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Cost overrun is common in public and private sector projects. Costs tend to grow, plans fail and financial problems follow, but how can we approve the right projects if we cannot estimate their true cost? This book, for academics in project management, management accounting and corporate finance, as well as for managers in the public and private sectors, offers a new way of thinking about the causes and consequences of cost overrun for firms and society. It demonstrates that there is a logic behind cost growth and overrun, identifies projects and situations that are more vulnerable, and examines the effects of increased costs. It further identifies the negative and positive consequences of cost overrun, analyses how and why preconditions for cost overrun differ when the logic governing private firms dominates versus the logic of the political sector, and explains why cost can sometimes be of lesser importance to decision makers.

This book brings together a unique range of case studies focusing on networks in the context of business regulation. The case studies form the basis for an interdisciplinary dialogue on the meaning, value and the limits of the 'network concept' as a tool for understanding and critically evaluating the emergent transnational legal order.

Winner of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Award at the Business Book Awards 2021 'Underpinned by scholarship...entertaining...Legrain's book fizzes with practical ideas.' The Economist 'The beauty of diversity is that innovation often comes about by serendipity. As Scott Page observed, one day in 1904, at the World Fair in St Louis, the ice cream vendor ran out of cups. Ernest Hami, a Syrian waffle vendor in the booth next door, rolled up some waffles to make cones – and the rest is history.' Filled with data, anecdotes and optimism, Them and Us is an endorsement of cultural differences at a time of acute national introspection. By every measure, from productivity to new perspectives, immigrants bring something beneficial to society. If patriotism means wanting the best for your country, we should be welcoming immigrants with open arms.

The global financial crisis has reignited interest in models of crisis prediction. It has also raised the question whether financial connectedness - a possible source of systemic risk - can serve as an early warning indicator of crises. In this paper we examine the ability of connectedness in the global network of financial linkages to predict systemic banking crises. Our results indicate that increases in a country's financial interconnectedness and decreases in its neighbors' connectedness are associated with a higher probability of banking crises after controlling for macroeconomic fundamentals.

Unlearning Imperial Power Relations

Fintech and the Remaking of Financial Institutions

Causes, Consequences, and Investment Decisions

Edward Snowden and the American Surveillance State

An Outline Company Secretarial Practice

12 YEAR-WISE CTET Paper 1 Solved Papers (2011 - 2019) - 2nd English Edition

A Careful Examination of the Development of His Views on Darwinism

Educating in Dialog: Constructing meaning and building knowledge with dialogic technology contains a collection of new articles on the relationship of learning, dialog and technology. The articles combine different views of dialogic learning stemming from a multiplicity of discipline backgrounds and research interests including educational de linguistics, cultural studies, and mobile learning, to name a few. The authors discuss and explore a variety of topics that range from knowledge building over learning communities to dialogic technologies for knowledge co?construction. Discussing technology and learning against this broad background is indispensable, as the gap between w current technology offers becomes increasingly wide. This book provides thought-provoking views of recent developments in the area of technology supported learning for everyone who is interested in educational technologies, collaborative learning, and dialog.

This book conducts a detailed examination of the current form of the Hong Kong residential property regulatory system: the 2013 Residential Properties (Firsthand Sales) Ordinance (Cap 621). The author sheds light on how the new legislation promotes a number of values including information symmetry, consumer protection, the free market, and a regulatory mechanism has evolved over the past three decades to catch unconscionable sales tactics (such as selective information and/or misrepresentation of location, size, completion date and past transactions) and monitor sales practices in order in order to protect the interests of stakeholders in this ever-changing first-hand residential matter by focusing a number of chapters each on a specific attribute of the residential property on sale. It then examines the various channels through which the information is communicated to the prospective buyer and discusses misrepresentation of the key information in sales of residential properties as criminal liability.The tension between principles on the other is but one example of the conflicting values thoroughly discussed in the book, others include superstition vs. modernization and clarity vs. flexibility. Aimed at those with an interest in consumer protection and transparency-orientated legislation in commercialized real estate transactions, this book seeks to provide an

Indian Computer Science (CS) & Information Technology (IT) Academic Reform (Past) Activism Blog Bookeklavyasai.blogspot.com (main work years: 2011 to 2014)Ravi S. Iyer

Reanimating Industrial Spaces explores the relationships between people and the places of former industry through approaches that incorporate and critique memory-work. The chapters in this volume consider four broad questions: What is the relationship between industrial heritage and memory? How is memory involved in the process of strengthening and pitfalls of conducting memory-work? What can be learned from cross-disciplinary perspectives and methods? The contributors have created a set of diverse case studies (including iron-smelting in Uganda, Puerto Rican sugar mills and concrete factories in Albania) which examine differing socio-economic contexts and approaches to society. A range of memory-work is also illustrated: from ethnography, oral history, digital technologies, excavation, and archival and documentary research.

Conducting Memory Work in Post-industrial Societies

Product-Focused Software Process Improvement

Humanities World Report 2015

Contemporary Pagan and Native Faith Movements in Europe

BIS 2019 International Workshops, Seville, Spain, June 26–28, 2019, Revised Papers

Networked Governance, Transnational Business and the Law

Selected papers from the Seventh International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE 7), Trondheim, June 2013

Asia in International Relations decolonizes conventional understandings and representations of Asia in International Relations (IR). This book opens by including all those geographical and cultural linkages that constitute Asia today but are generally ignored by mainstream IR. Covering the Indian subcontinent, Turkey, the Mediterranean, Iran, the Arab world, Ethiopia, and Central-Northeast-Southeast Asia, the volume draws on rich literatures to develop our understanding of power relations in the world's largest continent. Contributors "de-colonize", "de-imperialize", and "de-Cold War" the region to articulate an alternative narrative about Asia, world politics, and IR. This approach reframes old problems in new ways with the possibility of transforming them, rather than recycling the same old approaches with the same old "intractable" outcomes.

This book constitutes the revised selected papers from the 14th European Conference on Multi-Agent Systems, EUMAS 2016, and the Fourth International Conference on Agreement Technologies, AT 2016, held in Valencia, Spain, in December 2016. The 43 papers and 2 invited papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 68 submissions. The papers cover thematic areas as agent and multi-agent system models, algorithms, applications, simulations, theoretical studies, and for AT the thematic areas are: algorithms

The so-called Slovak question asked what place Slovaks held—or should have held—in the former state of Czechoslovakia. Formed in 1918 at the end of World War I from the remains of the Hungarian Empire, and reformed after ceasing to exist during World War II, the country would eventually split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia after the “Velvet Divorce” in 1993. In the meantime, the minority Slovaks often clashed with the majority Czechs over their role in the nation. The Slovak Question examines this debate from a transatlantic perspective. Explored through the relationship between Slovaks, Americans of Slovak heritage, and United States and Czechoslovakian policymakers, it shows how Slovak national activism in America helped the Slovaks establish a sense of independent identity and national political assertion after World War I. It also shows how Slovak American leaders influenced US policy by conceptualizing the United States and Slovakia as natural allies due to their connections through immigration. This process played a critical role in undermining attempts to establish a united Czechoslovakian identity and instead caused a divide between the two groups, which was exploited by Nazi Germany and then by other actors during the Cold War, and proved ultimately to be insurmountable.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Applications of Natural Language to Information Systems, NLDB 2015, held in Passau, Germany, in June 2015. The 18 full papers, 15 short papers, 14 poster and demonstration papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 100 submissions. The papers cover the following topics: information extraction, distributional semantics, querying and question answering systems, context-aware NLP, cognitive and semantic computing, sentiment and opinion analysis, information extraction and social media, NLP and usability, text classification and extraction, and posters and demonstrations.

Them and Us

14th European Conference, EUMAS 2016, and 4th International Conference, AT 2016, Valencia, Spain, December 15-16, 2016, Revised Selected Papers

Contemporary issues in education

Business Information Systems Workshops

Project Cost Overrun

International Examples of Technologies and Pedagogies in Use

C. S. Lewis □ A Life

Language Variation – European Perspectives V is based on papers presented at the Seventh International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE 7), which was held in Trondheim, Norway from 26 to 28 June 2013. The 17 papers included in the book explore phonetic and phonological variation (Bitenc and Kenda-Jež; Hildenbrandt and Moosmüller; Jansen; Schaufuß; Schleef, Flynn and Ramsammy; Stuart-Smith, Rathcke, Sonderegger and Macdonald), morphology (Padilla-Moyano), syntax (Christensen and Juel Jensen; Jónsson, Brynjólfsdóttir and Sverrisdóttir), morphosyntax (Auger and Wycoff; Cerruti and Regis), language ideology, linguistic practices and language attitudes (Strand; Hall-Lew, Fairs and Lew; Dunmore and Smith-Christmas), code-switching (Amadou; Bucher) and language documentation (Kühl). The book is essential reading for scholars working on variation and change in European languages. The articles in the present volume investigate Romani, Turkish, Greek, Slovene, Picard, Swiss-German, Basque, Danish, Italian, English, Gaelic, Icelandic Sign Language, Faroese Danish and Norwegian.

The ability to uncover, share, and utilize knowledge is one of the most vital components to the success of any organization. While new technologies and techniques of knowledge dissemination are promising, there is still a struggle to derive and circulate meaningful information from large data sets. Strategic Data-Based Wisdom in the Big Data Era combines the latest empirical research findings, best practices, and applicable theoretical frameworks surrounding data analytics and knowledge acquisition. Providing a multi-disciplinary perspective of the subject area, this book is an essential reference source for professionals and researchers working in the field of knowledge management who would like to improve their understanding of the strategic role of data-based wisdom in different types of work communities and environments.

An extensive update and sequel to the successful title Renewables-Based Technology: Sustainability Assessment. Over the past decade, the field of renewable resources has grown tremendously and sustainability assessment methods have undergone significant changes and improvements. This book brings together the wide range of sustainability assessment methods in current use, together with case studies to demonstrate their applications. The book is divided into four sections as follows: Part 1 - Introduction: Discusses the growing role of renewables as resources and their applications, together with an introduction to the principles of sustainability assessment Part 2 - Assessment Methods: Presents a wide variety of sustainability assessment methods and tools that are currently used. This includes land, water-and material use analysis, energy and exergy use, carbon footprints, life cycle analysis, ecological footprints, life cycle costing, social sustainability analysis, Prosuite methodology and Seebalance (the SocioEcoEfficiency Analysis developed by BASF. Part 3 - Case Studies: Provides context buy demonstrating the application of these methods within the major industries benefiting from renewables. The case studies apply sustainability assessment methods to the production of renewable energy (wind energy, solar energy and biofuels), bio-based chemicals and bio-based materials. Part 4 - Conclusions

A new account of Elizabethan diplomacy with an original archival foundation, this book examines the world of letters underlying diplomacy and political administration by exploring a material text never before studied in its own right: the diplomatic letter-book. Author Elizabeth R. Williamson argues that a new focus on the central activity of information gathering allows us to situate diplomacy in its natural context as one of several intertwined areas of crown service, and as one of the several sites of production of political information under Elizabeth I. Close attention to the material features of these letter-books elucidates the environment in which they were produced, copied, and kept, and exposes the shared skills and practices of diplomatic activity, domestic governance, and early modern archiving. This archaeological exploration of epistolary and archival culture establishes a métier of state actor that participates in – even defines – a notably early modern growth in administration and information management. Extending this discussion to our own conditions of access, a new parallel is drawn across two ages of information obsession as Williamson argues that the digital has a natural place in this textual history that we can no longer ignore. This study makes significant contributions to epistolary culture, diplomatic history, and early modern studies more widely, by showing that understanding Elizabethan diplomacy takes us far beyond any single ambassador or agent defined as such: it is a way into an entire administrative landscape and political culture.

Online Learning for STEM Subjects

How immigrants and locals can thrive together

Research, Policy and Practice

The Intelligent Design Debate and the Temptation of Scientism

Narratives of Public History

20th International Conference on Applications of Natural Language to Information Systems, NLDB 2015, Passau, Germany, June 17-19, 2015, Proceedings

The Slovak Question

The Global Collaboration initiatives related in this book are examples of how educators have experimented with different mechanisms to provide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education programmes through information and communication technologies. In many cases, these programmes have looked at the allied personal communication and collaboration skills that students of these subjects also need: the so-called STEM+ curriculum. In particular, these approaches to STEM+ provision show how the internationalization of education can be made more effective and accessible through the exploitation of collaborative technologies and non-traditional pedagogies. The approaches address the following themes: technologies for distance learning and collaboration pedagogies for online learning remote communication and collaboration An international perspective is made possible within the book through the inclusion of authors from North America, Europe and Asia. These authors present case studies from technology-enhanced learning projects over the past six years.

The Regulatory Technology Handbook The transformational potential of RegTech has been confirmed in recent years with US\$1.2 billion invested in start-ups (2017) and an expected additional spending of US\$100 billion by 2020. Regulatory technology will not only provide efficiency gains for compliance and reporting functions, it will radically change market structure and supervision. This book, the first of its kind, is providing a comprehensive and invaluable source of information aimed at corporates, regulators, compliance professionals, start-ups and policy makers. The REGTECH Book brings into a single volume the curated industry expertise delivered by subject matter experts. It serves as a single reference point to understand the RegTech eco-system and its impact on the industry. Readers will learn foundational notions such as: • The economic impact of digitization and datafication of regulation • How new technologies (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain) are applied to compliance • Business use cases of RegTech for cost-reduction and new product origination • The future regulatory landscape affecting financial institutions, technology companies and other industries Edited by world-class academics and written by compliance professionals,

regulators, entrepreneurs and business leaders, the RegTech Book represents an invaluable resource that paves the way for 21st century regulatory innovation.

In recent decades, higher education systems and institutions have been called to respond to an unprecedented number of challenges. Major challenges

The rapidity of change in education has intensified in recent years. With the emergence of 'co-operative schools' and a new framework focusing heavily on co-operation, a direct challenge to ways of thinking about education, at both school and university level, has developed. Co-operation, Learning and Co-operative

Values addresses the urgent need to describe, analyse and assess the growth of co-operative education. The relationship between co-operation and education is a complex process and this book critically reflects on the tensions and obstacles facing this movement. It brings together the contributions of academics and practitioners from a range of backgrounds, and explores topics including: Theories and histories of co-operative values and principles Critical views of the practice of co-operative education Case studies of processes in action from both schools and higher education Co-operative education in a wider context This book

provides an essential introduction to a new and expanding area of research with chapters by many leading commentators in education. It will be of interest to researchers and educators interested in education and social policy.

Asia in International Relations

Strategic Data-Based Wisdom in the Big Data Era

Reanimating Industrial Spaces

Talking to Smart Devices

C. S. Lewis: Anti-Darwinist

The REGTECH Book

Elizabethan Diplomacy and Epistolary Culture

Contesting History is an authoritative guide to the positive and negative applications of the past in the public arena and what this signifies for the meaning of history more widely. Using a global, non-Western model, Jeremy Black examines the employment of history by the state, the media, the national collective memory and others and considers its fundamental significance in how we understand the past. Moving from public life pre-1400 to the struggle of ideologies in the 20th century and contemporary efforts to find meaning in historical narratives, Jeremy Black incorporates a great deal of original material on governmental, social and commercial influences on the public use of history. This includes a host of in-depth case studies from different periods of history around the world, and coverage of public history in a wider range of media, including TV and film. Readers are guided through this material by an expansive introduction, section headings, chapter conclusions and a selected further reading list. Written with eminent clarity and breadth of knowledge, Contesting History is a key text for all students of public history and anyone keen to know more about the nature of history as a discipline and concept.

This book is prepared exclusively for the Executive Level of Company Secretary Examination requirement. It covers the questions (topic-wise) & detailed answers strictly as per the syllabus of ICSI. The Present Publication is the 6th Edition & updated till 31st May 2022 for CS-Executive | New Syllabus | Dec. 2022/June 2023 Exams. This book is authored by CS N.S. Zad with the following noteworthy features: • Strictly as per the New Syllabus of ICSI • [Coverage] of this book includes o Fully

Solved Questions of Past Exams § Solved Paper – December 2019 § Solved Paper – December 2020 | New Syllabus § Solved Paper – June 2021 | New Syllabus § Solved Paper – December 2021 | New Syllabus § Solved Paper – June 2022 | New Syllabus • [Topic-wise] arrangement of past exam questions • [Practical MCQs] with Hints • [Most Amended & Updated] Covers the latest applicable provisions and amendments as per the Companies Act, 2013 • [Marks Distribution]

Chapter-wise Marks Distribution • [ICSI Study Material] comparison The contents of this book are as follows: • Corporate Accounting o Introduction to Financial Accounting o Introduction to Corporate Accounting o Accounting for Issue of Shares o Issue of Right & Bonus Shares o Redemption of Preference Shares o Buy-Back of Shares o Issue & Redemption of Debentures o Underwriting of Shares & Debentures o Accounting for Share-Based Payments (ESOS & ESOP) o Financial Statements Interpretation o Consolidation of Accounts o Corporate Financial Reporting o Cash Flow Statements o Overview of Accounting Standards o National & International Accounting Authorities o Adoption, Convergence & Interpretation of IFRS & Accounting Standards in India • Management Accounting o Overview of Cost o Cost Accounting Records & Cost Audit under the Companies Act, 2013 o Budgetary Control o Ratio Analysis o Fund Flow Statement o Management Reporting o Marginal Costing o Activity-Based Costing (ABC) o Valuation of Goodwill & Shares o Valuation, Principles & Framework o Methods of Valuation

ECPA 2014 Christian Book Award Winner (Non-Fiction)! Fifty years after his death, C. S. Lewis continues to inspire and fascinate millions. His legacy remains varied and vast. He was a towering intellectual figure, a popular fiction author who inspired a global movie franchise around the world of Narnia, and an atheist-turned-Christian thinker. In C.S. Lewis—A Life, Alister McGrath, prolific author and respected professor at King ’ s College of London, paints a definitive portrait of the life of C. S. Lewis. After thoroughly examining recently published Lewis correspondence, Alister challenges some of the previously held beliefs about the exact timing of Lewis ’ s shift from atheism to theism and then to Christianity. He paints a portrait of an eccentric thinker who became an inspiring, though reluctant, prophet for our times. You won ’ t want to miss this fascinating portrait of a creative genius who inspired generations.

Pagan and Native Faith movements have sprung up across Europe in recent decades, yet little has been published about them compared with their British and American counterparts. Though all such movements valorize human relationships with nature and embrace polytheistic cosmologies, practitioners ’ beliefs, practices, goals, and agendas are diverse. Often side by side are groups trying to reconstruct ancient religions motivated by ethnonationalism—especially in post-Soviet societies—and others attracted by imported traditions, such as Wicca, Druidry, Goddess Spirituality, and Core Shamanism. Drawing on ethnographic cases, contributors explore the interplay of neo-nationalistic and neo-colonialist impulses in contemporary Paganism, showing how these impulses play out, intersect, collide, and transform.

Language Variation - European Perspectives V

Constructing meaning and building knowledge with dialogic technology

AICOL International Workshops 2018 and 2020: AICOL-XI@JURIX 2018, AICOL-XII@JURIX 2020, XAILA@JURIX 2020, Revised Selected Papers

A Theological and Philosophical Analysis

Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet

The Conversational Interface

Multi-Agent Systems and Agreement Technologies

FinTech and the Remaking of Financial Institutions explores the transformative potential of new entrants and innovations on business models. In its survey and analysis of FinTech, the book addresses current and future states of money and banking. It provides broad contexts for understanding financial services, products, technology, regulations and social considerations. The book shows how FinTech has evolved and will drive the future of financial services, while other FinTech books concentrate on particular solutions and adopt perspectives of individual users, companies and investors. It sheds new light on disruption, innovation and opportunity by placing the financial technology revolution in larger contexts. Presents case studies that depict the problems, solutions and opportunities associated with FinTech Provides global coverage of FinTech ventures and regulatory guidelines Analyzes FinTech’s social aspects and its potential for spreading to new areas in banking Sheds new light on disruption, innovation and opportunity by placing the financial technology revolution in larger contexts

Over the past two decades, the rapid emergence and spread of both local and transnational extremist organisations has become a primary source of insecurity in Africa. Extremist organisations represent the fluid and variable nature of conflict systems today and are at the heart of some of Africa's most enduring conflicts. Moreover, the inability of African states to contain the threat of extremism, or of heavy-handed security responses, has led to the loss of thousands of lives, displaced millions, and deeply impacted the continent's democratisation and development goals. This is the second anthology published by Good Governance Africa (GGA) on the topic of extremism and political violence in Africa. Extremisms in Africa, one of the first anthologies of its kind on this topic to be authored - and published - on the African continent, provided an account of how extremist groups arose in Africa and the various ways in which they have harnessed their global agendas to local conflict dynamics and structural challenges, enabling them to exploit the grievances of individuals and communities for their cause. This anthology, Extremisms in Africa Volume 2, looks forward, giving special attention to the ways in which emergent trends, global geopolitics and conflict dynamics merge to impact upon the African continent. To this end, we have sought to engage diverse topics ranging from ecological concerns surrounding climate change and migration, the implications of such human movement for modern-day trafficking and slavery, and the roles of women and youth. State responses to extremisms on the African continent are not uniform; the capacity of individual states to detect/identify, police, investigate and prosecute is highly variable. At the most fundamental level, extremisms are ripe to arise in contexts where governments are failing, especially when democracy is on the wane. This anthology identifies some of the most pressing challenges in addressing extremisms today and provides chapters that could offer actionable policy insights to governments and civil society. Given the nature of Africa's geopolitical landscape, state and security services alone cannot prevent extremism. It will take a 'whole-of-society' approach, where government, civil society, academia, communities, families, and individuals collaborate to better understand the local dynamics of recruitment and radicalisation and develop context-specific strategies in response. This anthology will hopefully provide practitioners with improved insight into some of the key challenges and potential solutions in preventing extremism, while also being of interest to the general reader.

This volume represents the most important “deliverable” of the European-funded project Radio-Past (www.radiopast.eu). It is intended to disseminate the key results achieved in the form of methodological guidelines for the application of non-destructive approaches in order to understand, visualize and manage complex archaeological sites, in particular large multi-period settlements whose remains are still mostly buried. The authors were selected from among the project research “staff” but also from among leading international specialists who served as speakers at the two international events organized in the framework of the project (the Valle Giulia Colloquium of Rome – 2009 and the Colloquium of Ghent – 2013) and at the three Specialization Fora, the high formation training activities organized in 2010, 2011 and 2012. As such, the book offers contributions on diverse aspects of the research process (data capture, data management, data elaboration, data visualization and site management), presenting the state of the art and drafting guidelines for good practice in each field.

This book provides a complete introduction to the rapidly expanding field of Knowledge organization (KO), presenting historical precedents and theoretical foundations in a discursive, intelligible form, covering the philosophical, linguistic and technical aspects. In the contemporary context of global information exchange through linked data, Knowledge organization systems (KOS) need to be represented in standard inter-operable formats. Different formats for KOS representation including MARC, Dublin Core, SKOS and OWL are introduced as well as the application of Knowledge organization to a variety of activities and contexts: education, encyclopedic knowledge, the Internet, libraries, archives, museums, galleries and other institutions collecting and providing access to recorded knowledge. Key coverage includes: • ontology and epistemology in KO • KO structures: lists, hierarchies, facets... • KO types: tagging, taxonomies, thesauri, classifications... • conceptual analysis of documents • applications in the digital age. Covering theoretical and practical aspects of KO and using real-life examples to illustrate its application, this book will be a valuable resource for students, researchers and practitioners of Knowledge organization, information organization, cataloguing and classification.

Does Financial Connectedness Predict Crises?

Sustainability Assessment of Renewables-Based Products

eklavyasai.blogspot.com (main work years: 2011 to 2014)

Taxmann's CRACKER for Corporate & Management Accounting (Paper 5 | CMA) – Covering past exam questions (topic-wise) & detailed answers with practical MCQs | CS Executive | Dec. 2022 Exam

Dark Mirror

Non-invasive Survey of Complex Archaeological Sites

Regulating Information Asymmetry in the Residential Real Estate Market

Main author Ravi S. Iyer created the eklavyasai.blogspot.com blog and used it from September 2011 to play a part-time, peaceful and amicable, Indian Computer Science (CS) and Information Technology (IT) academic reform, Internet-based activist role. His focus was on improving the practice of software development in Indian CS & IT academia. But he thought that it is such a vital part of the CS & IT field and that it is so poor in many parts of Indian CS & IT academia, that he referred to his efforts as Indian CS & IT academic reform activism. Other contributors to the blog have given their views on certain topics. Main work period has been from 2011 to 2014 with a little work later, off & on. The main author is no longer active in this area. This book is aimed at helping other activists involved in improving the practice of software development in Indian CS and IT academia to get the views of the blog in a convenient form. The book may also be of interest to similar activists in other countries. About the author: Main author Ravi S. Iyer is a Physics graduate from Ruia college, University of Bombay (Mumbai) who was industry trained and later self-taught in software development. He worked in the international software industry (US, Europe, Japan, South Korea, India etc.) developing systems as well as applications software (CS & IT) for over 18 years after which he retired from commercial work. Later, mainly as a "visiting faculty", he offered free service of teaching programming courses (lab. courses) and being a "technical consultant" for student projects in a Maths & Computer Science department of a deemed university in India for 9 years.

This book provides a comprehensive introduction to the conversational interface, which is becoming the main mode of interaction with virtual personal assistants, smart devices, various types of wearable, and social robots. The book consists of four parts. Part I presents the background to conversational interfaces, examining past and present work on spoken language interaction with computers. Part II covers the various technologies that are required to build a conversational interface along with practical chapters and exercises using open source tools. Part III looks at interactions with smart devices, wearables, and robots, and discusses the role of emotion and personality in the conversational interface. Part IV examines methods for evaluating conversational interfaces and discusses future directions.

It is commonly believed that C.S. Lewis was a theistic evolutionist, a conclusion based on a few statements that he made in The Problem of Pain and Mere Christianity. A careful study of his writings reveals, not only that for most of his life he was not a theistic evolutionist, but strongly opposed Darwinism, especially towards the end of his life.

“Engrossing. . . . Gellman [is] a thorough, exacting reporter . . . a marvelous narrator for this particular story, as he nimbly guides us through complex technical arcana and some stubborn ethical questions. . . . Dark Mirror would be simply pleasurable to read if the story it told didn’t also happen to be frighteningly real.” —Jennifer Szalai, The New York Times From the three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and author of the New York Times bestseller Angler, the definitive master narrative of Edward Snowden and the modern surveillance state, based on unique access to Snowden and groundbreaking reportage around the world. Edward Snowden touched off a global debate in 2013 when he gave Barton Gellman, Laura Poitras and Glenn Greenwald each a vast and explosive archive of highly classified files revealing the extent of the American government’s access to our every communication. They shared the Pulitzer Prize that year for public service. For Gellman, who never stopped reporting, that was only the beginning. He jumped off from what Snowden gave him to track the reach and methodology of the U.S. surveillance state and bring it to light with astonishing new clarity. Along the way, he interrogated Snowden’s own history and found important ways in which myth and reality do not line up. Gellman treats Snowden with respect, but this is no hagiographic account, and Dark Mirror sets the record straight in ways that are both fascinating and important. Dark Mirror is the story that Gellman could not tell before, a gripping inside narrative of investigative reporting as it happened and a deep dive into the machinery of the surveillance state. Gellman recounts the puzzles, dilemmas and tumultuous events behind the scenes of his work – in top secret intelligence facilities, in Moscow hotel rooms, in huddles with Post lawyers and editors, in Silicon Valley executive suites, and in encrypted messages from anonymous accounts. Within the book is a compelling portrait of national security journalism under pressure from legal threats, government investigations, and foreign intelligence agencies intent on stealing Gellman’s files. Throughout Dark Mirror, Gellman wages an escalating battle against unknown adversaries who force him to mimic their tradecraft in self-defense. With the vivid and insightful style that is the author’s trademark, Dark Mirror is a true-life spy tale about the surveillance-industrial revolution and its discontents. Along the way, with the benefit of fresh reporting, it tells the full story of a government leak unrivaled in drama since All the President’s Men.

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The Hong Kong Experience

Using Data to Improve Higher Education

Educating in Dialog

4th China Conference, CCKS 2019, Hangzhou, China, August 24–27, 2019, Revised Selected Papers

Good Practice in Archaeological Diagnostics

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th China Conference on Knowledge Graph and Semantic Computing, CCKS 2019, held in Hangzhou, China, in August 2019. The 18 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 140 submissions. The papers cover wide research fields including the knowledge graph, the semantic Web, linked data, NLP, information extraction, knowledge representation and reasoning.

Study materials for Civil service examination

Efforts to cover the syllabi at all India level and is written in a simple and lucid style to be understood by a common man. Incorporated at the appropriate places in the book, the amendments made to the Companies Act, 2013. At the end of every chapter adequate questions for Part A and Part B are given. Past years question papers of some of the Universities are also included in the book. Included 10 MODEL Question papers for the Faculty and Students community. Incorporated important statutory Forms under Companies Act, 2013. Quiz in Company Secretarial Practice which would be highly useful to the students appearing for examinations and interviews. To get practical knowledge, (a) specimen notices, agenda, minutes and resolutions have been incorporated at the appropriate places in the book; (b) Documents / Forms to be filed with the Registrar of Companies under Companies Act, 2013; (c) Fees For Filing Various Documents or For Registering any Fact Under Companies Act, 2013; (d) List of New Forms Prescribed Under Companies Rules, 2014; (e) List of Schedules under Companies Act 2013.

This book is open access under a CC BY license. The first of its kind, this Open Access ‘Report’ is a first step in assessing the state of the humanities worldwide. Based on an extensive literature review and enlightening interviews the book discusses the value of the humanities, the nature of humanities research and the relation between humanities and politics, amongst other issues.

Methods and Case Studies

14th International Conference, PROFES 2013, Paphos, Cyprus, June 12-14, 2013, Proceedings

Natural Language Processing and Information Systems

Colonialist and Nationalist Impulses

The Financial Technology Handbook for Investors, Entrepreneurs and Visionaries in Regulation

Knowledge Graph and Semantic Computing: Knowledge Computing and Language Understanding

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The controversy over Intelligent Design (ID) has now continued for over two decades, with no signs of ending. For its defenders, ID is revolutionary new science, and its opposition is merely ideological. For its critics, ID is both bad science and bad theology. But the polemical nature of the debate makes it difficult to understand the nature of the arguments on all sides. A balanced and deep analysis of a controversial debate, this volume argues that beliefs about the purposiveness or non-purposiveness of nature should not be based merely on science. Rather, the philosophical and theological nature of such questions should be openly acknowledged.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Product-Focused Software Process Improvement, PROFES 2013, held in Paphos, Cyprus, in June 2013. The 22 revised full papers presented together with 10 short papers and 2 tutorial papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 41 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on empirical software engineering, software process improvement, managing software processes, software measurement, decision support in software engineering, safety-critical software engineering, and software maintenance.

This book constitutes revised papers from the nine workshops and one accompanying event which took place at the 22nd International Conference on Business Information Systems, BIS 2019, held in Seville, Spain, in June 2019. There was a total of 139 submissions to all workshops of which 57 papers were accepted for publication. The workshops included in this volume are: AKTB 2019: 11th Workshop on Applications of Knowledge-Based Technologies in Business BITA 2019: 10th Workshop on Business and IT Alignment BSCT 2019: Second Workshop on Blockchain and Smart Contract Technologies DigEX 2019: First International Workshop on transforming the Digital Customer Experience iCRM 2019: 4th International Workshop on Intelligent Data Analysis in Integrated Social CRM iDEATE 2019: 4th Workshop on Big Data and Business Analytics Ecosystems ISMAD 2019: Workshop on Information Systems and Applications in Maritime Domain QOD 2019: Second Workshop on Quality of Open Data SciBOWater 2019: Second Workshop on Scientific Challenges and Business Opportunities in Water Management

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