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Humanitarian Logistics takes a comprehensive look at the issues surrounding humanitarian logistics through the life-cycle of the disaster spanning three stages of operations: preparation, disaster response, and humanitarian relief.

Diploma Thesis from the year 2018 in the subject Business economics - Supply, Production, Logistics, grade: 1, University of the Aegean, language: English, abstract: Current logistics operations and information systems used cannot deal with the emerging challenges. Globalization, e-commerce, cyberthreats, cumbersome organizational structures, startups disrupting the business landscape and constantly higher customer demands push companies into adopting emerging technologies which enable them to increase digitalization and automation. The fourth industrial revolution enables companies to proceed in digitalizing their operations, as building a flexible organizational structure is a challenge that needs to be addressed and adopting the digital enterprise model is a crucial step before implementing the new age technologies, as companies must add the elements of flexibility and adaptability in order to deal with the challenges at hand. Logistics 4.0, a term derived from the combination of Industry 4.0 technologies and innovations and their application on inbound and outbound logistics is a narrower concept than Industry 4.0, as it focuses on typical features, such as automation and digitalization. The technologies most commonly utilized are the

Internet of Things, Big Data analytics, Augmented Reality, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Advanced Robotics. IoT is the pinnacle of those technologies, as it enables new data streams creation from sources previously being non-exploitable and allows companies to monitor and control mechanizations, fleets etc. by a central system. The Master thesis presents a framework that companies may follow for a Logistics 4.0 technologies implementation. The framework presents five necessary phases for the implementation, enabling the company to properly deal with the challenges that emerge. Resistance to change, high investment costs, HR-related issues, data privacy issues, IT infrastructure requirements, the public's opinion about revolutionary technologies and regulations are challenges that must be dealt with for the implementation to be smoothly completed. The case studies analysis that follows showcase the advantages and benefits of implementing Logistics 4.0 technologies. Finally, the outcome of the Master thesis is that the framework may be tested in a real-world environment for further research on the subject.

Technology in Supply Chain Management and Logistics: Current Practice and Future Applications analyzes the implications of these technologies in a variety of supply chain settings, including block chain, Internet of Things (IoT), inventory optimization, and medical supply chain. This book outlines how technologies are being utilized for product planning, materials management and inventory, transportation and distribution, workflow, maintenance, the environment, and in health and safety. Readers will gain a

better understanding of the implications of these technologies with respect to value creation, operational effectiveness, investment level, technical migration and general industry acceptance. In addition, the book features case studies, providing a real-world look at supply chain technology implementations, their necessary training requirements, and how these new technologies integrate with existing business technologies.

Identifies emerging supply chain technologies and trends in technology acceptance and utilization levels across various industry sectors Assists professionals with technology investment decisions, procurement, best values, and how they can be utilized for logistics operations Features videos showing technology application, including optimization software, cloud computing, mobility, 3D printing, autonomous vehicles, drones and machine learning

Sustainable Transportation and Smart Logistics: Decision-Making Models and Solutions provides deterministic and probabilistic models for transportation logistics problem-solving and decision-making. The book presents an overview of the intersections between sustainability, transportation, and logistics, and delves into the current problems associated with the implementation of sustainable transportation and smart logistics in urban settings. It also offers models for addressing complex structural problems and procedures for estimating transportation externalities such as environmental and social impacts, both in industrial and government arenas, as well as decision-making models from operational, tactical, and strategic management

perspectives. Sustainable Transportation and Smart Logistics also covers best practices for practical corporate policy implementation, making it a comprehensive and vital resource for researchers, graduate students, practitioners, and policy makers in transportation, logistics, urban planning, economics, engineering, and environmental science. Examines various modes of transportation Includes mathematical models for decision-making in a wide variety of situations Presents public transportation and smart cities use cases

Next Generation Supply Chains: Trends and Opportunities.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are rapidly evolving and taking centre stage in everyday life in the 21st century alongside the increasing importance and value of information. This is particularly evident in the transport sector where This book represents the profound vision exhibited by Crown Prince Mohammed who has designed a strategy to lead Saudi Arabia into a future of economic diversity. The book describes the way in which the logistics and supply chain form the nucleus of virtually all economic activity within the framework of the Vision 2030 ideals.

Consequently, this book approaches these elements from the perspective of identifying the Top 10 logistics trends that are currently affecting the most change and innovation in industry on a global basis. These Top 10 logistics trends can only be ignored at one's peril. This is because failure to integrate these trends into an economic development plan almost certainly means rapid irrelevance for a local, regional or

national diversification effort.

A study of how patents and citation data can serve empirical research on innovation and technological change.

The immense, global transportation and logistics sector is vital to businesses of all types. This carefully-researched book covers exciting trends in supply chain and logistics management, transportation, just in time delivery, warehousing, distribution, intermodal shipment systems, logistics services, purchasing and advanced technologies such as RFID. This reference tool includes thorough market analysis as well as our highly respected trends analysis. You'll find a complete overview, industry analysis and market research report in one superb, value-priced package. It contains thousands of contacts for business and industry leaders, industry associations, Internet sites and other resources. This book also includes statistical tables, an industry glossary and thorough indexes. The corporate profiles section of the book includes our proprietary, in-depth profiles of nearly 500 leading companies in all facets of the transportation and logistics industry. Here you'll find complete profiles of the hot companies that are making news today, the largest, most successful corporations in the business.

Purchasers of either the book or PDF version can receive a free copy of the company profiles database on CD-ROM, enabling key word search and export of

key information, addresses, phone numbers and executive names with titles for every company profiled.

Introduction to Global Logistics offers a step-by-step guide to global logistics. Covering the breadth of logistics, this highly accessible text is illustrated by engaging case studies of market leaders. In this comprehensive second instalment of Global Logistics Strategies, John Manners-Bell provides an in-depth definition, description and exploration of the strategic principles and practices in transportation modes and supply chain verticals, including: freight forwarding, contract logistics, shipping, road freight, air cargo and express. The book also examines major sectors, including automotive, chemical, pharmaceutical, retail, consumer, and high tech. Introduction to Global Logistics offers a detailed examination of key topics, including: how the logistics industry has developed, how it is influenced by macro-economic factors and demand-side trends, what the risks are to the industry, and how it will develop over the coming years. It examines important trends and developments that are shaping the industry, including 3D printing, megacities, and post-harvest food losses. Online resources available: Chapter-supporting lecturer slides.

Industrial revolutions have impacted both, manufacturing and service. From the steam engine to digital automated production, the industrial revolutions have

conducted significant changes in operations and supply chain management (SCM) processes. Swift changes in manufacturing and service systems have led to phenomenal improvements in productivity. The fast-paced environment brings new challenges and opportunities for the companies that are associated with the adaptation to the new concepts such as Internet of Things (IoT) and Cyber Physical Systems, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, cyber security, data analytics, block chain and cloud technology. These emerging technologies facilitated and expedited the birth of Logistics 4.0. Industrial Revolution 4.0 initiatives in SCM has attracted stakeholders' attentions due to its ability to empower using a set of technologies together that helps to execute more efficient production and distribution systems. This initiative has been called Logistics 4.0 of the fourth Industrial Revolution in SCM due to its high potential. Connecting entities, machines, physical items and enterprise resources to each other by using sensors, devices and the internet along the supply chains are the main attributes of Logistics 4.0. IoT enables customers to make more suitable and valuable decisions due to the data-driven structure of the Industry 4.0 paradigm. Besides that, the system's ability of gathering and analyzing information about the environment at any given time and adapting itself to the rapid changes add significant value to the SCM processes. In this peer-reviewed book, experts from

all over the world, in the field present a conceptual framework for Logistics 4.0 and provide examples for usage of Industry 4.0 tools in SCM. This book is a work that will be beneficial for both practitioners and students and academicians, as it covers the theoretical framework, on the one hand, and includes examples of practice and real world.

Innovative Methods in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

The digital transformation is in full swing and fundamentally changes how we live, work, and communicate with each other. From retail to finance, many industries see an inflow of new technologies, disruption through innovative platform business models, and employees struggling to cope with the significant shifts occurring. This Fourth Industrial Revolution is predicted to also transform Logistics and Supply Chain Management, with delivery systems becoming automated, smart networks created everywhere, and data being collected and analyzed universally. The Digital Transformation of Logistics: Demystifying Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution provides a holistic overview of this vital subject clouded by buzz, hype, and misinformation. The book is divided into three themed-sections: Technologies such as self-driving cars or virtual reality are not only electrifying science fiction lovers anymore, but are also increasingly presented as cure-all remedies to supply chain challenges. In The Digital

Transformation of Logistics: Demystifying Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the authors peel back the layers of excitement that have grown around new technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), 3D printing, Robotic Process Automation (RPA), Blockchain or Cloud computing, and show use cases that give a glimpse about the fascinating future we can expect. Platforms that allow businesses to centrally acquire and manage their logistics services disrupt an industry that has been relationship-based for centuries. The authors discuss smart contracts, which are one of the most exciting applications of Blockchain, Software as a Service (SaaS) offerings for freight procurement, where numerous data sources can be integrated and decision-making processes automated, and marine terminal operating systems as an integral node for shipments. In *The Digital Transformation of Logistics: Demystifying Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution*, insights are shared into the cold chain industry where companies respond to increasing quality demands, and how European governments are innovatively responding to challenges of cross-border eCommerce. People are a vital element of the digital transformation and must be on board to drive change. *The Digital Transformation of Logistics: Demystifying Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution* explains how executives can create sustainable impact and how competencies can be managed in the digital age -

especially for sales executives who require urgent upskilling to remain relevant. Best practices are shared for organizational culture change, drawing on studies among senior leaders from the US, Singapore, Thailand, and Australia, and for managing strategic alliances with logistics service providers to offset risks and create cross-functional, cross-company transparency. The Digital Transformation of Logistics: Demystifying Impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution provides realistic insights, a ready-to-use knowledge base, and a working vocabulary about current activities and emerging trends of the Logistics industry. Intended readers are supply chain professionals working for manufacturing, trading, and freight forwarding companies as well as students and all interested parties. This proceedings volume explores the latest advances in transport and logistics, while also discussing the applications of modern information technologies, telecommunications, electronics, and prospective research methods and analyzing their impacts on society and the environment, which in turn determine the future development of these technologies. The book is intended for a broad readership, including transport and logistics business planners and technical experts, leveraging industry knowledge and facilitating technology adoption in promising business regions and transit corridors such as Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and others. The authors, who include policy planners and crafters as well as

education and training professionals, address various types of intermodal transport such as rail, road, maritime, air, etc.

This book addresses the main challenges affecting modern logistics and supply chains and is organized according to five main themes: supply chain strategy and management, information and communication technology (ICT) for logistics and related business models, vertical and horizontal collaboration, intelligent hubs (e.g. ports and cities) and policy for sustainable logistics. The key findings presented are based on both extensive research and on business cases. The book examines logistics from a comprehensive viewpoint embracing the entire supply chain. The overarching advanced logistics and supply chain concept at the heart of this book endeavors to contribute to a sustainable intelligent transport system by making it more efficient, cost-effective, safe, reliable and competitive. Specifically, the book focuses on the need for a variety of supply chain, logistics and transport options, on the potential offered by technological developments, infrastructural and organizational aspects, information flows, the financial and legal domain, harmonization and the complexity of implementation. In closing, the book presents new approaches to the coordination of sound business and governance models.

In today's developing world, international trade is a field that is rapidly growing.

Within this economic market, traders need to implement new approaches in order to satisfy consumers' rising demands. Due to the high level of competition, merchants have focused on developing new transportation and logistics strategies. In order to execute effective transportation tactics, decision makers need to know the fundamentals, current developments, and future trends of intercontinental transportation. The Handbook of Research on the Applications of International Transportation and Logistics for World Trade provides emerging research exploring the effective and productive solutions to global transportation and logistics by applying fundamental and in-depth knowledge together with current applications and future aspects. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as international regulations, inventory management, and distribution networks, this book is ideally designed for logistics authorities, trading companies, logistics operators, transportation specialists, government officials, managers, policymakers, researchers, academicians, and students.

E-logistics serves as the nerve system for the whole supply chain and enables smooth information flow within and between organizations. This contributed book focuses on the strategic role of e-logistics in today's dynamic global environment. In E-Logistics international experts from both academia and industry examine how competitiveness and productivity in transport, logistics and supply chain management can be improved using e-logistics systems

and technologies. A variety of successful e-logistics business approaches are discussed covering a range of commercial sectors and transport modes. Separate chapters consider e-logistics developments for air freight; rail freight; road freight; sea transport and port systems. Subsequent chapters address in depth support systems for B2C and B2B e-commerce and e-fulfilment, warehouse management, RFID, electronic marketplaces, global supply network visibility, and service chain automation. Industry case studies are used to support the discussion. The book also investigates emerging technologies in e-logistics and considers what the future might hold in this rapidly changing and developing field.

This book discusses the critical contemporary issues of sustainability and integration of physical and information flow. It explores the digitalization of logistics processes and the need for a more integrated and a seamless cooperation in supply chain management, which are dominant trends in business practice. Moreover, it examines how the pressure for CO2 emission reductions and more resource- efficient business models influences the organization of logistics operations on both a local and global scale, demonstrating that integrating physical and cyber systems is necessary to achieve a more environmentally friendly, safe logistics and supply chain operations. In the individual chapters, the authors discuss the new qualitative and quantitative theoretical methods and models and also analyze case studies from business practice. This book provides valuable insights for academics, Ph.D. students and practitioners wishing to deepen their understanding of logistics operations and management.

Disrupting Logistics Startups, Technologies, and Investors Building Future Supply Chains Springer Nature

This comprehensive overview of logistics provides a conceptual framework for understanding

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the logistics system, the integration of its basic elements, and its relationship to the overall firm. Discusses both manufacturing and physical distribution, new technologies in each of these areas, and how they related to each other and to the company. New topics covered range from approaches to strategic logistics planning and multi-location inventory planning, to international logistics issues and future directions. Includes case studies.

Logistics is a \$700 billion industry in the USA and is the second largest employer of college graduates. Logistics costs account for nearly 30% of the sales dollar, and logistics activities are essential to satisfying the ever- changing customer demand in terms of variety and availability. Today the need for cutting edge, sophisticated logistics practices has never been greater. This unique text is squarely focused on the key activities within the functional areas of logistics and transportation, with emphasis placed on the quantitative treatment of the design and planning issues in logistics. In scope, Logistics and Transportation comprehensively covers almost all the elements of the supply chain. Moreover, it includes a number of topics that are generally not covered by most popular logistics texts. These include functional areas such as: vendor selection, inventory models with inventory costs, advanced transportation models, logistics metrics, and latest trends in logistics. The text is primarily designed for use in the classroom by senior undergraduate and graduate-level students. It is also a useful resource for practicing transportation and logistics professionals. Readers will appreciate the references for recommended further reading, related training aids and problem sets given at the end of each chapter, as well as the two comprehensive logistics cases presented at the end of the text. Global Logistics Strategies offers a step-by-step guide to global logistics. Covering the breadth of logistics, this highly accessible text covers everything you need to know and is illustrated by

engaging case studies of market leaders such as DHL. In this comprehensive book, John Manners-Bell provides an in-depth definition, description and exploration of: freight forwarding, contract logistics, shipping, road freight, air cargo and express. The book also examines major sectors, including Automotive, Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Retail, Consumer, and High Tech. *Global Logistics Strategies* offers a detailed examination of key topics, including: how the logistics industry has developed, how it is influenced by macro-economic factors and demand-side trends, what the risks are to the industry, and how it will develop over the coming years. It examines important trends and developments that are shaping the industry, including 3D printing, megacities, and post-harvest food losses. Includes online resources, including chapter summaries and figures.

The fully revised new edition of this well known and respected book is characterized by the more international perspective it has taken on through contributions from internationally known authors and a final section on international logistics which examines in turn strategies for West and East Europe, the Far East and North America. Logistics has a key strategic role to play in the long-term plans of major companies, and is recognized as a vital part of every organization. To a large extent this crucial new role is due to an expanded view of logistics, which now includes all the activities related to the supply chain from initial suppliers through to final customers. This book provides a wealth of useful ideas and practical information on all the current and future trends in logistics and distribution. Written by a host of contributors drawn from industry, constancy and education, this book provides new insights into the most significant aspects of logistics, including: developments in logistics supply chain strategies lean logistics efficient customer response logistics in different countries partnering and strategic

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alliances re-engineering the logistics function From logistics professionals, consultants, professors and students to managers from different backgrounds who want an appreciation of current trends in the subject, this book is essential reading. About the author: Donald Waters, a past member if the Institute of Logistics and currently a member of the Canadian Association of Logistics Management, has lectured weekly on logistics, operational research and management science, and has brought his academic career to fruition as Professor of Operations Management at the University Calgary, Canada. He is also the author of Operations Management in the Kogan Page Fast Track MBA Series. Features The Fourth Industrial Revolution is now transforming logistics and supply chain industries. Consumer habits are changing fast and supply chains are having to adapt to meet the challenges created by this dynamic new environment. Traditional logistics operating models are under threat. Incumbent freight operators across the entire transport and warehousing spectrum have been forced to develop strategies to effectively compete with new start-ups. The Logistics and Supply Chain Innovation Handbook provides a comprehensive overview of all the major new technologies and business models currently under development and looks at this process of disruption in detail. The Logistics and Supply Chain Innovation Handbook covers many important topics, such as crowd sourcing and shipping, on-demand delivery, autonomous vehicles, automation in the warehouse, electric vehicles and alternative fuels. It provides readers with a straightforward and easy to understand assessment of these innovations and their impact on the industry. Online supporting resources include PowerPoints and sample case studies.

Based on 51 interviews with logistics CEOs, strategists, and scenario experts, Heiko A.

von der Gracht shows that the logistics service industry draws a backward picture of scenario planning practices as compared to other industries.

This book provides an overview of important trends and developments in logistics and supply chain research, making them available to practitioners, while also serving as a point of reference for academicians. Operations and logistics are cornerstones of modern supply chains that in turn are essential for global business and economics. The composition, character and importance of supply chains and networks are rapidly changing, due to technological innovations such as Information and Communication Technologies, Sensors and Robotics, Internet of Things, and Additive Manufacturing, to name a few (often referred to as Industry 4.0). Societal developments such as environmental consciousness, urbanization or the optimal use of scarce resources are also impacting how supply chain networks are configured and operated. As a result, future supply chains will not just be assessed in terms of cost-effectiveness and speed, but also the need to satisfy agility, resilience and sustainability requirements. To face these challenges, an understanding of the basic as well as more advanced concepts and recent innovations is essential in building competitive and sustainable supply chains and, as part of that, logistics and operations. These span multiple disciplines and geographies, making them interdisciplinary and international. Therefore, this book contains contributions and views from a variety of experts from multiple countries, and combines management, engineering as well as basic information technology and social

concepts. In particular, it aims to: provide a comprehensive guide for all relevant and major logistics, operations, and supply chain management topics in teaching and business practice address three levels of expertise, i.e., concepts and principles at a basic (undergraduate, BS) level, more advanced topics at a graduate level (MS), and finally recent (state-of-the-art) developments at a research level. In particular the latter serve to present a window on current and future (potential) logistics innovations in the different thematic fields for both researchers and top business practitioners integrate a textbook approach with matching case studies for effective teaching and learning discuss multiple international perspectives in order to represent adequately the true global nature of operations, logistics and supply chains.

This book presents trends, developments, and examples of how digital disruption is currently reshaping the logistics industry. Logistics is the invisible force behind the global economy, influencing and providing a lens into all economic activities. Chapters written by respected experts in the field describe how new technologies such as autonomous vehicles, blockchain, Internet of things (IoT), and state-of-the-art freight management solutions are fundamentally changing supply chain solutions. Special emphasis is placed on promising start-ups and venture capital firms around the world that are now investing in the future of logistics.

Logistics and supply chain management are at the heart of almost every organization globally, as such developing a well-rounded understanding of these areas has never

been more important. Learn from leading sector specialists about key topics, such as supply chain leadership, resilience, technology, design, and more with this guide. Global Logistics is the comprehensive guide to understanding the international and complex landscape of modern logistics and supply chain management. The book features expertise from over 30 contributors including leading academics, such as Martin Christopher, Alan McKinnon and Steve New, and experienced consultants to leading firms, such as Alan Braithwaite and Patrick Daly. A global approach has been taken, with input from over a dozen countries, and state-of-the-art research is situated alongside expert practical guidance. Covering a range of topics from supply chain strategy, risk management and sourcing to relationship management, resilience and ethics, Global Logistics is essential for those studying or working in logistics and supply chain. Now in its 8th edition, Global Logistics is fully revised and restructured. Readers will learn how to improve logistics, supply chain management and operational effectiveness as well as how to navigate global supply chains, ensure sustainability and engineer for the future. This new edition also covers: - the impact of leadership and talent management in logistics - how to maximize the potential of technology, industry 4.0 and digitalization - the ways in which different types of performance can be measured and optimized

This contributed volume presents state-of-the-art advances in logistics theory in various fields as well as case studies. The book reports on a number of recently conducted

studies in the Dinalog and the EffizienzCluster LogistikRuhr, thus bridging the gap between different perspectives of theoretical and applied research. A selection of theoretical topics, practical examples, case studies and project reports is presented in this volume. The editors carefully selected contributions from a wide variety of projects, which were carried out in both the Dinalog cluster and the Effizienzcluster LogistikRuhr. The contributions are grouped in five main sections, each representing key domains in the evolution of logistics and supply chain management: sustainability, urban logistics, value chain management, IT-based innovation, knowledge management. This book is intended for both researchers and practitioners in the field of logistics and supply chain management, to serve as an important source of information for further research as well as to stimulate further innovation.

City logistics is one of the most popular fields of transportation sciences, dealing with sustainably supplying cities and at the same time reducing congestion and pollution related to goods transport in urban areas. Recently, humanitarian, emergency, and crises logistics has been a subject of increasing interest, often seen from an international viewpoint. However, some of the recent natural crises have shown the importance of resilience and reliability of the current urban logistics systems. The Handbook of Research on Urban and Humanitarian Logistics is a critical scholarly publication that addresses urban logistics and resilience, sustainable urban logistics, humanitarian logistics in urban areas both for crisis or long-term, and planning for

resilient urban development. Featuring a broad range of topics that discuss the new and future trends in urban logistics and resilient cities, this publication is ideal for public planners; urban planners; company managers in logistics and transport; consulting agencies; regional, national, and international institutions and organizations; researchers; academicians; and students.

This thesis provides a method for hi-tech companies to evaluate reverse logistic software and services. To clarify what is reverse logistics, the definition and features of reverse logistics are first introduced. The reasons to improve reverse logistics management systems are explained. Information of reverse logistics software systems and service vendors is collected, compared and analyzed. Current reverse logistics market trends are analyzed and problems in evaluating reverse logistics systems are identified. An algorithm to evaluate the software and service is established and explained. Parameters are analyzed and determined. Various vendors are selected and interviewed. Their capabilities/strengths are rated. As an example, the evaluation points for several software systems are calculated in the case of a semi-conductor company. Research limits are also provided. Conclusions are presented at the end of the thesis. The design of facilities, warehouses, and material-handling systems as well as the management of logistics operations significantly impact the success of industrial projects. Facility Logistics: Approaches and Solutions to Next Generation Challenges explores recent developments in the technology, industrial practices, and business

environments of facility logistics. The book first discusses the main trends impacting facility logistics operations, including visibility, security, flexibility, labor, globalization, and sustainability. It then examines the functionalities and capabilities of warehouse management systems (WMS) and outlines a comprehensive yet simple method for the quick assessment of warehouse performance. The following chapters present a set of solutions to emerging challenges in the design and management of facility logistics, along with procedures to better plan and manage the logistics activities within a production or storage facility. The final chapter reviews educational resources and offers examples of how multimedia tools can be used to develop new teaching material. With more globalization and outsourcing occurring as well as a greater emphasis on facility sustainability, new facility logistics challenges have emerged. By evaluating the impact of these issues on facility logistics, this volume helps you improve the design and management of your facility.

Digital technology has changed the way we work, socialize, shop, play and learn. This book offers a stimulating exploration of how digitization has begun transforming the prevailing global logistics system into a self-service and sharing economy, and ultimately provides a vision of the monumental changes likely to overflow into the business landscape.

Achieving state-of-the-art excellence and attaining the cost reductions associated with outstanding logistics efforts is an obvious gain in terms of competitive edge and profitability. As logistics tools evolve in comprehensiveness and complexity, and the use of these new tools becomes more pervasive, maintaining a position of leadership in logistics functions also

becomes increasingly difficult. And in spite of its importance not only to the bottom line but also to the functionality of your operations, logistics improvement often lags industry requirements. Taking a unique engineering approach, the Logistics Engineering Handbook provides comprehensive coverage of traditional methods and contemporary topics. The book delineates basic concepts and practices, provides a tutorial for common problems and solution techniques, and discusses current topics that define the state of the logistics market. It covers background information that defines engineering logistics, activities and implementation, transportation management, enabling technologies, and emerging trends. Each chapter includes either a brief case study overview of an industrially motivated problem or a tutorial using fabricated data designed to highlight important issues. Presentation, organization, and quality of content set this book a part. Its most distinctive feature is the engineering focus, instead of the more usual business/supply chain focus, that provides a mathematically rigorous treatment without being overly analytical. Another important characteristic is the emphasis on transportation management, especially freight transportation. The section on emerging and growing trends makes the handbook particularly useful to the savvy logistics professional wishing to exploit possible future trends in logistics practice. The handbook is a one-stop shopping location for logistics engineering reference materials ranging from basics to traditional problems, to state-of-the-market concerns and opportunities.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of how to strategically manage the movement and storage of products or materials from any point in the manufacturing process to customer fulfillment. Topics covered include important tools for strategic decision making, transport, packaging, warehousing, retailing, customer services and future trends. An introduction to

logistics Provides practical applications Discusses trends and new strategies in major parts of the logistic industry

In a global survey by the Katzenbach Center, 80 percent of respondents believed that their organization must evolve to succeed. But a full quarter of them reported that a change effort at their organization had resulted in no visible results. Why? The fate of any change effort depends on whether and how leaders engage their culture: the self-sustaining patterns of behaving, feeling, thinking, and believing that determine how things are done in an organization. Culture is implicit rather than explicit, emotional rather than rational—that's what makes it so hard to work with, but that's also what makes it so powerful. For the first time, this book lays out the Katzenbach Center's proven methodology for identifying your culture's three most critical elements: traits, characteristics that are at the heart of people's emotional connection to what they do; keystone behaviors, actions that would lead your company to succeed if they were replicated at a greater scale; and authentic informal leaders, people who have a high degree of “emotional intuition” or social connectedness. By leveraging these critical few elements, you can tap into a source of catalytic change within your organization. People will make an emotional, not just a rational, commitment to new initiatives. You will elicit enthusiasm and creativity and build the kind of powerful company that people recognize for its innate value and effectiveness.

How logistics clusters can create jobs while providing companies with competitive advantage. Why is Memphis home to hundreds of motor carrier terminals and distribution centers? Why does the tiny island-nation of Singapore handle a fifth of the world's maritime containers and half the world's annual supply of crude oil? Which jobs can replace lost manufacturing jobs in

advanced economies? Some of the answers to these questions are rooted in the phenomenon of logistics clusters—geographically concentrated sets of logistics-related business activities. In this book, supply chain management expert Yossi Sheffi explains why Memphis, Singapore, Chicago, Rotterdam, Los Angeles, and scores of other locations have been successful in developing such clusters while others have not. Sheffi outlines the characteristic “positive feedback loop” of logistics clusters development and what differentiates them from other industrial clusters; how logistics clusters “add value” by generating other industrial activities; why firms should locate their distribution and value-added activities in logistics clusters; and the proper role of government support, in the form of investment, regulation, and trade policy. Sheffi also argues for the most important advantage offered by logistics clusters in today's recession-plagued economy: jobs, many of them open to low-skilled workers, that are concentrated locally and not “offshorable.” These logistics clusters offer what is rare in today's economy: authentic success stories. For this reason, numerous regional and central governments as well as scores of real estate developers are investing in the development of such clusters. View a trailer for the book at: <http://techtv.mit.edu/videos/22284-logistics-clusters-yossi-sheffi>

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