

Offering insights into the origins, successes, and threats to revolutionary constitutionalism, Bruce Ackerman takes us to India, South Africa, Italy, France, Poland, Burma, Israel, Iran, and the U.S. and provides a blow-by-blow account of the tribulations that confronted popular movements in their insurgent campaigns for constitutional democracy.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • In this urgent, authoritative book, Bill Gates sets out a wide-ranging, practical—and accessible—plan for how the world can get to zero greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid a climate catastrophe. Bill Gates has spent a decade investigating the causes and effects of climate change. With the help of experts in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, political science, and finance, he has focused on what must be done in order to stop the planet’s slide to certain environmental disaster. In this book, he not only explains why we need to work toward net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases, but also details what we need to do to achieve this profoundly important goal. He gives us a clear-eyed description of the challenges we face. Drawing on his understanding of innovation and what it takes to get new ideas into the market, he describes the areas in which technology is already helping to reduce emissions, where and how the current technology can be made to function more effectively, where breakthrough technologies are needed, and who is working on these essential innovations. Finally, he lays out a concrete, practical plan for achieving the goal of zero emissions—suggesting not only policies that governments should adopt, but what we as individuals can do to keep our government, our employers, and ourselves accountable in this crucial enterprise. As Bill Gates makes clear, achieving zero emissions will not be simple or easy to do, but if we follow the plan he sets out here, it is a goal firmly within our reach.

A fascinating persuasive history of how sugar has shaped the world, from European colonies to our modern diets In this eye-opening study, Sidney Mintz shows how Europeans and Americans transformed sugar from a rare foreign luxury to a commonplace necessity of modern life, and how it changed the history of capitalism and industry. He discusses the production and consumption of sugar, and reveals how closely interwoven are sugar’s origins as a “slave” crop grown in Europe’s tropical colonies with is use first as an extravagant luxury for the aristocracy, then as a staple of the diet of the new industrial proletariat. Finally, he considers how sugar has altered work patterns, eating habits, and our diet in modern times. “Like sugar, Mintz is persuasive, and his detailed history is a real treat.” -San Francisco Chronicle

In this fascinating book, the author traces the careers, ideas, discoveries, and inventions of two renowned scientists, Athanasius Kircher and Galileo Galilei, one a Jesuit, the other a sincere man of faith whose relations with the Jesuits deteriorated badly. The Author documents Kircher’s often intuitive work in many areas, including translating the hieroglyphs, developing sundials, and inventing the magic lantern, and explains how Kircher was a forerunner of Darwin in suggesting that animal species evolve. Galileo’s work on scales, telescopes, and sun spots is mapped and discussed, and care is taken to place his discoveries within their cultural environment. While Galileo is without doubt the “winner” in the comparison with Kircher, the latter achieved extraordinary insights by unconventional means. For all Galileo’s fine work, the author believes that scientists do need to regain the power of dreaming, vindicating Kirchner’s view.

Mangiare in armonia con sé stessi e cn tutti gli esseri viventi

Adamski method, your guide to longevity

How to Recognize and Act on the Obvious Dangers We Ignore

Intercultural Dialogue on Campus

Slow food revolution

The Futurist Cookbook

Sweetness and Power

Modern societies are inconceivable as isolated and mono-cultural entities. The interaction of various cultures is not only a fact of life for most Europeans, it also enriches our societies. However, we also witness tensions between cultures. Intercultural dialogue is therefore one of the political priorities of the Council of Europe, as shown most prominently by the adoption of the White Paper “Living Together as Equals in Dignity” in May 2008. Higher education, by its history and contemporary practice, is a natural partner in and promoter of intercultural dialogue and understanding. Higher education institutions and campuses are themselves multicultural societies, and as such are the focus of the present volume. A second volume will examine the role of higher education in furthering intercultural dialogue and understanding in broader society.

The definitive biography of the legendary autocrat whose enlightened rule transformed the map of Europe and changed the course of history Few figures loom as large in European history as Frederick the Great. When he inherited the Prussian crown in 1740, he ruled over a kingdom of scattered territories, a minor Germanic backwater. By the end of his reign, the much larger and consolidated Prussia ranked among the continent’s great powers. In this magisterial biography, award-winning historian Tim Blanning gives us an intimate, in-depth portrait of a king who dominated the political, military, and cultural life of Europe half a century before Napoleon. A brilliant, ambitious, sometimes ruthless monarch, Frederick was a man of immense contradictions. This consummate conqueror was also an ardent patron of the arts who attracted painters, architects, musicians, playwrights, and intellectuals to his court. Like his fellow autocrat Catherine the Great of Russia, Frederick was captivated by the ideals of the Enlightenment—for many years he kept up lively correspondence with Voltaire and other leading thinkers of the age. Yet, like Catherine, Frederick drew the line when it came to implementing Enlightenment principles that might curtail his royal authority. Frederick’s terrifying father instilled in him a stern military discipline that would make the future king one of the most fearsome battlefield commanders of his day, while deriding as effeminate his son’s passion for modern ideas and fine art. Frederick, driven to surpass his father’s legacy, challenged the dominant German-speaking powers, including Saxony, Bavaria, and the Habsburg Monarchy. It was an audacious foreign policy gambit, one at which Frederick, against the expectations of his rivals, succeeded. In examining Frederick’s private life, Blanning also carefully considers the long-debated question of Frederick’s sexuality, finding evidence that Frederick lavished gifts on his male friends and maintained homosexual relationships throughout his life, while limiting contact with his estranged, unloved queen to visits that were few and far between. The story of one man’s life and the complete political and cultural transformation of a nation, Tim Blanning’s sweeping biography takes readers inside the mind of the monarch, giving us a fresh understanding of Frederick the Great’s remarkable reign. Praise for Frederick the Great “Writing Frederick’s biography . . . requires a diverse set of skills: expertise in eighteenth-century diplomatic and military history, including the intricacies of the Holy Roman Empire; a familiarity with the music, architecture and intellectual traditions of Northern Europe; and, not least, a profound sense of human psychology, the better to grasp the makeup of this complex and tormented man. Fortunately, Tim Blanning . . . has all of these skills in abundance.”—The Wall Street Journal “At once scholarly and highly readable . . . [Blanning] has given us a superb portrait of an enlightened despot, equally at home on the battlefield and in the opera house, both utterly ruthless and culturally refined.”—Commentary “Blanning, in clear thinking and prose, investigates all aspects of Frederick’s personality and reign. . . . The last word on this significant king, for years to come.”—Booklist (starred review) “Masterly . . . Blanning brilliantly brings to life one of the most complex characters of modern European history.”—The Telegraph (five stars) “A supremely nuanced account . . . This biography finds [Blanning] at the height of his powers.”—Literary Review

Molti di noi inorridiscono al solo pensiero che a tavola ci possano servire carne di cane o di gatto. Il sistema di credenze alla base delle nostre abitudini alimentari si fonda infatti su un paradosso: reagiamo ai diversi tipi di carne perché percepiamo diversamente gli animali da cui essa deriva. In modo inconsapevole abbiamo aderito al carnismo, l’ideologia violenta che ci permette di mangiare la carne solo «perché le cose stanno così». Melanie Joy analizza le motivazioni psicologiche e culturali di questa «dittatura della consuetudine» e della sua pervasività; di come, attraverso la rimozione, la negazione e l’occultamento dell’eccidio di miliardi di animali, il sistema in cui siamo immersi mantiene obnubilate le coscienze, fino a persuaderci che mangiare carne più volte al giorno sia naturale, normale e quindi necessario. Intervistando i vari protagonisti dell’industria della carne, esaminando le cifre dei suoi profitti e dei suoi disastri ambientali, mette in luce gli effetti collaterali sulle «altre» vittime: chi lavora negli allevamenti intensivi e nell’inferno dei mattatoi industriali di ogni latitudine; i consumatori sempre più esposti ai rischi di contaminazioni e insalubrità; l’ambiente, e il nostro futuro sul pianeta. Con un’introduzione di Yuval Noah Harari.

Cowspiracy è considerato l’erede spirituale di film come Fast Food Nation e Food, Inc., che hanno puntato i riflettori sul business delle industrie della carne, delle uova e dei latticini. Kip Andersen e Keegan Khan partono da una domanda molto semplice: se ogni anno la zootecnia produce più emissioni di gas serra di tutti i trasporti messi insieme, inquinando o distruggendo gli habitat, per non parlare della crudeltà che infligge a 70 miliardi di esseri senzienti, perché le principali associazioni ambientaliste di tutto il mondo (da Greenpeace a Oceana) non ne parlano? In questo libro, i due registi hanno raccolto tutto ciò che non sono riusciti a catturare con le videocamere o tralasciato dal montaggio finale: le testimonianze complete dei personaggi intervistati (Lisa Agabian, di Sea Shepherd; gli scrittori Michael Pollan e Will Tuttle); dati aggiornati; tutto ciò che si nasconde dietro al business dell’allevamento animale e dell’industria della carne e di quella casearia; consigli per adottare uno stile di vita realmente sostenibile e per ridurre la propria impronta ecologica sul pianeta.

The Art of Modern China

A Semiotic Analysis

The Fourth Revolution

Cases and Contexts

What’s Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again

Pensare come le montagne

Living Better Than Ever in an Age of Less

The global response to the COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest science policy failure in a generation. We knew this was coming. Warnings about the threat of a new pandemic have been made repeatedly since the 1980s and it was clear in January that a dangerous new virus was causing a devastating human tragedy in China.? And yet the world ignored the warnings. Why? In this short and hard-hitting book, Richard Horton, editor of the medical journal The Lancet, scrutinizes the actions that governments around the world took ? and failed to take ? as the virus spread from its origins in Wuhan to the global pandemic that it is today. He shows that many Western governments and their scientific advisors made assumptions about the virus and its lethality that turned out to be mistaken. Valuable time was lost while the virus spread unchecked, leaving health systems unprepared for the avalanche of infections that followed. Drawing on his own scientific and medical expertise, Horton outlines the measures that need to be put in place, at both national and international levels, to prevent this kind of catastrophe from happening again.? Were supposed to be living in an era where human beings have become the dominant influence on the environment, but COVID-19 has revealed the fragility of our societies and the speed with which our systems can come crashing down. We need to learn the lessons of this pandemic and we need to learn them fast because the next pandemic may arrive sooner than we think.

“The Art of Modern China is a long-awaited, much-needed survey. The authors’ combined experience in this field is exceptional. In addition to presenting key arguments for students and arts professionals, Andrews and Shen enliven modern Chinese art for all readers. The Art of Modern China gives just treatment to an expanded field of overlooked artworks that confront the challenges of modernization.”—De-nin Deanna Lee, author of The Night Banquet: A Chinese Scroll through Time.

La Food RevolutionPer scongiurare il punto dinon ritornoEdizioni Sonda

This book assesses the pivotal role played by the concept of beauty in Italian literature and language in the construction of the Italian national identity.

The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need

The Medieval Foundations of International Law

Revolutionary Constitutions

How Your Food Choices Affect Your Health, Your Happiness, and the Future of Life on Earth

Le vie contemporanee dello sviluppo locale. Cooperazione, comunicazione, agricoltura, partecipazione

Cina, la primavera mancata

The Hydrogen Revolution

"A "gray rhino" is a highly probable, imminent threat; we can see the dust cloud on the horizon long before the charging animal comes into view. Gray rhinos are not random, but occur after a series of warnings and visible events. The Lehman Brothers crash of 2008, the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters, the file-sharing that presaged the collapse of the traditional music business model, the rising chaos in the Middle East...all were evident well in advance of the consequences. Gray rhinos are much easier to spot and guard against than "black swans"— the rare, truly unforeseen catastrophes. Why then, when faced with solvable problems, do we continually fail to address them before they spiral out of control? Drawing on her extensive background in policy formation and crisis management, as well as in-depth interviews with leaders from around the world, Michele Wucker explains in The Gray Rhino how significant crises can be recognized and countered strategically. Filled with persuasive stories, real-world examples, and practical advice,

The Gray Rhino is essential reading for managers, investors, planners, policy makers, and anyone who wants to understand how change really occurs"—

Cooperazione, comunicazione, agricoltura, partecipazione

How to Avoid a Climate Disaster

Charismatic Leadership and the Rule of Law

The Works of Thomas Chaundler

King of Prussia

La Food Revolution

Frederick the Great