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The scramble for the Eastern Mediterranean Greenleaf Book Group

This book examines the self-representation and identity politics of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs). PMSCs have become increasingly important over the past few decades. While their boom is frequently explained in functional terms, such as their cost-efficiency and effectiveness, this book offers an alternative explanation based on an analysis of the online self-presentations of forty-two US- and UK-based companies. PMSCs are shaping how they are perceived and establishing themselves as acceptable and legitimate security actors by eclectically appropriating identities more commonly associated with the military, businesses and humanitarian actors. Depending on their audience and clients' needs, they can be professional hero warriors, or promise turn-key security solutions based on their exceptional expertise, or, in a similar way to humanitarians, reassure those in need of relief and try to make the world a better place. Rather than being merely public relations, the self-referential assertions of PMSCs are political. Not only do they contribute to a normalization of private security and reinforce an already ongoing blurring of lines between the public and private sectors, they also change what we deem to be 'security' and a 'security actor'. This book will be of much interest to students of private military companies, critical security studies, military studies, security studies and IR.

The International Handbook on Innovation CRC Press

Beyond the Bottom Line: Integrating the UN Global Compact into Management Practice is the first book to look at how the Ten UN Global Compact Principles and the sustainability agenda can be incorporated into business practice. The UN Global Compact is the largest corporate sustainability initiative and, with over 12,000 participating organizations, provides a major influence on global business sustainability practices. Its mission is to guide organizations in how to (1) do business responsibly by aligning their strategies and operations with Ten Principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption; and (2) take strategic actions to advance broader societal goals, such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with an emphasis on collaboration and innovation. This new book addresses head-on some of the most persistent managerial challenges faced by businesses and organizations today. To what extent are businesses able to practice responsible management with regard to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact? How can managers of organizations comprehensively and pragmatically address the risks and responsibilities concerning these complex and changing issues in their policies and practice? It also offers a platform for academics to confront some of the most intriguing intellectual challenges on this topic.

[Financing for Gender Equality](#) Springer

International commissions, academics, practitioners, and the media have long been critical of the UN's development efforts as disjointed and not fit for purpose; yet the organization has been an essential contributor to progress and peacebuilding. This handbook explores the activities of the UN development system (UNDS), the largest operational pillar of the organization and arguably the arena in which its ideational endeavors have made the biggest contribution to thinking and standards. Contributions focus on the role of the UNDS in sustainable social, economic, and environmental development, describing how the UNDS interacts with the other major functions of the UN system, and how it performs operationally in the context of the new 2030 development agenda focused on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The volume is divided into three sections: Realizing the SDGs: opportunities and challenges; Resources, partnerships, and management; and Imagining the future of the UN in development. Comprised of chapters by knowledgeable and authoritative UN experts, this book provides cutting-edge and up-to-date research on the strengths and weaknesses of the UNDS, with each chapter focusing on different operational and ideational aspects. Chapter 11 of this book is freely available as a downloadable Open Access PDF under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 4.0 license at https://tandfbis.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/rt-files/docs/Open+Access+Chapters/9780367186852_oachapter11.pdf

Minerals Yearbook Yale University Press

Governments have been using technology to modernize the public sector for decades. The World Bank Group (WBG) has been a partner in this process, providing both financing and technical assistance to facilitate countries' digital transformation journeys since the 1980s. The WBG launched the GovTech Initiative in 2019 to support the latest generation of these reforms. Over the past five years, developing countries have increasingly requested WBG support to design even more advanced digital transformation programs. These programs will help to increase government efficiency and improve the access to and the quality of service delivery, provide more government-to-citizen and government-to-business communications, enhance transparency and reduce corruption, improve governance and oversight, and modernize core government

operations. The GovTech Initiative appropriately responds to this growing demand. The GovTech Maturity Index (GTMI) measures the key aspects of four GovTech focus areas—supporting core government systems, enhancing service delivery, mainstreaming citizen engagement, and fostering GovTech enablers—and assists advisers and practitioners in the design of new digital transformation projects. Constructed for 198 economies using consistent data sources, the GTMI is the most comprehensive measure of digital transformation in the public sector. Several similar indices and indicators are available in the public domain to measure aspects of digital government—including the United Nations e-Government Development Index, the WBG's Digital Adoption Index, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Digital Government Index. These indices, however, do not fully capture the aspects of emphasis in the GovTech approach—the whole-of-government approach and citizen centrality—as key when assessing the use of digital solutions for public sector modernization. The GTMI is not intended to be an assessment of readiness or performance; rather, it is intended to complement the existing tools and diagnostics by providing a baseline and a benchmark for GovTech maturity and by offering insights to those areas that have room for improvement. The GTMI is designed to be used by practitioners, policy makers, and task teams involved in the design of digital transformation strategies and individual projects, as well as by those who seek to understand their own practices and learn from those of others.

Edward Elgar Publishing

Throughout recent decades, corporate and financial social responsibility has steadily become recognized worldwide in the wake of globalization and political trends. These factors, as well as the current state of the world economy, have leveraged a demand for implementing responsibility into market systems. Studying the emergence of social responsibility will allow businesses to address future economies that align profit maximization with a concern for societal well-being and environmental sustainability. Corporate Social Responsibility and Opportunities for Sustainable Financial Success provides innovative insights into the historical, socio-psychological, cognitive, political, and economic processes that impact social responsibility within corporate and financial markets. The content within this publication highlights topics such as global governance, financial social responsibility, and political divestiture. It is a vital reference source for researchers, business owners, managers, graduate students, scholars, policy makers, economists, environmental professionals, and academicians seeking coverage on topics centered on innovative ways in which corporations and financial markets can create sustainable value for society to improve the living conditions for this generation and the following.

Report of the Secretary of the Senate from April 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001 John Wiley & Sons

Offering an in-depth examination into sustainable energy sources, applications, technologies and policies, this book provides real-world examples of ways to achieve important sustainability goals. Themes include program assessment, energy efficiency, renewables, clean energy and approaches to carbon reduction. Included are a compiled set of chapters discussing the various international strategies and policies being planned and implemented to reduce energy use, impact carbon emissions and shift towards alternative energy sources. Taking an international perspective, contributors from the U.S., Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Peru, Hungary, Spain, Iran, Ukraine, Jordan, the UAE, Nigeria, South Africa, India, China and Korea, offer their views of energy issues and provide detailed solutions. These can be broadly applied by engineers, scientists, energy managers, policy experts and decision makers to today's critical energy problems.

Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Ledizioni

Completely updated for 2011-2012, the Directory of Corporate Counsel remains the only comprehensive source for information on the corporate law departments and practitioners of the companies of the United States and Canada. Profiling over 22,000 attorneys and more than 5,000 companies, it supplies complete, uniform listings compiled through a major research effort, including information on company organization, department structure and hierarchy, and the background and specialties of the attorneys. This newly revised 2 volume edition is easier to use than ever before and includes five quick-search indexes to simplify your search: Corporations and Organizations Index Geographic Index Attorney Index Law School Alumni Index Nonprofit Organizations Index

[GovTech Maturity Index](#) Springer

A comprehensive guide to computer assisted exercises Readers can turn to this indispensable reference guide for comprehensive and lucid coverage of the operational, technical, and organizational knowledge needed to harness successful and constructive computer assisted exercises (CAX) and war games. It is geared also toward large civilian organizations that are looking to teach and test their strategies and procedures without the added cost of manpower. Divided into two clear parts, the book covers: Fundamentals and Theory—conflict and warfare; probability and statistics; simulation; distributed simulation; and experimentation and analysis Combat Modeling, Computer Assisted Exercises, and Practice—CAX architectures; CAX process; combat modeling; CAX support tools; communications/information system issues, technical risks, and risk mitigation; and exercise centers and facilities Computer Assisted Exercises and Training: A Reference Guide is indispensable reading for research engineers, computer scientists, software engineers working with modeling and simulation, homeland security specialists, staff in simulation training centers, military strategists and commanders, and many others. It also serves as a valuable textbook for modeling and simulation courses at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels.

China Foreign Enterprise Directory 2006 Plunkett Research, Ltd.

Over the past few years, the Eastern Mediterranean has become a major hotspot for both natural gas and geopolitical competition. Natural gas discoveries in the last decade have attracted growing interest from regional countries and beyond. However, recent escalations in tensions and outright confrontations suggest that competition goes beyond the scramble for energy. Indeed, natural gas is just one of the factors that contribute to shaping security and geopolitical dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean, which has emerged as a crucial strategic area in the broader Mediterranean and the Middle East. Moving from the analysis of these interconnected factors, this Report examines the strategy and the plethora of interests of regional and international players, as well as the interplay between cooperative and competitive dynamics in the region. What are the geopolitical, security, and

energy interests of the countries involved? What are the implications on the regional security context of the moves and policies of regional and international powers?

[Geopolitics, Supply Chains, and International Relations in East Asia](#) Routledge

A market research guide to the outsourcing and offshoring industry, it is a tool for strategic planning, competitive intelligence, employment searches or financial research. It includes profiles of Outsourcing and Offshoring Industry Firms such as addresses, phone numbers, and more. It also contains trends, statistical tables, and a glossary.

[Handbook of Cities and the Environment](#) Plunkett Research, Ltd.

The International Handbook on Innovation is the most comprehensive and authoritative account available of what innovation is, how it is measured, how it is developed, how it is managed, and how it affects individuals, companies, societies, and the world as a whole. Leading specialists from around the world, responsible for much of the current research in the field, analyze the multidisciplinary and multifaceted nature of innovation, its types and levels, its criteria, its development, its management, its specificity in various domains and contexts, and societal demands on it. They consider innovation from the viewpoints of psychology, management science, business, technology, sociology, philosophy, economics, history, education, art, and public policy. With contributions from over 90 distinguished authors covering 17 nations, readers will obtain expert insight into the latest research and future developments in the field of innovation. The Handbook will present many facets of innovation including its nature, its development, its measurement, its management, and its social, cultural, and historical context. The breadth of this work will allow the reader to acquire a comprehensive and panoramic picture of the nature of innovation within a single handbook. The reader will develop an accurate sense of what spurs potentially creative and innovative people and companies toward their extraordinary achievements and exceptional performances. The handbook can be used as a reference source for those who would like information about a particular topic, or from cover to cover either as a sourcebook or as a textbook in a course dealing with innovation. Anyone interested in knowing the wide range of issues regarding innovation will want to read this handbook. Contributions from over 90 distinguished authors covering 17 nations International in scope, reflecting global perspectives Essential reading for researchers and practitioners in the fields of psychology, management science, business, technology, sociology, philosophy, economics, history, education art, and public policy Prosperity in the Fossil-Free Economy Elsevier

In the interests of globalization, many companies today are establishing theories and practices for international management accounting. This book discusses the current status of international management accounting in Japan through interviews with three major electronics companies. By tracing the history of the business expansion of the three companies, as well as their transition of strategies and accompanying organizational structure, key features and details of international management accounting are faithfully described. The book is divided into two parts. Part I describes general concepts of international management accounting in global companies, while Part II analyzes the experiences of three leading electronics companies OCo Matsushita, Sharp and Sanyo OCo in international management accounting. Written in a scholarly yet accessible manner, this book will benefit both academics and industry professionals practising in the field.

[Profile of the International Valve Industry: Market Prospects to 2009](#) China Economic Review Publishing

Praise for Case Studies in Performance Management "With this book, Tony Adkins has made an important contribution to the body of knowledge of managerial accounting." --From the Foreword by Gary Cokins, lead strategist, BusinessPerformance Management Solutions group with SAS Institute and internationally recognized expert in advanced cost management and performance improvement systems "If you want to achieve direction, traction, and speed in business, Case Studies in Performance Management: A Guide from the Experts is a must-read . . . jam-packed with golden nuggets you can put to work immediately." --Jason Jennings, bestselling author of Think Big, Act Small, Less Is More and It's Not the Big That Eat the Small . . . It's the Fast That Eat the Slow "Tony has the insight found only from actual implementations of ABC/PM. Using this as lens, he has brought the collective experience of experts into focus." --Mohan Nair, author of Essentials of Balanced Scorecard and Activity-Based Information Systems "Tony Adkins has lived the life of a true ABC/PM road warrior. His collection of case studies reaches beyond the theory to capture the harsh reality of what it takes to successfully implement performance management. A must-read for anyone wise enough to learn from those who have gone before." --Chris M. Pieper, CEO, FormRouter, Inc. (former founder and CEO of ABC Technologies) "Everyone who reads this book will gain a solid appreciation of the substance and value of performance management in varied industry settings and applications." --Dr. Peter B. B. Turney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cost Technology, Inc. and author of Common Cents If you're looking for a way to dramatically improve your company's performance and get back its competitive edge, Case Studies in Performance Management: A Guide from the Experts will show you how other businesses, driven to remain competitive by changes in their industries, learned to work smarter using ABC/PM in today's tough business environment. Noteworthy commentary from experts in the field including Ashok Vadgama and Alan Stratton helps you understand ABC/PM and how to execute its sound strategies in your own business.

[LexisNexis Corporate Affiliations](#) Plunkett Research, Ltd.

Global supply chains connect the world in unprecedented and intricate ways. Geopolitics, Supply Chains, and International Relations in East Asia dissects the sources and effects of contemporary disruptions of these networks. Despite their dramatic expansion as distinct, complex, and unique mechanisms of economic interdependence, the role of supply chains in broader patterns of interstate conflict and cooperation has been relatively neglected. This volume sheds light on whether a highly interdependent "Factory Asia" and Asia-Pacific can withstand geopolitical, geo-economic, and pandemic threats. This combustible mix, fueled by rising hyper-nationalism in the US and China, threatens to unleash sizable disruptions in the global geography of production and in the international relations of East Asia.

[Plunkett's InfoTech Industry Almanac 2007 \(E-Book\)](#) Wolters Kluwer

For more than 20 years, Network World has been the premier provider of information, intelligence and insight for network and IT executives responsible for the digital nervous systems of large organizations. Readers are responsible for designing, implementing and managing the voice, data and video systems their companies use to support everything from business critical applications to employee collaboration and electronic commerce.

[Report of the Secretary of the Senate from October 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000](#) Routledge

Conference Proceedings of 4th International Conference on Tourism Research

[Case Studies in Performance Management](#) World Bank Publications

"Community Vitality: From Adaptation to Transformation explores key themes related to what makes a community vital and illuminates the importance of the concept of vitality in order to inspire and guide critical shifts towards thriving, resilient and sustainable communities. In an era of global climate change, the increasing divide between the wealthy and poor and the overwhelming dependency on digital technology and the Internet, the need for a dialogue on sustainable community planning efforts focused on community vitality has never been stronger."--

[Plunkett's Energy Industry Almanac 2007](#) World Bank Publications

Market research guide to the outsourcing and offshoring industry a tool for strategic planning, competitive intelligence, employment searches or financial research. Contains trends, statistical tables, and an industry glossary. Over 300 one page profiles of Outsourcing Offshoring

Industry Firms - includes addresses, phone numbers, executive names.

[Plunkett's Energy Industry Almanac 2008](#) Plunkett Research, Ltd.

A comprehensive review of the life cycle processes, methods, and techniques used to develop and modify software-enabled systems Systems Engineering of Software-Enabled Systems offers an authoritative review of the most current methods and techniques that can improve the links between systems engineering and software engineering. The author—a noted expert on the topic—offers an introduction to systems engineering and software engineering and presents the issues caused by the differences between the two during development process. The book reviews the traditional approaches used by systems engineers and software engineers and explores how they differ. The book presents an approach to developing software-enabled systems that integrates the incremental approach used by systems engineers and the iterative approach used by software engineers. This unique approach is based on developing system capabilities that will provide the features, behaviors, and quality attributes needed by stakeholders, based on model-based system architecture. In addition, the author covers the management activities that a systems engineer or software engineer must engage in to manage and lead the technical work to be done. This important book: Offers an approach to improving the process of working with systems engineers and software engineers Contains information on the planning and estimating, measuring and controlling, managing risk, and organizing and leading systems engineering teams Includes a discussion of the key points of each chapter and exercises for review Suggests numerous references that provide additional readings for development of software-enabled physical systems Provides two case studies as running examples throughout the text Written for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and practitioners, Systems Engineering of Software-Enabled Systems offers a comprehensive resource to the traditional and current techniques that can improve the links between systems engineering and software engineering.

[International Solutions to Sustainable Energy, Policies and Applications](#) Routledge

The energy industry is boiling over with changes. Deregulation, new opportunities in foreign fields and markets and environmental challenges are rushing together head-on to shape the energy and utilities business of the future. Extremely deep offshore wells in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore of West Africa are being drilled at immense cost. Meanwhile China has become a major energy importer and Russia has become a major exporter. In the U.S., Europe and Japan, renewable and alternative energy sources are developing quickly, including big breakthroughs in wind power and fuel cells. This exciting new reference book covers everything from major oil companies to electric and gas utilities, plus pipelines, refiners, retailers, oil field services and engineering. Petroleum topics include upstream and downstream. Additional topics include coal, natural gas and LNG. More than a dozen statistical tables cover everything from energy consumption, production and reserves to imports, exports and prices. Next, our unique profiles of the Energy 500 Firms are also included, with such vital details as executive contacts by title, revenues, profits, types of business, web sites, competitive advantage, growth plans and more. 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.