Corporate Governance And Business Ethics Ethical Economy

In 1973, Daniel Bell argued that corporations in post-industrial societies increasingly needed to behave in accord with widely accepted social norms, particularly in terms of ethical behavior and social responsibility. Yet widespread criticism of business behavior was not an invention of the 1960s and 70s or a product of changing commercial norms. The key feature historically has been business scandal. Understandings of how the field of business ethics has emerged are undeveloped, however. This book is the first attempt to explain the conditions which saw a focus develop on business ethics especially in the 1960s and 70s, and how the broader field developed to encompass related notions such as corporate governance, corporate social responsibility, ethical leadership, sustainable business and responsible management education. The Rise of Business Ethics provides an introduction and analysis of the key developments in contemporary business ethics by examining them in terms of their diachronic development — the key thinkers, the key issues, the key institutions and how they each contributed to contemporary understandings of business ethics, governance and practice. Addressing the topic from a European as well as North American perspective, The Rise of Business Ethics will be of interest to researchers, academics, and students in the fields of business ethics, business and society, business history, organization studies and political economy.

This volume explores corporate governance from three perspectives: a traditional economic, a philosophical, and an integrated business ethics perspective. Corporate governance has enjoyed a long tradition in the English-speaking world of management sciences. Following its traditional understanding it is defined as leadership and control of a firm with the aim of securing the long-term survival and viability of that firm. But recent business scandals and financial crises continue to provide ample cause for concern and have all fuelled interest in the ethical aspects. As a result, corporate governance has been criticized by many social groups. Economic sciences have failed to provide a clear definition of the corporate governance concept. Complexity increases if we embed the economic approach of corporate governance in a philosophical context. This book seeks to define the concept by examining its economic, philosophical and business ethics foundations.

The rise of CSR (corporate social responsibility) is creating a paradigm shift in contemporary corporate culture and organizational behaviour with shareholder and stakeholder activism on the rise as international banking crises and global corporate scandals dominate the headlines. Through accountability and transparency, fiduciary capitalism is being challenged to tie sustainability and corporate conscience to the bottom line. With the emergence of impact investing, social responsibility and ethics in corporate governance is becoming essential to long-term success in the new global marketplace. Corporations need to demonstrate that ethical, environmentally conscious business practices and profit are no longer mutually exclusive. Justine Simpson and John R. Taylor's Corporate Governance Ethics and CSR gives the reader a comprehensive guide to today's requirements for governance and reporting that organizations must adopt to successfully strike a balance between financial gain and socially responsible, green business practices that enhance the greater good. Employing current examples (Walmart, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup) and case studies in both the public and private sectors, Simpson and Taylor have compiled a thorough and fascinating roadmap, including historical context, for anyone seeking to understand the complex workings of the international corporate economy that affects us all. This book is perfect for students of, and those wishing to participate in, this revolutionary wave sweeping our planet.

Business world is, to an extent, a reflection of the country's social and cultural ethos. The unprincipled behaviour among people has become so commonplace that even the corporate world has been affected. It is, therefore, felt that unless companies look after the interests of their stakeholders and apply the ethical code of conduct in their dealings, they can at best gain only temporary benefits. Companies have begun to realise the importance of good Corporate Governance and Business Ethics. Business Schools and their governing bodies too have realised the importance of Corporate Governance and Business Ethics and have included these as subjects to be studied in the postgraduate programmes of Business Management. This book covers the syllabus of some major business schools, which have already introduced the subject. A number of live-wire case studies embellish the book to make it a proper learning medium.

Hope Jensen is a young, single woman and an aspiring newspaper writer, and when she receives a much needed but anonymous Christmas gift, she's determined to find her benefactor. That search leads her to an unusual family with a longstanding Christmas Tradition. Sensing a front-page feature article, Hope desperately wants to publish their story, but doing so would be a breach of trust. What she decides to do will change her life forever. Destined to become a classic Christmas tale, Christmas Jars is a heartwarming story that will restore your faith in mankind and make you want to start your own Christmas Jar tradition.

This collection of quality cases on business ethics addresses some of the most pertinent ethical issues in today's business environment. It goes well beyond matters of fraud and public relations to consider standards of professionalism, corporate decision-making structure, and the interface between ethical theory and economic practice. Through handpicked cases from a variety of areas as telecom, chemicals etc and business houses, this book illustrates how business ethics and corporate governance can be used to align business goals with ethical business practices and achieve better operational performance. This book represents an introduction to and overview of the diverse facets of the ethical challenges confronting companies today. It introduces executives, students and interested observers to the complex trends and developments in business ethics. Coverage presents industry-specific topics in ethics. The book also provides a general, interdisciplinary survey of the ethical dimensions of management and business.


In a world where the implications and consequences of corporate actions and decisions are potentially far-reaching and lasting, ethical standards ? their observance and their breach? must be
part of the language of business conduct, whether in the context of corporate transgressions, regulatory effectiveness, terms of engagement between business and their stakeholders, or the metrics used by investors in assessing performance and risk and understanding long-term value. This critically important book proposes a new paradigm for understanding, developing and maintaining standards of corporate governance. Its point of departure is not a position along the diverse paths of traditional corporate governance and regulatory theory, law and practice, nor specific questions of how to institute, implement and observe policies and practices that function as proxies for good governance. Instead, it starts with the idea of framing governance generally, and corporate governance specifically, as a matter of conduct that is guided by a set of fundamental ideals and principles. Evolutions in Corporate Governance attempts to answer the wider question of how to re-imagine a framework within which ‘good’ corporate governance takes account of and is responsible for the social, environmental, ethical as well as legal and economic dimensions of business conduct is addressed alongside issues of profitability and competition, in the face of forces of globalization and business influence that are testing the limits of what can be accomplished by traditional law and regulation. Dempsey contends that meaningful change in behaviour will only come when there is a corporate governance framework that explicitly encompasses both law and ethics. This authoritative book includes cutting-edge insights from leading European and North American scholars who reflect upon business ethics, foundations, firms, markets and stakeholders in order to design more sustainable patterns of development for business and society. Together, the contributing authors advance critical, innovative and imaginative perspectives to rethink the mainstream models and address the sustainability challenge. Business Ethics and Corporate Sustainability will provide a stimulating read for academic researchers, and postgraduate students in business ethics, corporate social responsibility and corporate sustainability as well as those interested in management, strategy and finance. All the best practices a manager and an executive need-in a one-stop, comprehensive reference Praise for Corporate Management, Governance, and Ethics Best Practices "If you want a comprehensive compendium of best practices in corporate governance, risk management, ethical values, quality, process management, credible financial reporting, and related issues like the SOX Act in all one place spanning both breadth and depth, Vallabhanen's book is the source of insightful thoughts as a reference manual. A must-read and a should-have for all institutions and libraries around the globe; I am pleased I read it and use it in my classes." -Professor Baia V. Balachandran, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University "Mr. Vallabhaneni has an excellent grasp of corporate governance principles. In particular, he shows how these principles can mitigate a broad range of corporate risks." -Steven M. Bragg, author of Accounting Best Practices and Inventory Best Practices "Professor Vallabhaneni provides an excellent analysis of the corporate governance landscape. His discussion and categorization of risks confronting an organization will be very helpful to boards of directors." -Frederick D. Lipman, President of the Association of Audit Committee Members, Inc. and Partner, Blank Rome LLP Representing a single and collective voice for the entire business management profession, Corporate Management, Governance, and Ethics Best Practices provides a cohesive framework for the organization-wide implementation of the best practices used by today's leading companies and is an authoritative source on best practices covering all functions of a business corporation, including governance and ethics. Traditionally, books on business ethics focus on CSR, companies' relations with their stakeholders, and corporate citizenship. More recently, green credentials and sustainability have been added to that agenda. Unconventionally, this book argues that business ethics are basic to running business, not a separate subject. They are inherent to the governance and management of every organization, not an optional exercise in corporate citizenship. Business ethics concern behaviour in business and the behaviour of business. Decisions at every level in a company have ethical implications—strategically in the board room, managerially throughout the organization, and operationally in all of its activities. The use, and sometimes the abuse, of corporate power, the process of corporate governance, raises ethical issues. Business involves risk-taking, whether decisions are at the strategic, managerial, or operational level. Exposure to ethical risk needs to be part of every organization's strategy formulation, policy making, and enterprise risk management. Designed to be read by both undergraduates and postgraduates, this book is a primer on ethics in business. It is also relevant to ethics courses that are now part of many legal, accounting and other professional examinations. The book is not about moral philosophy, nor does it prescribe appropriate standards of behaviour or recommend economic, legal or political solutions. Rather it enables readers to recognize ethical issues in business, to respond appropriately, and to embed ethics in business processes. The book not only considers what business ethics are, and why they are important, but offers practical approaches on how to develop a successful corporate ethics culture. In the wake of financial meltdown and environmental disaster, employers increasingly demand that managers have an understanding of ethical decision making, corporate social responsibility and values-based management. Business ethics is therefore increasingly being taught in business schools and is a rapidly developing research topic. Managing Responsibly explores the limitations of the thinking that dominates Western corporate and business culture. Contributors then draw on non-Western traditions and experience to suggest workable inter-cultural models to enhance organizational effectiveness in an increasingly globalised environment. With chapters written by specialists in economics, management, ethics, health sciences and history, the editors - one a historian and one a management specialist - ensure a truly interdisciplinary overall approach. Part One highlights the acute need for less self-interested approaches to management if local and global communities and the environment are to escape on-going damage and exploitation. Part Two draws on values from Indian and Maori traditions to propose alternatives to Western models of business ethics. Part Three suggests ways of approaching the challenges of developing sustained ethical leadership in the contemporary globalised economy. This original addition to Gower's Corporate Social Responsibility Series will appeal to a wide range of teachers, researchers and higher level students of management, as well as practitioners participating in executive development programmes. It will also serve the needs of those with a more specialist interest in business ethics and in sustainable and responsible management. A comprehensive framework for understanding the most important issues in global business In today's business environment, multinational corporations are under pressure from investors, lawmakers, and regulators to improve their corporate governance, business sustainability, and corporate culture. Business sustainability, corporate governance, and organizational ethics are taking center stage in the global business environment. This long-awaited text covers each of these three important areas in detail, guiding readers to a
robust understanding with features including chapter summaries, essential terms, discussion questions, and cases for each topic covered.

The many recent high profile corporate scandals highlight the need for companies to do a better job of integrating ethics and responsibility into business decisions - and for business schools to integrate ethics awareness and training into their curricula. This volume sets the agenda for business ethics and corporate responsibility in the future. It brings together ideas, challenges, and proposed solutions for thinking about - and implementing - effective ethics programs in business schools and business organizations. Edited by two highly regarded business educators, and featuring contributions by leading scholars and administrators, Business Ethics: New Challenges for Business Schools and Corporate Leaders covers all dimensions of ethical decision making - individual, organizational, and societal. The thirteen original chapters offer new and emerging perspectives for creating ethical business leadership and developing organizational ethics initiatives.

This casebook by Collette Kirwan, Hugh McBride and Chris O'Riordan brings together the interrelated issues of ethics and corporate governance. This book brings together research works, ideas, critical reviews and strategic proposals encompassing various ethical and corporate governance issues in workplaces and organizations around the globe. For the most part, organizations are managed by policies, guidelines and systems. Good ethics and solid corporate governance help to tie these three elements together so that an effective and successful organization is established. Alongside corporate governance, ethics play an integral role in ensuring the long term survival of businesses. Multidisciplinary in approach, this book provides a platform for scholars and researchers from various backgrounds and interdisciplinary expertise to showcase their research work, ideas, critical review and strategic proposals on the ethical aspects, governance and risk management issues in organizations. The book includes discussions of ethical issues in a variety of organizations around the globe including the non-profit and non-governmental sector and also provides readers with ideas, guidelines and strategic recommendations for handling such issues.

Is profit-making the only goal of a business? Should an unbridled market mechanism drive corporate enterprise? To what extent should corporations compensate for the manifest and hidden costs that are incurred by the society at large? These are some of the questions that have engaged specialist economists, business barons, corporate heads and management experts for decades. A consensus has emerged that corporate practices cannot bypass the fundamental demands of ethical behaviour, that administration and policies of governance have to be more transparent and publicly accountable, and that businesses must be sensitive to the community and environment within which they are established. This has led to the emergence of three key concepts of contemporary businesses, namely, business or corporate ethics, corporate governance, and corporate social responsibility.

This book is the first to present a comprehensive framework of the theory and practice of corporate governance and business ethics by focusing on the four cornerstones promoted by the AACSB. Readers will quickly gain an understanding of the main themes, perspectives, frameworks, concepts, and issues pertaining to corporate governance and business ethics from historical, global, institutional, commercial, best practices, and regulatory perspectives. Additionally, there is also complete coverage of all oversight functions of corporate governance.

This book on Corporate Governance attempts an in-depth coverage of all possible dimensions of corporate governance, particularly from the perspectives of the corporate board and stakeholders – the two pillars of corporate governance. It also covers the inter-related aspects of different functional areas of management from the financial perspective; along with allied areas of Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Further, this book highlights the concepts and practices of corporate governance from an Indian business environment viewpoint; but with an international focus. Salient Features: Each chapter begins with a running case study to introduce the topic better. Updated coverage on important topics such as Corporate Governance of Board, Architecture and Diversity, Corporate Goal Maximization, Stewardship, Business Ethics and CSR. Includes latest and regulatory aspects of Corporate Governance

This book is about providing a comprehensive framework for understanding business ethics and corporate governance. As internal doubts persist on whether an individual adheres to business ethics and corporate policies, readers need to utilize this book in order to develop moral reasoning by demonstrating the moral entity consideration principle. This is vital in terms of coping with an internationalized business environment where human resources must adhere to multidimensional and demanding policies, while attempting to develop their mindset capacity of ethical thinking. This book is about providing a comprehensive framework for understanding business ethics and corporate governance, by analyzing the moral aspects of a plethora of challenges regarding human resources management, policy making, corporate responsibility, code of conduct, agency theory, workforce planning, information systems, and employment relationship.

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The present volume is a contribution to the Literature in the disciplines of Commerce and Management. It covers a wide spectrum of issues from Governance to Ethics. What contributes to the survival of a business is its sincerity to the people of the Society. Keeping this as the core of the discussion, the Book covers the topics including Governance Practices in India and abroad, the Role of Board of Directors, Independent Directors, Audit Committee and Auditors. The Book also contains the discussion on the Role of SEBI, Stock Exchanges and the Government of India. An analysis on the provisions incorporated in the New Companies Act, 2013 is unique. Another major part of discussion in the Book pertains to the precept and practice of 'Corporate Social Responsibility'. Presentation of Live Cases drawn from the contemporary developments is the yet another highlight of the Book. Against this background, it is expected that his present volume would arise a great amount of interest and discussion among the Faculty and Students of the Business Schools.

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This book can be highly recommended to corporate directors, executives, managers and interested academics. At the same time, however, I think it should also be on the reading list of every politician involved in rethinking the regulations of the economic system in these times of social, ecological and financial crisis. Frederic Ghys, Ethical Perspectives This is an interesting and thought provoking study that deals with a relatively neglected area of corporate and personal leadership. . . this book makes a significant contribution to recognising the emerging social and moral responsibilities of the individual leader at board level. . . . The case studies used to support the author s argument are extremely detailed and would certainly be of interest to those on corporate boards and directors of organisations who maybe seeking answers to lessons learned and the author makes a clear recommendation regarding the teaching of virtues values to corporate leaders. Trevor K. Horne, Leadership Matters Corporate Governance and Ethics is an illuminating and practical reading of Aristotle s Politics for today s corporate directors. With a deft synthesis of ethics, economics and politics, Alejo Sison elevates the discussion of corporate governance out of the realm of abstract rules and structures into a more effective form of Aristotelian politics. He argues that corporate governance is a human practice where subjective, ethical conditions outweigh the mastery of techniques, since the firm is not a mere production function but, above all, a community of workers. Corporate governance issues are discussed in a holistic fashion, using international case studies to embed the discussion in environments defined by their economic, legal and cultural systems. One of the author s key messages is that reform starts with the ethical and political education of directors. Alejo Sison uses an integrative approach to corporate governance that incorporates ethical-political considerations with the economic and legal dimensions of issues. He backs his theoretical claims with a series of case histories including Fiat from Italy, Cheung Kong Holdings and Whampoa Limited from China, Banco Popular from Spain and United Airlines from the US. He provides a special focus on the education of corporate directors in accordance with the principles of Aristotle s Politics. This accessible book will appeal to corporate directors, executives and managers; academics and students with an interest in corporate governance, leadership and ethics, corporate citizenship and corporate social responsibility; and modern readers of Aristotle s virtue theory and politics in relation to business ethics.

The book presents a detailed study of business ethics and corporate governance written in simple and lucid language ... All theoretical concepts are illustrated with examples from the Indian corporate sector -- Preface.

Many governments across the world have responded to the need for greater efficiency in the delivery of government services by the reorganization of these bureaucracies along the lines of for-profit business corporations. In doing so, governments have relied on the capacity for governance practices to overcome the weaker incentives created by the attenuated 'property rights' that are created in public enterprise.

This book aims to discuss the importance of ethics in business and corporate governance. With exhaustive illustrations from the Indian context, it will be suitable for the students and teachers of business management.

The Book Is Divided Into 11 Parts-Business Ethics-Misconception About Business Ethics Managing Ethical Dilemmas-Shaping The Ethical Culture-Professionals And Ethics. Ethical Values-Indian Ethos In Management-Corporate Governance And Professional Ethics-Culture-Corporate Social Responsibility-Protection Of Shareholders. Followed By 9 Annexures, References And Index.

This book unveils a gap in the governance of development projects that ultimately hinders effective, transparent and accountable usage of resources. Illustrated with entertaining examples, the book develops a Project Governance model. The models six modules build an integrated, strategically oriented and ethically reflected platform for a more truthful and efficient cooperation in difficult projects or programs such as in development.
The study of corporate governance is a relatively modern development, with significant attention devoted to the subject only during the last fifty years. The topics covered in this volume include the purpose of the corporation, the board of directors, the role of shareholders, and more contemporary developments like hedge fund activism, the role of sovereign wealth funds, and the development of corporate governance law in what perhaps will become the dominant world economy over the next century, China. The editor has written an introductory essay which briefly describes the intellectual history of the field and analyses the material selected for the volume. The papers which have been selected present what the editor believes to be some of the best and most representative studies of the subjects covered. As a result the volume offers a rounded view of the contemporary state of some of the dominant issues in corporate governance.

This book primarily focuses on providing deep insight into the concepts of corporate governance, business Ethics, and corporate social responsibility, both in Indian and global perspectives. It also covers the dormant and contentious issues of the subjects in the most scientific and objective manner. Various real-life case studies addressing contemporary corporate issues are also included in this book to provide practical know-how of the subject to the management students. Salient features: ?Follows an outcome-based learning approach. ?Highlights the legal and regulatory framework for business Ethics, corporate governance and CSR covering the latest developments and amendments. ?Discusses the legal protection available for investors, consumers and employees. ?Detailed discussion on topics such as consumer Protection Act 1986, Factories Act 1948, SEBI Act 1992, The Companies Act 2013 etc. ?Facilitates students with comprehensive and empirical work on live case studies and role plays