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Making a Place for Community Thad Williamson, David Imbroscio, Gar Alperovitz, 2014-06-03 When pundits refer to the death of community they are speaking of a number of social ills which include but are not limited to the general increase in isolation and cynicism of our citizens widespread concerns about declining political participation and membership in civic organizations and periodic outbursts of small town violence Making a Place for Community argues that this death of community is being caused by contemporary policies that if not changed will continue to foster the decline of community Increased capital flow between nations is not at the root of the problem however increased capital flow within our nation is Small towns shouldn't have to hope for a prison to open nearby and downtown centers shouldn't sit empty as suburban sprawl encroaches but they do and it's a result of widely agreed upon public policies Companies We Keep John Abrams, 2008-09-10 Part memoir and part examination of a new business model the 2005 release of The Company We Keep marked the debut of an important new voice in the literature of American business Now in Companies We Keep the revised and expanded edition of his 2005 work John Abrams further develops his idea that companies flourish when they become centers of interdependence or communities of enterprise Thoroughly revised with an expanded focus on employee ownership and workplace democracy Companies We Keep celebrates the idea that when employees share in the rewards as well as the responsibility for the decisions they make better decisions result This is an especially timely topic Most of the baby boomer generation the owners of millions of American businesses will retire within the next two decades In 2001 50 000 businesses changed hands In 2005 that number rose to 350 000 Projections call for 750 000 ownership transitions in 2009 Employee ownership in both the philosophical and the practical sense is gathering steam as businesses change hands and Abrams examines some of the many ways this is done Companies We Keep is structured around eight principles from Sharing Ownership and Cultivating Workplace Democracy to Thinking Like Cathedral Builders and Committing to the Business of Place that Abrams has discovered in the 32 years since he cofounded South Mountain Company on the island of Martha's Vineyard Together these principles reveal communities of enterprise as a potent force of change that can and will improve the way Americans do business **Food Policy** Janel Obenchain, Arlene Spark, 2015-08-26 Access to safe adequate and nutritionally balanced food is a cornerstone of public health Food Policy Looking Forward from the Past examines the influences of grassroots movements the government and industry on the US food systems The authors explore the intersection of food and nutrition and how policy influences this overlap They illumina United We Serve E. J. Dionne, Kayla Meltzer Drogosz, Robert E. Litan, 2004-05-26 Public rhetoric in the United States has always laid heavy stress on the obligations of citizenship Bill Clinton praised the idea of service and so does George W Bush Since September 11 the debate over service and the obligations of citizenship has become even more urgent United We Serve gathers many diverse voices on civic life and civic obligation to explore the idea of national service as it relates to citizenship Activists and

practitioners discuss the rise of the service movement its practical successes and its challenges Policymakers and political leaders explore the links between service and problem solving Political scientists and philosophers connect the service debate to larger concerns about democratic participation The book also includes a lively debate over whether the U S should reconsider compulsory national service The discussion about service is a debate over how Americans think of themselves and their nation and about what the new patriotism means Contributors include Daniel Blumenthal Harry Boyte John M Bridgeland Louis Caldera Bruce Chapman former President Bill Clinton Charles Cobb Jr Jane Eisner Jean Bethke Elshtain William Galston Stephen Goldsmith Robert D Haas Stephen Hess Peter D Hart and Mario A Brossard Alan Khazei John Lehman Leslie Lenkowsky Paul C Light Michael Lind Tod Lindberg Will Marshall and Marc Magee Senator John McCain Charles Moskos Robert Putnam Representative Charles Rangel Alice M Rivlin Michael Schudson Mark Shields Carmen Sirianni Theda Skocpol Andrew L Stern Jeff Swartz Steven Waldman Caspar Weinberger David Winston Harris Wofford and Robert Wuthnow

Put Your Money Where Your Life Is Michael H. Shuman, 2020-06-02 Learn how to stop investing in Wall Street and start investing in your local community with this practical layperson's guide Americans agree on very little these days but we can all agree on one critical point Wall Street can no longer be trusted Yet most of us continue to invest our money in the stocks and bonds of Fortune 500 companies transferring our capital far from where we live and work Local investing expert Michael Shuman offers another alternative He shows how we can use two well established but rarely used investment tools to keep our money close and get a return as good as or better than what we'd get investing in distant indifferent corporations Shuman explains the nuts and bolts of self directed IRAs and solo 401 k's and how they can be combined with other recently legalized local investing tools He details how to set these accounts up identify and evaluate a whole range of local investment opportunities and make sure account holders stay on the right side of the law While the book is written for people without a lot of investment experience Shuman explains concepts like liquidity and diversification in simple terms even if you're as experienced as Warren Buffett this book will make you rethink everything you know about investing With Shuman's expert advice you can strengthen your investment portfolio and your community neighborhoods and schools at the same time As so many Americans feel powerless to confront a financial system designed to serve the few Shuman offers us real choices tools that align our lives with our values That's power I love this highly readable timely surprising book Frances Moore Lapp coauthor of *Daring Democracy* and author of *Diet for a Small Planet* Local cheese local beer and local investing This is a valuable guide to taking money out of the few giant banks which are probably using it to underwrite the fossil fuel industry and putting it to work close to home Bill McKibben author of *Falter* Once again Michael Shuman has given us a clear manual for how well meaning good people the 99.99 percent of us can put their money where their hearts are in communities where they live in local businesses trade and retail Vicki Robin coauthor of *Your Money or Your Life* and author of *Blessing the Hands That Feed Us*

Encyclopedia of Community DAVID LEVINSON, KAREN

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his yearning for sainthood as one of the 20th century's leading Christian philosophers the quest for liberation defines Jacques Maritain 1882-1973 Throughout the 20th century Maritain rejected the egocentric isolation rampant throughout liberal society as well as totalitarian collectivism Maritain promoted the human person open by way of nature and grace to integral liberation and redemption through authentic community This book argues that Maritain contributes to our understanding in the 21st century of the myriad yet coalescing movements seeking to address global economic sustainability the fostering of human rights and participatory democracy Through a series of papers published over the course of more than 20 years from the tail end of the 20th century through the first decades of the 21st century Maritain's social and political thought engages contemporary thinkers and movements with penetrating insight

Worker Cooperatives and Revolution Chris

Wright, 2014-08-20 Since the financial crisis of 2008 and the global popular protests of 2011 more people have begun to wonder and speculate what's next for civilization The economic social and political status quo seems unsustainable but what can emerge to take its place In this book a historian examines the past and present to argue that the seeds of a more humane society are already being planted on local and international scales Whether they will bear fruit depends ultimately on grassroots initiative Focusing on the new worker cooperative movement in the West this study not only contains the first systematic discussion of the solidarity economy in the light of Marxist theory it also introduces a major revision of Marxism that both updates it for the twenty first century and illuminates our historical moment It includes an analysis of the history of cooperatives in the U S showing where they went wrong and how we can correct their past mistakes It has a case study of the successful new worker owned business New Era Windows in Chicago which has been celebrated internationally for its defiance of conventional paradigms And it shows a way out of the age old conflict between Marxism and anarchism arguing that both are more relevant now than they have ever been Which is to say a gradualist revolution is for the first time within the realm of possibility

The Oxford Handbook of Information and Communication Technologies Robin Mansell, 2007

The production and consumption of information and communication technologies or ICTs are becoming deeply embedded within our societies The influence and implications of this have an impact at a macro level in the way our governments economies and businesses operate and at a micro level in our everyday lives This handbook is about the many challenges presented by ICTs It sets out an intellectual agenda that examines the implications of ICTs for individuals organizations democracy and the economy Explicitly interdisciplinary and combining empirical research with theoretical work it is organised around four themes covering the knowledge economy organizational dynamics strategy and design governance and democracy and culture community and new media literacies It provides a comprehensive resource for those working in the social sciences and in the physical sciences and engineering fields with leading contemporary research informed principally by the disciplines of anthropology economics philosophy politics and sociology

Democratic by Design Gabriel

Metcalf, 2015-11-17 Americans have since our founding participated in a variety of alternative institutions self organized

projects that work outside the traditional structures of government and business to change society From the town meetings that still serve as our ideal of self governance to the sustainable food movement that is changing the way we think about farming the land and feeding our families these secondary structures have given rise to many of our most exciting and important innovations Yet most people still know little about them even as their numbers and their influence increase In today s climate of widespread economic inequity political gridlock and daunting environmental challenges we sorely need a fresh approach to social and political change In *Democratic by Design* Gabriel Metcalf sketches out a strategy that starts with small scale living examples of a better society that can ultimately scale up to widespread social transformation Using examples like car sharing organizations community land trusts credit unions workers co ops citizen juries community supported agriculture farms mission driven corporations and others *Democratic by Design* shows how alternative institutions can be the crucial spark for a broad new progressive movement

Salvaging Community Michael Touchton, Amanda J. Ashley, 2019-07-15 American communities face serious challenges when military bases close But affected municipalities and metro regions are not doomed Taking a long term flexible and incremental approach Michael Touchton and Amanda J Ashley make strong recommendations for collaborative models of governance that can improve defense conversion dramatically and ensure benefits even for low resource municipalities Communities can t control their economic situation or geographic location but as *Salvaging Community* shows communities can control how they govern conversion processes geared toward redevelopment and reinvention In *Salvaging Community* Touchton and Ashley undertake a comprehensive evaluation of how such communities redevelop former bases following the Department of Defense s Base Realignment and Closure BRAC process To do so they developed the first national database on military redevelopment and combine quantitative national analyses with three in depth case studies in California *Salvaging Community* thus fills the void in knowledge surrounding redevelopment of bases and the disparate outcomes that affect communities after BRAC The data presented in *Salvaging Community* points toward effective strategies for collaborative governance that address the present day needs of municipal officials economic development agencies and non profit organizations working in post BRAC communities Defense conversion is not just about jobs or economic rebound Touchton and Ashley argue Emphasizing inclusion and sustainability in redevelopment promotes rejuvenated communities and creates places where people want to live As localities and regions deal with the legacy of the post Cold War base closings and anticipate new closures in the future *Salvaging Community* presents a timely and constructive approach to both economic and community development at the close of the military industrial era

Advancing Equity Planning Now Norman Krumholz, Kathryn Wertheim Hexter, 2019-01-15 What can planners do to restore equity to their craft Drawing upon the perspectives of a diverse group of planning experts *Advancing Equity Planning Now* places the concepts of fairness and equal access squarely in the center of planning research and practice Editors Norman Krumholz and Kathryn Wertheim Hexter provide essential resources for city leaders and planners

as well as for students and others interested in shaping the built environment for a more just world Advancing Equity Planning Now remind us that equity has always been an integral consideration in the planning profession The historic roots of that ethical commitment go back more than a century Yet a trend of growing inequality in America as well as other recent socio economic changes that divide the wealthiest from the middle and working classes challenge the notion that a rising economic tide lifts all boats When planning becomes mere place making for elites urban and regional planners need to return to the fundamentals of their profession Although they have not always done so planners are well positioned to advocate for greater equity in public policies that address the multiple objectives of urban planning including housing transportation economic development and the removal of noxious land uses in neighborhoods Thanks to generous funding from Cleveland State University the ebook editions of this book are available as Open Access volumes from Cornell Open cornellpress.cornell.edu/cornell-open and other repositories In an Inescapable Network of Mutuality Lewis V. Baldwin, Paul R.

Dekar, 2013-08-30 The scholarship on Martin Luther King Jr has too often cast him in the image of the Southern black preacher and the American Gandhi while ignoring or trivializing his global connections and significance This groundbreaking work written by scholars religious leaders and activists of different backgrounds addresses this glaring pattern of neglect in King studies King is treated here as both a global figure and a forerunner of much of what is currently associated with contemporary globalization theory and praxis The contributors to this volume agree that King must be understood not only as a thinker visionary and social change agent in his own historical context but also in terms of his meaning for the different generations who still appeal to him as an authority inspiration and model of exemplary service to humanity The task of engaging King both in context and beyond context is fulfilled in remarkable ways in this volume without doing essential violence to this phenomenal figure *Cities in the Urban Age* Robert A. Beauregard, 2018-03-19 We live in a self proclaimed Urban Age where we celebrate the city as the source of economic prosperity a nurturer of social and cultural diversity and a place primed for democracy We proclaim the city as the fertile ground from which progress will arise Without cities we tell ourselves human civilization would falter and decay In *Cities in the Urban Age* Robert A. Beauregard argues that this line of thinking is not only hyperbolic it is too celebratory by half For Beauregard the city is a cauldron for four haunting contradictions First cities are equally defined by both their wealth and their poverty Second cities are simultaneously environmentally destructive and yet promise sustainability Third cities encourage rule by political machines and oligarchies even as they are essentially democratic and at least nominally open to all And fourth city life promotes tolerance among disparate groups even as the friction among them often erupts into violence Beauregard offers no simple solutions or proposed remedies for these contradictions indeed he doesn't necessarily hold that they need to be resolved since they are generative of city life Without these four tensions cities wouldn't be cities Rather Beauregard argues that only by recognizing these ambiguities and contradictions can we even begin to understand our moral obligations as well as the clearest paths

toward equality justice and peace in urban settings

Critical Urban Studies Jonathan S. Davies, David L.

Imbroscio, 2010-11-03 This volume revisits the tradition of critical scholarship characteristic of the urban studies field Urban scholarship has had detractors of late particularly in mainstream political science where it has been accused of parochialism and insularity Critical Urban Studies offers a sharp repudiation of this critique reasserting the need for critical urban scholarship and demonstrating the fundamental importance of urban studies for understanding and changing contemporary social life Contributors to the volume identify an orthodox perspective in the field subject it to critique and map out a future research agenda for the field The result is a series of inventive essays pointing scholars and students to the major theoretical and policy challenges facing urbanists and other critical social scientists

Economic Pluralism Robert F Garnett Jr, Erik

Olsen, Martha Starr, 2009-09-10 Economists in the post Cold War era are increasingly circumspect about universal one size fits all conceptions of human behaviour and economic institutions Contemporary economics is thus marked by a nascent pluralism Economic Pluralism brings these pluralist sensibilities to the fore Its twenty original essays explore the positive potential and critical limits of pluralism in economic theory philosophy institutions and policies and education These twenty original essays reflect the maturity and breadth of pluralist scholarship in economics today The first eight chapters including critical essays by Tony Lawson Diana Strassmann et al Frederic Lee and David Colander stake out contentious positions on the value of pluralism in economic theory and philosophy The remaining chapters explore the meaning and consequences of pluralism in economic education institutions and policies This volume provides a unique second generation discussion of pluralism in economics Its twenty original essays stake out contentious positions on pluralism in economic theory philosophy institutions and policies and education reflecting multiple generations and traditions of thought It is a volume certain to spur wider conversation about the scope and value of economic pluralism for the 21st century This volume would be of most interest as a supplementary text for graduate or undergraduate courses that include units on heterodox economics or economic philosophy

Urban America Reconsidered David L. Imbroscio, 2011-01-15

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina laid bare the tragedy of American cities What the storm revealed about the social conditions in New Orleans shocked many Americans Even more shocking is how widespread these conditions are throughout much of urban America Plagued by ineffectual and inequalitarian governance acute social problems such as extreme poverty and social and economic injustice many American cities suffer a fate similar to that of New Orleans before and after the hurricane Gentrification and corporate redevelopment schemes merely distract from this disturbing reality Compounding this tragedy is a failure in urban analysis and scholarship Little has been offered in the way of solving urban America's problems and much of what has been proposed or practiced remains profoundly misguided in David Imbroscio's view In *Urban America Reconsidered* he offers a timely response He urges a reconsideration of the two reigning orthodoxies in urban studies regime theory which provides an understanding of governance in cities and liberal expansionism which advocates regional policies linking cities to

surrounding suburbs Declaring both approaches to be insufficient and sometimes harmful Imbroscio illuminates another path for urban America remaking city economies via an array of local economic alternative development strategies or LEADS Notable LEADS include efforts to build community based development institutions worker owned firms publicly controlled businesses and webs of interdependent entrepreneurial enterprises Equally notable is the innovative use of urban development tools to generate indigenous stable and balanced growth in local economies Urban America Reconsidered makes a strong case for the LEADS approach for constructing progressive urban regimes and addressing America s deepest urban problems

Small Town Sustainability Paul Knox,Heike Mayer,2013-09-03 In an age where the globalization process is threatening the uniqueness and vitality of small towns and where most urban planning discourse is directed at topics such as metropol regions or mega regions and world cities the authors here emphasize the need to critically reflect on the potential of small towns They illustrate how small towns can meet the challenge of a fast paced globalized world and based on case studies movements programs and strategies present the local cultures that effectively and sustainably promote traditions and identities Small towns often play a critical role in regional economies When small towns focus on their specific characteristics and exploit their opportunities they can become stable niches within regional national and global economies and thus contribute significantly to shaping their future The second edition is expanded to cover the intensive development of small towns in China and Korea In addition the authors examine the impact of the economic crisis on small towns and the recent development of the Slow City movement

The History of the Book in the West: 19142000 Alexis Weedon,2017-03-02 This collection brings together published papers on key themes which book historians have identified as of particular significance in the history of twentieth century publishing It reprints some of the best comparative perspectives and most insightful and innovatively presented scholarship on publishing and book history from such figures as Philip Altbach Lewis Coser James Curran Elizabeth Long Laura Miller Angus Phillips Janice Radway Jonathan Rose Shafquat Towheed Catherine Turner Jay Satterfield Clare Squires Eva Hemmungs Wirt n It is arranged into six sections which examine the internationalisation of publishing businesses changing notions of authorship innovation in the design and marketing of books the specific effects of globalisation on creative property and the book in a multimedia marketplace Twentieth century book history attracts an audience beyond the traditional disciplines of librarianship bibliography history and literary studies It will appeal to publishing educators editors publishers booksellers as well as academics with an interest in media and popular culture

Civilizing the Economy Marvin T. Brown,2010-04-01 When a handful of people thrive while whole industries implode and millions suffer it is clear that something is wrong with our economy The wealth of the few is disconnected from the misery of the many In *Civilizing the Economy* Marvin Brown traces the origin of this economics of dissociation to early capitalism showing how this is illustrated in Adam Smith s denial of the central role of slavery in wealth creation In place of the Smithian economics of property Brown proposes that we turn to the original meaning of economics as

household management He presents a new framework for the global economy that reframes its purpose as the making of provisions instead of the accumulation of property This bold new vision establishes the civic sphere as the platform for organizing an inclusive economy and as a way to move toward a more just and sustainable world

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