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### *Educating Difficult Adolescents: effective education for children in public care or with emotional and behavioural difficulties*

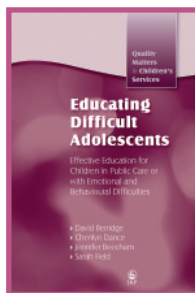
DAVID BERRIDGE, CHERILYN DANCE, JENNIFER BEECHAM, SARAH FIELD (MIKE STEIN AND CAROLINE THOMAS, EDS)

[Jessica Kingsley Publishers](#)

Educational achievements for children in care are significantly poorer than for the general school population. This book explores why this is and how to enable children in care to succeed in the classroom. It evaluates the educational experience and performance of a sample of 'difficult' adolescents living in foster families, residential children's homes and residential special schools for pupils with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (BESD).

The authors address such factors as the failure to prioritise education for children in care, placement instability and disrupted schooling. It investigates care environments, policy changes and young people's background experiences – as well as the costs of services – in order to gauge the effectiveness of targeted initiatives.

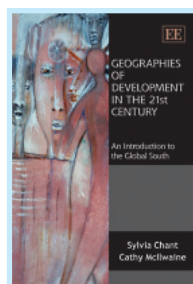
A multidisciplinary approach is adopted to suggest how best to support these children.



the EU. And yet monetary union entails huge economic, political and social consequences for political economy in Europe and beyond.

As European integration continues apace, the future of EMU becomes ever more important. Can it help create a strong and integrated European community, or will it prove a hindrance to the EU project?

This book brings together the most established experts in the area who provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary perspective on the issues expected to face EMU over the next few decades and to propose solutions to the challenges which may arise. As well as offering new and insightful contributions to the integration debate, the book is also policy-oriented and aims to assess the future impact of EMU on various EU policy areas.



### *Geographies of Development in the 21st Century: an introduction to the global south*

SYLVIA CHANT AND CATHY MCILWAINE

[Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd](#)

Incorporating field research from Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, El Salvador, the Philippines, Botswana and The Gambia, the authors bring alive a body of fascinating subject matter extending across gender, family, poverty, employment, household livelihoods, the informal economy, housing, migration, civil society, conflict and violence.

Reflecting both authors' enduring interests in the academic-policy interface, the book is also informed by assignments they have undertaken for various international organisations such as the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO and the Commonwealth Secretariat.



### *The Government and Politics of Cyprus*

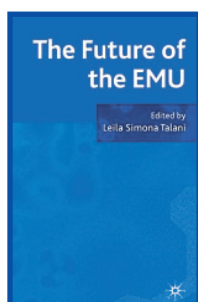
JAMES KER-LINDSAY AND HUBERT FAUSTMANN, EDS

Peter Lang

[Verlagsgruppe](#)  
For nearly 50 years, Cyprus has attracted considerable international attention.

However, while numerous volumes have been written on the causes and consequences of the conflict between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities and the many efforts to reunite the island, very little has been done on the domestic politics and society in the Republic of Cyprus.

This volume addresses this major gap by providing the first comprehensive examination of the institutions of governance and the political environment in Cyprus. As well as focusing on issues such as the presidency, parliament, the legal system, local government and civil society, it also analyses and explains the historical development of politics in Cyprus and the ways in which the conflict between the two communities, the division of the island and, more recently, European Union accession have all affected the conduct of politics and system of government.



### *The Future of EMU*

LEILA SIMONA TALANI, ED

[Palgrave Macmillan](#)  
Amongst the numerous issues surrounding European integration, perhaps there is none more fascinating than European monetary integration.

The establishment of a European currency union and the adoption of the Euro are perhaps the two most important accomplishments of

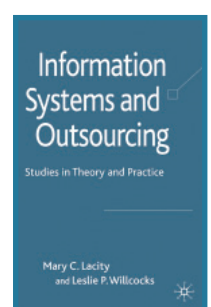
### *Information Systems and Outsourcing*

MARY C LACITY, LESLIE P WILLCOCKS

[Palgrave Macmillan](#)

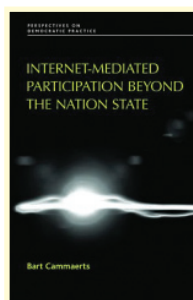
This book covers nearly 20 years of leading theoretical and practical research on IT outsourcing by the two authors and their global network of 11 distinguished contributing authors and is organised chronologically to clearly show the evolution of theory and practice over time.

The authors comment on which findings



remain critically relevant as opposed to those that have considerably progressed. They explore how good IT outsourcing theories shape practice and how effective IT outsourcing practices inform theory.

They stress, through their own empirical work, how important it is to critically examine theories borrowed from economics, strategy, and sociology to study IT outsourcing. The practice studies, based on over 500 case studies, explore the decision processes and management practices associated with domestic, offshore, and global sourcing of IT services from both client and supplier perspectives.



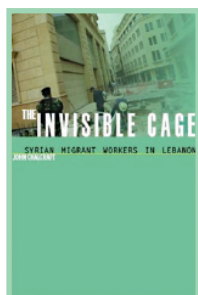
### **Internet-Mediated Participation Beyond the Nation State**

**BART CAMMAERT**  
[Manchester University Press](#)

This book addresses one of the greatest challenges of post-modern democracy: how to bridge the

perceived gap between citizens and democratic institutions. It examines internet mediated multi-stakeholder processes of international and regional organisations – the European Union and United Nations – which aim to democratise decision making processes in an attempt to counter criticisms of a 'democratic deficit'.

The book evaluates two multi-stakeholder consultation processes where the internet played an important mediating role. It critically evaluates multi-stakeholderism as well as the potentials and constraints of the internet in terms of mediating or facilitating such consultation processes at international and regional levels of governance. It also addresses the perceived impact of civil society organisations on decision making processes beyond the nation state and, in turn, the impact of such experiments on civil society itself.



### **The Invisible Cage: Syrian migrant workers in Lebanon**

**JOHN CHALCRAFT**  
[Stanford University Press](#)

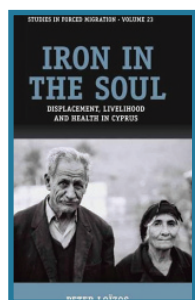
This book uncovers the hidden history of the cycle of labour migration and return of hundreds of thousands of unskilled

and semi-skilled Syrian workers in Lebanon

It traces how Syrians came to comprise a significant proportion of Lebanon's workforce during the 1950s and 1960s, the ways in which these Syrians lived through Lebanon's civil wars,

and their prolonged unsettlement and exile through both the reconstruction of the 1990s and instability since 2005.

Offering both social history and ethnography, John Chalcraft challenges the commonly held view that a more benign form of economic labour migration, one based on personal choice, emerged with the end of slavery and forced labour in the region. Instead, he shows how both coercion and consent, unintended consequences, and hegemonic forms influence the ongoing rotation of migrant workers.



### **Iron in the Soul: displacement, livelihood and health in Cyprus**

**PETER LOIZOS**  
[Berghahn Books](#)

In his vivid, lively account of how Greek Cypriot villagers coped with a 30 year displacement,

Peter Loizos follows a group of people whom he encountered as prosperous farmers in 1968, yet found as disoriented refugees when revisiting in 1975.

By providing a forty year in-depth perspective, this study yields unconventional insights into the deeper meanings of displacement, focusing on reconstruction of livelihoods, conservation of family, community, social capital, health (physical and mental), religious and political perceptions.

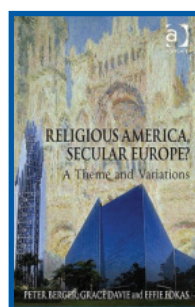
The author argues for a closer collaboration between anthropology and the life sciences, particularly medicine and social epidemiology, but suggests that qualitative life-history data have an important role to play in the understanding of how people cope with collective stress.

### **Religious America, Secular Europe? A Theme and Variations**

**PETER BERGER, EFFIE FOKAS, GRACE DAVIE**  
[Ashgate](#)

Europe is a relatively secular part of the world in global terms. Why is this so? And why is the situation in Europe so different from the US?

The first chapter – the theme – articulates this contrast. The remaining chapters – the variations – look in turn at the historical, philosophical, institutional and sociological dimensions of these differences. Key ideas are examined in detail, among them: constitutional issues; the Enlightenment; systems of law, education and welfare; and questions of class, ethnicity, gender and generation.



In each chapter, both the similarities and differences between the European and the American cases are carefully scrutinised with the final chapter exploring ways in which these features translate into policy on both sides of the Atlantic.



### **Rewriting Culture in Taiwan**

**FANG-LONG SHIH, STUART THOMPSON, PAUL TREMLETT, EDS**  
[Routledge](#)

This inter-disciplinary volume of essays opens new points of departure for thinking about how

Taiwan has been studied and represented in the past, for reflecting on the current state of Taiwan studies, and for thinking about how Taiwan might be re-configured in the future.

As the study of Taiwan shifts from being a provincial back-water of sinology to an area in its own right, a combination of established and up and coming scholars working in the field of East Asian studies offer a re-reading and re-writing of culture in Taiwan. They show that sustained critical analysis of contemporary Taiwan using issues such as trauma, memory, history, tradition, modernity, post-modernity provides a useful point of departure for thinking through similar problematics and issues elsewhere in the world.

### **War in an Age of Risk**

**CHRISTOPHER COKER**  
[Polity Press](#)

Wars throughout history have been fought in the name of ideology, religion and the pursuit of peace.

Our thinking about war – when it is justified, how it should be fought and how it is perceived – has changed dramatically over time. Whereas in the past war has been seen as a battle of wills, this provocative and illuminating new book shows how war has evolved into an exercise in risk management.

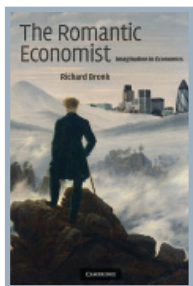
In a rare blend of political science, sociology, history and cultural thought, the author peels away the layers of meaning shrouding our current understanding of war and warfare. Using the ideas of writers such as Zygmunt Bauman, Ulrich Beck and Frank Furedi, he shows that risk has become the language of business, politics and public policy and so we should not be surprised that it has now become the language of war.

The book highlights the increasing difference



between homeland security and national security in the modern world, arguing that the defense of the citizen is often now more challenging than the defence of the state.

By demonstrating the changing character and complexity of conflict from WW I to the current fight against terrorism, this book provides a powerful and highly distinctive account of the re-branding of war in an age of risk.



***The Romantic Economist: imagination in economics***

RICHARD BRONK

[Cambridge University Press](#)

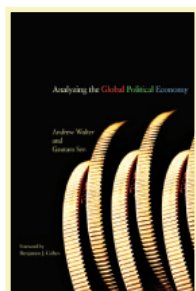
Since economies are dynamic processes driven by creativity,

social norms, and emotions as well as rational calculation, why do economists largely study them using static equilibrium models and narrow rationalistic assumptions? Economic activity is as much a function of imagination and social sentiments as of the rational optimisation of given preferences and goods.

The author argues that economists can best model and explain these creative and social aspects of markets by using new structuring assumptions and metaphors derived from the poetry and philosophy of the Romantics.

By bridging the divide between literature and science, and Romanticism and narrow forms of Rationalism, economists can access grounding assumptions, models, and research methods suitable for comprehending the creativity and social dimensions of economic activity.

This is a guide to how economists and other social scientists can broaden their analytical repertoire to encompass the vital role of sentiments, language, and imagination.



***Analyzing the Global Political Economy***

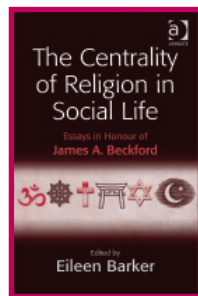
ANDREW WALTER AND GAUTAM SEN

[Princeton University Press](#)

This book attempts to bridge what some have seen as a growing gap between 'American'

and 'British' approaches to international political economy (IPE). The authors critically assess the recent disciplinary convergence between IPE, comparative political economy, and economics, focusing on the political economy of trade, money, finance and production in the global political economy.

They show that a careful engagement with economics is essential for understanding outcomes in the global political economy. But they also show why the deployment of more advanced economic theories in political economy analysis should not detract from the continuing importance of key concepts from political science and international relations.



***The Centrality of Religion in Social Life: essays in honour of James A Beckford***

EILEEN BARKER, ED

[Ashgate](#)

James A Beckford's work is internationally acclaimed, not only in the sociology of

religion, but also in other fields of the social sciences. Beckford has long been arguing that the distinctions that have grown up between the different sub-disciplines should be broken down, with those specialising in religion becoming more cognisant of new theoretical developments, and sociologists in general becoming more aware of the significance of developments in the religious scene.

This book is a collection of essays written in Beckford's honour, drawing on a number of religious themes that have been central to Beckford's interests, whilst also offering a significant contribution to our understanding of the wider society.

A central theme is modernity (and its relation to the post-modern), and how religion affects and is affected by the dynamics of contemporary society, with the primary focus of many of the chapters being a concern with how society copes with the minority religions that have become visible with the globalising tendencies of contemporary society.

***Mostly Harmless Econometrics: an empiricist's companion***

JOSHUA D ANGRIST AND JORN-STEFFEN PISCHKE

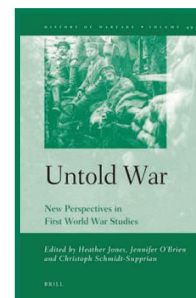
[Princeton University Press](#)

The core methods in today's econometric toolkit are linear regression for statistical control, instrumental variables methods for the analysis of natural experiments, and differences-in-differences methods that exploit policy changes.

In the modern experimentalist paradigm, these techniques address clear causal questions such as: Do smaller classes increase learning? Should wife batterers be arrested? How much

does education raise wages? This book shows how the basic tools of applied econometrics allow the data to speak.

In addition to econometric essentials, *Mostly Harmless Econometrics* covers important new extensions – regression-discontinuity designs and quantile regression – as well as how to get standard errors right. The authors explain why fancier econometric techniques are typically unnecessary and even dangerous. The applied econometric methods emphasised in this book are easy to use and relevant for many areas of contemporary social science.



***Untold War: new perspectives in First World War studies***

HEATHER JONES, JENNIFER O'BRIEN AND CHRISTOPH SCHMIDT-SUPPRAN, EDS

[Brill \(15 May\)](#)

Complex, brutal and challenging, the First World War continues

to inspire dynamic research and debate. This third volume from the pioneering work of the International Society for First World War Studies contains a collection of new essays which reveal just how plural the conflict actually was. Its totalising tendencies are shown to have paradoxically produced diversity, innovation and difference, as well as giving rise to certain similarities across wartime societies.

Exploring the nature of this 'plural war', the contributions to this volume cover diverse themes such as combat, occupation, civic identity, juvenile delinquency, chaplains, art and remembrance, across a wide range of societies, including Germany, France, Britain, West Africa, Belgium and Romania.

With chapters on both military and cultural history, the book highlights how the first total war of the 20th century changed social, cultural and military perceptions to an untold extent.

***Bodies***

SUSIE ORBACH

[Profile Books](#)

In the past decades, the pressure to perfect and design our bodies has been unprecedented. Breast enhancement is a sweet sixteen birthday present in the suburbs of America, while eating problems – from bulimia to obesity – are growing daily, affecting girls as young as six.

The body is no longer a given and to possess a flawless one has become the ambition of millions. In China, women are having their





legs broken and extended by 5cms. In Iran, behind the Hijab there are 35,000 cosmetic nose reconstructions a year. In Brazil, breasts and bottoms are reshaped along with the face so that women there, as in China and Iran (and pretty much everywhere else in reach of global media) can reflect western norms of beauty.

In her years of practice as a psychoanalyst, the author has come to realise that the way we view our bodies is the mirror of how we view ourselves: our body becomes the measure of our worth. In this book, she finally raises the fundamental questions about how we got there.

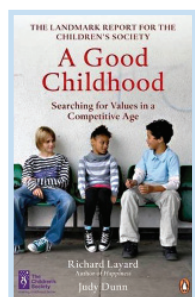


**Banking on Innovation: modernisation of payment systems**  
TANAI KHIAONARONG AND JONATHAN LIEBENAU  
[Springer](#)  
Innovation in banking should be directed at improving the

infrastructure that fosters efficient financial services and international trade. In this book, innovation theory is used to show how modern payment systems have transformed the technology of banking and facilitated changes in the strategy and structure of financial services organisations.

Design, implementation and dissemination of payment systems are described and the analysis of their costs and benefits is combined with case studies of banks undergoing change. By studying firm capabilities, competencies, and resources, the approach is extended to services in general and linked to the ability of firms to compete and promote national economies.

Payment systems vary and advanced and developing economies face obstacles in their legal and technical infrastructure and maturity of banks. By adopting an international perspective, the book offers a unique comparative analysis that shows what kind of investments are likely to be effective.

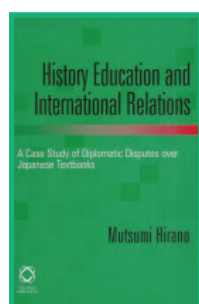


**A Good Childhood: searching for values in a competitive age**  
RICHARD LAYARD AND JUDY DUNN  
[Penguin](#)  
Every day newspapers lament the problems facing our children – broken homes, pressures

to eat and drink, exams. The same issues are discussed in pubs and at dinner parties. But is life really more difficult for children than it was, and if so why? And how can we make it better?

This book, the result of a two year investigation by the Children's Society, draws upon the work of the UK's leading experts in many fields, explores the main stresses and influences to which every child is exposed – their family and friends, youth culture, values, and schooling – and makes recommendations as to how we can improve our children's upbringing.

It tackles issues which affect every child, whatever their background, and questions (and provides solutions to) the belief that life has become extraordinarily difficult for children in general. The experts make 30 specific recommendations, written not from the point of view of academics, but for the general reader and above all for parents and teachers.

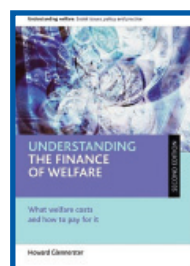


**History Education and International Relations: a case study of diplomatic disputes over Japanese textbooks**  
MUTSUMI HIRANO  
[Global Oriental Ltd](#)  
The author argues that despite a widespread

recognition that our grasp of history has some relevance to our views and attitudes towards foreign countries and peoples, ergo ultimately its impact on national policy, there appears to be little coherent discussion of such a significant topic and its practical applications in the field of International Relations.

This book, therefore, develops a conceptual framework and directs attention to the factors which predetermine the perceptions and attitudes of the public and policy-makers and in doing so searches for the roots of their world view. It addresses such issues as government influence on the domestic educational environment, the domestic environment and its interaction with the external environment; history education in practice: a case of Japan; the Japanese history textbook disputes in the Asian context (Parts I and II); twenty-five years on: the task of coming to terms with the past.

**Understanding the Finance of Welfare: what welfare costs and how to pay for it**  
(2nd edition)  
HOWARD GLENNERSTER  
[Policy Press](#)  
How are hospitals, schools, GPs and social



workers funded? How do the poor pay for their housing? Is the tax payer prepared to pay adequate pensions to the growing numbers of old people? Will we all have to work longer?

Can western welfare states survive in an increasingly competitive world economy?

These are some of the questions that this edition tries to answer. It begins by reviewing the range of ways in which basic human needs can be met and summarises in an accessible way the economic literature on why markets and even governments can fail in this respect.

In a series of chapters, the book describes and assesses the ways in which health care, personal social services, education, housing, pensions and social security are funded in the UK. In each case, what happens in the UK is compared with the means used in other countries. Since demand always outruns supply, the book considers how these services are rationed and in conclusion, asks what future there is for the funding of western welfare states.

Much has happened to the funding of social policy and the economy since the first edition of this book, especially in pensions and social care. New devolved assemblies have taken responsibility for setting social policy and their funding has become an issue. In response, much of the book has been revised and all the figures and tables have been updated.



**Castro: profiles in power**  
SEBASTIAN BALFOUR  
[Pearson \(third edition\)](#)  
The story of Fidel Castro has few parallels in contemporary history. None of the outstanding Third World leaders of the 20th century has

played such a prominent and restless part on the international stage and none has survived as head of state for as long.

For almost 50 years, he was one of the most controversial political figures in the world, and his legacy has yet to be fully evaluated. Some of his most cherished plans were realised and are a model for many Third World countries. Yet despite enormous sacrifices by Cubans, his grand vision remains unfulfilled and its continued pursuit is full of risks.

This fully revised third edition provides the first full retrospective of Castro's remarkable career right up to his illness and withdrawal from power in 2008.

In the light of documents released by Cuba and the US over the past decade and a half, the book also revisits earlier events in Castro's career, such as the various assassination plots against him, the Cuban missile crisis and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.