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What's New at the Library



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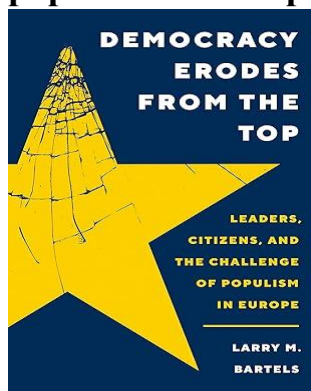
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1. Democracy erodes from the top: leaders, citizens, and the challenge of populism in Europe by Larry M. Bartels



Why leaders, not citizens, are the driving force in Europe's crisis of democracy

An apparent explosion of support for right-wing populist parties has triggered widespread fears that liberal democracy is facing its worst crisis since the 1930s. *Democracy Erodes from the Top* reveals that the real crisis stems not from an increasingly populist public but from political leaders who exploit or mismanage the chronic vulnerabilities of democracy.

In this provocative book, Larry Bartels dismantles the pervasive myth of a populist wave in contemporary European public opinion. While there has always been a substantial reservoir of populist sentiment, Europeans are no less trusting of their politicians and parliaments than they were two decades ago, no less enthusiastic about European integration, and no less satisfied with the workings of democracy. Anti-immigrant sentiment has waned. Electoral support for right-wing populist parties has increased only modestly, reflecting the idiosyncratic successes of populist entrepreneurs, the failures of mainstream parties, and media hype. Europe's most sobering examples of democratic backsliding—in Hungary and Poland—occurred not because voters wanted authoritarianism but because conventional conservative parties, once elected, seized opportunities to entrench themselves in power.

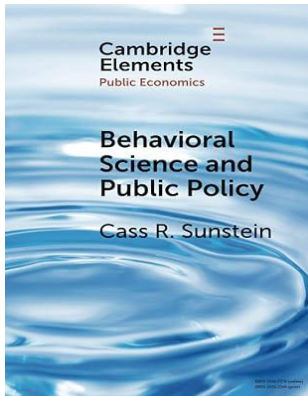
By demonstrating the inadequacy of conventional bottom-up interpretations of Europe's political crisis, *Democracy Erodes from the Top* turns our understanding of democratic politics upside down.

Pub: Princeton University Press

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2. Behavioral Science and Public Policy by Cass R. Sunstein



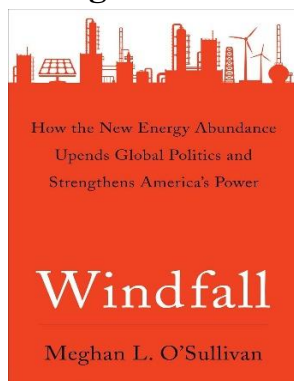
Behavioral science is playing an increasing role in public policy, and it is raising new questions about fundamental issues - the role of government, freedom of choice, paternalism, and human welfare. In diverse nations, public officials are using behavioral findings to combat serious problems - poverty, air pollution, highway safety, COVID-19, discrimination, employment, climate change, and occupational health. Exploring theory and practice, this Element attempts to provide one-stop shopping for those who are new to the area and for those who are familiar with it. With reference to nudges, taxes, mandates, and bans, it offers concrete examples of behaviorally informed policies. It also engages the fundamental questions, include the proper analysis of human welfare in light of behavioral findings. It offers a plea for respecting freedom of choice - so long as people's choices are adequately informed and free from behavioral biases.

Pub: Cambridge University Press

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3. Windfall: how the new energy abundance upends global politics and strengthens America's power by Meghan L. O'Sullivan



Windfall is the boldest profile of the world's energy resources since Daniel Yergin's *The Quest*, asserting that the new energy abundance—due to oil and gas resources once deemed too expensive—is transforming the geo-political order and is boosting American power. Riveting and comprehensive...a smart, deeply researched primer on the subject. *The New York Times Book Review*

As a new administration focuses on driving American energy production, O'Sullivan's refreshing and illuminating (*Foreign Policy*) *Windfall* describes how new energy realities have profoundly affected the world of international relations and security. New technologies led to oversupplied oil markets and an emerging natural gas glut. This did more than drive down prices; it changed the structure of markets and altered the way many countries wield power and influence.

America's new energy prowess has global implications. It transforms politics in Russia, Europe, China, and the Middle East. O'Sullivan considers the landscape, offering insights and presenting consequences for each region's domestic stability as energy abundance upends traditional partnerships, creating opportunities for cooperation.

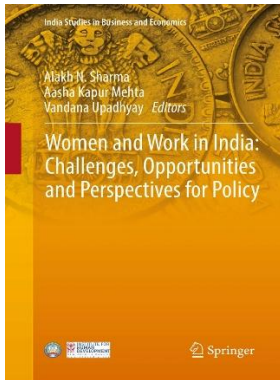
The advantages of this new abundance are greater than its downside for the US: it strengthens American hard and soft power. This is a powerful argument for how America should capitalise on the *New Energy Abundance* (*The Financial Times*) and an explanation of how new energy realities create a strategic environment to America's advantage.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

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4. Women and work in India challenges, opportunities and perspectives for policy by Alakh N Sharma



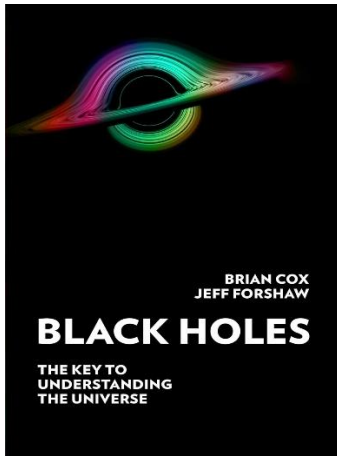
This book consisting of 24 chapters provides a comprehensive analysis of the complexities of women's work in India. Drawing on a wide range of primary and secondary data sources it offers fresh perspectives on long-term patterns and emerging trends. It sheds light on trends in gender equality in employment, the stubbornly low Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR), the continued invisibility of women's work, and the shortcomings of official labour force surveys in capturing women's economic contributions. It also explores gendered labour market barriers linked to caregiving responsibilities, social group identities, and the high unemployment rates among educated women. Several chapters address persistent issues of discrimination and inequality, including how rising educational attainment among women has shaped labour market outcomes. It critically assesses the growing sectors of childcare and gig work, often viewed as potential pathways to better-paid employment for women, highlighting both their opportunities and limitations. Further, the book provides the policy measures required to enhance women's labour participation; challenges specific to urban contexts and key policies related to public employment and social protection for women. This volume is a valuable resource for researchers, civil society organisations, development practitioners, and policymakers working on women's employment. It is equally relevant for educators and students in gender studies, labour economics, employment research, and development studies.

Pub: Springer Nature

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5. Black holes: the key to understanding the universe by Brian Cox



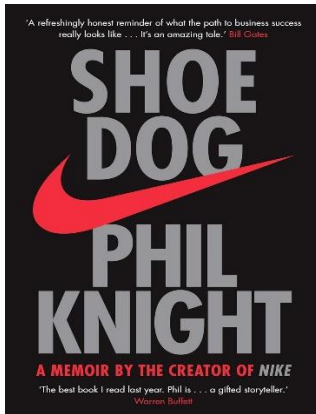
A Brief History of Time for the 21st Century At the heart of our galaxy lies a monster so deadly, not even light can escape its grasp. Its secrets lie waiting to be discovered. It's time to explore our universe's most mysterious inhabitants Black Holes At the heart of the Milky Way lies a supermassive black hole 4 million times more massive than our Sun. A place where space and time are so warped that light is trapped if it ventures within 12 million km. According to Einstein, inside lies the end of time. According to 21st-century physics, the reality may be far more bizarre. Black holes lie where the most massive stars used to shine and at the edge of our current understanding. They are naturally occurring objects, the inevitable creations of gravity when too much matter collapses into not enough space. And yet, although the laws of nature predict them, they fail fully to describe them. Black holes are places in space and time where the laws of gravity, quantum physics and thermodynamics collide. Originally thought to be so intellectually troubling that they simply could not exist, it is only in the past few years that we have begun to glimpse a new synthesis; a deep connection between gravity and quantum information theory that describes a holographic universe in which space and time emerge from a network of quantum bits, and wormholes span the void. In this groundbreaking book, Professor Brian Cox and Professor Jeff Forshaw take you to the edge of our understanding of black holes; a scientific journey to the research frontier spanning a century of physics, from Einstein to Hawking and beyond, that ends with the startling conclusion that our world may operate like a giant quantum computer.

Pub: William Collins

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6. Shoe dog: a memoir by the creator of Nike by Phil Knight



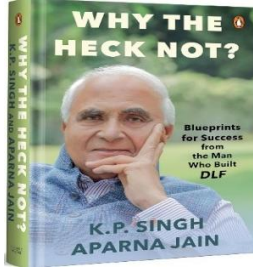
In 1962, fresh out of business school, Phil Knight borrowed \$50 from his father and created a company with a simple mission: import high-quality, athletic shoes from Japan. Selling the shoes from the boot of his Plymouth, Knight grossed \$8000 in his first year. Today, Nike's annual sales top \$30 billion. In an age of start-ups, Nike is the ne plus ultra of all start-ups, and the swoosh has become a revolutionary, globe-spanning icon, one of the most ubiquitous and recognisable symbols in the world today. But Knight, the man behind the swoosh, has always remained a mystery. Now, for the first time, he tells his story. Candid, humble, wry and gutsy, he begins with his crossroads moment when he decided to start his own business. He details the many risks and daunting setbacks that stood between him and his dream - along with his early triumphs. Above all, he recalls how his first band of partners and employees soon became a tight-knit band of brothers. Together, harnessing the transcendent power of a shared mission, and a deep belief in the spirit of sport, they built a brand that changed everything. A memoir rich with insight, humour and hard-won wisdom, this book is also studded with lessons - about building something from scratch, overcoming adversity, and ultimately leaving your mark on the world.

Pub: Simon and Schuster

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7. Why the heck not?: blueprint for success from the man who built DLF by K. P. Singh



Every professional and budding entrepreneur should ideally have three types of mentors. One who has been incredibly successful, one who is genuinely respected and well liked and one who has incredible courage. To me, the almost ninety-five-year-old Kushal Pal Singh (K.P. Singh), chairman emeritus of DLF, is the perfect embodiment of all three.

• From the Foreword by Aparna Jain

The riveting saga of DLF is inextricably linked to the entrepreneurial genius of K.P. Singh, a man whose name has become synonymous with housing and urban real estate infrastructure in India.

Known affectionately as KP, Singh was born in the small town of Bulandshahr. He began his career as an officer in the Indian Army before circumstances nudged him into the family business. Starting off at the Qutab Stud Farm and American Universal Electric (India), KP's greatest challenge emerged when his wife, Indira, and sister-in-law, Prem, persuaded him to helm DLF, a real estate company founded by his father-in-law, Chaudhary Raghvendra Singh. In a sector marred by nefarious repute, KP remained head and shoulders above other players, and strictly adhered to the prevailing laws and regulations. Within a few decades, KP had transformed DLF and set new standards for urban development in India.

KP's pivotal role though was in catalysing the transformation of a barren Gurgaon into a knowledge city that reshaped the nation's future. He persuaded Jack Welch of General Electric to explore and invest in India across multiple sectors—locomotives, power, aviation, medical systems, and eventually BPOs. This attracted significant investment and positioned Gurgaon as a hub of innovation and growth for a number of Fortune 500 companies.

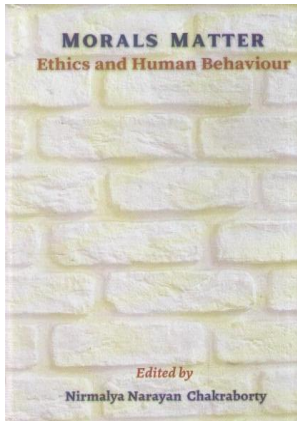
Through captivating anecdotes and insights, *Why the Heck Not* delves into Padma Bhushan awardee KP's interactions with industry leaders, policymakers, farmers and communities. Learn how he navigated challenges, fostered collaborations, and revolutionised the Indian real estate landscape. A must-read for entrepreneurs, business enthusiasts, and anyone seeking inspiration, this book offers valuable lessons on all aspects of leadership, innovation, and the power of perseverance and collaboration.

Pub: Penguin Random House

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8. **Morals matter ethics and moral behaviour by Nirmala Narayan Chakraborty**



Morals Matter: Ethics and Human Behaviour (2023), edited by Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, is a collection of seminar proceedings published by the [Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture](#). The book brings together diverse philosophical perspectives to explore why morality remains an indispensable foundation for human existence and social conduct.

The book serves as an academic deep-dive into the intersection of ethical theory and practical human actions. Its primary focus includes:

The Indispensability of Morality: It argues that being moral is an inescapable part of human nature, exploring the idea that morality is not just a choice but a necessity for human flourishing.

Foundations of Professional Ethics: Several contributions emphasize integrity, accountability, and ethical decision-making within professional settings, often using real-life case studies to illustrate complex dilemmas.

Human Values: A significant portion of the text is dedicated to the role of empathy, respect, and social responsibility in guiding human behavior.

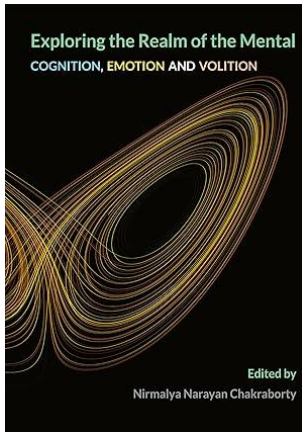
Indian and Western Perspectives: As is common in Chakraborty's work, the book likely bridges classical Indian philosophical concepts (like Dharma or Svaraj) with Western analytical traditions to address contemporary ethical challenges.

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9. Exploring the realm of the mental: cognition, emotion and volition by Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty



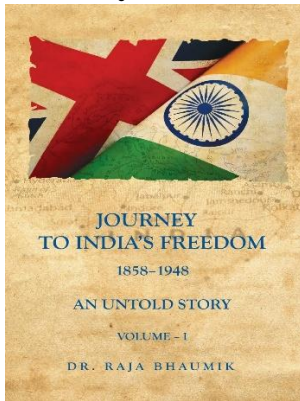
Delve into the fascinating complexities of human consciousness with this comprehensive academic text that explores the intricate realms of cognition, emotion, and volition. This scholarly work, edited by Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, offers a deep analysis of mental processes and their interconnections. The book presents cutting-edge research and theoretical frameworks that illuminate our understanding of how the mind processes information, experiences emotions, and makes decisions. Perfect for psychology students, researchers, and academics, this volume brings together diverse perspectives on mental science, providing valuable insights into the nature of human consciousness and behaviour. The text examines both classical theories and contemporary developments in psychological science, making it an essential resource for anyone interested in understanding the sophisticated machinery of the human mind. Whether you're conducting research or expanding your knowledge in psychology, this book serves as an authoritative guide to the realm of mental processes.

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10. Journey to India's freedom 1858-1948: an untold story by Raja Bhaumik



This is a set of two books. The book aims to capture this sentiment and describes in detail how over a period of time the INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT took shape which finally led to the TRANSFER of POWER in August, 1947. It has been the aim of the author to bring UNDER ONE ROOF a detailed study of the major events that did contribute to India WINNING HER FREEDOM. Such an approach could go a long way in providing the reader with a broad overview of the INDIAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT which involved both the REVOLUTIONARIES and the Followers of NON-VIOLENCE. To this end, the author has made every effort to take the help of as many resources as he could and to facilitate any further study a detailed Bibliography has been provided with. A detailed description of events in British India, London and all over the world during World War 1 and 2 and in the intervening period has been provided. At the same time, the role of the INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY under Netaji Subhas Bose has been highlighted. The fact that the British were unsure of the allegiance of the British India Army forcing them to decide to leave India has been brought to the fore. Thus, various facts of which many Indians are unaware of with regards to THE JOURNEY to INDIA'S FREEDOM have been discussed with the intention that the UNTOLD STORY be revealed to them. The important role played by the REVOLUTIONARIES have been mentioned in detail to break the MYTH that Indian Independence was won on the basis of a NON-VIOLENT STRUGGLE. At the end, it was through the EFFORTS OF ALL that FREEDOM DAWNED ON INDIA.

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