

Gaining And Sustaining Competitive Advantage2nd Second Edition

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 6th International IFIP Working Conference on Research and Practical Issues of Enterprise Information Systems (CONFENIS 2012), held in Ghent, Belgium, during September 19–21, 2012. The theme of the conference was "enterprise information systems of the future -- evolving toward more performance through transparency and agility," mirroring the trend toward more open and more flexible systems. In all, 53 contributions were submitted and after a rigorous review process 10 full papers and 15 short papers were selected for publication in this book. These 25 papers present a well-balanced mix between the traditional social sciences and the novel design science paradigms in enterprise information systems research, and they also include practitioner-oriented and practice-driven contributions. The topics covered fall into three categories: information management in businesses (e.g., enterprise modeling or business process management), information systems from a management perspective (e.g., service innovation, business intelligence, or decision support systems), and ERP offerings and implementations (e.g., software as a service or ERP case studies).

At a time when corporate scandals and major financial failures dominate newspaper headlines, the importance of good risk management practices has never been more obvious. The absence or mismanagement of such practices can have devastating effects on exposed organizations and the wider economy (Barings Bank, Enron, Lehmann Brothers, Northern Rock, to name but a few). Today's organizations and corporate leaders must learn the lessons of such failures by developing practices to deal effectively with risk. This book is an important step towards this end. Written from a European perspective, it brings together ideas, concepts and practices developed in various risk markets and academic fields to provide a much-needed overview of different approaches to risk management. It critiques prevailing enterprise risk management frameworks (ERMs) and proposes a suitable alternative. Combining academic rigour and practical experience, this is an important resource for graduate students and professionals concerned with strategic risk management.

Despite its often mismanaged economy, Africa remains the third largest continent in land mass and population. It continues to offer unexploited business opportunities for entrepreneurs, global corporations, and institutions. *Emerging Business Opportunities in Africa: Market Entry, Competitive Strategy, and the Promotion of Foreign Direct Investments* presents the basic business modeling for developing appropriate strategies in exploiting these business opportunities in the emerging economy in Africa. This book offers insight into the challenges and successes aiming to encourage researchers and students of business in creating a value for doing business in Africa.

Managing Knowledge Assets and Business Value Creation in Organizations: Measures and Dynamics provides an advanced, state-of-the-art understanding of the links between the knowledge assets dynamics and the business value creation. This publication focuses on the theory, models, approaches, methodologies, tools and techniques for measuring and managing organizational knowledge assets dynamics supporting and driving business performance improvements. This comprehensive work is a substantial contribution to the field in terms of theory, methodology and applications to replicate, support and challenge existing studies and offer new applications of existing theory and approaches.

This book elaborates on the combined challenges regarding intrapreneurship, sustainability of human resources management (HRM) and digital transformation faced by today's organizations. Representing the first such attempt in current management literature, it explores the sustainable HRM approach, which focuses on connecting internal and external factors so as to achieve positive outcomes not only for the respective organization but also for the society, economy, and environment. It also discusses cases related to HRM's role in establishing a corporate sustainability culture, while also working to promote employee engagement, satisfaction, performance and well-being. In closing, the book discusses the new opportunities provided by digitalization and connectivity in the field of intellectual capital, which make employees the central focus of the organization in order to create sustainable competitive advantages. This textbook familiarises students with the theory and practice of small business management and challenges assumptions that may be held about the way small business management can or should adopt the management practices of larger firms. For students interested in establishing and managing their own small firm, this book helps them to focus their thinking on the realities of life as a small business owner-manager - both its challenges and its rewards. For postgraduate students that are keen to 'make a difference', this text enables them to understand how they might consult to small firms and assist owner-managers to establish and grow their ventures. In addition to students, this book is also useful to small business owner-managers as a general guide on how they might better manage their operations. Managers in large corporations and financial institutions who deal with small businesses as clients or suppliers, and professionals such as accountants, lawyers and consultants who provide advice and other services to small businesses will also find the book of interest.

Strategic Management is a core strategy textbook, covering all the major topics particularly from a global perspective. It delivers comprehensive coverage of the subject in an easy-to-read style with extensive examples and a range of free support material that will help you learn actively and effectively. This eighth edition of Strategic Management builds on proven strengths ... · over 70 short case studies to provide easily accessible illustrations of strategy in practice and additional cases available online to provide more in-depth examples of recent strategic decisions involving Sony, Apple and industry sectors · a continuous contrast between prescriptive and emergent views of strategy to highlight the key debates within the discipline · emphasis on practice throughout with features to help you turn theory into practice · major international strategy cases from Europe, Africa, China, India, Middle East and the Americas · clear exploration of the key concepts · comprehensive, logical structure to guide you through this complex subject · Specialist chapters on public/third sector strategy, green strategy and sustainability, entrepreneurial strategy and international and global strategy New for the eighth edition: - Dynamic capabilities and resource renewal explored in a revised and updated chapter - Emergent strategy completely revised in two new chapters, one focusing on innovation, and technology and the other exploring knowledge and learning - New material on innovation and strategy in uncertain environments - Case studies from large and small organisations from Google, Spotify and Cadbury to Snapchat, Uber and green energy companies with 14 new cases and many cases updated This new edition also includes a wealth of free, online, open-access learning resources. Use these materials to enhance and test your knowledge to improve your grades. Online resources include web based cases with indicative answers, chapter based support material, long cases and multiple-choice questions. Richard Lynch is Emeritus Professor of Strategic Management at Middlesex University, London. He is an active researcher, lecturer and consultant, particularly in the area of global strategy and sustainable strategy.

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This volume presents work from the IFIP TC 8 WG 8.9 International Conference on the Research and Practical Issues of Enterprise Information Systems (CONFENIS 2007). Enterprise information systems (EIS) have become increasingly popular. EIS integrate and support business processes across functional boundaries in a supply chain environment. In recent years, more and more enterprises world-wide have adopted EIS such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for running their businesses.

This volume brings together multiple perspectives on both the changing Arctic environment and the challenges and opportunities it presents for the shipping sector. It argues for the adoption of a forward-looking agenda that respects the fragile and changing Arctic frontier. With the accelerated interest in and potential for new maritime trade routes, commercial transportation and natural resource development, the pressures on the changing Arctic marine environment will only increase. The International Maritime Organization Polar Code is an important step toward Arctic stewardship. This new volume serves as an important guide to this rapidly developing agenda. Addressing a range of aspects, it offers a valuable resource for academics, practitioners, environmentalists and affected authorities in the shipping industry alike.

Sebastian Knoll suggests that the successful realization of growth synergies is associated with a selective focus on specific growth opportunities, decentralized cross-business collaboration that motivates productive business unit self-interest, and a corporate management approach that guides and balances this self-interest in an evolutionary fashion.

This book focuses on the relationship between business strategy and competition among Italian SMEs in the aftermath of the economic crisis. First examining business strategy and competitive advantage in a broader sense, Business Strategies and Competitiveness in Times of Crisis goes on to analyse the strategic behaviour of SMEs and the key factors that allow them to overcome the challenges they face. The book covers wide-ranging topics such as marketing and communication strategies, internationalization process and entry modes, access to credit, networking, innovation process and human resources enhancement. Referring to insightful case studies and surveys conducted between 2011 and 2014, it reflects on managerial implications for Italian SMEs and identifies their three main competitive challenges.

Business organizations the world over are increasingly recognizing the potential of their human resources. Strategic human resource management emerged out of the parent discipline of human resource management emerged out of the parent discipline of human resource management with the aim of optimizing organization objectives. It emphasizes the strategic importance of formulating HR objectives. It emphasizes the strategic importance of formulating HR objectives, strategies, and policies with a view to developing the skills and abilities for the achievement of competitive advantage. This book provides a comprehensive, contemporary, and critical review of the key issues in strategic human resource management in India. The focus is on the reality of "people management" in large, global companies. Establishing the effectiveness of strategic HRM with respect to organizational performance, the authors examine recent research as also provide case studies of companies operating in the country.

Family business has become an increasingly studied field over the last decade and forms one of the fastest growing research areas today. The uniqueness of family business is the interaction between two systems: the family and the firm, leading to speci

This volume contains papers presented at the International Conference on Software Process (ICSP 2008) held in Leipzig, Germany, during May 10–11, 2008. ICSP 2008 was the second conference of the ICSP series. The theme of ICSP 2008 was "Making Globally Distributed Software Development a Success Story. " Software developers work in a dynamic context of frequently changing technologies and with limited resources. Globally distributed development teams are under ev- increasing pressure to deliver their products more quickly and with higher levels of qu- ity. At the same time, global competition is forcing software development organizations to cut costs by rationalizing processes, outsourcing part of or all development activities, reusing existing software in new or modified applications, and evolving existing systems to meet new needs, while still minimizing the risk of projects failing to deliver. To address these difficulties, new and modified processes are emerging, including agile methods and plan-based product line development. Open Source, COTS, and com- nity-developed software are becoming more and more popular. Outsourcing coupled with 24/7 development demands well-defined processes to support the coordination of organizationally–and geographically–separated teams. The accepted papers present completed research or advanced work-in-progress in all areas of software and systems development process including: agile software pr- esses, CMMI, novel techniques for software process representation and analysis; process tools and metrics; and the simulation and modeling of software processes. Contributions reflecting real-world experience, or derived directly from industrial or open-source software development and evolution, were particularly welcome.

Predictions are that sustainability becomes the next big topic for Human Resource Management after internationalization and globalization. This book gives new answers to these questions: - How can HRM contribute to attracting, developing and retaining highly qualified human resources over time? - How can a paradox perspective contribute to understanding and coping with paradoxical tensions? - How can sustainability be used as a 'deliberate strategy' for HRM? The conceptual part of the book looks at the notion of sustainability, opens it up for Strategic HRM and identifies blind spots in Strategic HRM theory. Paradox theory is introduced as an analytical framework for Sustainable HRM. Initial suggestions are made for sustainability strategies and for coping with paradoxes and tensions. The exploratory part examines how 50 European Multinationals communicate their understanding of sustainability and HRM and which HR issues and practices they are linking to the topic.

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The 'Resource-Based View of the Firm' has emerged over the last fifteen years as one of the dominant perspectives used in strategic management. It addresses the fundamental research question of strategic management: Why is it that some firms persistently outperform others?Resource-Based Theory provides a considered overview of this theory, including the latest developments, from one of the key thinkers in its development. In broad terms it offers an alternative to Michael Porter's approach, focusing more on the competences and capabilities of the firm, rather than its positioning in its chosen markets.Jay B. Barney has long been recognised as one of the leading contributor to the resource-based theory literature. In this book he has collaborated with Delwyn N. Clark to produce the first book to examine the theory in a holistic and in-depth manner. The authors explore not only the applications of the theory in research, teaching, and practice, but also its early roots in traditional economic theory, development and proliferation in the 1990s, and later influence on managementthinking.

In a context of deep uncertainty and turmoil the only source of wealth is what individuals, organizations and nations are able to do with what they know. Well formulated and good implemented strategies have always been the foundation of business excellence – the only source of wealth in any economy. The authors of this volume provide readers with a comprehensive overview of how to achieve entrepreneurial excellence in the knowledge economy and offer them Intellectual Capital Benchmarking System (ICBS) - a methodology for strategy check-up of organizations in the knowledge economy context. Among different intellectual capital methodologies and tools, ICBS is the only one relevant for successful strategy formulation, innovation, and gaining and sustaining competitive advantages.

The changing dynamics in the European region and beyond, the unfolding political-economic challenges across the European Union, and the rising global power of emerging economic powers require knowledge, skills, and methodological platforms inducing strategies and operations in the new and ever-changing business landscape. Geo-Regional Competitiveness in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltic Countries, and Russia seeks to address East Central Europe's (ECE), the Baltics', and Russia's increasingly important roles as emerging markets and competitive economic players in the European region. This premier reference work is designated for scholars, professionals, government agencies, think tanks, and other individuals, organizations, and institutions interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the geo-regional strategic business dynamics and landscape involving ECE, the Baltics, and Russia.

New industries are emerging; others are disrupted; old barriers are crumbling, while new ones are rising. This book seeks to better understand the challenges facing industries, networks, businesses and management during periods of industry structuring and restructuring. Comprising a series of contributions from experts in the field, the book addresses key questions about the opportunities and threats posed by these times of turmoil, including: How do existing industries sustain their competitiveness in such difficult times? How do networks stave off threats from new technologies? How do emerging and incumbent companies survive when growth is not an option? And how should companies be governed during periods of industry structuring and restructuring? In answering these questions, the contributors provide an overview of the strategies that industries, networks, businesses and managers are currently deploying in order to adapt to chaotic conditions and to enhance business profitability. Their responses make a distinctive contribution to scholarly thought and management practice.

Softcover version of the successful Handbook which sold over 500 copies world wide. Brings together leading scholars from a broad spectrum of fields such as management, finance, economics, sociology and psychology. Provides an overview of what the issues are for entrepreneurship when viewed through the lens provided by each of the above mentioned academic disciplines.

This student-focused text provides an emphasis on skills development. Packed with real-life examples of what can go wrong with even the most well-conceived strategies, there is a focus on realism throughout. With a highly accessible writing style, this text is an invaluable learning tool for all students in this area.

The Handbook of Research on Competitive Strategy presents a comprehensive state-of-the-art picture of current strategic management issues and demarcates the major investigation strands that are likely to shape the field into the future. The Handbook is the outcome of a far-reaching endeavour including new contributions from highly-reputed experts around the world, outlining the conceptual and empirical advancements and assessing the promises and practical relevance of the competitive strategy field. Looking at key areas such as alliances and innovation, ownership and networks, cooperation and entrepreneurship, multinational and trust management, and firm's financial structures and business models, the book sets a research agenda for the future of competitive strategy research. Gathering various solid branches of investigation that revolve around specific theories and applications (such as the socio-cognitive perspective, the strategy-as-practice view, and the most recent developments in competitive dynamics and the resource-based perspective of the firm), this inspiring and thought-provoking Handbook will provide executives, entrepreneurs, students and scholars in management with many insights into the nature and process of competitive strategy emergence, configuration and development.

"This book aims to bridge the gap in the current literature by addressing the overall problems present in major infrastructure in society, and the technologies that may be applied to overcome these problems"--Provided by publisher.

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This book addresses the evolution of the strategies, structures, ownership patterns and performances of large European corporations since the early 1960s. The authors study large and small countries, in order to understand how the process of economic integration has affected the patterns of growth and the structural characteristics of the largest firms. Drawing both on extensive databases and on case studies, the contributions in this volume address the peculiar specificities of large firms in different national contexts, adopting a longitudinal, long term perspective. This volume delivers the first results of an international, collective research effort undertaken by several national teams. The 'Mapping Corporate Europe' project aims to provide a detailed account of the structural traits of the European Corporation in a framework which includes (i) a chronological analysis over 50 years, starting with the Rome treaty in 1957; (ii) geographical extension beyond previous analyses for France, Germany and the UK, by including smaller countries; (iii) firms from other industries in addition to manufacturing companies; and (iv) attention to internationalisation of European firms. These analyses form the basis of a rich description of the developments of large European corporations over the past five decades, using both qualitative and quantitative approaches. This book was originally published as a special issue of Business History.

Discover both sides of international business and how to prepare for the future. GLOBAL STRATEGY, Third Edition, doesn't just show you what it's like for foreign businesses entering a new market; it reveals what domestic companies must do to survive foreign competition. Easy to read and full of study tools, GLOBAL STRATEGY, Third Edition, helps you prepare for your exams and for your career. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections <http://gocengage.com/infotrac>. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Research methods present the strategic management field with opportunities and challenges. This second volume describes challenges and opportunities inherent in particular content areas, examines key ontological and epistemological issues in the strategic management context and also describes how strategy researchers can use particular methods.

This book takes a pragmatic approach to develop the competitive advantage of indigenous construction firms in the Global South, using Ghana as a case study. It provides readers with two major practical insights. The first focuses on the theoretical underpinning of firms' competitive advantage and develops a competitive advantage model for indigenous construction firms. This competitive advantage conceptual framework aids in explaining the main and sub-attributes underpinning the competitive advantage of indigenous construction firms as well as providing the basis for assessing a firm's competitiveness. Secondly, it highlights and addresses theoretical gaps in existing competitive advantage studies deemed essential for indigenous construction firms. Finally, a detailed two-stage Delphi study in the Ghanaian construction industry is presented as a case study. The book is therefore of interest to researchers in construction management, strategic management, civil engineering, business administration, marketing, entrepreneurial and economic studies. It is an essential manual for owners and managers of construction businesses. It is also useful for government departments and non-governmental agencies seeking innovative ways to develop the capacity of indigenous firms and/or contractors to make them more responsive to competitive bidding scenarios, delivery of projects, and satisfying the needs of the industry's stakeholders.

'Ecological and economic systems share some fundamental characteristics that Clem Tisdell has beautifully illuminated. He has given us a much better handle on the roles of competition, diversity, evolution and sustainability in complex, interdependent ecological and economic systems. Our ability to build a sustainable and desirable future fundamentally depends on this integrated understanding.' – Robert Costanza, Portland State University, US This thought-provoking book explores the influences of market competition and diverse behaviours of economic agents on economic performance, particularly dynamic economic performance. Clem Tisdell illustrates – within evolutionary, dynamic and static contexts – how diversity can improve or impede economic performance. He addresses the fact the role of diversity in improving economic performance has been neglected by economic theorists by making economic diversity a focal point of economic analysis. In particular, special attention is given to the value of economic diversity and economic imperfections in improving the performance of economic processes in particular identified situations. Limitations of using market-like mechanisms for managing public bodies and business firms are discussed and the value of business cooperation (economic mutualism) as a means for improving economic performance is examined. It is also observed that as economies develop, different forms of economic competition and business cooperation evolve. Challenging yet accessible, this book will prove a stimulating read for academics and students in the fields of economics, industrial organization and business and management.

Information Systems (IS) as a discipline draws on diverse areas including, technology, organisational theory, management and social science. The field is recognized as very broad and encompassing many themes and areas. However, the development of artefacts, or information systems development (ISD), in the broadest sense, is a central concern of the discipline. Significantly, ISD impacts on the organisational and societal contexts through the use of the artefacts constructed by the development. Today, that impact also needs to be evaluated in terms of its effects on the environment. Sustainable, or "green," IT is a catch-all term used to describe the development, manufacture, management, use and disposal of ICT in a way that minimizes damage to the environment. As a result, the term has many different meanings, depending on the role assumed in the life span of the ICT artefact. The theme of the proposed work is to critically examine the whole range of issues around ISD from the perspective of sustainability. Sustainable IT is an emerging theme in academic research and industry practice in response to an individual concern for the environment and the embryonic regulatory environments being enacted globally to address the environmental impact of ICT. In this work we intend to bring together in one volume the diverse research around the development of sustainable IS.

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Research in Social Stratification and Mobility continues its tradition of publishing the best and most innovative research on the changing landscape of social inequality the world over. This issue focuses on different dimensions of social closure and their relationship to social inequality processes, including the changing role that education plays in sorting people into favorable and unfavorable labor market positions across a global diversity of cultural settings. This issue also examines the fluid boundaries of race and ethnicity in contentious political settings, relationships between attitudes and collective action, and the role that technology and political context plays in promoting economic development and well-being. These topics and the research methodologies they represent display the vitality of social science research dealing with social stratification and the wide array of methods, contexts, and policies that directly affect the life chances of most of the world's peoples. This issue also marks a continuation of the ties developed between RSSM and the Social Stratification and Mobility section of the International Sociological Association (RC-28). This collaboration promises to promote and disseminate social inequality research throughout the world through an established network of distinguished international contributors and commentators.

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Harvard professor, Michael Porter has been one of the most influential figures in strategic management research over the last three decades. He infused a rigorous theoretical framework of industrial organization economics with the then still embryonic field of strategic management and elevated it to its current status as an academic discipline. Porter's outstanding career is also characterized by its cross-disciplinary nature. Following his most important work on strategic management, he then made a leap to the policy side of business strategy, completely different set of analytical units. More recently he has made a foray into inner city development, environmental regulations, and health care services. Throughout these explorations Porter has maintained his integrative approach, seeking a road that connects the case studies and the general model building of mainstream economics. With expert contributors from a range of disciplines including strategic management, economic development, economic geography, and planning, this book assesses the contribution Michael Porter has made to these respective disciplines. It clarifies the sources of tension and controversy relating to all the major strands of Porter's work, and provides academics, students, and practitioners with a critical guide for the application of Porter's models. The book also addresses many of the criticisms of Porter's ideas are valid, they are almost an inevitable outcome for a scholar who has sought to build bridges across wide disciplinary valleys. His work has provided others with a set of frameworks to explore in more depth the nature of competitive advantage, and clusters from a range of vantage points.

For MBA-level courses in Strategic Management. This text is designed to show students how to put theory into practice.

Discover success in global business today with the most strategic approach to international business topics and unique coverage not found in other books. GLOBAL BUSINESS, 4th Edition, is the first global business book that answers the big question, What makes a firm successful? success and failure of firms around the globe? Globally renowned scholar and author Mike Peng integrates both an institution-based view and resource-based view throughout every chapter, bringing an unparalleled continuity and strategic approach to the field of international business. This book combines an inviting, conversational style with the latest research and examples that reflect the most recent global developments. A wealth of business cases from Mike Peng and other respected international experts delve into how companies throughout the world have expanded globally. All-new video cases that cover every chapter's opening case and closing case, world maps that connect geography and culture to business decisions, and unique global debate sections that draw you into cutting-edge international discussions. This book encourages you to think independently and view business challenges from a truly global perspective. With GLOBAL BUSINESS, 4th Edition, you view business through the eyes of a true world citizen and gain the understanding you need to become an effective manager within the global business landscape. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This timely and important book illuminates the impact of cyber law on the growth and development of emerging and developing economies. Using a strong theoretical framework firmly grounded in resource-based and technology diffusion literature, the authors provide a comprehensive understanding of the ways public and private sector entities in developing and emerging countries adopt cyber space processes. This book reveals that the diffusion of cyber activities in developing and emerging economies is relatively low, with the main stumbling blocks being regulatory, cultural, and social factors. The authors argue that cyber crimes constitute a prime obstacle to the diffusion of e-commerce and e-governments in developing economies, and governments have an important role in developing control mechanisms and laws. However, setting appropriate policies and complementary services, particularly those affecting the telecommunications sector and other infrastructure, human capital and the investment environment, severely constrains Internet access. Using both strategic and operational perspectives, the authors discuss the concrete experience of constructing and implementing cyber laws and cyber security measures in developing and emerging countries, and analyse their content and appropriateness. Professionals, academics, and policymakers working in the area of cyber space, e-commerce and economic development, and United Nations entities working closely with the Millennium Development Goals, will find this book an invaluable reference.

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of five international workshops held in Thessaloniki, Greece, in conjunction with the 26th International Conference on Advanced Information Systems Engineering, CAISE 2014, in June 2014. The 24 full papers were carefully selected from 63 submissions. The five workshops were the First International Workshop on Advanced Probability and Statistics in Information Systems (APSYS), the First International Workshop on Advances in Services Design Based on Information Systems Capability, the Second International Workshop on Cognitive Aspects of Information Systems Engineering (COGNISE), the Third Workshop on New Generation Enterprise and Business Innovation Systems (NGEBIS), and the 4th International Workshop on Information Systems Security Engineering (WISSE).

Strategic Management for Travel and Tourism is the must-have text for students studying travel and tourism. It brings theory to life by using industry-based case studies, and in doing so, 'speaks the language' of the Travel and Tourism student. Among the topics included in this edition are: * international case studies from large-scale businesses such as AirTours, MyTravel and South West Airlines * user-friendly applications of strategic management theory, such as objectives, products and markets and strategy formulation * together with illustrative case studies, and longer case studies for seminar work and summaries * contemporary strategic issues affecting travel and tourism organizations, such as vertical integration and strategic alliances Strategic Management for Travel and Tourism is a well-rounded book, ideal for all undergraduate and postgraduate students focusing on strategy in travel and tourism.

Terms such as the 'new competitive landscape', 'hypercompetition' and 'inherent instability and change' have been used over the past decade to describe the changing global competitive environment. A plethora of strategic and operational measures have been used by firms to gain sustainable competitive advantage, with varying degrees of success. Yet we remain in largely uncharted territory with strategic preparation for the future becoming a critical activity. Strategy and Performance provides academics, practitioners and students with a highly focused approach to competing in the global marketplace.

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