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the idea of social capital is increasingly prominent in international national and local policy making and in the social sciences however its rapid rise to prominence has not been matched by proper scrutiny of the idea and its consequences this book provides the first full critical analysis of social capital written by authors from a wide range of disciplinary and policy backgrounds the book asks searching questions is the concept of social capital really new does it offer significant analytic purchase can it be an operational as opposed to rhetorical concept can policies based on social capital deal with conflict and social exclusion these issues are explored through studies of education health political science urban regeneration economic development and other

areas and disciplines the authors who include academics professionals and policy specialists are all distinguished and prominent contributors in their own fields

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for this book bartkus and davis assembled the social capital equivalent of the new york yankees slugger s row of the 1950s recruiting some of the best hall of fame hitters around along with a number of future stars still early in their careers the result is a good reflection of the current state of the literature on social capital robert d putnam harvard university us social capital is widely used and sometimes mis used by scholars policymakers and the general public the time has come for thoughtful reflection synthesis and informed criticism regarding this important concept bartkus and davis have developed a ground breaking collection of essays exploring the ideas and evidence underpinning social capital denise m rousseau carnegie mellon university us at heart social capital is a simple concept that relationships matter bartkus and davis foster a vibrant debate among leading scholars as to the critical definition creation and consequences of social capital i commend bartkus and davis for their interdisciplinary efforts for there is no more important challenge facing the social sciences today than the exploration of trust and social capital in our society father theodore hesburgh university of notre dame us social capital has taken the social sciences by storm yet remains fraught with controversy despite its complexity and conceptual difficulties the persistent interest in social capital arises from the fact that it helps us make sense of why people do what they do this book showcases new innovative research in economics politics sociology and management regarding the topic leading scholars from a variety of disciplines present ground breaking new research exploring the still undiscovered value of social capital the book employs a self consciously multi disciplinary approach to address two objectives reaching out and reaching in through theoretical and empirical scholarship the authors explore the many contexts in which the phenomenon can have impact in effect social capital research reaches out to issues of economic well being civic participation educational achievement knowledge and norm formation and competitive advantage further the authors investigate the many connections between the core themes of social capital and the pillars on which it rests including structural networks cognition relationships and trust this book is fundamentally about bridging bridging across disciplines units of analysis and themes scholars students and other interested readers from the social sciences and management will find this book challenging and illuminating

the concept of social capital refers to the ways in which people make use of their social networks in getting ahead social capital isn t just about the connections in networks but fundamentally concerns the distribution of resources on the basis of exchanges this volume focuses on how social capital interacts with social institutions based on the premise that markets communities and families are the major contexts within which people meet and build up social networks and the foci to create social capital featuring innovations in thinking about exchange mechanisms resource distribution institutional logics resource diversity and the degree of openness or closure of social networks these chapters present some of the most important advances in this essential field paralleling these theoretical developments the chapters also improve practical methodological work on social capital research using new techniques and measurement methods for the uncovering of social logics

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today's networked economy knowledge and social capital explains how social capital can drive collaboration reconcile an organization's internal and external labor markets and improve organizational effectiveness this edited compilation of authoritative articles helps readers understand how they can build and capitalize on their own organizations social capital knowledge and social capital teaches core principles and important strategies to a range of executives including organizational development specialists corporate strategists and knowledge management professionals readers will learn how an organization can

this volume provides a collection of critical new perspectives on social capital theory by examining how social values power relationships and social identity interact with social capital this book seeks to extend this theory into what have been largely under investigated domains and at the same time address long standing classic questions in the literature concerning the forms determinants and consequences of social capital social capital can be understood in terms of social norms and networks it manifests itself in patterns of trust reciprocity and cooperation the authors argue that the degree to which and the different ways in which people exhibit these distinctively social behaviours depend on how norms and networks elicit their values reflect power relationships and draw on their social identities this volume accordingly adopts a variety of different concepts and measures that incorporate the variety of contextually specific factors that operate on social capital formation in addition it adopts an interdisciplinary outlook that combines a wide range of social science disciplines and methods of social research our objective is to challenge standard rationality theory explanations of norms and networks which overlook the role of values power and identity this volume appeals to researchers and students in multiple social sciences including economics sociology political science social psychology history public policy and international relations that employ social capital concepts and methods in their research it can be seen as a set of new extensions of social capital theory in connection with its themes of social values power and identity that would advance the scholarly literature on social norms and networks and their impact on social change and public welfare

this is an outstanding book by an outstanding scholar this is the first book to really explain what social capital means and how and why firms generate value and profit from social capital the author combines a rigorous approach to empirical evidence in support of her arguments with new theoretical insights this is a must read for all those concerned with firm competitiveness knowledge acquisition and social capital theory michael g hobday university of sussex uk this groundbreaking book explores whether how and why firms may generate value from social assets based on original empirical evidence this is the first book that systematically integrates different approaches to social capital and develops a new and more comprehensive framework that relates social capital to various firm's strategies the author delves deeply into the nature dimensions and dynamics of social capital deploying research and analytical techniques from a wide variety of disciplines including the theory of the firm entrepreneurship regional studies strategic management international business and innovation studies francesca masciarelli provides insights into a new multilevel configuration of social capital and supports this with an abundance of empirical evidence

a hands on guide to leveraging every business person's greatest asset their network of personal and professional contacts to achieve individual and organizational success the internet has led to an enormous exchange of contacts but these are often weak and impersonal social capital by contrast is built

on enduring relationships that give their participants new value and knowledge this book aims to show managers and executives how to evaluate the quality of their social capital and not just the quantity of their contacts

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social capital and entrepreneurship concludes by examining the tension between the properties of social networks used in entrepreneurship researchers models and the limited perspective on networks available to practicing entrepreneurs

it is not what you know but who you know that matters in business in this rigorous book lindon robison and bryan ritchie argue that what needs to be understood is not just whether relationships matter which of course they do but also when how much and in what circumstances they should matter this is a must have book for those with a professional or business need to understand how personal relationships can enhance economic efficiency while at other times distorting market outcomes through corruption or other means the way relationships are influenced by and influence processes of globalization the role of institutions in creating and distributing social capital how to identify measure and apply social capital in business and other exchanges it will also be of immense value to anyone teaching researching or studying economics business leadership and management sociology or political science

in social capital at the community level john halstead and steven deller examine social capital formation beyond the individual level through a variety of disciplines planning economics regional development sociology as well as non traditional approaches like engineering and built environmental features the notion of social capital in community and economic development has become a focus of intense interest for policy makers practitioners and academics the notion is that communities with higher levels of social capital networks trust and norms will prosper both economically and socially in a practical

sense how do communities use the notion of social capital to build policies and strategies to move their community forward are all forms of social capital the same and do all have a positive influence on the community to help gain insights into these fundamental questions social capital at the community level takes a holistic interdisciplinary or systems approach to thinking about the community while those who study social capital will acknowledge the need for an interdisciplinary approach most stay within their disciplinary silos one could say there is strong bonding social capital within disciplines but little bridging social capital across disciplines the contributors to social capital at the community level have made an attempt to build that bridging social capital while disciplinary biases and research approaches are evident there is significant overlap about how people with different disciplinary perspectives think about social capital and how it can be applied at the community level this can be from neighborhoods addressing a localized issue to a global response to a natural disaster this book is an invaluable resource for scholars researchers and policy makers of community and economic development as well as rural sociologists and planners looking to understand the opaque process of social capital formation in communities

seminar paper from the year 2017 in the subject business economics business management corporate governance grade 1 0 otto von guericke university magdeburg business economics course current issues in int management language english abstract building and maintaining strong business relationships is highly valued by companies and can be achieved through proper use of social capital due to technological developments and the growth of social media and online networking sites social capital is not only accumulated offline anymore moreover the internet established a new way of accruing social capital online by making use of new communication channels and thereby enables managers to strengthen their ties within the business world not only business to business relationships but also business to customers relationships can be improved through social capital online not only big well established firms but also smaller firms and start ups can benefit significantly from this less costly way of building business relationships in the following it will be discussed how social capital can be accrued in the digital era and to what extend this can be beneficial to entrepreneurial firms

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concepts of social capital play a well established role in a number of academic disciplines and continue to grow in popularity in the discourses of the sciences as well as those of civil society and social practice as an element that is fundamental and constitutive of various forms of societal coexistence and wellbeing social capital apparently generates positive effects however it also contributes to inequalities and unequal distribution of power and is consequently a rather controversial subject this collection of essays represents reflections and case studies from all over the world they step out of well known paths of discourse and discuss the phenomenon of social capital in manifold ways and from new perspectives in addition to rethinking social capital theoretically and methodologically the authors focus especially on issues and challenges of its practical application the contributions come from researchers and practitioners of different backgrounds including sciences such as sociology philosophy social geography economics health studies history interpersonal communication studies and cultural studies as well as social practice in development aid the volume will appeal to a broad audience from diverse disciplines both academic and practical

it is possible that there once was a time when scholars used to sit isolated with their cogitations in their attics emerging now and then to publish their latest edited offerings which no one had ever thought of before if such a time did once exist it certainly does so no longer writing a scientific or scholarly book in our era is to a large extent a team effort in which your team members are continually changing and you are unceasingly grateful for the privilege of enjoying and benefiting from the exertions ideas comments and support of a large number of very able people scientific and scholarly work nowadays is a process impossible without the existence and use of social capital this book is no exception to the above stated there are very many colleagues some of them referees and thus anonymous and friends who have made the book possible the foremost of these is roger bolton with whom i wrote my first paper on social capital most of that paper has found its way into various passages of this book while chapter 6 social capital and entrepreneurship comes almost completely from roger's pen thank you roger for letting me use your text the empirical studies of the biotech industries of japan california and sweden would have been impossible without a great deal of help

for two decades a significant number of scholars have subscribed to a common definition of social capital resources embedded in social networks employed a standard measurement the position generator methodology and conducted original research their sustained efforts have demonstrated the power of the concept of social capital in diverse arenas of research and varied cultural and societal settings their work has contributed to the substantiation development and expansion of social capital as a key scientific concept and theory this book presents an introduction to some of the most recent work in the area the volume editors have brought together scholars in north america europe and east asia to offer original and accessible reports of their own research studies covering both methodological and substantive issues they demonstrate the continued importance of social capital as a guiding concept and theory in social sciences today

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