Reviews of Selected Books and Articles

BOOKS REVIEW

The Rise of Economic Statecraft: Implications for Governments and the Private Sector (Adelphi series) by Maria Shagina



This book examines the resurgence of economic statecraft amid geopolitical tensions, global disruptions, and strategic competition. It analyzes how Western governments employ trade restrictions, regulatory interventions, and industrial policies to strengthen economic security. Contrasting Western approaches with Chinese and Russian strategies, it highlights evolving policy frameworks and implications for global economic relations.

Available at: https://a.co/d/0hqIQI7x

Ratings: Amazon: 5/5; Goodreads: 5/5

China's Chance to Lead: Acquiring Global Influence via Infrastructure Development and Digitalization (Business and Public Policy) by Richard W. Carney



This book examines China's expanding global influence through infrastructure investment and recipient countries' political interests. Using statistical analysis and case studies, it highlights how electoral autocracies facilitate Chinese economic engagement. It explores the relationship between clientelism, state control, and infrastructure demand, revealing implications for China's technological expansion and global digital dominance.

Available at: https://a.co/d/00HvRnu5

Ratings: Amazon: 4.3/5; Goodreads: 5/5

Fundamentals of Governance, Risk Management and Compliance: Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (GRC) by Uwem Essia, Kester Ehiwario



This book presents governance, risk management, and compliance as an integrated framework for organizational resilience and informed decision-making. Addressing cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, financial distress, and regulatory change, it translates principles into practical strategies. Its implementation roadmaps, templates, and assessment tools equip professionals to strengthen accountability, anticipate risks, and improve performance.

Available at: https://a.co/d/0aTY6V2c

Ratings: Amazon: 4.1/5; Goodreads: 5/5

ARTICLES REVIEW

Privatization of the Public Enterprises: Assessing its Impact on Economic Development and Socioeconomic Outcomes by Hina Ali & Zinaz Aisha

This article examines the relationship between public enterprise privatization and economic growth using 1990–2025 time-series data. Its econometric findings reveal a negative long-term association between privatization and GDP, while capital formation and foreign investment support growth. Highlighting contrasting macroeconomic effects, it emphasizes the need for evidence-based privatization policies and economic reforms.

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https://doi.org/10.47205/jdss.2026(7-III)16

Can carbon emissions trading system promote the financial performance of industrial enterprises? by Lei Zhuang & Rong Chen

This article examines how carbon emissions trading influences industrial enterprises' financial performance, drawing on 2009–2022 data. It identifies positive effects through improved ESG performance and green innovation, particularly among state-owned enterprises and SMEs. The study advocates for stronger ESG disclosure, innovation incentives, and targeted financial support.

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