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The Formation and Transmission of Western Legal Culture - Serge Dauchy 2016-12-01

This volume surveys 150 law books of fundamental importance in the history of Western legal literature and culture. The entries are organized in three sections: the first dealing with the transitional period of fifteenth-century editions of medieval authorities, the second spanning the early modern period from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century, and the third focusing on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The contributors are scholars from all over the world. Each 'old book' is analyzed by a recognized specialist in the specific field of interest. Individual entries give a short biography of the author and discuss the significance of the works in the time and setting of their publication, and in their broader influence on the development of law worldwide. Introductory essays explore the development of Western legal traditions, especially the influence of the English common law, and of Roman and canon law on legal writers, and the borrowings and interaction between them. The book goes beyond the study of institutions and traditions of individual countries to chart a broader perspective on the transmission of legal concepts across legal, political, and geographical boundaries. Examining the branches of this genealogical tree of books makes clear their pervasive influence on modern legal systems, including attempts at rationalizing custom or creating new hybrid systems by transplanting Western legal concepts into other jurisdictions.

In difesa dei combustibili fossili - Alex Epstein 2019-01-14

Tutto quello che sappiamo sui combustibili fossili è falso? Per decenni ci è stato detto che il loro utilizzo avrebbe portato il nostro pianeta alla distruzione. Eppure, durante gli stessi anni, secondo ogni indicatore del benessere umano - dall'aspettativa di vita all'acqua pulita, dal livello di prosperità alla sicurezza del clima - la qualità delle nostre esistenze è andata migliorando. C'è infatti un legame incredibilmente forte tra uso di combustibili fossili, aspettativa di vita e reddito, specialmente nei Paesi che si stanno sviluppando più rapidamente degli altri. In questo libro Alex Epstein ci racconta quali sono gli aspetti positivi dell'uso di petrolio, carbone e gas naturale: in primo luogo, la loro capacità di fornire energia economica e affidabile a un mondo popolato da sette miliardi di persone. E ci spiega come molte delle critiche non reggano alla prova dei fatti: i benefici che derivano dall'uso dei combustibili fossili sono ampiamente superiori ai rischi. È anche grazie a queste fonti energetiche che il mondo è diventato un posto migliore per gli esseri umani.

Jed McKenna's Theory of Everything - Jed McKenna 2013-04

We are programmed from birth to believe that our existence is an unsolvable riddle, but if we make an honest effort, we discover that mystery itself is the riddle. Not just what is the big mystery, but why is there any mystery at all? And what if there isn't? What if the Mysterium Tremendum is just an internal belief without any external counterpart? What if the answers to life's biggest questions were all hidden in plain sight? "If man will strike, strike through the mask! How can the prisoner reach outside except by thrusting through the wall?" Herman Melville Those interested in striking through the mask will welcome a theory of everything that makes sense, doesn't rely on religious or scientific chicanery, and can be easily understood. And those familiar with Jed McKenna and the Enlightenment Trilogy will know that it's not just a theory.

The Illusions of Progress - VARIOS AUTORES 1969-01-01

Georges Sorel "argues that the idea of progress formed an essential part of the justification and defense of the rising administrative classes in France at the time of progressive ideology that has insured the Revolution." -- Jacket.

La tirannia degli esperti - William Easterly 2015-03-01T00:00:00+01:00

L'approccio tecnocratico non si cura della vera causa della povertà: il potere senza controlli dello Stato a danno di cittadini poveri e senza diritti. Easterly dimostra che una crescita economica più rapida non può essere la motivazione per calpestare i diritti degli individui e i valori democratici. Joseph Stiglitz, Premio Nobel per l'Economia L'approccio tecnocratico allo sviluppo poggia su una premessa sbagliata: che gli abitanti dei paesi poveri siano troppo inaffidabili per lasciare che prendano da soli le proprie decisioni. Easterly dimostra che questo presupposto è doppiamente errato: è moralmente offensivo e politicamente sbagliato. Paul Romer, New York University Easterly è semplicemente l'economista più interessante e provocatorio fra tutti quelli che oggi scrivono di tematiche legate allo sviluppo. Francis Fukuyama, Stanford University William Easterly ricostruisce le politiche per lo sviluppo economico messe in atto in Asia, Africa e America Latina da organizzazioni come la Banca Mondiale, le Nazioni Unite, la Gates Foundation, le agenzie di aiuti più note. La sua analisi evidenzia i gravi errori dell'approccio tecnocratico.

Treadmill of Production - Kenneth A. Gould 2015-11-17

Schnaiberg's concept of the treadmill of production is arguably the most visible and enduring theory to emerge in three decades of environmental sociology. Elaborated and tested, it has been found to be an accurate predictor of political-economic changes in the global economy. In the global South, it has figures prominently in the work of structural environmental analysts and has been used by many political-economic movements. Building new extensions and applications of the treadmill theory, this new book shows how and why northern analysts and governments have failed to protect our environment and secure our future. Using an empirically based political-economic perspective, the authors outline the causes of environmental degradation, the limits of environmental protection policies, and the failures of institutional decision-makers to protect human well-being.

Per una scienza nuova del governo della città - Gianfranco Dioguardi 2017-09-18T00:00:00+02:00

La nostra epoca è condizionata da complessità e continui mutamenti, i cui effetti si avvertono nel governo delle città, trasformate ormai in megalopoli di difficile gestione. Si impone, come urgenza indifferibile, la necessità di studiare per il territorio urbano nuove teorie organizzative, di dar vita a una nuova disciplina, a una «scienza nuova» del governo della città. Per definire l'ambito e il metodo di questo ramo del sapere, un valido punto di riferimento è costituito dalle dottrine organizzative e manageriali. L'obiettivo è infatti quello di fornire gli strumenti culturali necessari a formare - in innovative city school (simili alle business school sorte nel Novecento) - nuove figure professionali, i manager urbani, in grado di contrastare i drammatici fenomeni di degrado fisico e sociale che caratterizzano le metropoli contemporanee. Ciò tuttavia non basta: per affrontare questa sfida straordinaria e proiettarci, ben equipaggiati, nel futuro, è fondamentale fare un passo indietro, alla ricerca delle radici che hanno alimentato tutte le discipline moderne: la scienza, l'economia, lo stesso studio del management non sono altro che frutti della filosofia. È qui che occorre volgere lo sguardo, per recuperare la linfa che consentirà alla novella disciplina di fiorire e portare i frutti sperati alla città di oggi. Ed è qui che volge lo sguardo Gianfranco Dioguardi, ripercorrendo con agile passo la strada che, a partire dai Greci, ha compiuto il pensiero - filosofico dapprima, ma anche scientifico, economico, manageriale. Una ricchezza vitale, dalla quale la nuova disciplina che si appresta a fiorire non può prescindere.

Progresso - Johan Norberg 2019-01-01

Erano veramente così belli, i "bei tempi andati"? Povertà, malnutrizione, analfabetismo, mortalità infantile:

prima di quella straordinaria creazione di ricchezza innescata dalla Rivoluzione industriale, questo era il contesto nel quale vivevano le persone, ovunque in Occidente. Senza elettricità, antibiotici e vaccini, con una dieta incredibilmente monotona e insalubre, erano costrette a sottoporsi, quando necessario, a operazioni chirurgiche assai rischiose e realizzate senza anestesia. Con questo libro, Johan Norberg ci ricorda i nostri progressi: in pochi anni abbiamo raggiunto traguardi inimmaginabili per buona parte della storia dell'umanità. Ad esempio, la probabilità che un bambino nato oggi raggiunga l'età della pensione è maggiore di quella che avevano i suoi antenati di vivere fino a cinque anni. Ma, per qualsiasi indicatore preso in considerazione, possiamo affermare che ai nostri giorni si viva meglio e più a lungo di sempre. Tutto ciò è avvenuto grazie all'affermazione delle libertà individuali, di un'economia aperta e del metodo scientifico. Come ha scritto Francesco Giavazzi nella sua prefazione, «il libro di Norberg è molto più che una convincente difesa del progresso. È un campanello d'allarme che mette in guardia contro il prendere il progresso come un fatto irreversibile. Ma - ed è altrettanto importante - il libro fa anche riflettere sul modo in cui si formano le opinioni e su cosa si può fare per evitare che il passato venga distorto».

More - Philip Coggan 2020-02-13

There are 17 ingredients in a typical tube of toothpaste, from titanium dioxide to xanthum gum, and that's not counting the tube. Everything had to come from somewhere and someone had to bring it all together. The humblest household product reveals a web of enterprise that stretches around the globe. More is the story of how we spun that web. It begins with the earliest glimmerings of long-distance trade - obsidian blades that made their way from what is now Turkey to the Iran-Iraq border 7,000 years before Christ - and ends with the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. On such a grand scale, quirks of historical perspective leap out: futures contracts and commercial branding are among the many seemingly modern components of the global economy have existed since ancient times. Yet it was only in the 18th century that a cascade of innovations began to drive up prosperity in a lasting way around the world. To piece this fascinating saga together, Philip Coggan takes the reader inside medieval cottages and hi-tech hydroponic farms, prehistoric Chinese burial mounds and modern central banks. At every step of our journey, he finds that it was connections between people that created our wealth. Will the same openness continue to serve us in the 21st century?

The Evolution of Everything - Matt Ridley 2015-10-27

"Mr. Ridley's best and most important work to date...there is something profoundly democratic and egalitarian—even anti-elitist—in this bottom-up approach: Everyone can have a role in bringing about change." —Wall Street Journal The New York Times bestselling author of *The Rational Optimist* and *Genome* returns with a fascinating argument for evolution that definitively dispels a dangerous, widespread myth: that we can command and control our world. Human society evolves. Change in technology, language, morality, and society is incremental, inexorable, gradual, and spontaneous. It follows a narrative, going from one stage to the next, and it largely happens by trial and error—a version of natural selection. Much of the human world is the result of human action but not of human design: it emerges from the interactions of millions, not from the plans of a few. Drawing on fascinating evidence from science, economics, history, politics, and philosophy, Matt Ridley demolishes conventional assumptions that the great events and trends of our day are dictated by those on high. On the contrary, our most important achievements develop from the bottom up. The Industrial Revolution, cell phones, the rise of Asia, and the Internet were never planned; they happened. Languages emerged and evolved by a form of natural selection, as did common law. Torture, racism, slavery, and pedophilia—all once widely regarded as acceptable—are now seen as immoral despite the decline of religion in recent decades. In this wide-ranging, erudite book, Ridley brilliantly makes the case for evolution, rather than design, as the force that has shaped much of our culture, our technology, our minds, and that even now is shaping our future.

Panpsychism - Godehard Brüntrup 2017

Recent debates in philosophy of mind seemingly have resulted in an impasse. Reductive physicalism cannot account for the phenomenal mind, and nonreductive physicalism cannot safeguard a causal role for the mental as mental. Dualism was formerly considered to be the only viable alternative, but in addition to exacerbating the problem of mental causation, it is hard to square with a naturalist evolutionary framework. By 1979, Thomas Nagel argued that if reductionism and dualism fail, and a non-reductionist

form of strong emergence cannot be made intelligible, then panpsychism—the thesis that mental being is a fundamental and ubiquitous feature of the universe—might be a viable alternative. But it was not until David Chalmers' *The Conscious Mind* in 1996 that debates on panpsychism entered the philosophical mainstream. Since then the field has been growing rapidly, and some leading philosophers of mind as well as scientist have argued in favor of panpsychism. This book features contemporary arguments for panpsychism as a genuine alternative in analytic philosophy of mind in the 21st century. Different varieties of panpsychism are represented and systematically related to each other in the volume's 16 essays, which feature not only proponents of panpsychism but also prominent critics from both the physicalist and non-physicalist camps.

Fear in the World - Corrado Alvaro 2021-03-23

Corrado Alvaro's *Fear in the World* was published a decade before Orwell's 1984, but is not well known outside Italy, perhaps because of the timing of the publication just before the Second World War. Alvaro had visited the Soviet Union as a journalist, but was probably motivated to write this dystopian novel by aspects of modernity that concerned him, particularly the use of fear for political purposes which was not afflicting Russia alone. He was interested in the psychology of fear and the extent to which individuals and the crowd participate in their own regimentation. The names of countries, cities and leading political figures such as Stalin are never referred to, but as in the works of Orwell they are clearly identifiable from their descriptions: the author was writing in a Fascist country against a Fascist censor and had to cut his cloth accordingly. This is a dark novel, not quite as dark as 1984, but it is more claustrophobic. The feeling of inevitability is there from the first page, and it is experienced as we experience real life. The imagined truth takes us closer to where we really are. The travails of the love affair at the core of this novel quite possibly arise from perceptions that the regime exploits in a quite ad hoc manner. And it leads the reader through an extraordinary sequence of events and observations which encompass a vast range of emotions and ideas expressed in a unique prose style. The modern Leviathan appears to be a well-oiled machine, but towards the end it becomes clear that this is merely an appearance of efficiency and omniscience, but appearances can be powerful. Alvaro is particularly interested in how the state uses quasireligious mechanisms and rituals to assert its power. The central character returns to the country after a long period abroad, and sees things initially through foreign eyes, living a life similar to the one Alvaro did when in Russia. He is not a natural rebel, and very much wants to fit in, but he finds this difficult to achieve. The regime boasts that it has an ally in history, but destiny is elusive, however much the characters feel that they are driven by it.

Debito, potere negoziale, reputazione. Episodi da un passato contemporaneo a Lodi e aree contigue - AA. VV. 2016-01-07T00:00:00+01:00

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The Logical Structure of Consciousness - Michael Starks 2019-07-17

It is my contention that the table of intentionality (rationality, mind, thought, language, personality etc.) that features prominently here describes more or less accurately, or at least serves as an heuristic for, how we think and behave, and so it encompasses not merely philosophy and psychology, but everything else (history, literature, mathematics, politics etc.). Note especially that intentionality and rationality as I (along with Searle, Wittgenstein and others) view it, includes both conscious deliberative linguistic System 2 and unconscious automated prelinguistic System 1 actions or reflexes. I provide a critical survey of some of the major findings of two of the most eminent students of behavior of modern times, Ludwig Wittgenstein and John Searle, on the logical structure of intentionality (mind, language, behavior), taking as my starting point Wittgenstein's fundamental discovery -that all truly 'philosophical' problems are the same-confusions about how to use language in a particular context, and so all solutions are the same-looking at how language can be used in the context at issue so that its truth conditions (Conditions of Satisfaction or COS) are clear. The basic problem is that one can say anything but one cannot mean (state clear COS for) any arbitrary utterance and meaning is only possible in a very specific context. I analyze various writings by and about them from the modern perspective of the two systems of thought (popularized as 'thinking fast, thinking slow'), employing a new table of intentionality and new dual systems nomenclature. I show that this is a powerful heuristic for describing behavior. Thus, all behavior is intimately connected if one takes the correct viewpoint. The Phenomenological Illusion (oblivion to our automated System 1) is universal and

extends not merely throughout philosophy but throughout life. I am sure that Chomsky, Obama, Zuckerberg and the Pope would be incredulous if told that they suffer from the same problem as Hegel, Husserl and Heidegger, (or that that they differ only in degree from drug and sex addicts in being motivated by stimulation of their frontal cortices by the delivery of dopamine (and over 100 other chemicals) via the ventral tegmentum and the nucleus accumbens), but it's clearly true. While the phenomenologists only wasted a lot of people's time, they are wasting the earth and their descendant's future.

Il Medioevo delle Libertà - Guglielmo Piombini 2020-09-10

“Un motivato invito a rileggere il Medioevo senza stereotipi” Raimondo Cubeddu, docente dell’Università di Pisa “Un’aperta apologia liberale del Medioevo, un’epoca ancora immune dai veleni dello Stato moderno” Carlo Lottieri, docente dell’Università di Verona La storiografia contemporanea ha dimostrato l’infondatezza della tradizionale raffigurazione del Medioevo come parentesi oscura e stagnante tra l’antichità classica e il Rinascimento. Quella medievale fu una delle società più ricche di inventiva che la storia abbia mai conosciuto. Basti pensare alla rivoluzione nei metodi di coltivazione, i mulini, la stampa, la polvere da sparo, gli occhiali, l’orologio meccanico, la bussola, i vetri alle finestre, il sapone, le università e mille altre cose. La ragione principale di questo dinamismo, che permise alla società europea di superare il resto del mondo, è l’assenza di quell’ingombrante e soffocante istituzione moderna chiamata Stato. L’universo politico dell’epoca di mezzo era infatti largamente decentralizzato, fondato su magistrature affidate ai cittadini più influenti, su forze armate costituite riunendo le forze sociali quando la situazione lo imponeva, su mezzi finanziari raccolti in caso di bisogno presso i maggiorenti della società.

L'arte della vendita - Anthony Iannarino 2017-09-14T00:00:00+02:00

Anthony Iannarino non voleva neppure diventare un venditore, e tantomeno un direttore commerciale, un oratore, un coach o l’autore del blog più seguito sull’arte e la scienza delle vendite. Si è avvicinato a questa professione per caso, per guadagnarsi da vivere mentre cercava di sfondare nel mondo della musica rock. Quando ha capito che non sarebbe mai diventato il prossimo Mick Jagger, ha deciso di concentrarsi su una domanda che aspettava risposta da almeno un secolo: perché un numero ristretto di venditori in ciascun settore riscuote un successo straordinario, mentre gli altri ottengono risultati tutt’al più mediocri? Da allora sono passati oltre venticinque anni, durante i quali Iannarino ha letto centinaia di libri, ha messo alla prova un’infinità di strategie e ha intervistato decine di venditori di grande talento per capire cosa distingue quelli eccezionali dagli altri. Ora riassume tutto ciò che ha scoperto in un pratico manuale, ricco di informazioni utili per i principianti come per i veterani. Si concentra sugli elementi che tutti i venditori di successo hanno in comune, a prescindere dal settore o dal tipo di azienda: una mentalità basata su convinzioni efficaci e un ventaglio di competenze indispensabili. Il libro enumera tutte le caratteristiche essenziali di un grande venditore, tra cui: l’autodisciplina: mantenere gli impegni presi con se stessi e con gli altri; la responsabilità: rispondere personalmente dei risultati promessi al cliente; la competitività: affrontare la concorrenza senza lasciarsi intimidire; l’intraprendenza: fondere immaginazione, esperienza e conoscenza per creare soluzioni uniche; lo storytelling: forgiare relazioni profonde presentando una storia in cui il cliente è l’eroe e il venditore è la sua guida; la diagnosi: guardare sotto la superficie per individuare i problemi e le esigenze reali di una persona. Una volta apprese le strategie di fondo presentate da Iannarino, diventerà molto più facile imparare le tattiche specifiche più utili per il vostro prodotto e i vostri clienti. Sia che vendiate a grandi aziende, piccole imprese o singoli consumatori, questo è il libro che tornerete a consultare e rileggere per trarne insegnamenti preziosi, strategie e consigli che funzionano davvero.

Direct Truth - Kapil Gupta 2018-07-27

Prescriptions, how-to's, self-help, guru's, mental hacks, psychology, motivation, and the like, are things that are fundamentally unserious. They are things that move humans away from Truth. For they approach all matters from the standpoint of a "fix." The Truth is a path away from all fixes. And away from all chases. It is for the one who is Serious. It is for the one who is Sincere. This book is for but a handful of individuals in the world. Those with a rarest form of DNA. The DNA to arrive at the Direct Truth in all things. So that they may put an end to all chases. So that they may walk life's Final Mile. And come to possess the things that they have called by various other names.

Prolegomena to Ethics - Thomas Hill Green 1906

Seven Experiments That Could Change the World - Rupert Sheldrake 2002-07-01

Examines the realities of unexplained natural phenomenon and provides explanations that push the boundaries of science. • Looks at animal telepathy and the ability of pigeons to home. • Proves the point that "big questions don't need big science". • Noted scientist Rupert Sheldrake is a former research fellow of the Royal Society. • New Edition with an Update on Results. How does your pet "know" when you are coming home? How do pigeons "home"? Can people really feel a "phantom" amputated arm? These questions and more form the basis of Sheldrake's look at the world of contemporary science as he puts some of the most cherished assumptions of established science to the test. What Sheldrake discovers is that certain scientific beliefs are so widely taken for granted that they are no longer regarded as theories but are seen as scientific common sense. In the true spirit of science, Sheldrake examines seven of these beliefs. Refusing to let intellectual dogmatism influence his search for the truth, Sheldrake presents simple experiments that allow the curious and the skeptical to join in his journey of discovery. His experiments look at how scientific research is often biased against unexpected patterns that emerge and how a researcher's expectations can influence the results. He also examines the taboo of taking pets seriously and explores the question of human extrasensory perception. Perhaps most important, he questions the notion that science must be expensive in order to achieve important results, showing that inexpensive methods can indeed shake the very foundations of science as we know it. In this compelling and intelligent book, Sheldrake offers no preconceived wisdom or easy answers--just an open invitation to explore the unknown, create new science, and perhaps, even change the world.

The Great Challenge - Osho 2003

Germaine Dulac - Tami Williams 2014-06-15

Best known for directing the Impressionist classic *The Smiling Madame Beudet* and the first Surrealist film *The Seashell and the Clergyman*, Germaine Dulac, feminist and pioneer of 1920s French avant-garde cinema, made close to thirty fiction films as well as numerous documentaries and newsreels. Through her filmmaking, writing, and cine-club activism, Dulac’s passionate defense of the cinema as a lyrical art and social practice had a major influence on twentieth century film history and theory. In *Germaine Dulac: A Cinema of Sensations*, Tami Williams makes unprecedented use of the filmmaker's personal papers, production files, and archival film prints to produce the first full-length historical study and critical biography of Dulac. Williams's analysis explores the artistic and sociopolitical currents that shaped Dulac's approach to cinema while interrogating the ground breaking techniques and strategies she used to critique conservative notions of gender and sexuality. Moving beyond the director’s work of the 1920s, Williams examines Dulac's largely ignored 1930s documentaries and newsreels establishing clear links with the more experimental impressionist and abstract works of her early period. This vivid portrait will be of interest to general readers, as well as to scholars of cinema and visual culture, performance, French history, women’s studies, queer cinema, in addition to studies of narrative avant-garde, experimental, and documentary film history and theory.

Orwell's Revenge - Peter Huber 2015-06-30

In alternating chapters of fiction and nonfiction, Huber turns the computer against Orwell's words, reimagining Orwell's 1984 from the computer's point of view, interpolating Huger's own explanations and arguments.

Advances in Sociological Knowledge - Nikolai Genov 2013-06-29

Das englischsprachige Buch zieht eine Bilanz der widersprüchlichen intellektuellen Entwicklung der Soziologie über ein halbes Jahrhundert. Die Disziplin braucht diese Aufarbeitung der eigenen Erfahrung, um mit den neuen sozialen und kognitiven Herausforderungen fertig zu werden.

Manifesto of New Realism - Maurizio Ferraris 2014-12-01

Retraces the history of postmodern philosophy and proposes solutions to overcome its impasses. Philosophical realism has taken a number of different forms, each applied to different topics and set against different forms of idealism and subjectivism. Maurizio Ferraris’s *Manifesto of New Realism* takes aim at postmodernism and hermeneutics, arguing against their emphasis on reality as constructed and interpreted. While acknowledging the value of these criticisms of traditional, dogmatic realism, Ferraris

insists that the insights of postmodernism have reached a dead end. Calling for the discipline to turn its focus back to truth and the external world, Ferraris's manifesto—which sparked lively debate in Italy and beyond—offers a wiser realism with social and political relevance. Maurizio Ferraris is Full Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Laboratory for Ontology at the University of Turin, Italy. His books include *Goodbye, Kant! What Still Stands of the Critique of Pure Reason*, also published by SUNY Press. Sarah De Sanctis is a PhD candidate in contemporary forms of realism in literature and philosophy at the London Graduate School and a translator for the Department of Philosophy at the University of Turin.

ANNO 2020 LA CULTURA ED I MEDIA SECONDA PARTE - ANTONIO GIANGRANDE

Rappresentare con verità storica, anche scomoda ai potenti di turno, la realtà contemporanea, rapportandola al passato e proiettandola al futuro. Per non reiterare vecchi errori. Perché la massa dimentica o non conosce. Denuncio i difetti e caldeggio i pregi italiani. Perché non abbiamo orgoglio e dignità per migliorarci e perché non sappiamo apprezzare, tutelare e promuovere quello che abbiamo ereditato dai nostri avi. Insomma, siamo bravi a farci del male e qualcuno deve pur essere diverso!

The Book of Disquiet - Fernando Pessoa 2010-12-09

Sitting at his desk, Bernardo Soares imagined himself free forever of Rua dos Douradores, of his boss Vasques, of Moreira the book-keeper, of all the other employees, the errand boy, the post boy, even the cat. But if he left them all tomorrow and discarded the suit of clothes he wears, what else would he do? Because he would have to do something. And what suit would he wear? Because he would have to wear another suit. A self-deprecating reflection on the sheer distance between the loftiness of his feelings and the humdrum reality of his life, *The Book of Disquiet* is a classic of existentialist literature.

Radical Uncertainty: Decision-Making Beyond the Numbers - John Kay 2020-03-17

Much economic advice is bogus quantification, warn two leading experts in this essential book, now with a preface on COVID-19. Invented numbers offer a false sense of security; we need instead robust narratives that give us the confidence to manage uncertainty. "An elegant and careful guide to thinking about personal and social economics, especially in a time of uncertainty. The timing is impeccable." — Christine Kenneally, *New York Times Book Review* Some uncertainties are resolvable. The insurance industry's actuarial tables and the gambler's roulette wheel both yield to the tools of probability theory. Most situations in life, however, involve a deeper kind of uncertainty, a radical uncertainty for which historical data provide no useful guidance to future outcomes. Radical uncertainty concerns events whose determinants are insufficiently understood for probabilities to be known or forecasting possible. Before President Barack Obama made the fateful decision to send in the Navy Seals, his advisers offered him wildly divergent estimates of the odds that Osama bin Laden would be in the Abbottabad compound. In 2000, no one—not least Steve Jobs—knew what a smartphone was; how could anyone have predicted how many would be sold in 2020? And financial advisers who confidently provide the information required in the standard retirement planning package—what will interest rates, the cost of living, and your state of health be in 2050?—demonstrate only that their advice is worthless. The limits of certainty demonstrate the power of human judgment over artificial intelligence. In most critical decisions there can be no forecasts or probability distributions on which we might sensibly rely. Instead of inventing numbers to fill the gaps in our knowledge, we should adopt business, political, and personal strategies that will be robust to alternative futures and resilient to unpredictable events. Within the security of such a robust and resilient reference narrative, uncertainty can be embraced, because it is the source of creativity, excitement, and profit.

Aveva ragione Popper, tutta la vita è risolvere problemi. Consigli per affrontare meglio le difficoltà - Zanolli 2014

Choosing Futures - Nicholas Foskett 2002-11

Choosing Futures offers a wide ranging perspective on how young people, and their parents, make choices as they travel through a lifetime of education and training.

The Upside of Inequality - Edward Conard 2016-09-13

The scourge of America's economy isn't the success of the 1 percent—quite the opposite. The real problem is the government's well-meaning but misguided attempt to reduce the payoffs for success. Four years ago,

Edward Conard wrote a controversial bestseller, *Unintended Consequences*, which set the record straight on the financial crisis of 2008 and explained why U.S. growth was accelerating relative to other high-wage economies. He warned that loose monetary policy would produce neither growth nor inflation, that expansionary fiscal policy would have no lasting benefit on growth in the aftermath of the crisis, and that ill-advised attempts to rein in banking based on misplaced blame would slow an already weak recovery. Unfortunately, he was right. Now he's back with another provocative argument: that our current obsession with income inequality is misguided and will only slow growth further. Using fact-based logic, Conard tracks the implications of an economy now constrained by both its capacity for risk-taking and by a shortage of properly trained talent—rather than by labor or capital, as was the case historically. He uses this fresh perspective to challenge the conclusions of liberal economists like Larry Summers and Joseph Stiglitz and the myths of "crony capitalism" more broadly. Instead, he argues that the growing wealth of most successful Americans is not to blame for the stagnating incomes of the middle and working classes. If anything, the success of the 1 percent has put upward pressure on employment and wages. Conard argues that high payoffs for success motivate talent to get the training and take the risks that gradually loosen the constraints to growth. Well-meaning attempts to decrease inequality through redistribution dull these incentives, gradually hurting not just the 1 percent but everyone else as well. Conard outlines a plan for growing middle- and working-class wages in an economy with a near infinite supply of labor that is shifting from capital-intensive manufacturing to knowledge-intensive, innovation-driven fields. He urges us to stop blaming the success of the 1 percent for slow wage growth and embrace the upside of inequality: faster growth and greater prosperity for everyone.

How Many Light Bulbs Does It Take to Change the World? - Matt Ridley 2019-11-21

Almost every schoolchild learns that Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. But did he? And if he hadn't invented it, would we be still living in the dark? Acclaimed author Matt Ridley (*The Rational Optimist*, *The Evolution of Everything*) explains that at least 20 other people can lay claim to this breakthrough moment. Ridley argues that the light bulb emerged from the combined technologies and accumulated knowledge of the day - it was bound to emerge sooner or later. Based on his 2018 Hayek Memorial Lecture, Ridley contends that innovation - from invention through to development and commercialisation - is the most important unsolved problem in all of human society. We rely on it - but we do not fully understand it, we cannot predict it and we cannot direct it. In *How Many Light Bulbs Does It Take to Change the World?* Ridley examines the nature of innovation - and how people often fear its consequences. He dispels the myth that automation destroys jobs - and demonstrates how innovation leads to economic growth. And he argues that intellectual property rights, originally intended to encourage innovation, are now being used by big business to defend their monopolies. Ridley concludes that innovation is a mysterious and under-appreciated process that we discuss too rarely, hamper too much and value too little.

Citta aumentate - Maurizio Carta 2021-05-12

Dieci proposte concettuali e operative per rendere le città grandi e piccole adatte a rispondere alle istanze del secolo e a resistere virtuosamente alla crisi dell'Antropocene: dieci strategie per cominciare a progettare, qui e ora, una realtà urbana più sostenibile, collaborativa, creativa e digitale, capace di comunicare con la comunità che la abita e con l'ambiente che la circonda, sensibile alle sfide del presente e aperta a quelle che ci aspettano. Perché a salvarci dalle patologie dell'attuale modello di sviluppo può essere solo un urbanesimo rinnovato, che guardi anzitutto alla sostenibilità ecologica, economica e sociale e che trasformi la città in ciò che dovrebbe essere: «dispositivo di valorizzazione della condizione umana» e alleanza generativa di futuro.

Civilizzati fino alla morte - Christopher Ryan 2022-03-07

La civilizzazione è il più grande progetto dell'umanità, il progresso il suo più importante risultato. Ne siamo proprio sicuri? Com'è possibile allora che il mondo sia in guerra costante, i sistemi politici allo sbando, l'ecosistema sofferente e malato? Ascoltiamo tutti i giorni narrazioni false, ripetute così di frequente da sembrare verità evidenti. Ci raccontano che possiamo andare solo avanti, perché "il progresso è nella natura dell'uomo". Ma se ci voltiamo a guardare chi ci ha preceduti, vediamo che nelle società dei cacciatori-raccoglitori le cose erano ben diverse da quello che crediamo. Civilizzati fino alla morte critica l'idea che il progresso sia intrinsecamente buono, sostenendo, per contro, che sia paragonabile a una

malattia che avanza, una patologia che ci porta sempre più lontano dal momento in cui effettivamente eravamo in salute. Certo, la vita preistorica non era priva di gravi pericoli e svantaggi: molti bambini morivano durante l'infanzia e un osso rotto, una ferita infetta, un morso di serpente o una gravidanza potevano essere fatali. Ma, alla fine, sostiene Ryan, questi pericoli erano forse più micidiali dei flagelli moderni, come incidenti stradali, tumori, malattie cardiovascolari e un processo di morte tecnologicamente prolungato? In un momento in cui la società occidentale è in fase decadente, è necessario rileggere il processo di civilizzazione in modo critico. L'ottimismo spensierato di chi crede che andrà tutto bene non servirà a salvare l'umanità, ma non è ancora detta l'ultima parola: dovremmo solo iniziare a guardarci indietro per capire dove abbiamo sbagliato, per trovare la nostra strada verso un futuro migliore.

Inequality of Opportunity, Inequality of Income and Economic Growth - Mr. Shekhar Aiyar 2019-02-15

We posit that the relationship between income inequality and economic growth is mediated by the level of equality of opportunity, which we identify with intergenerational mobility. In economies characterized by intergenerational rigidities, an increase in income inequality has persistent effects—for example by hindering human capital accumulation—thereby retarding future growth disproportionately. We use several recently developed internationally comparable measures of intergenerational mobility to confirm that the negative impact of income inequality on growth is higher the lower is intergenerational mobility. Our results suggest that omitting intergenerational mobility leads to misspecification, shedding light on why the empirical literature on income inequality and growth has been so inconclusive.

Francis Crick - Matt Ridley 2012-01-17

Francis Crick—the quiet genius who led a revolution in biology by discovering, quite literally, the secret of life—will be bracketed with Galileo, Darwin, and Einstein as one of the greatest scientists of all time. In his fascinating biography of the scientific pioneer who uncovered the genetic code—the digital cipher at the heart of heredity that distinguishes living from non-living things—acclaimed bestselling science writer Matt Ridley traces Crick's life from middle-class mediocrity in the English Midlands through a lackluster education and six years designing magnetic mines for the Royal Navy to his leap into biology at the age of thirty-one and its astonishing consequences. In the process, Ridley sheds a brilliant light on the man who forever changed our world and how we understand it.

2020 Development Effectiveness Review - Asian Development Bank 2021-04-01

This publication outlines the performance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in achieving the goals of Strategy 2030, the institution's long-term strategic framework. It is the 14th in the series of annual reports that tracks development progress in Asia and the Pacific, assesses ADB's development effectiveness, and identifies areas where the institution's performance needs to be strengthened.

Teaching Anatomy - Lap Ki Chan 2015-01-29

Teaching Anatomy: A Practical Guide is the first book designed to provide highly practical advice to both novice and experienced gross anatomy teachers. The volume provides a theoretical foundation of adult learning and basic anatomy education and includes chapters focusing on specific issues that teachers

commonly encounter in the diverse and challenging scenarios in which they teach. The book is designed to allow teachers to adopt a student-centered approach and to be able to give their students an effective and efficient overall learning experience. Teachers of gross anatomy and other basic sciences in undergraduate healthcare programs will find in this unique volume invaluable information presented in a problem-oriented, succinct, and user-friendly format. Developed by renowned, expert authors, the chapters are written concisely and in simple language, and a wealth of text boxes are provided to bring out key points, to stimulate reflection on the reader's own situation, and to provide additional practical tips. Educational theories are selectively included to explain the theoretical foundation underlying practical suggestions, so that teachers can appropriately modify the strategies described in the book to fit their own educational environments. Comprehensive and a significant contribution to the literature, Teaching Anatomy: A Practical Guide is an indispensable resource for all instructors in gross anatomy.

The Way to Love - Anthony De Mello 1995-06-01

From the international bestselling author of Awareness, a pocket-sized guide that will bring you to new levels of spiritual awareness. The Way To Love contains the final flowering of Anthony de Mello's thought, and in it he grapples with the ultimate question of love. In thirty-one meditations, he implores his readers with his usual pithiness to break through illusion, the great obstacle to love. "Love springs from awareness," de Mello insists, saying that it is only when we see others as they are that we can begin to really love. But not only must we seek to see others with clarity, we must examine ourselves without misconception. The task, however, is not easy. "The most painful act," de Mello says, "is the act of seeing. But in that act of seeing that love is born." Anthony De Mello was the director of the Sadhana Institute of Pastoral Counseling in Poona, India, and authored several books. The Way To Love is his last.

Victims of Progress - John H. Bodley 1982

Noi - Ronald Aronson 2020-11-26T00:00:00+01:00

In un periodo storico caratterizzato dal mito del progresso individuale, Ronald Aronson richiama la nostra attenzione sul concetto e sulle pratiche della speranza sociale, che può costituire la base per la riscoperta della volontà collettiva e di nuove forme di azione politica. Questa tipologia di speranza non si è mai realmente assopita e la ritroviamo oggi in alcuni movimenti come Occupy Wall Street o tra i sostenitori di Bernie Sanders. Per Aronson è però necessario distinguerla dalla mitologia del progresso, secondo la quale la storia sarebbe dominata da un principio intrinseco di crescita e di miglioramento, che non prevede necessariamente l'impegno degli esseri umani a realizzare da soli il loro destino, individuale e collettivo. La speranza sociale deve opporsi a questa immagine illusoria del progresso, come anche alla tendenza contemporanea al cinismo e ai rischi di una individualizzazione della speranza stessa, che la renderebbe incapace di puntare a una vera rivoluzione politica e sociale a livello globale. Ci sono tante false speranze, ma tra queste dobbiamo riscoprire l'unica vera speranza, che è quella di poter dare una risposta collettiva ai problemi che affliggono il mondo contemporaneo.