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welfare states globally have been subjected to reform agendas that have stressed economic competitiveness but how has global competition reshaped welfare states in practice providing a new cross national and international narrative this book captures the complexity of social policy reform process that have taken place over the past 25 years drawing on data relating to multiple countries the authors examine global cross national and local cases in order to shed light on the impact of international forces on social policy the book addresses major theoretical debates about the direction of welfare state reform processes across the oecd and beyond offering empirically rooted analyses

of change and new perspectives on the impact of global competition on social policy

there s no question that globalization and the rise of neoliberal thinking have had a major effect on social policy from the theoretical to the practical level but what s less clear is what that effect has been which this book sets out to address fusing the applied empirical concerns of traditional social policy with the broader theoretical perspectives found in political economy and macrosociology it analyzes the effects of globalization and builds an integrated agenda for future research and practice in the field

humanists have been a major force in british life since the turn of the 20th century here leading historians of religious non belief callum brown david nash and charlie lynch examine how humanist organisations brought ethical reform and rationalism to the nation as it faced the moral issues of the modern world this book provides a long overdue account of this dynamic group developing through the ethical union 1896 the rationalist press association 1899 the british humanist association 1963 and humanists uk 2017 humanists sought to reduce religious privilege but increase humanitarian compassion and human rights after pioneering legislation on blasphemy laws dignity in dying and abortion rights they went on to help design new laws on gay marriage and sex and moral education internationally they endeavoured to end war and world hunger and with humanist marriages and celebration of life through humanist funerals national ritual and culture have recently been transformed based on extensive archival and oral history research this is the definitive history of humanists as an ethical force in modern britain

this masterful six volume encyclopedia provides comprehensive global coverage of religion emphasizing larger religious communities without neglecting the world s smaller religious outposts religions of the world second edition a comprehensive encyclopedia of beliefs and practices is an extraordinary work bringing together the scholarship of some 225 experts from around the globe the encyclopedia s six volumes offer entries on every country of the world with particular emphasis on the larger nations as well as indonesia and the latin american countries that are traditionally given little attention in english language reference works entries include profiles on religion in the world s smallest countries the vatican and san marino profiles on religion in recently established or disputed countries kosovo and nagorno karabakh as well as profiles on religion in some of the world s most remote places antarctica and easter island religions of the world is unique in that it is based in religion on the ground tracing the development of each of the 16 major world religious traditions through its institutional expressions in the modern world its major geographical sites and its major celebrations unlike other works the encyclopedia also covers the world of religious unbelief as expressed in atheism humanism and other traditions

the post war period witnessed dramatic changes in the lives of working class families wages rose working hours were reduced pension plans and state social security

measures offered greater protection against unemployment illness and old age the standard of living improved and women and members of immigrant communities entered the labour market in growing numbers existing studies of the post war period have focused above all on unions at the national and international levels on the post war settlement including the impact of fordism and on the chiefly economic issues surrounding collective bargaining while relatively scant attention has been paid to the role of the union local in daily working class experience in our union jason russell argues that the union local as an institution of working class organization was a key agent for the canadian working class as it sought to create a new place for itself in the decades following world war ii using uaw caw local 27 a broad based union in london ontario as a case study he offers a ground level look at union membership including some of the social and political agendas that informed union activities as he writes in the introduction this book is as much an outgrowth of years of rank and file union activism as it is the result of academic curiosity drawing on interviews with former members of uaw caw local 27 as well as on archival sources russell offers a narrative that will speak not only to labour historians but to the people about whom they write

the figure of the alchemical mercurius features ubiquitously and radically in jung s later works but despite this there has been little research concerning mercurius in jungian studies to date in this book mathew mather explores the figure of the alchemical mercurius and contextualises and clarifies its significance in jung s life and works placing the alchemical mercurius as a central concern reveals a jungian interpretation in which the grail legend alchemy and precessional astrology as three thematic threads converge in such a treatment jung s belief in the dawning of a new platonic month emerges as a central consideration and an esoteric perspective on jung s life and works is brought more fully to light constructing a life myth interpretation the book is comprised of three parts aurea catena locating the figure of the alchemical mercurius within the western esoteric tradition daimonic encounter the relevance of this figure in jung s personal life magnum opus jung s portrayal of this figure in key texts such as synchronicity aion mysterium coniunctionis and emma jung and von franz s the grail legend the alchemical mercurius is a unique contribution to analytical psychology substantially revealing esoteric jung and providing valuable perspectives on the theme of his myth for our times the book will appeal to researchers and academics in the field of analytical psychology as well as postgraduate students

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tradition of thought that places shared humanity cultural vibrancy and moral responsibility at the center of our lives for centuries this worldview has inspired people to make their choices by principles of freethinking intellectual inquiry fellow feeling and optimism in this sweeping new history sarah bakewell herself a lifelong humanist illuminates the very personal individual and well human matter of humanism and takes readers on a grand intellectual adventure voyaging from the literary enthusiasts of the fourteenth century to the secular campaigners of our own time from voltaire to zora neale hurston bakewell brings together extraordinary humanists across history she explores their immense variety some sought to promote scientific and rationalist ideas others put more emphasis on moral living and still others were concerned with the cultural and literary studies known as the humanities humanly possible asks not only what unites all these meanings of humanism but why it has such enduring power despite opposition from fanatics mystics and tyrants a singular examination of this vital tradition as well as a dazzling contribution to its literature humanly possible serves as a recentering a call to care for one another and a reminder that we are all together only human

china s sports history and its contemporary role in the global sporting community have become well known but the sporting history and development of china s two special administrative regions hong kong and macau have not received the coverage they deserve either in their historical contexts or since the handovers of control to the people s republic by drawing on a multi national group of scholars and practitioners this volume makes a unique contribution to the understanding of sports development in greater china the essays in this anthology examine the evolution of key sports the hosting of sporting mega events the nexus of sports and politics identity issues and the role of sporting diplomacy the chapters provide not only an analysis of colonial legacies but also in depth accounts of the challenges to and outcomes of sports development in hong kong after 1997 and macau after 1999 the chapters in this book were originally published in various special issues of the international journal of the history of sport

as a system of thought that values human needs and experiences over supernatural concerns humanism has gained greater attention amid the rapidly shifting demographics of religious communities this outlook has taken on global dimensions with activists artists and thinkers forming a humanistic response not only to religion but to the pressing social and political issues of the 21st century the oxford handbook of humanism aims to explore the subject by analyzing its history its philosophical development and its influence on culture it will also discuss humanism as a global phenomenon an approach that has often been neglected in more western focused works

this book provides a conceptually and empirically rich introduction to religious indifference on the basis of original anthropological historical and sociological research religious indifference is a central category for understanding contemporary societies and

a controversial one for some scholars a growing religious indifference indicates a dramatic decline in religiosity and epitomizes the endpoint of secularization processes others view it as an indicator of moral apathy and philosophical nihilism whilst yet others see it as paving the way for new forms of political tolerance and solidarity this volume describes and analyses the symbolic power of religious indifference and the conceptual contestations surrounding it detailed case studies cover anthropological and qualitative data from the uk germany estonia the usa canada and india analyse large quantitative data sets and provide philosophical literary inquiries into the phenomenon they highlight how for different actors and agendas religious indifference can constitute an objective or a challenge pursuing a relational approach to non religion the book conceptualizes religious indifference in its interrelatedness with religion as well as more avowed forms of non religion

the number of secular people has increased substantially over the past several decades and research on secularism and non religion has been on the rise these past years yet until today no publication had examined the evolution of organised freethought and subsequent secular humanism as it emerged in different western countries in a comparative perspective in this book a team of historians brings together the histories of secular humanism in some pioneer countries they examine how organised freethought evolved in the netherlands belgium great britain and the united states in the aftermath of world war ii as secular humanist organisations in these countries are some of the cofounders and long lasting members of humanists international formerly international humanist and ethical union this book reveals how western humanism developed in different circumstances

as ideologies such as communism fascism and various nationalisms vied for global domination during the first half of the 20th century this book shows how a specific group of individuals a cosmopolitan elite became representatives of those ideologies the world over centering on the indian intellectual m n roy cosmopolitan elites and the making of globality situates his life within various social circles that covered several ideological realms and continents an example of an individual who represented ideologies such as anticolonial nationalism communism and humanism roy is identified as unusual but by no means singular in this capacity and shows how other elites were similarly able to represent ideologies that sought to make the world anew this book explores how roy and his peers and competitors became a political elite as they cultivated a cosmopolitan reputation that meant they were taken seriously even when speaking of regions outside of their own by considering the social and performative practices that turned them into credible global cosmopolitans wolters uncovers the exclusive basis on which the universal claims of world changing ideologies were made

the first conference on the history of nordic computing hinc1 was organized in trondheim in june 2003 the hinc1 event focused on the early years of computing that is the years

from the 1940s through the 1960s although it formally extended to year 1985 in the preface of the proceedings of hinc1 janis bubenko jr john impagliazzo and arne sølvberg describe well the peculiarities of early nordic computing 1 while developing hardware was a necessity for the first professionals quite soon the computer became an industrial product computer scientists among others grew increasingly interested in programming and application software progress in these areas from the 1960s to the 1980s was experienced as astonishing the developments during these decades were taken as the focus of hinc2 during those decades computers arrived to every branch of large and medium sized businesses and the users of the computer systems were no longer only computer specialists but also people with other main duties compared to the early years of computing before 1960 where the number of computer projects and applications was small capturing a holistic view of the history between the 1960s and the 1980s is considerably more difficult the hinc2 conference attempted to help in this endeavor

the tetradoxy is a short philosophical disquisition and the fourth disquisition of the omnidoxy by cometan and consists of a series of discourses that are particularly focused on the ethics surrounding equality manners good deeds and other actions that are applicable to justice and patience as areas of contemplation the tetradoxy similar to each of the other disquisitions of the omnidoxy is designated with its own inclusive discipline known as equitology which encompasses all of the concepts disciplines of study beliefs theories terms and notions introduced and categorised as part of tetradoxical study within the astronic philosophical tradition

an overview essay and approximately 50 alphabetically arranged reference entries explore the background and significance of atheism and agnosticism in modern society this is the age of atheism and agnosticism the number of people living without religious belief and practice is quickly and dramatically rising some experts call nonreligion after christianity and islam the third largest religion in the world today understanding the origins history variations and impact of atheism and agnosticism is crucial to getting a grasp of the meaning of the present and gaining a glimpse of the future exploring some of the most extraordinary people events and ideas of all time this book provides a fair comprehensive and engaging survey of all aspects of contemporary atheism and agnosticism an overview essay discusses the background and social and political contexts of unbelief while a timeline highlights key events some 50 alphabetically arranged reference entries follow with each providing fundamental objective information about particular topics along with cross references and suggestions for further reading the volume closes with an annotated bibliography of the most important resources on atheism and agnosticism

understanding humanism is an easy to read and informative overview of the beliefs practices and values of humanism as a non religious worldview this short and lively book explores humanism both as a broad historical tradition of thought and as a stance

embodied in organised institutions it sets out clearly and systematically the beliefs and values of humanism as well as the reality and personal experience of living as a humanist today questions discussed in this book include how do humanists see the relation between science and religious belief is humanism wedded to science as the only valid form of knowledge what value do humanists place on the arts and can they value religious art does the emphasis on human responsibility depend on an untenable belief in free will and is this undermined by psychology and neuroscience do humanists think that life is sacred what account would humanists give of the basis of human rights and why they are important does humanism entail that human life is meaningless and pointless can humanists meet the challenge of nihilism understanding humanism provides a reliable and easily digestible introduction to the field by exploring these questions and inviting readers to engage with the arguments it serves as the ideal textbook for those approaching the topic of humanism for the first time

this new publication a sister volume to the highly acclaimed routledge guide to british political archives provides a wide ranging survey of the non governmental archive sources for historians of post war europe it provides within a single volume a rich treasure trove of resources drawn from the archives of the member states of the european union and beyond these major archive resources range from the international institute of social history in amsterdam to the modern records centre at warwick university from the european university institute at florence to the archive of social democracy near bonn from the feltrinelli institute in milan to the monnet foundation in lausanne the volume also concentrates on providing resources for areas of europe s modern political past now increasingly attracting serious historical research they include the initial post war reconstruction era the rebirth of social democracy in germany and italy the beginning of european integration relations with eastern europe the cold war decolonisation the fall of communism and so forth a vital part of the story is represented by the papers of the principal architects of european integration such as monnet spaak spinelli mansholt and so forth however the remit of this volume extends far beyond statesmen and politicians it aims to embrace a wider spectrum of european political activism from libertarians to environmentalists economists and human rights activists campaigners for women s rights peace activists anti globalists trade unionists leaders of the student movement anarchists federalists and anti federalists and a plethora of others the wealth of information provided here will make this new publication the standard point of reference for students and historians

this book is the first critical assessment of humphries entire oeuvre especially his career as an author arguing that humphries is one of australia s greatest writers the author reveals a multi faceted artist whose success is rooted in the british music hall tradition dadaism and grotesquerie being australian has also fundamentally shaped the performer and writer and the author s defence of humphries against charges of expatriatism is pertinent to the debate on australian national identity

this volume contains many excellent chapters on some of the most cutting edge topics in competition law today among the contributions are assessments of new approaches to competition law analysis analyses of central and controversial topics in the relationship between competition law and intellectual property and explorations of new transnational developments in china and elsewhere the chapters range from studies of specific cases to broad interpretations of major trends i found many of them to be highly insightful and very useful david j gerber chicago kent college of law us this fresh collection of essays by scholars from around the world lives up to its title it stakes out more common ground for the competition law systems of nations the chapters result from the fourth annual conference of the academic society for competition law ascola the essays cover major issues that reverberate around the world today including how should we think about the economic foundations of competition law in view of new research on behavioral economics and consumer choice what is the future of the treatment of resale price maintenance what is the proper fit of intellectual property with competition law and how do we promote competition law and policy across borders the collection offers insight from law economics political science business strategy and history eleanor fox new york university us in recent years an impressive proliferation of competition laws has been seen around the world whilst this development may lead to greater diversity of approaches economic arguments may promote convergence the contributions to this book look at a number of most topical issues by asking whether the competition world is turning more towards convergence or diversity these issues include among others the changing role of economics in times of economic crises and political change the introduction of criminal sanctions resale price maintenance unilateral conduct and the application of competition law to intellectual property and state owned enterprises more common ground for international competition law will appeal to academics phd students and postgraduate students law and economics members of competition agencies legal practice and international business

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