries. The risks facing democracy and how these dangers arose. Starting from an analysis of contemporary philosophical ideologies, he moves on to the emergence of interventionist States, from the origin of Marxism, the imposition and fall of communism, and the rise of fascism in Europe. The threat of the globalist agenda, its main promoters—from Soros to Pope Francis—as well as the dogmas that compose it: global warming, gender ideology, population reduction, and the defense of illegal immigration, all issues that severely affect contemporary society. The evolution of Europe and the emergence of the European Union as the end of independent nations. He then addresses the case of Latin America and the roots of its constant economic and governmental crises. He analyzes the current situations of Venezuela, Chile, and Colombia and why they matter. The final part deals with the emerging resistance to the globalist agenda, manifested in the patriotic and democratic movements in the European Union, South America, and particularly in the United States with the rise of Donald Trump to power. Vidal uses a chapter to focus on Russian history, from tsarism to Putin, and then looks at China and its resurgence, with an appendix on the Middle East. "Far from democracy and freedom being almost naturally imposed realities, both are more threatened than ever. This threat is not only external but also, to a large extent, internal. *A Changing World* is an attempt to explain what democracy is and its fragility as well as what the globalist agenda is—a colossal threat to the continuity of democracy itself," says the author about his new book.

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