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Economic Growth

How it works and how it transformed the world
by Edward A. Hudson

Book summary

*Economic Growth* offers a new view of growth, unique in its combination of historical depth, intellectual clarity and practical relevance. Replete with figures and formal yet accessible treatment, its original insights will interest academic and professional economists, while its comprehensive coverage and lucid explanations make it an excellent guidebook for anyone interested in economic growth.

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About the author

Ed Hudson (PhD, Harvard), working with Prof. Dale Jorgenson (Harvard University), pioneered computable general equilibrium models in the 1970s. Ed then moved to strategy consulting, advising corporates and governments in the United States and New Zealand. He has now returned to researching and writing on economic growth.
This book strives to present Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium models in a detailed manner, intended to walk readers through this otherwise daunting process. By showcasing concrete applications, it aims to persuade incipient researchers to work with this methodology.

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“[This book teaches DSGE models from scratch”

Bernardo Guimarães, São Paulo School of Economics – FGV

About the author

Celso Costa is Lecturer and Associated Researcher at the Brazilian Macro Center – São Paulo School of Economics (EESP) – FGV recognized as one of the top schools of economics in Latin America.


“An impressive achievement. A book that all beginners to the topic should read, use and consult.”

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General equilibrium (anti-general equilibrium) tends to be strong on technique (critique) but weak when it comes to recommending non-trivial policy. Most macroeconomists tend to think in closed-economy terms, the ‘foreign’ being the mirror of ‘home’. What might be the connections between two institutionally varied economies that are thrown together by the dynamics of globalization?
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Not all innovations are equal. Though recent economic literature on the evaluation of technological change acknowledges this reality, actual evaluation methods suffer from numerous limitations. Technological Innovation Index uses patent citation analysis to highlight the enormous variation in the characteristics, importance and evolution of technology over time and outlines a set of sophisticated tools for its analysis.
Politics and Web 2.0
The Participation Gap
by Gisela Gonçalves, J. Paulo Serra et al.

Book summary

The ambition is to stimulate debate around the party-citizen "participation mismatch" and the role and place of modern web technologies in this setting. Each of the included chapters provide valuable explorations of the ways in which political parties motivate, make use of and are shaped by citizen participation in the Web 2.0 era. Diverse perspectives are employed, drawing examples from several European political systems and offering analytical insights at both the individual/micro level and at broader, macro or inter-societal systems level. Taken together, they offer a balanced and thought-provoking account of the political participation gap, its causes and consequences for political communication and democratic politics, as well as pointing the way to new forms of contemporary political participation.

About the author

Gisela Gonçalves is Professor and Head of the Department of Communication and Arts of the University of Beira Interior (UBI, Covilhã, Portugal). She develops her research activity at LabCom.IFP. Her current research interests are Public Relations Theories, Communication Ethics and Government Communication.

The Great Illusion
New Edition
by Norman Angell

International trade and the development of intertwined global markets makes inter-state war less profitable and probable. This is Norman Angell’s simple hypothesis, vigorously defended in The Great Illusion and at the root of an enduring controversy, from the time of its initial publication - on the eve of the First World War - to this day. Well documented, logically argued and persuasive, it is a passionate defense of peace, attacking widely held assumptions about the gains from war and the costs of conquest.

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Investigating older people’s involvement with an ethic of care
by Marian Barnes et al.

Book summary
This book seeks to understand what well-being means to older people, and to influence the practice of those who work with older people. Theoretically, the authors drew from work in critical gerontology which seeks to understand how experiences of ageing are shaped by social, economic, cultural and political contexts. We draw on a broad body of work which challenges normative assumptions of ‘successful’ ageing, particularly as it has been constructed through neo-liberal policy constructions of ‘active ageing’. We also applied insights of feminist ethics of care. This is based in a relational ontology that challenges neo-liberal assumptions of autonomous individualism.

About the authors
Marian Barnes is Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Brighton. Beatrice Gahagan is Health and Wellbeing Development Manager at Age UK Brighton and Hove. Lizzie Ward is a senior research fellow in the School of Applied Social Science at the University of Brighton.

Designing Technology, Work, Organizations and Vice Versa
by A. Bruni, L. Parolin, C. Schubert (eds.)

The book focuses on the close study of practices and processes that inextricably link work and organisation to the use of artefacts and technological systems (and vice versa), exploring in detail the sociomaterial articulations and disarticulations of daily work and design; the doing of objects and technologies in everyday organizational life; the reconstruction of organizational processes through technological and design practices; the relation between learning, innovations and technologies.

Network Society
How Social Relations rebuild Space(s)
by R. Iannone, E. Ferreri, M.C. Marchetti, L. Mariottini, M. Cipri

This book critically evaluates claims that modern society may be read and understood as a network. The strength of this volume and the difference with respect to other attempts at explaining the Network Society lies in the multidimensional and interrelated perspectives it offers emerging from converging multidisciplinary perspectives and applications.

Robert Iannone is Associate Professor of Sociology, Sapienza, University of Rome.
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How can one become a successful artist? Where should one start a career in the art world? What are useful strategies to achieve recognition in the art system? Such questions hoard in students' minds ever since entering art school and they probably chase every kind of art professional who is at an early career stage. “The Road to Parnassus” tries to understand what makes a good start in today’s art world, who are influential players in the field and which strategies might apply.

Poetic Inquiry III celebrates poetry and poetic voices—theorizing and exploring poetic inquiry as an approach, methodology, and/or method for use in contemporary research practices. This volume specifically works to draw attention to the ancient connection between poetry and the natural world with attention to broadening the ecological scope and impact of the work of poetic inquirers.

The book examines the location of visual art practice and art movements in the context of modernity and explicates the measure with which they can be characterized as what the postcolonial discourse of acknowledgements and distinctions terms *hysteridentical*. It argues that visual art practice and art movements exhibit in the context of Modernity the measure with which ‘signs’ are imbued or inculcated as ‘negative’ formative and didactic facilities.
About the author

Anthony F. Shaker is a philosopher, scholar of Islamic thought/civilization, and analyst of social theory. He has authored numerous articles and books, including the only complete study of Ṣadr al-Dīn Qūnawī’s thought (d.1274 CE) and two translated volumes of Ghazālī’s Iḥyā’ul-ʿulūm. He obtained his doctorate from McGill University, Canada.

Modernity, Civilization and the Return to History

by Anthony F. Shaker

Book summary

The modern concept and study of civilization have their roots, not in western Europe, but in the long tradition of scientific and philosophic inquiry that began in a self-conscious Islamicate civilization. They emerged—as Heidegger would say—within a “region of being” proper to systematic science. Western European thought has introduced new elements that have completely altered how collective and personal identities are conceived and experienced. Yet, the world has been globalized for at least a millennium, a fact partially obscured by the threadbare but widespread belief that modernity is a product of something called the West. One is thus justified in asking, as many people do today, if humanity has not lost its initiative.

Self, History and Future

by Tetsuaki Iwamoto

The essay is based on a holistic and dynamic concept with logical progressions. Instead of capturing movements as a still picture the author tries to record constantly changing situations in terms of modality of history. It is the necessity of tangencies and encompassments for Circles of Identity (CI) that forms history. The momentum of ‘self’ that bridges the past and the future is the propellant of CIs, which follows certain rules to suggest our destiny.

The Distinction of Human Being

by Thomas Kruger Kaplan

‘The Distinction of Human Being’ offers contemporary thinkers, beginners as well as professionals, a comprehensive reading of the origin and the tradition of metaphysics encompassing the life and times of pure reason as it unfolds across its theoretical, practical, and poetic endeavor of conception the last of which suggests what a philological philosophy might entail and demand of a new generation of friends of wisdom.
The authors in this collection do not simply reflect the ‘personalism’, they put it to work on a range of philosophical and theological problems, both classical and contemporary; problems of free will, personal identity, and the nature of reality, as well as the very current concerns of environmental philosophers, bio- and neuro-ethicists. Their perspectives, too, are many and varied, so offer profound insights into key debates among other philosophical traditions.

The papers presented in this volume honor Thomas O. Buford (a pre-eminent voice of forth generation Personalism, and Boston Personalism in particular). Personalism is a school of philosophical and theological thought which holds that the ideas of “person” and “personality” are indispensable both to an adequate understanding of all metaphysical and epistemological problems, and the key to an adequate theory of ethical and political human interaction.
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by Geran F. Dodson

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by Andrew Woodhall et al.

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by David Topper

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Dr Peter Stone is Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin

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**About the authors**

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Hanke Drop works in the field of teaching liberal arts values to students of educational leadership studies, as well as in the field of Arts education & research.

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**Revitalizing History: Recognizing the Struggles, Lives, and Achievements of African American and Women Art Educators**

*by Paul Bolin, Ami Kantawala*

With a focus on African American art educators and women art educators, Vernon Press is delighted to announce this upcoming text. It is a result of the papers presented at the recent Brushes with History Conference held in November 2015 at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York, and will be edited by Paul Bolin (University of Texas at Austin) and Ami Kantawala (Teachers College, Columbia University).

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*by Joe Regenbogen*

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"This lucid, accessible and user-friendly book fills an unfortunate gap in the literature on French grammar."

Neil Smith, Emeritus Professor of Linguistics at University College London.

About the author
Andrew Betts is currently Registrar at Lancing College, England. He holds a BA in English Language with Medieval Literature from Durham University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Linguistics from UCL, a Postgraduate Diploma in French translation from the Institute of Linguists and a PhD in German Linguistics, German Impersonal Passives from UCL.

Wordscapes: Explorations in English Language
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by Serafima Gettys

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