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

Book summary
How does economic growth work? Beginning with the history of leading countries over the past 2000 years, Economic Growth finds which countries have achieved sustained growth and how they did it. The effects of growth are examined on a human scale. The benefits of growth are enormous in terms of life, health, education, leisure and opportunity, while the downsides can be managed by appropriate policies.

Economic Growth develops a new theory of growth. This new theory is based on careful analysis of actual growth; it covers the causes and mechanisms as well as the results of growth. This new theory extends conventional theory by operating at the industry level and by placing demand considerations at the forefront of growth. Demand growth – based on product innovation, marketing, credit and the consumer society – drives the economy forward while supply growth – based on investment and process innovation – sustains the growth in spending and incomes. Growth is not automatic but, in the right conditions, demand and supply expansion work together to generate sustained growth.

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

About the author
Ed Hudson (PhD, Harvard), working with Dale Jorgenson (presently the Samuel W. Morris University Professor of Economics, Harvard University), pioneered computable general equilibrium models in the 1970s. He applied these models to understanding the ‘energy crisis’ and to analyze energy policies.

Praise
The distinguishing features of this book are the depth of its historical material; its rich detail about individual industries; and the balance in assessing different views of growth. Many discussions of growth focus on technological innovation, but make the concept seem mysterious. Solow referred to the residuals that capture this innovation as ‘a measure of our ignorance.’ This book uses concrete examples of industries and how they developed, such as the U.S. auto industry, to help us see the forces behind generalities in other work.

In the end, the author advances a strong conclusion: economic growth is the greatest thing to happen in 3000 years. Some economists make statements like this based on ideology. This author earns the right to draw such a conclusion with his meticulous and balanced development of evidence on the causes and consequences of growth.

Laurence M. Ball, Department of Economics, John Hopkins University and NBER

A valuable synthesis of literature on the sources of economic growth

Diego Comin, Department of Economics, Dartmouth College
The Political Economy of the Space Age
How Science and Technology Shape the Evolution of Human Society
by Andrea Sommariva, SDA Bocconi, Milan, Italy

Book summary
This book provides answers to the questions of why human-kind should go into space, and on the relative roles of governments and markets in the evolution of the space economy. It adopts an interdisciplinary approach to answer those questions. Science and technology define the boundaries of what is possible. The realization of the possible depends on economic, institutional, and political factors. The book thus draws from many different academic areas such as physical science, astronomy, astronauts, political science, economics, sociology, cultural studies, and history. In the literature, the space economy has been analyzed using different approaches from science and technology to the effects of public expenditures on economic growth and to medium term effects on productivity and growth. This book brings all these aspects together following the evolutionary theory of economic change. It studies processes that transform the economy through the interactions among diverse economic agents, governments, and the extra-systemic environment in which governments operate. Its historical part helps to better understand motivations and constraints - technical, political, and economical - that shaped the growth of the space economy. In the medium term, global issues - such as population changes, critical or limited natural resources, and environmental damages - and technological innovations are the main drivers for the evolution of the space economy beyond Earth orbit. In universities, this book can be used: as a reference by historians of astronautics; for researchers in the field of astronautics, international political economy, and legal issues related to the space economy. In think tanks and public institutions, both national and international, this book provides an input to the ongoing debate on the collaboration among space agencies and the role of private companies in the development of the space economy. Finally, this book will help the educated general public to orient himself in the forest of stimuli, news, and solicitations to which he is daily subjected by the media, television and radio, and to react in less passive ways to those stimuli.

About the author
Economist by profession, but fascinated by many other disciplines. He has worked for international organizations, multinational companies, and has spent many years in the Far East as a consultant. His interest in astronautics stems from a collaboration with Prof. Bignami, a world known astrophysicist, and from long discussions with him and other members of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) on the possible effects of the use of space on the world economy and international relations. He is a member of the IAA Study Group 3.17 on Space Mineral Resources - Challenges and Opportunities. At present, he is the director of a center (SEE Lab) for the analysis of the evolution of the space economy within the SDA Bocconi in Milan, a leading business school in Europe. The Center is a global community using innovative strategies to tackle the challenges posed by the evolution of the space economy. He is the author of numerous publications on international business, economic history, and the space economy. He collaborates with some journals devoted to the analysis of the political, economic, and military implications of the use of space.

Praise
The book contains a story of space exploration, from the economical viewpoint. This contains much novelty, since most other books on the history of astronautics touch on the economic aspects only marginally. The author is very well qualified and his writing is quite involving. [...] I find the book quite innovative and interesting. It can be used for postgraduate courses in space economy.

Professor Giancarlo Genta,
Director of the Aerospace Department at the Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy

This book provides the basis to understand better an area of scientific and technological research as well as of economic initiatives which are receiving growing interest both at the academic and at the practical level, and which will inevitably see a booming of its importance in the coming years. Even more than in similar breakthrough cases, those who engage in the related activities will benefit from a considerable advantage in tackling the economic challenges of the coming years. At the same time, this book provides, through a fascinating reading, the possibility to jump into the (near) future and to imagine feasible solutions to many of the problems (e.g. for some natural resources) that today look very difficult to cope with.

Professor Carlo Secchi,
Emeritus professor Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University, Italy; Vice president of ISPI (Institute for the Studies of International Politics), Italy
Book summary

Today’s grand policy dilemmas, from climate change, to over-indebtedness, to demographic shifts, have momentous long-term implications. Future generations will be constrained by our present decisions to an extent that is without precedent in advanced capitalist democracies. This book is an extensively researched and reasoned appeal in favor of intergenerational fairness - the ability to provide to future generations an at least as favorable standard of living as that which is enjoyed today. Intergenerational equity is an essential consideration in finding lasting solutions to the multifaceted crises of our time. As an implicit contract and transfer between living and future generations, intergenerational equity avoids discriminating against future generations.

This book fills an important gap. Despite a resurgence of literature, the economic and social dimensions of intergenerational equity remain underexplored. Existing literature misses a holistic ethical framework of decision-making failures that addresses intergenerational concerns. Whilst evolutionary grounded, intergenerational fairness has not been recognized as a natural behavioral law – a human-imbued drive being bound by human fallibility.

It contributes both theoretical and practical insights and will be of interest to economists, sociologists, public policy makers and corporate executives.

About the author

Julia Margarete Puaschunder studied Philosophy/Psychology, Business, Public Administration, Social and Economic Sciences, Natural Sciences, Law and Economics. After having captured social responsibility in corporate and financial markets in Europe and North America with attention to Financial Social Responsibility and Socially Responsible Investment; She currently pursues the idea of Eternal Equity — responding to Western world intergenerational equity constraints in the domains of environmental sustainability, over-indebtedness and demographic aging with a focus on law and mind sciences.
Understanding DSGE models
Theory and Applications
by Celso Jose Costa, São Paulo School of Economics, Brazil

Book summary
While the theoretical development of DSGE models is not overly difficult to understand, practical application remains somewhat complex. The literature on this subject has some significant obscure points. 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.

Praise
[...] an indispensable book for the advanced Econ undergraduate, graduate, and for any researcher [...] it makes a major contribution to the learning process of this kind of macroeconomic models.

Alejandro C. García Cintado, Dept. of Economics, Universidad Pablo Olavide, Spain

This book teaches DSGE models from scratch.

Bernardo Guimarães, São Paulo School of Economics – FGV, Brazil

Introduction to Dynamic Macroeconomic General Equilibrium Models (Second Edition)
by Jose Luis Torres, University of Malaga, Spain

This book offers an introductory step-by-step course to Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) modelling. It begins with the simplest canonical neoclassical DSGE model and then gradually extends it to incorporate advanced features. Dynare software code used can be downloaded from the book’s homepage.

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

Prof. Fabio Canova, EUI, Florence

Stock-Flow-Consistent Models and Institutional Variety
by Romar Correa and Amelia Correa

Orthodox macroeconomics is founded on microeconomics. Heterodox economists either reject micro foundations or experiment with behavioural relationships without paying attention to the principles that generate them. 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? This book showcases the usefulness of Stock-Flow-Consistent Models for contemporary macroeconomic analysis.
This edited volume of original contributions deals with the economic and political thought of Michael Polanyi. Requiring little prior knowledge of Polanyi, this volume further develops a somewhat neglected side of Polanyi’s work. In particular it examines the ‘tacit integration’, of subsidiary details into focal objects or actions as central to all knowing and action. It traces ontological counterparts in the structures of comprehensive entities and complex actions, and a multi-level universe in which lower levels have their boundary conditions. The essays in this volume, like his works, give them meaning with concrete examples and so avoid merely shuffling a mass of abstractions. Together the essays show that his work is a rich seam of ideas and inspiration.

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by G. V. Satya Sekhar

Financial innovation is a regular feature of the global financial system. Financial innovation results in greater economic efficiency over time. In the process of creating a new financial product, besides basic theory of financial management, a financial engineer needs to acquire knowledge of optimization and financial modeling techniques. This should go hand-in-hand with day-to-day financial activities of the global financial system. The book deals with the process of creating innovative financial securities in terms of technical aspects and derivative pricing that offers new pay-offs to investors as part of financial innovation, with some select empirical studies conducted using financial innovation theories, and with myths of performance evaluation models.

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by Anastasios Karasavvoglou, Persefoni Polychronidou (Eds.)

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Financial reforms, stabilization and development in 21st-century Turkey

by Haluk Haksal, University of Geneva, Switzerland

The central argument of this book is that while central bank independence can contribute to stabilization, inflation-targeting monetary policy is quite powerless in promoting economic development. The basic message is simple: Policy makers should not strive to achieve price stability at any cost, as stability in product markets does not necessarily translate into economic development. This is the first book-length study examining the financial reforms Turkey undertook in its path towards EU accession. It will be of interest to researchers studying economic development, agricultural economists, businesses active in the primary sector and students of applied economic analysis.

Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone: Competitiveness, Capital Flows and Structural Reforms

by Antonin Rusek, Susquehanna University; Lubor Lacina, Mendel University, Czech Republic (Eds.)

European economic recovery appears to be taking hold. So is the European crisis over? The acute phase of the crisis passed, however, a number of medium and long term issues remain. The policies of “internal devaluations” are working, albeit slowly, to restore competitiveness in the countries most affected by the crisis. However, growth remains at best sluggish. The medium and long term outlook remains highly uncertain, fomenting social tensions and endangering political stability. In this context, all the contributions to this volume are connected by the analysis of the problems which affected the Eurozone in the past decade and the challenges and dilemmas the Eurozone will face in the coming years.

Market Abuse Regulation in South Africa, the United States of America and the United Kingdom

by Howard Chitimira

This book provides a concise comparison of the regulation and enforcement of the anti-market abuse laws (insider trading and market manipulation) in South Africa, the United States of America (USA) and United Kingdom (UK). This is primarily done to examine and expose the current strengths and weaknesses of market abuse laws in relation to certain aspects of the corporate, securities and financial markets environments in South Africa, the USA and the UK. This book can aid regulatory authorities, financial market participants, academics, students and other interested readers to understand market abuse offences and possible measures that could be employed to combat such offences.
The globalisation of industries in recent decades has led to a fundamental change in the way in which production is structured. The integration of global trade has brought a disintegration of production. Understanding the inter-dependencies between entities involved in fragmented production is essential. Traditional methods and statistical approaches are insufficient to address this challenge. This edited book makes a case for network analysis to be used alongside existing techniques. In answering burning questions in the areas of international business and economics, such as whether trade has become more global or regional and to what extent emerging economies challenge the role of traditional producers in specific industries, it provides an accessible explanation of the applications of network analysis.

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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. Prominent among them is “Patent Importance Technology Factor” (PITF). The methods proposed have important implications for the measurement of technological change and would be of interest to a wide range of patent specialists, including economists, technology evaluators, finance and law professionals.

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Generational Interdependencies
The Social Implications for Welfare
by Beverley A. Searle, University of Dundee (Ed.)

Book summary
The issue of generational transfers is growing in importance. Populations are ageing, placing an increasing burden on provision of pensions, health care and other welfare services. In many nations the imbalance between a growing, older generation, supported by a shrinking younger generation, has fuelled debates about intergenerational justice. The key argument being that political and institutional developments over the last century have been to the advantage of older generations at the expense of current younger and future generations. But this only addresses half of the story, neglecting the flows of resources, through private, family channels. One key response to the growing fiscal problem of ageing societies has been to focus responsibility on self-funding and familial support. The growth of asset values, particularly housing, which are concentrated among the elderly, underpin such strategies. But this exposes new risks as potentially extractable resources are determined by wider fluctuations in the economy, and housing markets in particular. Clearly, these cohort effects, and responses to them, play out differently in different national developmental settings, depending on long-run patterns of economic, social and demographic change. This collection address these issues and provides original insights across different international contexts.

Praise
[Generational interdependencies] has produced a number of findings that will have a considerable impact on how we look at the connection between intergenerational relations, inequality transmission and the future sustainability of the European welfare systems.

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Neither Capital, Nor Class
A Critical Analysis Of Pierre Bourdieu’s Theoretical Framework
by Jacek Tittenbrun, University of Poznan, Poland

This book offers an in-depth examination of Pierre Bourdieu’s theoretical framework. The book is not just a collection of more or less critical remarks but constitutes a coherent whole, underpinned by an original analytical framework. This conceptual apparatus makes it possible to present some alternative solutions to the theoretical problems under consideration.

This is the most complete and systematic critical analysis of Pierre Bourdieu’s theory of social structure. Tittenbrun’s discussion of the types of capital and of reproduction, in particular, are the best I have seen.

Carlos H. Waisman, University of California

Taboo Issues in Social Science
Questioning Conventional Wisdom
by Anthony Walsh, Boise State University

This book is an expedition into a number of controversial issues in the social sciences with the intention of challenging the conventional wisdom on those issues. While most social science research is interesting and important, a fair amount of social science research is thinly disguised advocacy research in which conclusions too often precede inquiries.

His writing is crisp and his argumentation scholarly. Professor Walsh has done the social sciences a service by writing this book, and you should do yourself a service by reading this book.

Dr. Kevin M. Beaver, Florida State University
The understanding that humans are relational beings is central to the development of an ethical perspective that is built around the significance of care in all our lives. Our survival as infants is dependent on the care we receive from others. And for all of us, in particular, in older age, there are times when illness, emotional or physical frailty, mean that we require the care of others to enable us to deal with everyday life.

With this in mind, this book presents the findings of a project that seeks to understand what wellbeing means to older people and to influence the practice of those who work with older people. Its starting point was a shared commitment amongst researchers and an NGO collaborator to the value of working with older people in both research and practice, to learn from them and be influenced by them rather than seeing them as the ‘subjects’ of a research project.

Theoretically, the authors draw upon a range of studies in critical gerontology that seek to understand how experiences of ageing are shaped by their social, economic, cultural and political contexts. Influenced by relational ethics, they are attentive to older people both as co-researchers and research respondents. By successfully applying this perspective to social care practice, they facilitate the need for practitioners to reflect on personal aspects of ageing and care but also to bridge the gap between the personal and the professional.

About the authors

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The American Untouchables: America & the Racial Contract
A historical perspective on race-based politics
by Andre Smith, Harris Stowe State University

Ambitious in scope, this book argues that African Americans in the United States have always been, and will continue to be, unwilling participants at the bottom of a caste system that is self-perpetuated by the institutions of politics and economics. The book covers much historical ground, from the founding of this country to the Obama presidency, and the underlying finding is that race matters – and will always matter in the lives of all Americans.

Prof. Brady Baybeck, Department of Political Science, Wayne State University

Broken Branches places a critical lens on the infrastructure, institutions, social processes and practices that govern our society. The text examines the ways that neoliberalism influences society and our lives across generations. The practice of colonialism is deconstructed, showing how this practice has been renamed, but holds steadfast to its original intention of cultivating institutionalized oppression that feeds social perception. The author exposes the ways that social perceptions, juxtaposed semantics, commonly accepted definitions, practices, rhetoric and propaganda create products of maintained systemic injustice when resistance is absent and desensitization is prevalent.

On the Principles of Social Gravity
How Human Systems Work, From the Family to the United Nations
by Tobore Tobore

This book proposes a radical new way of thinking about social systems. It explains that all social systems – institutions created of and for human beings e.g. healthcare system, family, military etc., – are held together or governed by nine principles or rules. Using these principles, it examines the problems facing the US healthcare system, criminal justice system, social security, student debt crisis, tax policies, immigration, the political system, and the United Nations. Then, it provides novel and unique solutions to them. It expands on the meaning of social entropy and explains how it affects all social systems. It is a book that is likely to spark national and even global discussions about many of the institutions we have created.

Confessions and Declarations of Multicolored Men
by Frederick Douglass Alcorn, University of Puget Sound

This book is a culturally situated study of the experiences and perspectives garnered from a group of post-secondary Black African American, bi-multi-racial male students aged 19-37. The undergirding interest was to see if there was an awareness of the group's manly inclinations, tendencies and predispositions and understand how such awareness projects and influences their quest and discipline for learning and to academically achieve. The sociological construct of “habitus”, as conveyor of dispositions, inclinations, and tendencies, provides an analytical framework. The prose can be best described as an ethnographical narrative, synthesizing a wealth of original observations with insights from scholarly and popular literature and media.
This short book deals with a sociological concept: love-agape. It is an attempt to demonstrate that love-agape resists, indeed insists, as a fact that cannot be reduced or concealed. Its simple goal is to introduce agape into the vocabulary of sociological analysis by demonstrating its potential to demarcate and to interpret social phenomena. Love-agape is presented as a critical concept.

The anthology explores the interrelationship between migration and a supposedly existent crisis of the modern nation state. Authors argue that from a historical and current perspective, migration is not endangering the nation state, but rather changing the idea of a nation itself by redefining it. In historical as well as current case studies, the authors determine the political dangers of right wing demagogues, while emphasizing the chances immigration is offering the progress of the nation state. The authors for the volume come from different fields, namely historical and political sciences, and are consequently able to offer the reader a broad insight into the historical roots and the current consequences nationalism had or has on perception and global policies.

Are the impoverished victims of circumstance or are they contributing to their situations through their own actions and principles? This perplexing question does not have a simple answer. "Generational Poverty: An Economic Look at the Culture of the Poor" examines both sides of the coin. An engrossing read.

This book urges respect for solitary dissent rather than censure. It equips a wide audience to understand what previously seemed unimaginable, much more comprehensible. It shows the reader how to reach beyond those first conclusions and into the heart of the matter. The book uses four case studies (two in Ireland, one in UK, all on the record, and one authoritative biography of a well-known Italian personality), to demonstrate an approach to analyzing solitary dissent. The methods used are academic but, in the way they are presented, certainly intelligible to the lay-reader.
Politics and Web 2.0
The Participation Gap
by Gisela Gonçalves, J. Paulo Serra; Universidade da Beira Interior, Portugal (eds.)

Book summary
A point of departure for this book is the paradox between the seemingly limitless promise modern web technologies hold for enhanced political communication and their limited actual contribution. Empirical evidence indicates that neither citizens nor political parties are taking full advantage of online platforms to advance political participation. It questions whether Web 2.0 could help enhance citizens’ political participation. It offers a critical examination of the current state of the art technologies from diverse perspectives, highlighting persisting gaps in our knowledge and identifying a promising stream of further research. 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 levels. 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 authors
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Making Strangers
Outsiders, Aliens and Foreigners
by Abbes Maazaoui, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania (Ed.)

We are not born foreigners; we are made. The purpose of the book is to assert, as denoted by the title, this fundamental premise, that is, the making of strangers is the result of a deliberate and purposeful act that has social, political, and linguistic implications. The ultimate expression of this phenomenon is the compulsive labeling of people along artificial categories such as race, gender, religion, birthplace, or nationality. A corollary purpose of this book is to help shed light on one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: the place of “the other” amid fear-mongering and unabashedly contemptuous acts and rhetoric toward immigrants, refugees and all those excluded because of race, gender, national origin, religion and ethnicity.

The Origins of Liberty: An Essay in Platonic Ontology
by Alexander Zistakis

Unlike the vast majority of existing literature on Plato, this book seeks to argue that liberty constitutes the central notion and preoccupation of Platonic thought and that his theory of ideas is indeed a theory of liberty. Moreover, this book contends that Plato’s thought can be understood to be both one of liberty and a theory of liberation. Bound up in its efforts to reveal both the ideal liberty and the conditions and possibility of its existence in the so-called ‘real world,’ the thought of liberty tends to be all-encompassing. Consequently, this book seeks to expose how liberty can be understood to influence Plato’s ontological form of analysis in relation to politics, philosophy, and anthropology, as well as its influence on the structural unity of all three.

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Towards A New Social Order?
Real Democracy, Sustainability & Peace
by Patrick Holz

Book summary
This contribution argues that a long-established social order has been in place since the first stratified societies in the Near Middle East, which unavoidably comes with substantial economic, political and environmental repercussions. Part I of the book dissects the various facets of this order, which is termed the social dominance paradigm, while in Part II a fundamentally different order, the peace paradigm, is introduced. The latter rests on real democracy (in the Athenian sense), sustainability and peace.

Praise
Patrick Holz provides a detailed and devastating account of the origins and ills of the current socio-economic order as a reflection of what he calls the Social Dominance Paradigm. [...] A well-researched and thoroughly argued book that is as thought-provoking as it is optimistic about the possibilities for a better world.

Professor Jochen Runde, Judge Business School University of Cambridge

This book is a stealth weapon for peace, designed for use within the academy.

Dr. Carissa Honeywell, Sheffield Hallam University

About the author
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Eugen Ehrlich
Bibliographical Index
by Sergiy Nezhurbida, Maria Diachuk, Manfred Rehbinder; Slávka Tomaščíková (Ed.)

The Bibliographic Index EUGEN EHRLICH is a guide through available materials containing information about the life, scientific, educational, legislative and social activities of the Austrian lawyer and university professor in the period of 1896-1918. It includes a foreword by the editors, an introductory article, a basic chronology of his life and his works, and the four main parts: “List of works by Eugen Ehrlich”, “Eugen Ehrlich as editor”, “Literature about Eugen Ehrlich’s life and activity” and “Appendices”. It also contains photographs of Eugen Ehrlich and photographs of materials linked to his life and activities.

The Great Illusion
A Study of the Relation of Military Power to National Advantage
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, The Great Illusion is a passionate defense of peace, attacking widely held assumptions about the gains from war.

an epoch-making book
Boston Herald
This book addresses the benefits of Christianity for all, the degradation of our culture since the 1950s, the pernicious effects that cultural Marxism has had on Western cultures, and the loss of religious freedom as the Founders envisioned it due to a number of Supreme Court rulings. The ultimate purpose of cultural Marxism is to destroy Western civilization from within. This goal is clearly and unambiguously stated in their books and articles. The author argues that the Court has purged Christianity from the public square, and in doing so it has unwittingly helped the cultural Marxist agenda by spiritually disarming America.
Instead of dwelling on the biological, physiological, or even genetic aspects of our evolution, “Titans of the Forests” takes a completely different approach, which could be referred to as the unchartered and neglected field of macroevolution. Uniquely captivating, controversial, and very readable, it is the author’s contention that we as a species were continuously forced to change our way of obtaining nourishment, or rather our various economies, in order to adapt to the ever-changing world. And as a result of this economic adaptation, our species would then and only then begin to slowly change into the modern humans of today.

For much too long, the world’s scientific community has directed the discussion of our incredible evolution. As a matter of fact, our species’ biological, physiological, psychological, and cultural evolution has been instigated, propelled, and shaped by our economic adaptation to a fluctuating environment. In a very real sense, the scientists are so far into the trees that they have actually ignored the forest. Consequently, we teach human evolution as a hodgepodge of different theories within the realm of microevolution, thus failing to understand or even to recognize the economic thread that binds them altogether.

The author has created a systematic and holistic approach in explaining the “how” and the “why” we have economically, physiologically, and then culturally evolved.

**Praise**

In a world of increasing academic and expert specialization, it is rare to find a text so grand in scope and holistic in perspective. In anthropological terms, Mr. Short has produced what might be called a four-field approach to the history of the homo sapien species that combines cultural, biological, archaeological, and linguistic evidence. [...] What is unique about Mr. Short’s contribution is how he links our physical evolution to economics. [...]

Dr. Andrew Nelson, Department of Anthropology, University of North Texas

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**Titans of the Forests: Economic Drivers of Evolution**

*by Gregory V. Short*

**Book summary**

This book critically examines and assesses the literary evidence available through Vedic and allied literature portraying the nature of Vedic polity, the functionalities of its various institutions, and the various social and religious practices. This book does not narrate but critically examines the nature of changes in a host of these areas that occurred at each stage of Vedic polity from early Vedic period to post Rig-Vedic period.

*An important study that enhances our understanding of early Indian polity.*  

Edwin Bryant, Professor of Hinduism, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

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**Cultural Landscape Transaction and Values of Nupe Community in Central Nigeria**

*by Isa Bala Muhammad*

This book provides readers with insights on how cultural landscapes are conceptualised under two major realms of tangible and intangible values as exemplified in this study of a rural Nupe community in central Nigeria. Equally important are the people-space and place relationships which result in a sense of place. The cultural values of communities are a product of the natural and social settings that begin with the family (shaping the architecture of the domestic space). Its uniqueness is based on the empirical evidence provided by the documentation of an eight-month ethnographic study which brought about the native residents perception of their cultural landscape.

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**The Rig-Vedic and Post-Rig-Vedic Polity (1500 BCE-500 BCE)**

*by R.U.S. Prasad, Harvard University*

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Book summary
Communication in the public sphere, as well as within organizational contexts has attracted the interest of researchers over the past century. Current forms of citizen engagement and community development, partly enabled through digital communication, have further enhanced the visibility and relevance of non-profit communication. These are performed by the civil society, which is 'the organized expression of the values and interests of society'. Despite the relevance in the public sphere, non-profit communication was never properly defined within communication research. The aim of this book is to offer an overview and report on Strategic Communication for Non-Profit-Organisations and the Challenges and Alternative Approaches. Considering the assumption that a key principle of strategic communication is the achievement of organisational goals, the majority of research developed in the field has used business environments to develop theories, models, empirical insights and case studies. Here, we take a step towards new approaches centred on the concept of non-profit in various dimensions and from various perspectives, showing the diversity and complexity around this subject and at the same time the need of further theoretical and empirical work that provides frameworks and also tools for further understanding of the phenomena.

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Thinking Through Badgers
Researching the controversy over bovine tuberculosis and the culling of badgers
by Stephan Price, University of Exeter

Intervention or Protest
Acting for Nonhuman Animals
by Andrew Woodhall, Gabriel Garmendia da Trindade; University of Birmingham (Eds.)

Within current political, social, and ethical debates – both in academia and society – activism and how individuals should approach issues facing nonhuman animals, have become increasingly important, 'hot' topics. Ought we proceed through liberation? Abolition? Segregation? Integration? This book considers how this question, and contemporary issues facing non-humans (such as experimentation, hunting, and factory farming) should be answered by drawing on both theory and practice in order to provide grounded, yet actionable, ways forward.
Reporting from the Wars 1850 – 2015
The origins and evolution of the war correspondent
by Daniel Barredo, Steven James Grattan, Barry Turner (Eds.)

Book summary
War reporting has made a massive impression on the public not only in how wars are fought but why they are fought. The ability of the public to ‘see’ what is happening at the front changed the public’s attitude to war in very many respects and even where a war may be ‘popular’ the involvement of the press led to criticisms that have changed war almost in equal measure to the changes brought about by weapons technology.
This book compiles historical and contemporary stories of the war correspondent and battlefield photographer from the earliest days of modern war reporting to the present. It will seek to determine the changes in style, method and practice of the work of the war correspondent and examine the changes in attitudes to, and how the public view war from the high point of imperialism to the present day jihad. This book will be of interest to journalists, academics, students and in general history.
By mixing historical analysis with contributions from modern war reporters it will analyse such subjects as the role of propaganda in winning over the public to support wars of aggression, the portrayal of war as entertainment, the use of technology in war reporting and the lives, and sadly often the deaths of those who take on this most dangerous and disturbing vocation.

Memes of Misinformation: Federal Spending
Unraveling the controversial, socio-economic and political issues behind those annoying social media memes
by Julio C. Castañeda Jr.

The author tackles complex socio-economic and political topics related to the economy of the United States, such as the federal budget, wasteful spending, the national debt, unemployment and social security. By breaking down each subject into layman’s terms, the author clearly and concisely presents, in an unbiased manner, the facts behind the fake news, half-truths and general misinformation from the annoying headlines and memes cluttering social media.

The Playbook of Persuasive Reasoning
Everyday Empowerment and Likeability
by Gavin F. Hurley, Lasell College

This book provides an easy, practical guide to the strategies of persuasive reasoning, which Gavin Hurley argues is crucial to all effective communication. Helping professionals and students to become better and more likeable communicators, this fundamental “playbook” outlines numerous eye-opening communicative maneuvers for readers of all levels and backgrounds. It offers a unique approach to argumentation and persuasion and moves away from the more conventional methods which are often overtechnical, unnecessarily complex or too science oriented. Hurley demonstrates how to successfully apply these strategies of cooperative argumentation to your life in order to succeed professionally, socially and cerebrally.
Back to the Core
Rethinking the Core Texts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Education in Europe
by Emma Cohen de Lara, Hanke Drop (Eds.)

Book summary
Whereas liberal arts and sciences education arguably has European roots, European universities have evolved over the last century to become advanced research institutions, mainly offering academic training in specialized disciplines. The Bologna process, started by the European Union in the late nineties, encouraged European institutions of higher education to broaden their curricula and to commit to undergraduate education with increased vigor. One of the results is that Europe is currently witnessing a proliferation of liberal arts and sciences colleges and broad bachelor degrees. This edited volume fills a gap in the literature by providing reflections on the recent developments in Europe with regard to higher education in the liberal arts and sciences. The first section includes reflections from either side of the Atlantic about the nature and aims of liberal arts and sciences education and the way in which it takes shape, or should take shape in European institutions of higher learning. This edited volume takes a distinct approach to liberal arts and sciences education by focusing on the unique way in which core texts – i.e. classic texts from philosophical, historical, literary or cultural traditions involving “the best that has been written” – meet the challenges of modern higher education in general and in Europe in particular. This approach is manifested explicitly in the second section that focuses on how specific core texts promote the goals of liberal arts and sciences education, including the teaching methods, curricular reflections, and personal experiences of teaching core texts. This edited volume is based on a selection of papers presented at a conference held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in September 2015. It is meant to impart the passion that teachers and administrators share about developing the liberal arts and sciences in Europe with the help of core texts in order to provide students with a well-rounded, formative, and genuinely liberal education.

Praise
This collection of essays admirably reflects the Association for Core Texts and Courses conference in Amsterdam in September 2015 from which it was generated. The watchword is inclusiveness: authors from a variety of departments are represented from across the United States and Europe, there are no limits on what texts can be examined - from Plato to Wallace - and no restrictions on the approach taken toward the text. The spirit of experimentation pervades the writing and thinking and assures the existence of the kind of seminar protocol that was first elucidated by Socrates. His only rule in conversation was for his speakers to say what they truly thought, and what better way to stimulate original thought? This is a splendid achievement for the cause of interdisciplinarity.

Norma Thompson, Yale University

This volume is an important resource for anyone thinking about how to approach liberal arts education in a time of vertiginous technological and social change. It is particularly valuable for those who care about reviving a true liberal arts tradition in European universities. The tasks and commitments described in this volume are not only academic, but have clear implications for broader social questions and for the kind of world we wish to live in. The volume engages both in theory and practice, debate and exposition, and offers a broad range of approaches to the use of core texts in the education of whole persons. In its breadth and reach, the volume itself offers a model of the variety, richness, and complexity of the liberal arts endeavor. Faculty, university leaders, and students of the liberal arts tradition will find the essays in this collection richly rewarding.

Roosevelt Montás, Columbia University

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Since the days of the Ancient Greeks, history has been perceived as the academic study of the past. Unfortunately, it has generally been taught as a litany of rigid, boring facts intended to be accepted rather than questioned. This book is built around 16 essential questions (broad, open-ended and subject to vigorous debate) designed to challenge this common assumption.

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Almost five decades after his death, there is still ample reason to pay attention to the life and legacy of Bertrand Russell. This is true not only because of his role as one of the founders of analytic philosophy, but also because of his important place in twentieth-century history as an educator, public intellectual, critic of organized religion, humanist, and peace activist. The papers in this anthology explore Russell’s life and legacy from a wide variety of perspectives. This is altogether fitting, given the many-sided nature of Russell, his life, and his work.

The first section of the book considers Russell the man, and draws lessons from Russell’s complicated personal life. The second examines Russell the philosopher, and the philosophical world within which his work was embedded. The third scrutinizes Russell the atheist and critic of organized religion, inquiring which parts of his critical stance are worth emulating today. The final section revisits Russell the political activist; it directs an eye both at Russell’s own long career of peace activism, but also at his place in a highly political family tradition of which he was justifiably proud.

This book thus constitutes an invitation, if one were needed, to the world of Bertrand Russell. But this book is not just intended for the Russell neophyte. Scholars well-versed in Russell’s studies will enjoy grappling with the treatment given to these topics here.

About the editor

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Napoleon’s Purgatory

The Unseen Humanity of the “Corsican Ogre” in Fatal Exile

by Thomas M. Barden

Napoleon’s Purgatory is a work portraying the human side of Napoleon as revealed by those who shared his exile on the island of St. Helena. Through the diaries and journals of the Emperor’s servants, generals, and companions come the stories of Napoleon’s tender love for children, his captivating sense of humor, his eternal love for Josephine, and his agonizing death. Napoleon Bonaparte was sent by the British to the remote island of St. Helena where he could not escape. While many considered Napoleon Bonaparte the “Corsican Ogre” for the wars he waged across Europe, he was anything but during his exile on St. Helena.

Mersey Built

The Role of Merseyside in the American Civil War

by Robert Thorp

Amalgam of American maritime history and British business and commercial intrigue with a compendium of appropriate British shipbuilding of the day. […] A fascinating journey through the American civil war period. Well worth reading for those of diverse interests.

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Dr. Michael Wood OBE, Sen. Lecturer Emeritus, School of Geo-sciences, University of Aberdeen
**Revitalizing History**

**Recognizing the Struggles, Lives, and Achievements of African American and Women Art Educators**  
by Ami Kantawala, Paul Bolin, (Eds.)

The overarching objective of the text is to recognize the historical role that many overlooked individuals—particularly African Americans and women—have played in the field of art education, and acknowledge the importance of history and historical research in this digital age. This text opens up possibilities of faculty collaborations across programs interested in history and historical research on a local, national, and international level.

This text is indispensable to any art educator who wants to envision their classroom as a public space that has the potential to radically transform our understanding of the past, in relation to our present and our future.

*Dipti Desai, New York University*

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**Canada before Confederation**

**Maps at the Exhibition**  
by Lauren Beck, Chet Van Duzer

Each of the maps featured in this book were showcased in the exhibition “Canada before Confederation: Early Exploration and Mapping” in 2017. The authors provide a scholarly study highlighting the importance and unique features of each of these jewels of cartographic history, with particular attention paid to how they demonstrate the development of Canadian identity at the same time that they reveal Indigenous knowledge of the lands now known as Canada.

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**Einstein for Anyone: A Quick Read**  
*[2nd Edition]*

A concise but up-to-date account of Albert Einstein’s life, thought and major achievements  
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*Stephen G. Brush, University of Maryland.*

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Our traditional ways of thinking about politics and society are becoming obsolete. We need some new points of reference to re-imagine the possible character, growth, and functioning of our private and common life. Such re-imagination would imply doing away with every-man-for-himself individualism as well as consumption-makes-me-happy materialism and the state-will-take-care-of-it passivity. There is an alternative: Personalism is a forgotten, yet golden perspective on human-ity that seeks to describe what a human being is and to then draw the social consequences. It builds upon the thinking of Martin Buber and Emmanuel Levinas, among others, and has been a source of inspiration for Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, and other important personalities in recent history. According to personalism, humans are relational and engaged and possess dignity. The person and the relationship amongst persons are the universal point of departure: Human beings have inherent dignity, and good relationships amongst humans are crucial for the good, engaged life and for a good society. Personalism has been greatly neglected in Western political thought. In this book, Jonas Norgaard Mortensen attempts to introduce personalism while simultaneously demonstrating its historical origins, acquainting the reader with its thinkers and those who have practiced it, and showing that personalism has a highly relevant contribution to make in the debate about today’s social and political developments.

Praise

The Common Good captures personalism’s core insight, interpersonal relations as the key to understanding God, Persons, and the world. This presentation of personalism is the first, as far as I know, to present personalism to a general audience. From that perspective, The Common Good, accomplishes an important goal: Personalism is central to daily grappling with our common lives together. Pulled to something greater than ourselves, we must embrace personalism with unrelenting passion.

Thomas O. Buford, Professor, Furman University, North Carolina

Looking at the Sun

New Writings in Modern Personalism

by Simon Smith, University of Surrey, UK; Anna Castriota (Eds.)

Every kind of exploration is touched in some way by a philosophy of persons; touched and often vitally enhanced. This collection sets out to mine this rich seam of influence, bringing together authors keen to strike new developments and applications. Together, they have put their philosophy of persons to work in fields as wide-ranging as the moral and the metaphysical, the practical and the political, the cultural, and the cosmological. In doing so, they have drawn on and illustrated the depth and breadth of modern Personalist thought, demonstrating its crucial relevance to debates across the entire philosophical spectrum. Readers from every corner of the philosophical world will find much here to challenge and stimulate them.

Lucian Blaga

Selected Philosophical Extracts

by R.T. Allen, Angela Botez, and Henrieta Serban (Eds.)

This book includes central elements of Blaga’s metaphysics, general epistemology, philosophies of science, history, religion, language and especially metaphor, the experience of space and time, art, and finally culture which includes all of them, especially the presence in all of ‘style’ and distinctive ways of practising them. All these extracts are linked by his general epistemology, especially his distinction between two types of knowledge: ‘paradisiac’ or Type 1 and ‘Luciferian’ or Type 2.

[This] will help renew interest in an important philosophical and cultural voice.

Professor Julian Stern, York St. John University, UK
This volume seeks to explore the intersection of theology, philosophy and the public sphere, not by referring the social and political to ethics and deontology as is often the case, but rather to ontology itself, to the very nature of beings. The meaning of history and historicity is most pertinent to this enquiry and is approached here both from the perspective of social reality and from the perspective of ontology. Joining together contributions focusing on theory of the public sphere and metaphysics, the chapters explore subjects as diverse as the political implications of the Incarnation, the paradox between ontology and history, politically left and right appropriations of Christianity, the fecundity of Maximus the Confessor’s insights for a contemporary political philosophy, modern Orthodox political theology focusing on Christos Yannaras and numerous thematic areas that together form the mosaic of the enquiry in question.

Praise
As usual, Mitralexis undoubtedly delivers a work of accomplished scholarship. [...] A key book for scholars seeking to critique the mainstream paradigms of the interplay between philosophy and political theology and create alternative approaches.

Prof. George Steiris, University of Athens, Greece

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Essay on Human Reason
On the Principle of Identity and Difference
by J. Edward Hackett, Savannah State University

Reason has many faces. They are perfectly known in philosophy, but what has been found is a previously unknown aspect, which shows us that they are all variations of the same theme: justice is relation of identity between the given, and the deserved and truth is identity between the ‘thought’ and ‘reality’; and beauty is a relation of identity as rhyme is identity between the final sounds of words; and rhythm is an identity between time intervals; and symmetry is identity between two halves; and proportion is identity between two ratios; and anaphora is a relation of identity between the initial word; and particular things are identities in themselves and universals are identities between particulars; and one idea associates to another idea which is identical to it.

Persons and Values in Pragmatic Phenomenology
by Nikola Stojkoski

Philosophy

Mustard Seeds in the Public Square
Between and Beyond Theology, Philosophy, and Society
by Sotiris Mitralexis, City University of Istanbul, Turkey; University of Winchester, UK (Ed.)

Book summary
This volume seeks to explore the intersection of theology, philosophy and the public sphere, not by referring the social and political to ethics and deontology as is often the case, but rather to ontology itself, to the very nature of beings. The meaning of history and historicity is most pertinent to this enquiry and is approached here both from the perspective of social reality and from the perspective of ontology. Joining together contributions focusing on theory of the public sphere and metaphysics, the chapters explore subjects as diverse as the political implications of the Incarnation, the paradox between ontology and history, politically left and right appropriations of Christianity, the fecundity of Maximus the Confessor’s insights for a contemporary political philosophy, modern Orthodox political theology focusing on Christos Yannaras and numerous thematic areas that together form the mosaic of the enquiry in question.

Praise
As usual, Mitralexis undoubtedly delivers a work of accomplished scholarship. [...] A key book for scholars seeking to critique the mainstream paradigms of the interplay between philosophy and political theology and create alternative approaches.

Prof. George Steiris, University of Athens, Greece

About the editor
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Essay on Human Reason
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This book brings together the author’s overall research trajectory of the last five years of his life. The questions he has been asking himself are: What is the person? And, what are values? In answering the latter question, he arrived at an answer within the boundaries of Max Scheler, the German phenomenologist, but consequently started to explore the depths of which Scheler’s value ontology was predicated on certain assumptions about the person. From these questions, he started to draw upon philosophical approaches that thematize experience—pragmatism and phenomenology. Rooted in the philosophical contributions of Scheler and the American philosopher, William James, this book guides the reader through a fascinating exploration of these philosophical approaches in relation to the person and values.
For upwards of 25 years, Yemi D. Prince has systematically devoted himself to the education, research and reason of Creative Writing and from Creative Writing to Creative Thinking and from Creative Thinking to Yoruba narrative, cultural, folk philosophy. On realizing that Creative Thinking has become his area of focus and interest, he succeeds in cultivating big ideas, combining them with his life-long experiences in the Humanities, transforming them into new ways of writing, thinking or reasoning. Thus, his big ideas have helped him separate Yoruba folk philosophy from Yoruba autochthonous religion.
Be it Foucault’s insight into a society based on ‘power-knowledge’ or Fukuyama’s attempts to predict the future based on the end-game situation of systematic inquiry that belongs to a “region of being”—as Heidegger would say—whose theoretical, practical and institutional dimensions played an unprecedented role in creating the philosophy of the civilization.

Iwamoto 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.

Anthony Shaker is doing philosophy in the way it should be done...he makes a compelling argument, and his grasp of philosophy, history, and the social sciences is both deep and broad...

Reviewed in Journal of Islamic Studies (2017) by Prof. Edward Moad, University of Missouri-Columbia

This fascinating book adopts a radically interdisciplinary approach in order to sort out modernity by questioning that which we call philosophy...delighted by the wealth of insights and connections unraveled by the author...genius.

Prof. Mohammad Azadpur, San Francisco State University
The topic of human free will has received more attention in the past several years due to the important discoveries of neuroscience, but no consensus of opinion is evident in related disciplines. The traditional approach to understanding free will in philosophy employs conceptual analysis to determine whether humans have freedom of choice. Theology affirms that every person has free choice, although God is somehow behind all human decisions. Evolutionary psychology points to human behavior as the product of biological processes and antecedent events. Neuroethics attempts to define what it means to be a thinking moral agent by investigating how neurons in the brain and chemical interactions combine to produce conscious actions. An assessment and evaluation of these various positions is given in light of the evidence.

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- **Ka Osi So Onye: African Philosophy in the Postmodern Era**
  - by Jonathan Chimakonam, Edwin Etieyibo (Eds.)
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The Philosophy of Forgiveness is multi-dimensional and complex. As part of Vernon Press’ series on the Philosophy of Forgiveness, Explorations of Forgiveness: Personal, Relational, and Religious begins the task of creating a consistent multidimensional account of forgiveness by bringing together multiple voices from around the globe to analyze, discuss, and draw conclusions about how best to understand forgiveness.

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The Impact Of Reason On Faith, Ethics And Belief by Geran F. Dodson, University of North Georgia

Darwin’s Incomplete Idea
African Philosophy in the Postmodern Era by Gunnar Odhner

Why is progress in environmental protection slow and faltering? Is it because we misunderstand our place in nature? This book argues that it is the normative implications of Darwinism and their powerful grip on collective social consciousness that are partly responsible for the tardiness. We are not as free as we think when we talk about our “free will”, because language uses us when we use it, hence our double roles as victims and instigators. The main thesis of this book is that rather than merely possessing language, we are language. It should be of interest to philosophers of language and social scientists concerned about the environment and our place in it.

An original, clear argument, with lots of clever ideas

Grant Bartley, Editor, Philosophy Now magazine

The Philosophy of Forgiveness Vol. II
New Dimensions of Forgiveness
by Court Lewis, Owensboro Community & Technical College (ed.)

Volume II of series on The Philosophy of Forgiveness offers several challenging and provocative chapters that seek to push the conversation in new directions and dimensions. It presents a set of chapters that delve into several deep conceptual and metaphysical features of forgiveness. New Dimensions of Forgiveness creates a theoretical framework for understanding the many nuanced features of forgiveness, namely, third-party forgiveness, forgiveness as an aesthetic process, the role of resentment in warranting forgiveness, the moral status of self-forgiveness, epistemic trust, forgiveness’s influence on the moral status of persons, forgiveness in time, the status of Substance and Subject within a Hegelian framework, Jacques Derrida’s “impossible” forgiveness, and the use of imaginative “magic” to become a maximal forgiver.

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God: A brief philosophical introduction
by K.H.A. Esmail, University of Cambridge

Book summary
This is a clear and original investigation of God’s nature and existence.

First of all, it considers two of God’s traditional properties: being all-knowing and being all-powerful. It argues he cannot possess these properties. But, it argues this is in accord with him being worthy of worship.

Secondly, it introduces the notion of evil being “overridden”. It argues he has to bring about other free living things and it is plausible they have to be liable to experience evil due to their conditions. But, it argues the evil in this world is “overridden”.

Thirdly, it considers the principal arguments for the claim he does not exist (They refer to the evil in the world). It argues they do not establish sufficient grounds for this claim.

Finally, it considers some well-known arguments for the claim he exists. It argues they face difficulties while setting out other arguments.

It covers as a whole the principal parts of the Philosophy of Religion and unifies these parts to a significant degree. Frequently original in its approach, this investigation proceeds by way of formal and clear arguments.

It will be of interest to advanced students and specialists in Philosophy, Religious Studies and Theology.

About the author
Karim Esmail, BA, MPhil, PhD, has been educated at many prestigious institutions including the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard. He has received numerous prizes including the Gregg Bury Prize, Cambridge. Formerly, a Research Fellow at Oxford and Visiting Fellow at Harvard, Esmail now holds the position of Course Director and Tutor in the department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge.

Atheism and the Christian Faith
by William H. U. Anderson, Concordia University of Edmonton, Canada (Ed.)

Atheism and the Christian Faith is an anthology of the proceedings from a conference of the same name which convened at Concordia University of Edmonton in May 2016. The book represents a wide diversity of subtopics—primarily from a philosophical perspective—including submissions from atheists, agnostics and theists. This combination of topics and perspectives makes the book totally unique. There are arguments for and against theism. Professor Richard Swinburne, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Oxford University, forewords the book. Atheism and the Christian Faith advances arguments around serious philosophical issues of direct relevance to contemporary society. It will be of interest to a broad range of scholars in philosophy, theology and epistemology.

Beyond Realism: Seeking the Divine Other
A Study in Applied Metaphysics
by Simon Smith, University of Surrey, UK

The meaning of “God-talk” remains the fundamental issue facing religious thinkers today. This study concerns the analogies needed to make sense of that “talk.” Embracing those analogies signals the application of Austin Farrer’s cutting-edge theology. Following this course returns us to an earlier tradition, to a metaphysic of persons exemplified in the expressions of lived faith.

“A very rich text, which both proposes a new theory of the religiosity of consciousness per se, as well as shedding new light on Farrer, reinstating him as a major thinker of the twentieth century.”

Dr. Karl Simms, University of Liverpool, UK
Christian and Islamic Philosophies of Time
by Sotiris Mitrapelexis, City University of Istanbul; University of Winchester, UK; Marcin Podbielski (Eds.)

Book summary
This volume constitutes an attempt at bringing together philosophies of time—or more precisely, philosophies on time and, in a concomitant way, history—emerging from Christianity’s and Islam’s intellectual histories. Starting from the Neoplatonic heritage and the voice of classical philosophy, the volume enters the Byzantine and Arabic intellectual worlds up to Ibn Al-Arabi’s times. A conscious choice in this volume is not to engage with, perhaps, the most prominent figures of Christian and Arabic philosophy, Augustine and Avicenna/Ibn Sina, precisely because they have attracted so much attention due to their prominence in their respective traditions—and beyond. In a certain way, Maximus the Confessor and Ibn Al-Arabi—together with Al-Fārābī—emerge as alternative representatives of their two traditions in this volume, offering two axes for this endeavor. The synthesis of those approaches on time and history, their comparison rather than their mere co-existence, is left to the reader’s critical inquiry and philosophical investigation.

About the editors
Sotiris Mitrapelexis is Professor of Philosophy at the City University of Istanbul and Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Winchester, UK. Marcin Podbielski is Editor-in-Chief of Forum Philosophicum and teaches philosophy at the Jesuit University Ignatianum.

Praise
There are many texts on the common concepts of philosophy and science such as God, universe and man. But not so much on time as complementary to all of them. In Christian and Islamic Philosophies of Time, Sotiris Mitrapelexis and Marcin Podbielski bring together different perspectives on time based on Christian/Byzantine and Islamic/Arabic thought. Through the concept of time this book not only demonstrates how time bridges Ancient Greece and Medieval Europe but also the Christian and Islamic worlds. Even contemporary debates on time have a lot to learn from this rich, timeless experience.

Professor Ishak Arslan,
Philosophy Department, City University of Istanbul

Fish in the Bible
Psychosocial Analysis of Contemporary Meanings, Values, and Effects of Christian Symbolism
by Carmen M. Cusack,
Nova Southeastern University

The book analyzes why and to what end tales and truths about fish presented in the Bible hold water in Christian societies today. It explores differences between Christian maxims presented in Bible verses and the beliefs and actions of societies operating under Christian moral majorities. Fish in the Bible also considers the evolution of symbolism and metaphors in Christian society using parables and tales found in the Bible.

Cusack’s analysis is absorbing and theologically fascinating.
Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco, Nova Southeastern University

Better to Reign in Hell, Than Serve In Heaven
Satan’s Metamorphosis From a Heavenly Council Member to the Ruler of Pandaemonium
by Allan Wright,
University of Alberta, Canada

The author argues that Satan was not perceived as a universal malevolent deity, the embodiment of evil, or the “ruler of Pandemonium” within first century Christian literature or even within second and third century Christian discourses as some scholars have insisted. Instead, for early “Christian” authors, Satan represented a pejorative term used to describe terrestrial, tangible, and concrete social realities, perceived of as adversaries.

It deserves to be read for its theoretical sophistication and its intricate elucidation of ancient myth-making.
Professor Willi Braun, Department of History and Classics, University of Alberta, Canada
The Confusion between Art and Design

Brain-tools versus Body-tools
by Tsion Avital, Holon Institute of Technology, Israel

Book summary
In the past century the borders have blurred between art and design. Designers, artists, aestheticians, curators, art and design critics, historians and students all seem confused about these borders. Figurative painting was reduced to graphic design while still being called ‘art’. Figurative sculpture was reduced to nonfunctional industrial design while being called ‘sculpture’. This fundamental blunder resulted from total misunderstanding of the concept of “abstraction” by the founders of modern art. Comprehensive analysis shows that so-called “abstract art” is neither abstract nor art, but a very simple, even trivial, kind of design.

In this book the prehistoric, philosophical, logical, historic and religious sources of the confusion between art and design are analyzed.

A new and coherent conceptual framework is proposed, to distinguish between art and design. Nearly one hundred distinctions, contradistinctions and comparisons between art and design are presented, showing clearly that they are totally independent domains.

Philosophy of art books are written by philosophers for philosophers, not for artists and designers; therefore they are irrelevant for the latter, especially for students who normally lack the necessary conceptual training. This book is not only for theoreticians but for art and design practitioners at all levels. This is a new kind of book: an illustrated philosophical book for the art and design world, which can make philosophical knowledge accessible and useful for solving real problems for designers and artists who are mostly visual rather than conceptual thinkers. The book contains over two hundred images; thus art and design people can easily follow the arguments and reasoning presented in this book in their own language: images.

Lack of distinction between art and design harms both. Design is contaminated by the ills of modern art, while modern art cannot recover from its current stagnation whilst under the illusion that it is actually art rather than design.

About the author
Tsion Avital is perhaps the most original and revolutionary thinker in the field of philosophy of art today. Even at the start in his Master’s thesis (1970) and his doctorate (1974) he claimed that modern art is not a new paradigm in art, but the debris of figurative art and thus is not a substitute for it. He claimed that over tens of thousands of years figurative art contained two simultaneous layers: a revealed layer which is content related and semantic, which we call figurative art, and a hidden layer which is structural, and whose principal component is the hierarchic structure of every figurative painting without exception. In order to create a new paradigm for art, he suggested turning around and creating an artistic paradigm that would be based on representation of the structural characteristics of the mind, and neglecting the semantic layer which in any case has been exhausted. In the 1970’s modern art was at its peak and so there was no chance for a new paradigm of art, just as there is no point in proposing medication to a sick person who does not realize he is sick.

Praise
I admire his courage to change misconceptions about art and design. He is clearly a very original and logical thinker and I hope that the present publication will change conceptions that are detrimental to both art and design.

Estelle Alma Maré, Editor in Chief,
The South African Journal of Art History (SAJAH)

Dr. Avital has been publishing scholarly essays and speaking at conferences for decades on the subject of art versus design. The attempt to isolate the disparate disciplines, if indeed either is a discipline, might be compared to the continuing nature-versus-nurture argument by social scientists. Both have been what-seems-to-be-endlessly deliberated. Even though the study of art and of design are theoretical, Dr. Avital has come closer than anyone to approaching them as if they were empirical. His clear and rigorous parsing of the issues in The Confusion Between Art and Design dares disagreement and will do much toward concluding the argument.

Prof. Mel Byars, Design Historian, author of The Design Encyclopedia

Avital’s book is a beam of light into the murkiness and confusion characterizing modern art in general and the relations between art and design in particular. [...] will accept this book with enthusiasm, because of its interdisciplinary, quite contemporary functional approach, and encyclopedic embracing of the entire Artistic Universe.

Professor Vladimir Petrov
State Institute for Art Studies, Moscow;
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The Ideas, Identity and Art of Daniel Spoerri

Contingencies and Encounters of an ‘Artistic Animator’

by Leda Cempellin, South Dakota State University

The term “artistic animator” is inspired by the definition “Kunstanimator” given to Spoerri by his longstanding friend Karl Gerstner during an interview with Katerina Vatsella in 1995. This is the first monograph entirely devoted to Daniel Spoerri in the United States to date. With an introduction by Barbara Räderscheidt.

[I]t offers Anglophone readers fresh insights into the genesis of Spoerri’s important work and illuminates fascinating intellectual exchanges between artists, curators, and other key figures in the European art world from the late 1950s to the present.

Jill Carrick, Carleton University, Canada

The Road to Parnassus

Artist Strategies in Contemporary Art

by Diego Mantoan, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy

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? Since entering art school such questions hoard in students’ minds and they probably chase every kind of art professional in the early stages of their career. “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. [A title long-listed for the 2016 William M.B. Berger Prize for British Art History.]

A profoundly researched, well-written and accessible study.

Dr. Tobias Vogt, Universität der Künste College of Fine Arts, Berlin

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Memos from a Theatre Lab

Spaces, Relationships, and Immersive Theatre

by Nandita Dinesh (UWC-USA)

Drawing from Dinesh’s findings in Memos from a Theatre Lab: Exploring What Immersive Theatre “Does”, this practice-based-research project – second in an envisioned series of Immersive Theatre experiments in Dinesh’s theatre laboratory -- considers the potential impact of pre-existing relationships between actors, spectators, and performance spaces when using immersive theatrical aesthetics toward educational and/or socio-political objectives. In describing the processes involved in designing such an experiment, crafting the relevant immersive performances, and gathering/ analysing data from actors and spectators, this book puts forward strategies for students, researchers, and practitioners who seek to better understand the form of Immersive Theatre.

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Portrait of Young Genius

The Mind and Art of Marie Bashkirtseff

by Joel L. Schiff

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This book can be a “directing-altering book,” since it provides high-quality learning resources that encourage and challenge film enthusiasts, students, and professionals to break through to new levels of excellence and impact in their film directing, television directing, and new media directing. This book puts forward a well-informed and innovative discussion of critical director’s choices that have not previously been considered by existing texts on film and television directing. It offers an in-depth look at film, television and new media directing from a perspective of clearly articulated directorial concepts and shot design. As a more hands-on, practical book, the directorial concepts introduced and presented here, along with the practical exercises, provide a foundation of theoretical and practical knowledge that any person can learn and apply.

Looking-Glass Wars
Spies on British Screens since 1960
by Alan Burton, University of Leicester, UK

Book summary
This is a detailed historical and critical overview of espionage in British film and television in the important period since 1960. From that date, the British spy screen was transformed under the influence of the tremendous success of James Bond in the cinema (the spy thriller), and of the new-style spy writing of John le Carré and Len Deighton (the espionage story). In the 1960s, there developed a popular cycle of spy thrillers in the cinema and on television. The new study looks in detail at the cycle which in previous work has been largely neglected in favour of the James Bond films. The study also brings new attention to espionage on British television and popular secret agent series such as Spy Trap, Quiller and The Sandbaggers. It also gives attention to the more ‘realistic’ representation of spying in the film and television adaptations of le Carré and Deighton, and other dramas with a more serious intent. In addition, there is wholly original attention given to ‘nostalgic’ spy fictions on screen, adaptations of classic stories of espionage which were popular in the late 1970s and through the 1980s, etc. The approach is empirical and historical. The study examines the production and reception, literary and historical contexts of the films and dramas. It is the first detailed overview of the British spy screen in its crucial period since the 1960s and provides fresh attention to spy films, series and serials never previously considered.

About the author
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Directing the narrative and shot design
The Art and Craft of Directing
by Lubomir Kocka

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Enchantments of Place
by Pauline Sameshima, Alexandra Fidyk, Kedrick James, Carl Leggo (Eds.)

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by Sadia Gill

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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. He lectured part-time in Historical Linguistics and Communications Studies at the Polytechnic of Central London and at Goldsmiths’ College London and then became Research Officer at the University of Essex working on the EUROTRA Machine Translation project from 1986 to 1990. Since 1990 he has been teaching French and German to University scholarship and entrance level at Lancing College and was latterly Head of the French Department there.

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Orient–Occident Crossings in Literature in a foreign language
by Adam Bednarczyk, Magdalena Kubarek, Maciej Szatkowski

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