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news and politics critically examines television news bulletins still the primary source of information for most people and asks whether the wider pace and immediacy of 24 hour news culture has influenced their format and style over time drawing on the concepts of mediatization and journalistic interventionism stephen cushion empirically traces the shift from edited to live reporting from a cross national perspective focussing on the two way convention in political coverage and the more interpretive approach to journalism it promotes challenging prevailing academic wisdom cushion argues that the mediatization of news does not necessarily reflect a commercial logic or a lowering of journalism standards in particular the rise of live two ways can potentially enhance viewers understanding of public affairs moving reporters beyond their visual backdrops and reliance on political soundbites by asking journalists to scrutinize the actions of political elites interpret competing source claims and to explain the broader context to everyday stories considering the future of 24 hour news a final discussion asks whether new content and social media platforms including twitter and buzzfeed enhance or weaken democratic culture this timely analysis of news and politics is ideal for students of political communication and journalism studies as well as communication studies media studies and political science

banks accused of rate fixing members of parliament cooking the books major defence contractors investigated over suspect arms deals police accused of being paid off by tabloids the headlines are unrelenting these days perhaps it's high time we ask just exactly how corrupt is Britain David Whyte brings together a wide range of leading commentators and campaigners offering a series of troubling answers unflinchingly facing the corruption in British public life they show that it is no longer tenable to assume that corruption is something that happens elsewhere corrupt practices are revealed across a wide range of venerated institutions from local government to big business these powerful exposes shine a light on the corruption fundamentally embedded in UK politics police and finance

the civil partnership act 2004 and the marriage same sex couples act 2013 are important legal social and historical landmarks rich in symbolic material and cultural meanings while fiercely opposed by many within mainstream narratives they are often represented as a victory in a legal reform process that commenced with the decriminalisation of homosexuality yet at the same time for others they represent a problematic and ambivalent political engagement with the institution of marriage consequently understood or labelled as revolutionary progressive and conservative these legal reforms provide a space for thinking about issues that arguably affect everyone regardless of sexual orientation or relationship status this edited collection brings together scholars and commentators from a range of backgrounds generations and disciplines to reflect on the first ten years of civil partnerships and the introduction of same sex marriage rather than rehearsing the arguments for and against relationship recognition the essays ask original questions draw on a variety of methods and collectively provide a detailed and reflective snapshot of a critical moment a history of the present as well as providing a foundation for innovative ways of thinking about and engaging with the possibilities and experiences arising from the new reality of relationship recognition for gays and lesbians

this war report provides detailed information on every armed conflict which took place during 2014 offering an unprecedented overview of the nature range and impact of these conflicts and the legal issues they created in part i the report describes its criteria for the identification and classification of armed conflicts under international law and the legal consequences that flow from this classification it sets out a list of armed conflicts in 2014 categorising each as international non international or a military occupation with estimates of civilian and military casualties in part ii each of these conflicts are examined in more detail with an overview of the belligerents means and methods of warfare the applicable treaties and rules and any prosecutions for investigations into or robust allegations of war crimes part iii of the report provides detailed thematic analysis of key legal developments which arose in the context of these conflicts allowing for a more in depth reflection on cross cutting questions and controversies the report gives a full and accessible overview of armed conflicts in 2014 it should be the first port of call for everyone working in the field

five years have elapsed since the Chinese government announced its ambitious health care reform programme the fact that both the United States and China unfolded their gigantic national health care reforms almost simultaneously is reflective of the daunting health policy challenges that most national governments are grappling with while Obamacare has barely survived the obstruction from Congress and remains controversial its Chinese counterpart has concluded its first phase at a fairly smooth pace having had three trillion RMB invested into it within five years this landmark reform stands out as one of the biggest health policy interventions in modern

history in terms of both scale and scope a critical juncture in the reform process has been reached and it is time to assess its performance to date this book provides an interim evaluation of china's ongoing national health care reform from interdisciplinary perspective insights generated are not only valuable to inform next phase of the reform but also relevant to health policy reformers in other developing and transitional countries this book was published as a special issue of the journal of asian public policy

holocaust remembrance between the national and the transnational provides a key study of the remembrance of the jewish catastrophe and the nazi era past in the world arena it uses a range of primary documentation from the restitution conferences speeches and presentations made at the stockholm international forum of 2000 since 2000 a global event and an attempt to mark a defining moment in the inter cultural construction of the political and institutional memory of the holocaust in the usa europe and israel containing oral history interviews with delegates to the conference and contemporary press reports this book explores the inter relationships between global and national holocaust remembrances the causes consequences and cosmopolitan intellectual context for understanding the since 2000 are discussed in great detail larissa allwork examines this seminal moment in efforts to globally promote the important if ever controversial topics of holocaust remembrance worldwide genocide prevention and the commemoration of the nazi past providing a balanced assessment of the stockholm project this book is an important study for those interested in the remembrance of the holocaust and the third reich as well as the recent global direction in memory studies

indian media giants is an analytical chronicle of six indian mega media conglomerates individual odyssey from their beginnings in the pre independence era to their transformation into powerful business empires in the digitised modern india the book traces media metamorphoses contours of growth and development travails and trajectories organizational structures editorial policies and business dynamics of print majors in india namely the times group the hindu group the hindustan times limited the indian express group dainik jagran limited and db corp limited

world orders are increasingly contested as international institutions have taken on ever more ambitious tasks they have been challenged by rising powers dissatisfied with existing institutional inequalities by non governmental organizations worried about the direction of global governance and even by some established powers no longer content to lead the institutions they themselves created for the first time this volume examines these sources of contestation under a common and systematic institutionalist framework while the authority of institutions has deepened at the same time it has fuelled contestation and resistance in a series of rigorous and empirically revealing chapters the authors of contested world orders examine systematically the demands of key actors in the contestation of international institutions ranging in scope from the world trade organization and the nuclear non proliferation regime to the kimberley process on conflict diamonds and the climate finance provisions of the unfccc the chapters deploy a variety of methods to reveal just to what extent and along which lines of conflict rising powers and ngos contest international institutions contested world orders seeks answers to the key questions of our time exactly how deeply are international institutions contested which actors seek the most fundamental changes which aspects of international institutions have generated the most transnational conflicts and what does this mean for the future of world order

this book provides a synoptic view of the indian ocean and maritime security in its contested waters the volume highlights the competition between major asian powers to control the indian ocean periphery shows that cooperation amongst the major regional powers could abate the threat of the potential of conflict becoming global and inviting external intervention and discusses india s look east policy and the deepening relation between india and asean it argues for the need for indian ocean states and particularly saarc members of the indian ocean rim association to look afresh at their political and security issues and common interests it also suggests measures for evolving a robust mechanism of maintaining the indian ocean as a sustainable zone of commerce energy security and peace rather than threat

using sociological criminological anthropological historical and media analysis this multi disciplinary volume examines local and regional issues in environmental criminology

climate change is the most significant moral and environmental issue of our time this project seeks to help deepen explicit ethical reflection around the world on national responses to climate change by developing a publicly available record on national compliance with ethical obligations for climate change similar to the reports that are now available on national compliance with human rights obligations

seeking clarity about the conflict in ukraine and responding to the urgent need to analyze europe s energy prospects outside of russia kandiyoti links analysis of real energy infrastructure with analysis of the political and economic dynamics unfolding at local national regional and global levels

this book explores the political economics and cultural politics of social media news sharing investigating how it is changing journalism and the news media internationally news sharing plays important economic and cultural roles in an attention economy recommending the stories audiences find valuable making them more visible and promoting the digital platforms that are reshaping our media ecologies but is news sharing a force for democracy or a sign of journalism s declining power to set news agendas in sharing news online tim dwyer and fiona martin analyse the growth of commendary culture and the business of social news critique the rise of news analytics and dissect virality online they reveal that surprisingly we share political stories more highly than celebrity news and they probe how deeply affect drives our sharing behaviour in mapping the contours of a critical digital media phenomenon this book makes essential reading for scholars journalists and media executives

as humanitarian needs continue to grow rapidly humanitarian action has become more contested with new actors entering the field to address unmet needs but also challenging long held principles and precepts this volume provides detailed empirical comparisons between emerging and traditional humanitarian actors it sheds light on why and how the emerging actors engage in humanitarian crises and how their activities are carried out and perceived in their transnational organizational environment it develops and applies a conceptual framework that fosters research on humanitarian actors and the humanitarian principles in particular it simultaneously refers to theories of organizational sociology and international relations to identify both the structural and the situational factors that influence the motivations aims and activities of these actors and their different levels of commitment to the traditional humanitarian principles it thus elucidates the role of the

humanitarian principles in promoting coherence and coordination in the crowded and diverse world of humanitarian action and discusses whether alternative principles and parallel humanitarian systems are in the making this volume will be of great interest to postgraduate students and scholars in humanitarian studies globalization and transnationalism research organizational sociology international relations development studies and migration and diaspora studies as well as policy makers and practitioners engaged in humanitarian action development cooperation and migration issues

this book examines the origins and execution of russian military and political activities in moldova georgia ukraine and azerbaijan using a realist perspective the author concludes that there are substantial similarities in the four case studies russian support for minority separatist movements conflict russian intervention as peacekeepers russian control over the diplomatic process to prevent resolution of the conflict and a perpetuation of russian presence in the area the author places the conflicts in the context of international law and nationalism theory

on august 3rd 2014 the islamic state attacked the kurdish region of northern iraq sweeping down into iraq s nineveh province islamic state struck the ancient yazidi people citizens of iraq who had lived in the country s north for centuries within minutes more than 150 000 members of this pre abrahamic faith fled their homes fifty thousand sought refuge on the nearby holy mount sinjar a dry desolate treeless mountain where they were stranded surrounded by the militant jihadists without food or water in temperatures over 110 degrees what convinced the obama administration and the u s military to go back into the quagmire of iraq after leaving it three years earlier in a hasty pull out how did this obscure ethnic group seize headlines and hold the world s attention how did a small sub office of the u s state department emerge as a source of crucial intelligence eclipsing the cia and the nsa how were new yazidi immigrants working from a super 8 motel in maryland able to help defeat the warriors of islamic state on the battlefield this is the extraordinary tale of how a few american yazidis in washington dc mobilized a small forgotten office in the american government to intervene militarily in iraq to avert a devastating humanitarian crisis while islamic state massacred many thousands of yazidi men and sold thousands more yazidi women into slavery the u s intervention saved the lives of 50 000 yazidis

sufis and salafis in the contemporary age explores the dynamics at play between what are usually understood as two very different forms of islam namely sufism and salafism sufism is commonly understood as the peaceful and mystical dimension of islam whereas salafism is perceived as strictly pietistic and moralist and for some it conjures up images of violent manifestations of islam of course these generalisations require more nuanced investigation and this book provides a number of case studies from around the islamic world to unpack the intricate relationship between the two the diversity of the case studies that focus on islamic groups in india iraq egypt morocco turkey and south east europe reflect the multiplicity of relationships that exist between the salafis and sufis the specific case studies are framed by an introduction that provides essential historical background and definitions of the terms and also by general studies of the sufi salafi relationship which enable the reader to focus on the large picture this will be the first book to investigate the relationship between sufism and salafism in such a wide fashion and includes chapters on traditional sufis as well as from those who consider that sufism and salafism are not necessarily contradictory

this is a multidisciplinary textbook on social commerce by leading authors of e commerce and e marketing textbooks with contributions by several industry experts it is effectively the first true textbook on this topic and can be used in one of the following ways textbook for a standalone elective course at the undergraduate or graduate levels including mba and executive mba programs supplementary text in marketing management or information systems disciplines training courses in industry support resources for researchers and practitioners in the fields of marketing management and information management the book examines the latest trends in e commerce including social businesses social networking social collaboration innovations and mobility individual chapters cover tools and platforms for social commerce supporting theories and concepts marketing communications customer engagement and metrics social shopping social customer service and crm contents the social enterprise innovative applications strategy and performance management and implementing social commerce systems each chapter also includes a real world example as an opening case application cases and examples exhibits a chapter summary review questions and end of chapter exercises the book also includes a glossary and key terms as well as supplementary materials that include powerpoint lecture notes an instructor s manual a test bank and five online tutorials

this book explores the contemporary phenomenon of forced marriage and honour killings in britain set against a background of increasing honour based violence within the country s south asian and muslim diasporas the book traces the development of the honour question over the past two decades it accordingly witnesses unprecedented changes in public awareness and government policy including ground breaking honour specific legislation and the criminalisation of forced marriage all of which makes britain an important context for the study of this now indigenous and self perpetuating social problem in considering the scale of the challenge and its underlying causes attention is paid to the intersections of gendered power structures that disadvantage female members of honour cultures as well as feminist theories that seek to explain them the book features five key case studies of honour killings and draws from a wide range of narratives including those of honour violence survivors grassroots service providers and legislators such myriad of perspectives reveals the complexity of the honour issue and the deep ideological divisions that characterise it with the uk s multiculturalist discourse unable to reconcile protecting patriarchal minority cultures with safeguarding gender equality and human rights the book raises fundamental questions about the country s future direction following a long trend of state sponsored integrationist policies the government s response to the honour question points decisively in the direction of a post multicultural british nation

this is the first book to fully present analyse and interpret the chinese real estate market dr junjian albert cao examines the chinese real estate market s growth trajectory unique governance and factors affecting values and investment in the context of reforms rapid economic growth and urbanization the book provides essential insights into the institutional change surrounding the development of the property market government intervention at local and national levels taxes and other regulatory charges and factors such as market practices economic changes government policies and social changes that affect the value of real estate furthermore the book analyses academic and policy debates on issues such as commercial property investment housing price inflation property rights protection affordable and social housing market practices and regulation environment and sustainability taxation property led growth and the reliance of local economic growth on the property sector the book offers a comprehensive in depth and up to date account of the chinese property market and presents a full assessment of the

investment potential of chinese real estate it is a must read for students academics and real estate professionals interested in this fascinating real estate market that has implications for chinese and the world economies

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