

Case Studies In Certified Quantitative Risk Management Cqrm Applying Monte Carlo Risk Simulation Strategic Real Options Stochastic Forecasting Business Intelligence And Decision Modeling

Once considered to be a lesser pedagogical method, the case study is indeed a powerful, in-depth tool with which to examine evidence-based practice around patient care, family dynamics, professional roles, and organizational systems. Here is a unique “how-to” guide to conducting research using case studies. Focusing on leading and newer methodologies, the text describes the philosophical basis and state of the art for using this qualitative method. The peer-reviewed designs (including interviews, physiological measurements, psychological tests, and analysis of patients’ diaries and journals) are accompanied by an in-depth research plan, a discussion of appropriate methods, and ethical considerations. The text provides clear directives—bolstered by nursing examples—on how to solve practical problems a researcher may encounter. Examples from international scholars who have published research using case studies are included along with coaching designed to support the new researcher in making decisions and facing challenges. Also included are book and chapter objectives, competencies, review questions, critical thinking exercises, and web links to additional information. The text is part of a series of eight concise volumes addressing a variety of methods for conducting qualitative research. Conceived and edited by a noted expert in qualitative research, the book is designed for both novice and practicing researchers seeking to develop or expand their competency, health institution research divisions, in-service educators and students, and graduate nursing educators and students. Key Features: Explains clearly and concisely how to conduct research using case studies Reviews the philosophical basis for using case studies Focuses on solving practical problems related to conducting research Offers rich nursing exemplars and coaching from international health/mental health contributors Includes objectives, critical thinking exercises, competencies, resources, and review material for each book.

A new edition of the most popular book of project management case studies, expanded to include more than 100 cases plus a “super case” on the Iridium Project Case studies are an important part of project management education and training. This Fourth Edition of Harold Kerzner’s Project Management Case Studies features a number of new cases covering value measurement in project management. Also included is the well-received “super case,” which covers all aspects of project management and may be used as a capstone for a course. This new edition: Contains 100-plus case studies drawn from real companies to illustrate both successful and poor implementation of project management Represents a wide range of industries, including medical and pharmaceutical, aerospace, manufacturing, automotive, finance and banking, and telecommunications Covers cutting-edge areas of construction and international project management plus a “super case” on the Iridium Project, covering all aspects of project management Follows and supports preparation for the Project Management Professional (PMP®) Certification Exam Project Management Case Studies, Fourth Edition is a valuable resource for students, as well as practicing engineers and managers, and can be used on its own or with the new Eleventh Edition of Harold Kerzner’s landmark reference, Project Management: A Systems Approach to Planning, Scheduling, and Controlling. (PMP and Project Management Professional are registered marks of the Project Management Institute, Inc.)

A handy, on-the-job reference filled with real-life scenarios to help you achieve the Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP®) and Certification of Capability in Business Analysis (CCBA®) certifications Key FeaturesGain expert guidance from Esta Lessing, a CBAP® trainer with over 18 years of business analysis experienceUnderstand BABOK® knowledge areas and tasks through examples and real-world scenariosLearn business analyst skills such as stakeholder engagement, strategy analysis, and requirement elicitationBook Description Certified Business Analysis Professional (CBAP®) is a certification from the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA®) for professionals with extensive experience in business analysis. The CCBA® and CBAP® validates your proficiency in various aspects of business analysis and your ability to tackle challenging projects, work effectively with stakeholders, and identify and deliver business value. You’ll start by learning about the benefits of CCBA® and CBAP® certifications for your career progression before focussing on the six core knowledge areas explained thoroughly in each chapter. These include topics such as business analysis planning and monitoring, elicitation and collaboration, requirements life cycle management, strategy analysis, requirements analysis, and design definition as well as solution evaluation. The book includes the essential underlying competencies and techniques to ensure a complete understanding of the BABOK® v3 guide content. Each chapter delves into the essential concepts and business analysis task considerations utilizing practical examples. Finally, you’ll assess your knowledge through mock exam questions based on real-world case studies. By the end of this book, you’ll have gained the business analyst skills needed to prepare for the certification exams and to advance in your career. What you will learnAssess the IIBA® requirements for applying for the CCBA® and CBAP® examsNavigate through the sections of the BABOK® v3 GuideUnderstand business analysis concepts, practices and analysis techniquesBe able to relate concepts, tasks, and techniques to real-world practical situationsUnderstand the application of 50 practical techniques concerning the BABOK® v3 Guide knowledge area tasksIdentify the challenges that could hinder a business analyst from delivering value and effective business solutionsWho this book is for This book is for business analysts, business consultants, trainers, project managers, and business professionals who are interested in preparing for the IIBA CBAP or CCBA exams. The book assumes business analysis experience.

Qualitative Research Design: An Interactive Approach, Second Edition provides researchers and students with a user-friendly, step-by-step guide to planning qualitative research. A bestseller in its First Edition, this invaluable book presents an innovative approach to the components of design and how they interact with each other. The text presents a clear strategy for creating coherent and workable relationships among these design components and highlights key design issues. Based on a course the author taught for seven years at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the work is written in an informal, jargon-free style and incorporates many examples and hands-on exercises.

Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Intensive Review

The Private Governance of Labor and the Environment in the Coffee Sector

Empirical Legal Research

Forest Certification and the Emergence of Non-state Authority

as predictors of students’ mathematics competence in Germany (Grade 5 – 7)

Tools and Techniques for Valuing Strategic Investments and Decisions

Selling Sustainability Short?

Case Studies in Certified Quantitative Risk Management (CQRM) with advanced analytics applications in Applying Monte Carlo Risk Simulation, Strategic Real Options, Stochastic Forecasting, Portfolio Optimization, Data Analytics, Business Intelligence, and Decision Modeling. This is required reading material when taking the IPER’s globally-accredited CQRM certification program. Includes 22 case studies of industry applications.

This comprehensive review book includes all the information needed to confidently pass the psychiatric and mental health nursing certification exam. For each psychiatric disorder, the text provides causes, signs and symptoms, nursing diagnoses, and nursing interventions. Presented in a clear outline format, the book also contains quick-reference charts, appendices, selected references, and a posttest in the same format as the actual exam. Each chapter includes a clinical situation that follows the nursing process format, with rationales for every intervention. The book also covers such key topics such as concepts, human development, role and scope of psychiatric and mental health nursing, models of human behavior, nursing research techniques, therapeutic communication, legal issues, psychiatric therapies, drug therapy, and more. Compatibility: BlackBerry(R) OS 4.1 or Higher / iPhone/iPod Touch 2.0 or Higher / Palm OS 3.5 or higher / Palm Pre Classic / Symbian S60, 3rd edition (Nokia) / Windows Mobile(TM) Pocket PC (all versions) / Windows Mobile Smartphone / Windows 98SE/2000/ME/XP/Vista/Tablet PC

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Online education, both by for-profit institutions and within traditional universities, has seen recent tremendous growth and appeal - but online education has many aspects that are not well understood. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Online Education provides a thorough and engaging reference on all aspects of this field, from the theoretical dimensions of teaching online to the technological aspects of implementing online courses—with a central focus on the effective education of students. Key topics explored through over 350 entries include: · Technology used in the online classroom · Institutions that have contributed to the growth of online education · Pedagogical basis and strategies of online education · Effectiveness and assessment · Different types of online education and best practices · The changing role of online education in the global education system

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Qualitative Designs and Methods in Nursing

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Qualitative Research Design

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Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Certification Intensive Review

Praise for Real Options Analysis Course “Dr. Mun’s latest book is a logical extension of the theory and application presented in Real Options Analysis. More specifically, the Real Options Analysis Course presents numerous real options examples and provides the reader with step-by-step problem-solving techniques. After having read the book, readers will better understand the underlying theory and the opportunities for applying real option theory in corporate decision-making.” -Chris D. Treharne, President, Gibraltar Business Appraisals, Inc. “This text provides an excellent follow up to Dr. Mun’s first book, Real Options Analysis. The cases in Real Options Analysis Course provide numerous examples of how the use of real options and the Real Options Analysis Toolkit software can assist in the valuation of strategic and managerial flexibility in a variety of arenas.” -Charles T. Hardy, PhD, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Business Development, Panorama Research, Inc. “Most of us come to real options from the perspective of our own areas of expertise. Mun’s great skill with this book is in making real options analysis understandable, relevant, and immediately applicable to the field within which you are working.” -Robert Fourt, Partner, Gerald Eve (UK) “Mun provides a practical step-by-step guide to applying simulation and real options analysis—invaluable to those of us who are no longer satisfied with conventional valuation approaches alone.” -Fred Kohli, Head of Portfolio Management, Syngenta Crop Protection Ltd. (Switzerland)

This completely revised and updated edition of Applied Risk Analysis includes new case studies in modeling risk and uncertainty as well as a new risk analysis CD-ROM prepared by Dr. Mun. On the CD-ROM you’ll find his Risk Simulator and Real Options Super Lattice Solver software as well as many useful spreadsheet models. “Johnathan Mun’s book is a sparkling jewel in my finance library. Mun demonstrates a deep understanding of the underlying mathematical theory in his ability to reduce complex concepts to lucid explanations and applications. For this reason, he’s my favorite writer in this field.” —Janet Tavakoli, President, Tavakoli Structured Finance, Inc. and author of Collateralized Debt Obligations and Structured Finance “A must-read for product portfolio managers . . . it captures the risk exposure of strategic investments, and provides management with estimates of potential outcomes and options for risk mitigation.” —Rafael E. Gutierrez, Executive Director of Strategic Marketing and Planning, Seagate Technology, Inc. “Once again, Dr. Mun has created a ‘must-have, must-read’ book for anyone interested in the practical application of risk analysis. Other books speak in academic generalities, or focus on one area of risk application. [This book] gets to the heart of the matter with applications for every area of risk analysis. You have a real option to buy almost any book?you should exercise your option and get this one!” —Glenn Kautt, MBA, CFP, EA, President and Chairman, The Monitor Group, Inc. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

ROV Risk Simulator Software User Manual for version 2014 and beyond, developed by Real Options Valuation, Inc.

Face the demands of the emergency nursing certification exam (CEN) with the self-assurance that only the right kind of preparation can bring, with the newly updated Lippincott® Q&A Certification Review, 3rd Edition. This ideal study guide offers 175 multiple-choice questions, divided evenly among body systems and written in the same style and similar content as those created by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN). Offering end-of-chapter answers and rationales plus two end-of-book practice exams, this is the optimal study guide for all RNs preparing for the CEN exam.

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners

Governing Through Markets

A Roadmap From Beginning to End

Risk Simulator User Manual

Distal and proximal indicators of teacher effectiveness

Expert tips and practices in business analysis to pass the certification exams on the first attempt

Applying Monte Carlo Simulation, Real Options Analysis, Forecasting, and Optimization Techniques

The landmark project management reference, now in a new edition Now in a Tenth Edition, this industry-leading project management “bible” aligns its streamlined approach to the latest release of the Project Management Institute’s Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMI®’s PMBOK® Guide), the new mandatory source of training for the Project Management Professional (PMP®) Certificat-ion Exam. This outstanding edition gives students and professionals a profound understanding of project management with insights from one of the best-known and respected authorities on the subject. From the intricate framework of organizational behavior and structure that can determine project success to the planning, scheduling, and controlling processes vital to effective project management, the new edition thoroughly covers every key component of the subject. This Tenth Edition features: New sections on scope changes, exiting a project, collective belief, and managing virtual teams More than twenty-five case studies, including a new case on the Iridium Project covering all aspects of project management 400 discussion questions More than 125 multiple-choice questions (PMI, PMBOK, PMP, and Project Management Professional are registered marks of the Project Management Institute, Inc.)

"I found this book extremely helpful and loved the Fast Facts, Notes, Exam Tips and Clinical Tips. While other exam prep courses had great content, your book helped me to think more like a NP, and "pull it all together." I would highly recommend your book to any Adult-Gero NP student or graduate. It deserves 5 stars." T. Maria Jones, MS, AGPCNP-BC, CWOCN, DAPWCA, FMNLI Praise for the First Edition: This is a well written, comprehensive review aimed at preparing readers for successfully completing a board certification exam...This is a wonderful comprehensive review in a concise study guide format.--Doody’s Medical Reviews The second edition of this acclaimed ANP review continues to promote efficient, time-saving study by synthesizing the key content needed to pass the NP Certification Exam into a concise, well-organized format. Using test-taking strategies meticulously developed by the author, the Review provides unique “question dissection techniques,” targeted key content review, 600 extensive practice questions, and detailed, current exam information in a fast facts style. This second edition includes an extensive new section on geriatrics that encompasses body/metabolic changes, common disorders, and hospice/ethical considerations. The book also presents an expanded, intensive pharmacology review, 100 new exam questions, and is the only review to offer a new research chapter providing elements of research needed for E-B practice. The book reviews the complete adult lifespan from adolescence on, and covers non-clinical content including ethics, medico-legal issues, advanced practice law, and reimbursement guidelines. The review of primary care disorders is organized by body system. The content is applicable for certification exams for both the ANCC and the AANP. This book is also a great companion to the ANP Certification Review app, coming soon for your iPhone or iPad! New to this edition: Reorganized for greater ease of use Provides extensive new section on geriatrics covering body/metabolic changes, common disorders, and hospice/ethical considerations Contains expanded intensive-style pharmacology review Presents elements of research needed for E-B practice Includes 100 new questions for a total of 600 ‘high-yield’ questions Why use this review? Delineates strategic “question dissection techniques” for test success, developed by the author, a leading provider of exam preparation education for over 20 years Provides precisely targeted content review Offers 600 extensive practice questions and detailed exam information Includes Exam Tips and Clinical Tips help to prioritize The author’s company, ARNP Services, Inc. has helped thousands of nurses pass their certification exams nationwide It’s the only book to present elements of research needed for E-B practice It’s a great companion to the forthcoming ANP Certification Review app!

In the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, central banks created trillions of dollars of new money, and poured it into financial markets. ‘Quantitative Easing’ (QE) was supposed to prevent deflation and restore economic growth. But the money didn’t go to ordinary people: it went to the rich, who didn’t need it. It went to big corporations and banks – the same banks whose reckless lending caused the crash. This led to a decade of stagnation, not recovery. QE failed. In this book, Frances Coppola makes the case for a ‘people’s QE’, in which the money goes directly to ordinary people and small businesses. She argues that it is the fairest and most effective way of restoring crisis-hit economies and helping to solve the long-term challenges of ageing populations, automation and climate change.

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners provides fundamental knowledge and hands-on techniques about research, such as research topics and key journals in the planning field, advice for technical writing, and advanced quantitative methodologies. This book aims to provide the reader with a comprehensive and detailed understanding of advanced quantitative methods and to provide guidance on technical writing. Complex material is presented in the simplest and clearest way possible using real-world planning examples and making the theoretical content of each chapter as tangible as possible. Hands-on techniques for a variety of quantitative research studies are covered to provide graduate students, university faculty, and professional researchers with useful guidance and references. A companion to Basic Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners, Advanced Quantitative Research Methods for Urban Planners is an ideal read for researchers who want to branch out methodologically and for practicing planners who need to conduct advanced analyses with planning data.

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This paper analyses the development of certification programmes in three countries (Indonesia, Canada and Sweden) using the Advocacy Coalition Framework (ACF) as a theoretical reference point. The ACF is an actor-based framework for analysing policy processes and has not previously been applied in a developing country. Actors in the three countries took different approaches to certification. In Canada, in a programme development process supported by the forest products industry, a management systems approach was taken. In Sweden, performance standards were developed in a process initially driven by NGOs. In Indonesia, certification was led by an NGO within a framework established by government, and a performance standards approach was used. The paper concludes that forest certification can be best understood as a policy instrument that promotes and facilitates policy-orientated learning among actors, and provides indirect incentives for improved forest management. Learning occurs both as the standards to be used for certification are developed, and as they are implemented. The benefits of learning and consensus building among actors (such as NGOs, forest companies, private forest owners, indigenous peoples, governments, etc.) who have traditionally been in conflict with each other can be significant. On the other hand, where fundamental changes in forest policy (such as tenure and forest revenue reform) are needed, certification should not be seen as a substitute for these A further conclusion is that, while public policies change over periods of decades, the private policies of retailers and forest product companies can adapt more rapidly to changing circumstances. The concept of a ‘fast track’ of private policy change, compared to the slower track of governmental policy change, is therefore proposed and described. A number of interesting theoretical and empirical avenues for further research on certification are discussed.

In this important book, Lawrence Sager, a leading constitutional theorist, offers a lucid understanding and compelling defence of American constitutional practice. Sager treats judges as active partners in the enterprise of securing the fundamentals of political justice, and sees the process of constitutional adjudication as a promising and distinctly democratic addition to that enterprise. But his embrace of the constitutional judiciary is not unqualified. Judges in Sager’s view should and do stop short of enforcing the whole of the Constitution; and the Supreme Court should welcome rather than condemn the efforts of Congress to pick up the slack. Among the surprising fruit of this justice-seeking account of American constitutional practice are a persuasive case for the constitutional right to secure a materially decent life and sympathy for the obduracy of the Constitution to amendment. No book can end debate in this conceptually tumultuous area; but Justice in Plainclothes is likely to help shape the ongoing debate for years to come.

If you are studying for the adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner certification exam, the highly acclaimed Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certification Intensive Review is a must-have resource, and with interactive digital prep included with purchase, it is easier than ever to study for the AGNP exam. Lauded for its concise, well-organized format, this fourth edition has been significantly revised and updated to feature key information about the new AANPCB and ANCC certification exams, all new end-of-chapter review questions, and new full-color images. The fourth edition also features four practice tests with hundreds of new questions and rationales—800 questions in total. Extensive test-taking techniques and question dissection and analysis chapters help you identify the best clues during the problem-solving process so that you can strategically master the certification exam. Designed to help AGNP candidates boost their confidence through intensive review and high-quality questions, the fourth edition continues to provide succinct, precisely targeted “need-to-know” details of diseases and classic presentations you can expect to see in practice in patients across the life span. Organized by body system, chapters are consistently formatted to include Danger Signals, Normal Findings, Lab Findings, Benign Variants, and Disease Review topics. Each chapter features valuable Exam Tips and Clinical Pearls that highlight key considerations and information likely to be encountered on the exam, ideal for a last-minute refresher before test day. Ensure success by making this essential resource—praised by thousands for helping them pass their certification—a key part of your exam prep study regimen. Key Features: Includes updated information reflecting the new AANPCB and ANCC certification exams Introduces new end-of-chapter review questions to help you assess knowledge application and retention Features four practice tests with hundreds of new questions and rationales Provides a succinct and highly targeted review of diseases commonly seen in primary care, updated clinical information, all new color photos, and Exam Tips and Clinical Pearls to highlight key exam content Outlines Danger Signals, Normal Findings, Lab Findings, and Benign Variants in physical assessment of each body system Delineates strategic question-dissection techniques to simplify the problem-solving process Offers an intensive pharmacology review and review of professional issues—ethical guidelines, professional roles, reimbursement, research, evidence-based medicine and epidemiology, and cultural considerations

The definitive certification review for exam success! Written by leading APRN neonatal educators and clinicians, this authoritative study guide delivers all the tools neonatal nurse practitioners need to pass the National Certification Corporation (NCC) certification exam and the Continuing Competency Assessment (CCA). User friendly and concise, this review’s content mirrors that of the actual exam and is structured in accordance with the most updated test plan blueprint. This resource’s numerous exam-style questions and answers with rationales included in each chapter help readers uncover gaps in their knowledge. This review synthesizes the knowledge required to pass the exam, saving the reader time and effort by omitting extraneous material. In addition to spotlighting essential content throughout the text, recommended references provide the reader with the option to seek out additional information as needed. Additional benefits include important information about the exam along with savvy study and test-taking tips. This review will ensure exam success for both new NNPs and those who are taking the CCA exam. KEY FEATURES Mirrors the format of the certification exam Concise outline format for easy access to essential content Written by leading NNP educators and clinicians Includes valuable study and test-taking tips Exam-style questions and answers with explanatory rationales Includes more than double the amount of questions on the exam, including a 175-question simulated practice exam Purchase includes digital access for use on most mobile devices or computers

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In a world confronted with escalating environmental crises, are academics asking the right questions and advocating the best solutions? This Research Agenda paves the way for new and established scholars in the field, identifying the significant gaps in research and emerging issues for future generations in global environmental politics.

Can private standards bring about more sustainable production practices? This question is of interest to conscientious consumers, academics studying the effectiveness of private regulation, and corporate social responsibility practitioners alike. Grabs provides an answer by combining an impact evaluation of 1,900 farmers with rich qualitative evidence from the coffee sectors of Honduras, Colombia and Costa Rica. Identifying an institutional design dilemma that private sustainability standards encounter as they scale up, this book shows how this dilemma plays out in the coffee industry. It highlights how the erosion of price premiums and the adaptation to buyers' preferences have curtailed standards' effectiveness in promoting sustainable practices that create economic opportunity costs for farmers, such as agroforestry or agroecology. It also provides a voice for coffee producers and value chain members to explain why the current system is failing in its mission to provide environmental, social, and economic co-benefits, and what changes are necessary to do better.

In the past, corporate investment decisions were cut and dried. Buy a new machine that is more efficient, make more products costing a certain amount, and if the benefits outweigh the costs, execute the investment. Hire a larger pool of sales associates, expand the current geographical area, and if the marginal increase in forecast sales revenues exceeds the additional salary and implementation costs, start hiring. Need a new manufacturing plant? Show that the construction costs can be recouped quickly and easily by the increase in revenues the plant will generate through new and improved products, and the initiative is approved. However, real-life business conditions are a lot more complicated. Your firm decides to go with an e-commerce strategy, but multiple strategic paths exist. Which path do you choose? What are the options you have? If you choose the wrong path, how do you get back on the right track? How do you value and prioritize the paths that exist? You are a venture capitalist firm with multiple business plans to consider. How do you value a start-up firm with no proven track record? How do you structure a mutually beneficial investment deal? What is the optimal timing to a second or third round of financing? This chapter provides a novel approach to applying real options to answering these issues and more.

Forest Certification: A Policy Perspective

Springhouse Review for Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing Certification

Fast Facts and Practice Questions, Second Edition

A Guidance Book for Lawyers, Legislators and Regulators

Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Certification Intensive Review

An International Comparison

Applying Monte Carlo Risk Simulation, Strategic Real Options, Stochastic Forecasting, Portfolio Optimization, Data Analytics, Business Intelligence, and Decision Modeling

The markets for organic and fair trade certified commodities are growing rapidly, with environmentally sound and more equitable certification systems likely to offer benefits for both small-scale farmers and society at large. Despite much debate about their contribution to sustainability, there has been little scientific analysis, so it is vital to assess if it is technically and economically feasible to meet growing consumer demands regarding food safety, quality and ethics through smallholder and marginal producers. Overall, there is a need to explore the potential of these certification systems as emerging areas in research and development cooperation. This book is an important read for researchers and students in agricultural and development economics, and it is also a useful resource for policy makers and practitioners involved in organic and fair trade agriculture.

Empirical Legal Research describes how to investigate the roles of legislation, regulation, legal policies and other legal arrangements at play in society. It is invaluable as a guide to legal scholars, practitioners and students on how to do empirical legal research, covering history, methods, evidence, growth of knowledge and links with normativity. This multidisciplinary approach combines insights and approaches from different social sciences, evaluation studies, Big Data analytics and empirically informed ethics. The authors present an overview of the roots of this blossoming interdisciplinary domain, going back to legal realism, the fields of law, economics and the social sciences, and also to civiology and evaluation studies. The book addresses not only data analysis and statistics, but also how to formulate adequate research problems, to use (and test) different types of theories (explanatory and intervention theories) and to apply new forms of literature research to the field of law such as the systematic, rapid and realist reviews and synthesis studies. The choice and architecture of research designs, the collection of data, including Big Data, and how to analyze and visualize data are also covered. The book discusses the tensions between the normative character of law and legal issues and the descriptive and causal character of empirical legal research, and suggests ways to help handle this seeming disconnect. This comprehensive guide is vital reading for law practitioners as well as for students and researchers dealing with regulation, legislation and other legal arrangements.

This book provides a uniquely detailed and systematic comparison of environmental forest policies and enforcement in twenty countries worldwide, covering developed, transition and developing economies. The goal is to enhance global policy learning and promote well-informed and precisely-tuned policy solutions.

TRB's Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program (CTBSSP) Synthesis 1: Effective Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Management Techniques focuses on the problems commercial truck and bus fleet managers confront, and the methods that are available to address problems in the areas of driver and vehicle safety, and more.

Maximizing the Policy-Relevance of Research for School Improvement

What Is So Real About Real Options, and Why Are They Optional?

Fast Facts and Practice Questions

SEAFOOD CERTIFICATION AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

Methods in Educational Research

Advanced Analytical Models

From Theory to Practice

Education policy and policy making is shaped through the activities of a complex network of educators, educational leaders, researchers, community members, as well as government and non-government officials and organizations. Educational researchers are a critical player in this complex network and their investigations of various educational phenomena can answer questions relevant to the design and implementation of education policy for school improvement. Educational research, however, often has limited influence in larger policy conversations and decisions (Orland, 2009), and this is due to many factors. Educational researchers can provide an evidence-based starting place for discussions about school improvement with the complex network of stakeholders engaged in policy development and implementation, but they must be more intentionally and systematically thoughtful about the connections of their work to policy and policy making. Furthermore, researchers can increase the relevance of their work for policy through the careful design and framing of research in collaboration with end-users, and an awareness of its implications. In so doing, researchers can spur the interest and dissemination of their findings to wider audiences. This book offers resources for education researchers, faculty, and advanced graduate students interested in maximizing the relevance of their research on policy for school improvement. In achieving this purpose, the book is organized into three sections: 1) A primer for education policy making in the United States; 2) Designing research to maximize education policy relevance; and 3) Engaging users of research to communicate its relevance to policymakers. This book is primarily for education researchers, faculty, and advanced graduate students seeking to improve the visibility and impact of their research on school improvement, particularly in the realm of educational policy and policy making. While this book is a volume in the book series for the American Educational Research Association Special Interest Group, Leadership for School Improvement, the importance and usefulness of the topics covered span education research more broadly. Further, the content of this book serves as a comprehensive guide for how education researchers, in general, can better situate their work to influence policy. The book is intended to be utilized by university scholars, graduate students in research or policy courses, post-doctoral fellows, as well as research associates or directors in various organizations relevant to education such as research consulting groups, non-profits which serve education causes, teacher unions, state agencies or state-level educator organizations/associations, and think tanks. Emerging or established researchers in any of these organizations who want to increase the relevance, significance and dissemination of their work into education policy will hopefully find this book useful. The profound changes that we are experiencing at the political, environmental, economic, social, and cultural levels of our "postmodern" society pose immense challenges to education. In order to empower students to analyze, reflect, and take action for a sustainable world, the learning and educational process must be experienced in the context of citizenship; that is, it must be designed, planned, and implemented having global sustainability as a framework, thus developing societal awareness, values, and principles. Teaching and Learning Practices That Promote Sustainable Development and Active Citizenship is an essential research book that provides comprehensive research on education as a fundamental factor in empowering citizens to understand and act on the multiple risks and challenges to the sustainability of our society and world. Highlighting a range of critical learning strategies such as global and critical education, development education, and transformational education, among others, this book is ideal for academicians, education professionals, researchers, policymakers, and students.

Quantitative finance is a combination of economics, accounting, statistics, econometrics, mathematics, stochastic process, and computer science and technology. Increasingly, the tools of financial analysis are being applied to assess, monitor, and mitigate risk, especially in the context of globalization, market volatility, and economic crisis. This two-volume handbook, comprised of over 100 chapters, is the most comprehensive resource in the field to date, integrating the most current theory, methodology, policy, and practical applications. Showcasing contributions from an international array of experts, the Handbook of Quantitative Finance and Risk Management is unparalleled in the breadth and depth of its coverage. Volume 1 presents an overview of quantitative finance and risk management research, covering the essential theories, policies, and empirical methodologies used in the field. Chapters provide in-depth discussion of portfolio theory and investment analysis. Volume 2 covers options and option pricing theory and risk management. Volume 3 presents a wide variety of models and analytical tools. Throughout, the handbook offers illustrative case examples, worked equations, and extensive references; additional features include chapter abstracts, keywords, and author and subject indices. From "arbitrage" to "yield spreads," the Handbook of Quantitative Finance and Risk Management will serve as an essential resource for academics, educators, students, policymakers, and practitioners.

This literature review on seafood ecolabels in Asia looks into the concerns of producers, exporters, and consumers and identifies barriers to implementation. It stresses the need for tailored policies and government-led capacity building initiatives.

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The Oxford Handbook of Food, Politics, and Society

Business Cases and Software Applications

This volume explores the complex interrelationships between food and agriculture, politics, and society. More specifically, it considers the political aspects of three basic economic questions: what is to be produced? how is it to be produced? how it is to be distributed? It also outlines three unifying themes running through the politics of answering these societal questions with regard to food, namely: ecology, technology and property.

"Mun demystifies real options analysis and delivers a powerful, pragmatic guide for decision-makers and practitioners alike. Finally, there is a book that equips professionals to easily recognize, value, and seize real options in the world around them." --Jim Schreckengast, Senior VP, R&D Strategy, Gemplus International SA, France Completely revised and updated to meet the challenges of today's dynamic business environment, Real Options Analysis, Second Edition offers you a fresh look at evaluating capital investment strategies by taking the strategic decision-making process into consideration. This comprehensive guide provides both a qualitative and quantitative description of real options; the methods used in solving real options; why and when they are used; and the applicability of these methods in decision making.

Methods in Educational Research Methods in Educational Research is designed to prepare students for the real world of educational research. It focuses on scientifically-based methods, school accountability, and the professional demands of the twenty-first century, empowering researchers to take an active role in conducting research in their classrooms, districts, and the greater educational community. Like the first edition, this edition helps students, educators, and researchers develop a broad and deep understanding of research methodologies. It includes substantial new content on the impact of No Child Left Behind legislation, school reform, quantitative and qualitative methodologies, logic modeling, action research, and other areas. Special features to assist the teaching and learning processes include vignettes illustrating research tied to practice, suggested readings at the end of each chapter, and discussion questions to reinforce chapter content. Praise for the Previous Edition "A new attempt to make this subject more relevant and appealing to students. Most striking is how useful this book is because it is really grounded in educational research. It is very well written and quite relevant for educational researchers or for the student hoping to become one." --PscyCRITIQUES/American Psychological Association "I applaud the authors for their attempt to cover a wide range of material. The straightforward language of the book helps make the material understandable for readers." --Journal of MultiDisciplinary Evaluation

More efficient credit portfolio engineering can increase the decision-making power of bankers and boost the market value of their banks. By implementing robust risk management procedures, bankers can develop comprehensive views of obligors by integrating fundamental and market data into a portfolio framework that treats all instruments similarly. Banks that can implement strategies for uncovering credit risk investments with the highest return per unit of risk can confidently build their businesses. Through chapters on fundamental analysis and credit administration, authors Morton Glantz and Johnathan Mun teach readers how to improve their credit skills and develop logical decision-making processes. As readers acquire new abilities to calculate risks and evaluate portfolios, they learn how credit risk strategies and policies can affect and be affected by credit ratings and global exposure tracking systems. The result is a book that facilitates the discipline of market-oriented portfolio management in the face of unending changes in the financial industry. Concentrates on the practical implementation of credit engineering strategies and tools Demonstrates how bankers can use portfolio analytics to increase their insights about different groups of obligors Investigates ways to improve a portfolio's return on risk while minimizing probability of insolvency

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If you're seeking solutions to advanced and even esoteric problems, Advanced Analytical Models goes beyond theoretical discussions of modeling by facilitating a thorough understanding of concepts and their real-world applications—including embedded functions and algorithms. This reliable resource will equip you with all the tools you need to quantitatively assess risk in a range of areas, whether you are a risk manager, business decision-maker, or investor.