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The reputation of an organization influences whether or not we buy from, work for, supply to and invest in that organization. This fourth edition of Risk Issues and Crisis Management in Public Relations defines reputation, explores how to value it, and provides practical guidelines for effectively managing it. This latest edition features new sections on the effects of recent world events, Corporate Social Responsibility, climate change and sustainability, legal revisions and the use of the Internet in a crisis. Featuring new case studies on Oxfam & Starbucks, Sony, Dell, BP, and Wal-mart, the book charts how rapidly the reputation management agenda moves and yet how slowly business learns.

"Expert advice from Coca-Cola's vice president of Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Learn how Coca-Cola uses design to grow its business by combining the advantages of scale with the agility to respond to fast-changing market conditions. In today's world, every company is at risk of having a "Kodak Moment"--Watching its industry and the competitive advantages it has developed over years, even decades, vanish overnight. The reason? An inability to adapt quickly to new business realities. Established companies are at risk, but it's no easier being an agile startup, because most of those fail due to their inability to scale. Tomorrow's business winners--regardless of size or industry--will be the ones that know how to combine scale with agility. In Design to Grow, a Coca-Cola senior executive shares both the successes and failures of one of the world's largest companies as it learns to use design to be both agile and

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big. In this rare and unprecedented behind-the-scenes look, David Butler and senior Fast Company editor, Linda Tischler, use plain language and easy-to-understand case studies to show how this works at Coca-Cola--and how other companies can use the same approach to grow their business. This book is a must-read for managers inside large corporations as well as entrepreneurs just getting started"--

This volume includes the full proceedings from the 1996 Multicultural Marketing Conference presented by the Academy of Marketing Science (AMS) and Old Dominion University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The focus of the conference and the enclosed papers is on marketing to various ethnic groups in both a US and global context. It presents papers on various multicultural issues across the entire spectrum of marketing activities and functions including marketing management, marketing strategy and consumer behavior. Founded in 1971, the Academy of Marketing Science is an international organization dedicated to promoting timely explorations of phenomena related to the science of marketing in theory, research, and practice. Among its services to members and the community at large, the Academy offers conferences, congresses and symposia that attract delegates from around the world.

Presentations from these events are published in this Proceedings series, which offers a comprehensive archive of volumes reflecting the evolution of the field. Volumes deliver cutting-edge research and insights, complimenting the Academy's flagship journals, the Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science (JAMS) and AMS Review. Volumes are edited by leading scholars and practitioners across a wide range of subject areas in marketing science.

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Designed as a three part guide on how to deal with crisis management communications, this volume reveals the spectacular growth in the number of senior company staff who take corporate affairs seriously in these media-savvy times. What used to be simply 'public relations' has recently changed beyond measure.

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The launch of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 included the private sector as a key actor to improve sustainable development across 17 targets, including education. Utilizing a qualitative case-study approach, the research provides insight into the implementation of a Fortune 500 U.S.-based company's investment in sustainable development through exploration of the Coca-Cola Company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) education programs in Kenya and their impact on the beneficiary. The following questions guided this research: a) How does Coca-Cola represent its CSR education activities in public relations materials? b) Who are Coca-Cola's partners for program planning, implementation, and evaluation of CSR education activities in Kenya and what is the value of Coca-Cola's work to these partners? c) What challenges have Coca-Cola partners experienced implementing CSR education activities in Kenya? d) What strategies did Coca-Cola develop to overcome such challenges? e) What challenges or tensions remain and what does this suggest for the future of CSR in education? Through an exploration of Coca-Cola's partners, specifically those working on water conservation, entrepreneurship, and scholarships, this study illuminates the ways business-society relationships in education can work to overcome structural barriers limiting access to education, such as financial constraints, discriminatory sociocultural beliefs, and gender inequality. The study contributes to the literature on corporate social responsibility, education, and international development.

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"Beloved Brands is a book every CMO or would-be CMO should read." Al Ries With Beloved Brands, you will learn everything you need to know so you can build a brand that your consumers will love. You will learn how to think strategically, define your brand with a

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positioning statement and a brand idea, write a brand plan everyone can follow, inspire smart and creative marketing execution, and be able to analyze the performance of your brand through a deep-dive business review. Marketing pros and entrepreneurs, this book is for you. Whether you are a VP, CMO, director, brand manager or just starting your marketing career, I promise you will learn how to realize your full potential. You could be in brand management working for an organization or an owner-operator managing a branded business. Beloved Brands provides a toolbox intended to help you every day in your job. Keep it on your desk and refer to it whenever you need to write a brand plan, create a brand idea, develop a creative brief, make advertising decisions or lead a deep-dive business review. You can even pass on the tools to your team, so they can learn how to deliver the fundamentals needed for your brands. This book is also an excellent resource for marketing professors, who can use it as an in-class textbook to develop future marketers. It will challenge communications agency professionals, who are looking to get better at managing brands, including those who work in advertising, public relations, in-store marketing, digital advertising or event marketing. "Most books on branding are really for the MARCOM crowd. They sound good, but you find it's all fluff when you try to take it from words to actions. THIS BOOK IS DIFFERENT! Graham does a wonderful job laying out the steps in clear language and goes beyond advertising and social media to show how branding relates to all aspects of GENERAL as well as marketing management. Make no mistake: there is a strong theoretical foundation for all he says...but he spares you the buzzwords. Next year my students will all be using this book." Kenneth B. (Ken) Wong, Queen's University If you are an entrepreneur who has a great product and wants to turn it into a brand, you can use this book as a playbook. These tips will help you take full

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advantage of branding and marketing, and make your brand more powerful and more profitable. You will learn how to think, define, plan, execute and analyze, and I provide every tool you will ever need to run your brand. You will find models and examples for each of the four strategic thinking methods, looking at core strength, competitive, consumer and situational strategies. To define the brand, I will provide a tool for writing a brand positioning statement as well as a consumer profile and a consumer benefits ladder. I have created lists of potential functional and emotional benefits to kickstart your thinking on brand positioning. We explore the step-by-step process to come up with your brand idea and bring it all together with a tool for writing the ideal brand concept. For brand plans, I provide formats for a long-range brand strategy roadmap and the annual brand plan with definitions for each planning element. From there, I show how to build a brand execution plan that includes the creative brief, innovation process, and sales plan. I provide tools for how to create a brand calendar and specific project plans. To grow your brand, I show how to make smart decisions on execution around creative advertising and media choices. When it comes time for the analytics, I provide all the tools you need to write a deep-dive business review, looking at the marketplace, consumer, channels, competitors and the brand. Write everything so that it is easy to follow and implement for your brand. My promise to help make you smarter so you can realize your full potential.

Designed specifically for first-year A-Level students, this work aims to help students make the often difficult transition from GCSE to A-level work. It should show how to evaluate and be critical. "Improve your grade" and "what the examiner is looking for" sections are included. While the crisis in Central America is receiving attention from scholars in a variety of disciplines, few works have focused on the role of nongovernment organizations in reducing

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levels of violence in that region. This remarkable case study examines the resilient struggle by workers at the Guatemala Coca-Cola bottling plant from 1976-1986, and documents why this union was able to survive within a repressed government to become a key factor in stimulating a larger independent labor movement in the country. Scholars of political sociology, labor studies, and the governments and politics of Central America will do well to read this volume. This collection of essays delves into the Coke brand to identify and decode its DNA. Unlike other accounts, these essays adopt a global approach to understand this global brand. Bringing together an international and interdisciplinary team of scholars, *Decoding Coca-Cola* critically interrogates the Coke brand as well its constituent parts. By examining those who have been responsible for creating the images of Coke as well as the audiences that have consumed them, these essays offer a unique and revealing insight into the Coke brand and asks whether Coca-Cola is always has the same meaning. Looking into the core meaning, values, and emotions underpinning the Coca-Cola brand, it provides a unique insight into how global brands are created and positioned. This critical examination of one of the world's most recognisable brands will be an essential resource for scholars researching and teaching in the fields of marketing, advertising, and communication. Its unique interdisciplinary approach also makes it accessible to scholars working in other humanities fields, including history, media studies, communication studies, and cultural studies.

Research Paper (undergraduate) from the year 2011 in the subject Communications - Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, Social Media, grade: 1,0, , language: English, abstract: Coca-Cola: a Soft drink which is not only refreshment, but an American symbol. Coca-Cola has grown to one of the world's biggest and most successful companies. Such a success could

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This book explores globalization through a historical and anthropological study of how familiar soft drinks such as Coke and Pepsi became valued as more than mere commodities. Foster discusses the transnational operations of soft drink companies and, in particular, the marketing of soft drinks in Papua New Guinea, a country only recently opened up to the flow of brand name consumer goods. Based on field observations and interviews, as well as archival and library research, this book is of interest to anyone concerned about the cultural consequences and political prospects of globalization, including new forms of consumer citizenship and corporate social responsibility.

Scholarly Research Paper from the year 2011 in the subject Communications - Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, Social Media, grade: 1,0, - (University of International Studies, Ramkhamhaeng, Bangkok), language: English, comment: A profound paper about Coca Cola's Marketing Strategy. It was a final paper for two combined Marketing courses taught by a German professor (Wiesbaden Business School)., abstract: Coca-Cola: a Soft drink which is not only refreshment, but an American symbol. Coca-Cola has grown to one of the world's biggest and most successful companies. Such a success could only be achieved by a strong and outstanding Marketing Management. Coca-Cola connects with its audience and customers in a way that other companies don't do. This report provides information about Coca-Cola's Marketing Strategy and analyzes its communication, product and price policy.

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This third collection of outstanding contributions from the Critical Management Studies (CMS) Division of the Academy of Management (AOM) continues to challenge business practice in ways not tackled by other more typical business case studies. There is a critical need for business educators to expose students and managers to the multifaceted phenomena of doing business in the twenty-first century; to support critical, reflective moral development; and to reflect and understand the complexities of organizational life. Is the system broken? Is there need for more systemic change? The cases explore a number of critical issues at some of the largest industries and companies in the world, including wealth creation and human rights in mining, the CSR approaches at Coca-Cola, the palm oil industry, and the supply chain at Apple Inc. Online Teaching Notes to accompany each chapter are available on request with the purchase of the book.

The first book by a Coca-Cola CEO tells the remarkable story of the company's revival Neville Isdell was a key player at Coca-Cola for more than 30 years, retiring in 2009 as CEO after regilding the tarnished brand image of the world's leading soft-drink company. This first book by a Coca-Cola CEO tells an extraordinary personal and professional world-wide story, ranging from Northern Ireland to South Africa to Australia, the Philippines, Russia, Germany, India, South Africa and Turkey. Isdell helped put out huge public relations fires (India and Turkey), opened markets(Russia, Eastern Europe, Philippines and Africa), championed Muhtar Kent, the current Turkish-American CEO, all while living the ideal of corporate responsibility. Isdell's, and Coke's, story is newsy without being gossipy; principled without being preachy. Inside Coca-Cola is filled with stories and lessons appealing to anybody who has ever taken "the pause that refreshes." It's also a readable and important look at how companies can market

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and govern themselves more-ethically and to great success.

Mergers & Acquisitions and Partnerships in China provides a fast and accessible framework to external growth in China, and is an attempt to accurately describe the main operative conditions and in particular the most common pitfalls for foreign businessmen. The business cases in this book illustrate real business situations, including different outcomes and a thorough analysis of the reasons for success or failure of the case. The authors provide all the necessary tools to better master the negotiation and transaction process, and provide in particular, detailed explanation on the due diligence process and the regulatory framework to help readers successfully lead acquisitions in China. Written by well-known experts in finance, law, and management, who all have deep business knowledge of China, the book aims to help practitioners, such as law firms, audit and advisory firms, and entrepreneurs to start or grow their businesses in China through successful partnerships, and acquisitions and mergers by explaining how these aspects are regulated by a complex web of laws, regulatory, and political practices in a context where the state plays a key role in the approval of important transactions. Contents: Introduction (Olivier Coispeau) Preparing for an External Growth Operation in China (Olivier Coispeau and Stéphane Luo) Initial Approach of the External Growth Operation (Olivier Coispeau, Stéphane Luo and Thierry Labarre) Managing Acquisitions Risks (Frank Zheng, Thierry Labarre, Josephine Chow, Steven Yu and Olivier Coispeau) Negotiating Effectively (Olivier Coispeau) Closing the Transaction (Olivier Coispeau and Stéphane Luo) Seven Case Studies of Mergers & Acquisitions and Partnerships in China (Olivier Coispeau) Readership: Advanced corporate finance students; emerging market students, in particular those working on China; corporate finance professionals, lawyers,

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auditors, and strategy officials; officers in charge of M&A in international companies and responsible for strategy, with a specific interest in the China market. Key Features: Unique comprehensive and multifaceted vision on how to succeed in negotiating partnerships and acquisitions in China Compact and effective book written to deliver the most critical and needed information including related laws from China Five case studies to facilitate an in-depth understanding of key issues in M&A and partnerships in China Keywords: China; Corporate Finance; M&A; Partnerships; Mergers; Acquisitions; External Growth Reviews: "This research is exceptional in many aspects. As the topic itself becomes more relevant than ever, this approach combines a thorough reminder of the key principles in any M&A situation with their practical knowledge of the Chinese environment. This work is of direct academic interest while providing the necessary analysis usually provided with time but also a practical 'handbook' for any player on 'any side of the fence' — advisors, companies on the sell-side, potential buyers as well as asset managers and funds." Jean-François Di Meglio President, Asia Centre "This text is a major contribution to understanding the mechanics of executing an M&A in China, which is likely to become the most significant emerging market for many foreign companies. It is a detailed, technically comprehensive analysis of a complex process in a business environment that presents particular challenges to foreign investors. This book guides the business planners through all the challenging steps of this complex business strategy and will prove to be a major resource in avoiding what could turn out to be very costly errors." Professor Seamus Grimes Emeritus Professor Whitaker Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway "This is indeed an unusual book on foreign investment in China. It provides a brand new framework and an in-depth analysis about the failures of M&A conducted by foreign-owned

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enterprises. The cases associated with the analyses are beyond the traditional ones and some previously unnoticed ones are highlighted. The authors obviously have a keen understanding of the China market and society based on a long and on-the-field experience. In a nutshell, this book is packed with interesting findings; it will bring a lot to those wishing to do business in China." Dr Wang Duanyong Associate Professor and Director of the Center for China Overseas Studies Shanghai International Studies University "This book provides multifaceted and essential answers to the questions that senior management, and their advisors, willing to design a proper growth strategy in China are facing on the challenge, the complexity and the risk of M&A operations in China." Professor Yves Dolais Emeritus Dean of Angers Law & Economics University

The Essence of Capitalism is a timely account of globalization, the consumer culture, and the historical roots of our contemporary dilemmas. By tracking the 130-year history of Coca-Cola (and a number of other large American or transnational corporations), this book details all that is best, worst and most powerful about global capitalism. Using Coca-Cola's rise as a case study, here is the tale of how Coca-Cola employed marketing and business practices that enabled it to expand beyond its original market (that which a horse-drawn cart could cover in a day) to -today's massive corporate status. Through the use of the franchise, extreme quality control and powerful marketing, it shows how Coca-Cola—a company with virtually one product that nobody actually needs and that is, in its original sugar-laden form, plainly very bad for people—went from being a feel-good tonic in competition with more than a thousand other similar drinks to being the major market force for soft drinks. The book covers topics such as the creation of the idea of a corporation having the status of a person, how the money market

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works in the flow of capital, the effect of marketing and advertising on consumer tastes and how free trade really becomes oligopoly. By presenting a frightening set of examples, McQueen even joins the debate over what constitutes human nature when he demonstrates how corporations are creating a second nature by altering our needs, whether through the saturation of food with sweeteners or through genetic manipulation. Humphrey McQueen, an original and provocative thinker, features regularly as a commentator on Australian radio, and as a contributor to various newspapers and magazines. He is the author of more than a dozen books on subjects ranging through history, politics and the visual arts.

This unique collection of contemporary international public relations case studies gives the reader in-depth insight into effective public relations practice in a range of organizational contexts. The cases demonstrate the breadth of modern public relations practice and the increasing importance and sophistication of this function both in public and private sector organizations. This second edition of Public Relations Cases builds on the success of the previous edition to offer new insights into the changing face of contemporary public relations and the development of PR and communication strategies. The book also examines: The use of social media and blogging as a communications medium The growing importance of corporate social responsibility programmes Local authority identity change High profile international charitable fundraising Sports sponsorship Property sector PR. Featuring cases from around the world, including the UK,

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India, Korea, Demark, Croatia and the US, this book is an invaluable resource for teachers, researchers and students working in public relations, corporate communication and public affairs.

Seminar paper from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Operations Research, grade: A, University of Canberra, language: English, abstract: Coca Cola HBC is one of the largest manufacturers of non-alcoholic beverages in the European continent. The strategy of CCHBC centres on four key A's credo for maintaining the growing and constant demand of its products in the markets. (Verma and Boyer, 2011) These four A's are Availability- CCHBC aims that all its products are easily accessible by the target buyers. On its part, CCHBC aims to provide the right package, the right time and in the right location. Affordability - CCHBC also aims at offering affordable products to its customers and strive to develop a wide range of highly desirable, useful and high quality products in a right package that appeals to different market and for specific occasions and priced appropriately. (Mahadevan, 2011) Acceptability- CCBHC aims for complete control, flawless efficiency and reliable customer service and adapting the most feasible route-to-market, along with intensive knowledge of buyer requirements and needs. With such an approach, it is ensured that products launched by CCBHC are acceptable and well liked by customers in

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This edited collection of case studies from around the globe, seeks to shed light on existing practices disseminating the value of diversity, whilst opening the road toward a wider perspective on its definitions. The contributors provide a critical reflection of the current discourse on different types of diversity around the world. Using Software in Qualitative Research is an essential introduction to the practice and principles of Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (CAQDAS). The book will help you to choose the most appropriate package for your needs and get the most out of the software once you are using it. This book considers a wide range of tasks and processes in the data management and analysis process, and shows how software can help you at each stage. In the new edition, the authors present three case studies with different forms of data (text, video and mixed data) and show how each step in the analysis process for each project

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could be supported by software. The new edition is accompanied by an extensive companion website with step-by-step instructions produced by the software developers themselves. Software programmes covered in second edition include the latest versions of: ATLAS.ti DEDOOSE HyperRESEARCH MAXQDA NVivo QDA Miner TRANSANA Ann Lewins and Christina Silver are leading experts in the field of CAQDAS and have trained thousands of students and researchers in using software. Reading this book is like having Ann and Christina at your shoulder as you analyse your data!

The first edition introduced the newly emerging field called Positive Organizational Scholarship. Rather than focusing on organizational dysfunction, Positive Organizational Scholarship looks at organizations that are functioning at an unusually high level. Learning from such successful groups about what they did right forms the backbone of the strategy, because strategies that capitalize on the positive tend to produce life-giving, flourishing outcomes in organizations. The four strategies discussed in the first edition included the cultivation of positive climate, positive relationships, positive communication, and positive meaning. Each strategy is explained and illustrated. In this revised edition, the author will add the following materials: Chapter 1: Outlining three outcomes associated with positive leadership and one more example. Chapter 2: Adding

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some empirical findings linking attributes of climate with physiological benefits. Chapter 3: A brief discussion of temporary encounters with positive or negative outcomes. Chapter 4: Additional research on the results of the positive-to-negative-communication-ratio. Chapter 5: Elaboration on the issue of meaningfulness in work. Chapter 6: More ideas for implementation

oday's business environment requires more effective leadership than ever. In the constantly changing business environment, the leader has the central responsibility of keeping people motivated and productive. Many companies have been downsizing and laying off employees, and leaving behind employees with a wounded morale. To lift this morale, the leader needs to possess characteristics and qualities that cannot be learned from courses taken in business schools alone. These characteristics and qualities can only be learned from life itself in an individual journey of individuation. The leader needs to undergo an initiation process from immature psychology to mature psychology. Traditionally, this process is what makes "men out of boys" and "women out of girls." In analytical psychology this journey is called the hero's journey, which is based on the hero myth and includes several different initiations and growing steps. This study investigates the different initiations included in the hero's journey and the importance of learning how, from them, to be a responsible, effective,

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charismatic, and powerful leader. The study also illustrates the archetypes, a term developed by Dr. Carl Jung (1959) to describe the original patterns that guide our behavior, involved in the hero's journey and what is required to get through the journey. Heroism is not discussed here in the overall sense in which the public defines heroism. As such, this study does not investigate what motivates people to risk and/or sacrifice their lives by attempting to save people from crashed airplanes. Although this aspect of sacrifice is always present in heroism, this aspect is just one of the many aspects of heroism. Neither a heroic act of saving lives nor being celebrated on the covers of a national newspaper is required to be recognized as a hero. Individuals are all heroes in their own way. Some individuals manifest their heroism in very silent ways (introversion), while other individuals seem always to be in the public eye (extroversion). The essence of heroism always involves taking a journey into the unknown and bringing some sort of knowledge out of the unknown that benefits either society or an organization. The hero brings new prosperity to the organizational wasteland. Heroism in mass media and movie entertainment is very different from heroism in the psychological sense and in the mythological sense, although there are some similar elements. The basic elements of the hero, the villain and the fair maiden, are always present in popular movies, but the steps of the hero's journey are

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often not involved, which leaves nothing more than a meaningless plot good only for entertainment purposes. These types of movies can steal an individual's sense of understanding of both the myth and the purpose of the hero's journey. This study is neither discussing the heroes of our popular culture, nor is this a study of Hollywood's creations or of celebrated athletes, or even of famed political and war heroes. The focus within this study is a hero's journey in the career of a leader, and how the journey can bring the light (individuation) into the darkness of the organizational wasteland. The legacy of Roberto Goizueta, who died in October 1997, during the writing of this dissertation, is also acknowledged. While his death in itself does not change the conclusions of this dissertation, his contribution to the Coca-Cola Company's success in traveling the hero's journey has been enormous. It remains to be seen what the future brings to this great company after losing such a charismatic and heroic leader. Business Ethics: An Indian Perspective provides a comprehensive coverage of the theories of business ethics and emphasizes the importance of ethical principles in overcoming moral dilemmas in the business world. Using a large number of India-centric case studies and examples, this book helps readers develop the reasoning and analytical skills needed to apply ethical concepts to business.

Counter-Cola charts the history of one of the world's most influential and widely known

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corporations, The Coca-Cola Company. Over the past 130 years, the corporation has sought to make its products, brands, and business central to daily life in over 200 countries. Amanda Ciafone uses this example of global capitalism to reveal the pursuit of corporate power within the key economic transformations—liberal, developmentalist, neoliberal—of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Coca-Cola's success has not gone uncontested. People throughout the world have redeployed the corporation, its commodities, and brand images to challenge the injustices of daily life under capitalism. As Ciafone shows, assertions of national economic interests, critiques of cultural homogenization, fights for workers' rights, movements for environmental justice, and debates over public health have obliged the corporation to justify itself in terms of the common good, demonstrating capitalism's imperative to either assimilate critiques or reveal its limits.

The branding environment is being shaped by the changing nature of online technologies. Consumers of today hold more power than ever before. With this widespread connectivity and accessibility fuelled by Web 2.0, consumers are now increasingly creating brand-related online content, defined as user-generated content (UGC). The main purpose of this paper is to investigate the interpersonal motivations that drive consumers to create online content about brands, through a case study of Coca-Colas Share a Coke campaign. Furthermore, this paper additionally defines the changing characteristics of online platforms and the emerging strategies businesses

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"Citizen Coke demonstrate[s] a complete lack of understanding about . . . the Coca-Cola system—past and present." —Ted Ryan, the Coca-Cola Company How did Coca-Cola build a global empire by selling a low-price concoction of mostly sugar, water, and caffeine? The easy answer is advertising, but the real formula to Coke's success was its strategy, from the start, to offload costs and risks onto suppliers, franchisees, and the government. For most of its history the company owned no bottling plants, water sources, cane- or cornfields. A lean operation, it benefited from public goods like cheap municipal water and curbside recycling programs. Its huge appetite for ingredients gave it outsized influence on suppliers and congressional committees. This was Coca-Cola capitalism. In this new history Bartow J. Elmore explores Coke through its ingredients,

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showing how the company secured massive quantities of coca leaf, caffeine, sugar, and other inputs. Its growth was driven by shrewd leaders such as Asa Candler, who scaled an Atlanta soda-fountain operation into a national empire, and “boss” Robert Woodruff, who nurtured partnerships with companies like Hershey and Monsanto. These men, and the company they helped build, were seen as responsible citizens, bringing jobs and development to every corner of the globe. But as Elmore shows, Coke was usually getting the sweet end of the deal. It continues to do so. Alongside Coke’s recent public investments in water purification infrastructure, especially in Africa, it has also built—less publicly—a rash of bottling plants in dangerously arid regions. Looking past its message of corporate citizenship, Elmore finds a strategy of relentless growth. The costs shed by Coke have fallen on the public at large. Its annual use of many billions of gallons of water has strained an increasingly scarce global resource. Its copious servings of high-fructose corn syrup have threatened public health. Citizen Coke became a giant in a world of abundance. In a world of scarcity it is a strain on resources and all who depend on them.

An introduction to basic business concepts, using the Coca-Cola Company as a case study.

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