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In February 1997, 69 countries accounting for 95 percent of world telecommunications traffic agreed to open their basic telecommunications service markets. In

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April 1997, 28 countries accounting for 80 percent of world trade in information technology (IT) goods agreed to eliminate tariffs on IT goods by January 2000. These two agreements represent significant steps toward global telecommunication liberalization. The agreements also mark the beginning of new battles that will determine the extent of competition and reform in the telecommunications industry in the 21st century. Although implementation of the two pacts will be phased in over several years, some

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signatory countries are already facing a backlash from local telecommunications companies and equipment suppliers. Hence the issue remains highly contentious around the world. In this volume, leading scholars from different countries offer their assessments of the two new agreements. They also predict the evolution of the telecommunications industry in the years ahead. The volume provides essential background on future developments in this dynamic and crucial sector, and suggests ways in which it can

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be shaped to provide maximum benefits for the world economy.

The modern telecommunications infrastructure"made possible by research performed over the last several decades" is an essential element of the U.S. economy. The U.S. position as a leader in telecommunications technology, however, is at risk because of the recent decline in domestic support of long-term, fundamental telecommunications research. To help understand this challenge, the National Science Foundation asked the NRC

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to assess the state of telecommunications research in the United States and recommend ways to halt the research decline. This report provides an examination of telecommunications research support levels, focus, and time horizon in industry, an assessment of university telecommunications research, and the implications of these findings on the health of the sector. Finally, it presents recommendations for enhancing U.S. telecommunicationsâ€™ research efforts. Effective project management tailored to

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the needs of the telecommunications industry "In our rapidly changing world, the information and communication technologies and services have an immense impact on virtually all aspects of our lives. . . . With his deep understanding of the telecommunication services, and his rich experiences in both standardization activities and teaching practice, [Dr. Sherif's] book provides a very clear analysis of development projects in telecommunication services. I believe the readers will find this book very useful

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and interesting." —Houlin Zhao, Director,  
Telecommunication Standardization  
Bureau, International Telecommunication  
Union "Dr. Sherif's book is an important  
contribution to the project management  
literature. With the domination of the  
service economy in recent years, the book  
addresses the unique features of  
telecommunication services, a critical  
pillar of the service sector. Development  
projects in telecommunications require  
combining good knowledge of the  
fundamentals of project management with

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clear understanding of the complexities arising from fast-changing technology, deregulations, standards, accountability, and supply chain management difficulties. This book addresses the much-needed integrative approach very well." –Tarek Khalil, President, International Association for Management of Technology (IAMOT) While there has been much written about project management, the vast majority of the literature focuses on industrial design and production. In *Managing Projects in Telecommunication*



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effectively demonstrates the unique requirements of projects in telecommunication services and, consequently, the benefits of an integrated approach to project management that is specifically tailored to the telecommunications industry. Managing Projects in Telecommunication Services draws from a wide range of disciplines, including organizational management, motivation, quality control, and software engineering. All the theory and practical

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guidance that an effective telecommunications project manager needs is provided. The text is divided into three main parts: Chapters 1 through 3 set forth the special characteristics of telecommunications projects, including technology life cycle, type of innovation, and project organization Chapters 4 through 10 cover the areas that the Project Management Institute has standardized in its publication A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide), focusing on the issues

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specific to telecommunications. Chapters address scope, schedule and cost, information and communication, human resources, quality, vendor management, and risk Chapters 11 and 12 integrate and summarize all of the concepts for the planning and delivery of a project Chapters are loaded with examples and case studies, many from the author's personal experience, that demonstrate the benefits of good project management and the consequences of poor project management. Each chapter includes a summary of key

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points. References are also provided to facilitate further research and study. For project managers as well as students in telecommunications, this text is unsurpassed. It not only covers the theory and practice of effective project management, it also tailors its discussion specifically to the unique needs of the telecommunications industry. (PMBOK is a registered mark of the Project Management Institute, Inc.)

The mobile telecommunication industry has been one of the fastest growing industries

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in the global economy since the late 1990s. As the first country to offer commercial Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) cellular service in the world, Korea was able to jump right into the digital mobile markets, enhancing its status as a leading manufacturer of mobile equipment. While the growth of the telecom industry occurred with the emergence of worldwide market-oriented regulatory reform and liberalization in telecommunications, the state-market relationship in Korea evolved from state

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monopoly toward “centralized governance” and later toward “flexible governance,” which is substantially different from “liberal governance” of the US. This book examines the uniqueness of Korean regulatory reforms of the mobile telecommunication sector, and argues that the market-oriented regulatory reform and liberalization should be explained by focusing on the interactions among the state, the private sector, and international political economic environment. It will appeal to scholars

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and policy-makers alike concerned with market regulation, Asian development and political economy.

Proceedings of the 14th International  
Teletraffic Congress - ITC 14, Antibes  
Juan-les-Pins, France, 6-10 June, 1994

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*This book shines a spotlight on software-centric networks and their emerging service environments. The authors examine the road ahead for connectivity, for both humans and 'things', considering the rapid changes that have shaken the industry. The book analyses major catalytic shifts that are shaping the communications world: softwarization, virtualization, and cloud computing. It guides the reader through a maze of possible architectural choices, driven by discriminating and sometimes conflicting business considerations. The*



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*new ICT capabilities lead us toward smarter environments and to an ecosystem where applications are backed up by shared networking facilities, instead of networks that support their own applications. Growing user awareness is a key driver towards the softwarization process. Softwarization disrupts the current status quo for equipment, development, networks, operations and business. It changes radically the value chain and the involved stakeholders. The dilemma is between a 'slow burn' traditional step-by-step approach and a bold transformation of the whole infrastructure and business models. This book is essential reading for those seeking to build user-centric communication networks that support independent agile and smart applications. "The book gives an insightful account of modern telecom networks, pinpointing the radical transformations of the last 20 years. This is the perfect read for those who are interested in the grand*

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*challenges of networks and in the socio-economic reasons why the telecom industry to embrace the Internet of Things and cyber-physical systems.” Prof. Antonio Liotta, Eindhoven University of Technology*

*“This book fulfills an urgent need to thoroughly analyze the entanglement of network and software architectures by taking into account the increasing softwarization. It highlights important issues behind today’s business models and opens the road for sustainable future approaches to provide user appreciated valuable services.” Dr. Eng. Hendrik Berndt, former CTO of NTT DOCOMO*

*Communications Laboratories Europe*

*Telecom, a phenomenon of the 1990s, has been witnessing tremendous growth, contributing to more than 2 per cent of India's GDP. Once considered a luxury, it is now accessible to all sections of society. Penetrating to even the remotest corners of the country, it is now*

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*propelling a revolution. Next to China, India is today the second largest telecom market in the world. This book highlights the unique cost structure, tariff regulation, and universal service obligations of basic telecom services. It dwells upon the different stages of spectrum allocation and management, including third generation and broadband wireless services. The trade-off between competition and industry efficiency due to limited spectrum availability and fragmentation is well emphasized. The value chain of the broadcasting sector and unique satellite applications are assessed. The book cites success stories of cost-effective operator services. The reasons for the lagging manufacturing sector in the telecom industry are carefully delineated. Finally, alliances and partnerships amongst different entities in the sector are analysed.*

*The demand for advance telecommunication services has increased*

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*dramatically over the last few years. This has led to technological changes with revolutionized engineering strategies to optimize network construction and operation. Telecommunication networks integrate with a wide range of technologies, including optical amplifiers, software architectures for network control and management, abstract algebra required to design error correction codes, and network modeling. This book presents research contributions towards new techniques, concepts, analysis of the telecom market's evolving trends, and infrastructure to provide integrated voice, data, and video communications services that are critical to the operation and competitiveness of companies, governments, and other organizations.*

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Market*

*Toward Converged Network Services*

**Telemedicine--the use of information and telecommunications technologies to provide and support health care when distance separates the participants--is receiving increasing attention not only in remote areas where health care access is troublesome but also in urban and suburban locations. Yet the benefits and costs of this blend of medicine and digital technologies must be better demonstrated before today's cautious decisionmakers invest significant funds in its development. Telemedicine**

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**presents a framework for evaluating patient care applications of telemedicine. The book identifies managerial, technical, policy, legal, and human factors that must be taken into account in evaluating a telemedicine program. The committee reviews previous efforts to establish evaluation frameworks and reports on results from several completed studies of image transmission, consulting from remote locations, and other telemedicine programs. The committee also examines basic elements of an evaluation and considers relevant issues of quality, accessibility, and cost of health care. Telemedicine will be of immediate interest to anyone with interest in the clinical application of telemedicine.**

**Shaping American Telecommunications examines the technical, regulatory, and economic forces that have shaped the**

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**development of American telecommunications services. This volume is both an introduction to the basic technical, economic, and regulatory principles underlying telecommunications, and a detailed account of major events that have marked development of the sector in the United States. Beginning with the introduction of the telegraph and continuing through to current developments in wireless and online services, authors Christopher H. Sterling, Phyllis W. Bernt, and Martin B.H. Weiss explain each stage of telecommunications development, examining the interplay among technical innovation, policy decisions, and regulatory developments. Offering an integrated treatment of the interplay among technology, policy, and economics as key factors defining the development of the telecommunications sector in the United States, this volume also**

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**provides: \*background material to facilitate understanding of each sector; \*contexts for many so-called "new" issues, problems, and trends, demonstrating origins from years or decades in the past; and \*careful annotation, documentation, and reference tables to enable further research on the topics discussed. This unique multidisciplinary approach provides a balanced view of U.S. telecommunications history, in context with relevant economic, legal, social, and technical analyses. As such, it is essential reading for advanced students in telecommunications needing to understand how the telecommunications industry and service developed to its current form. The volume will also serve as a supplemental text in courses on telecommunications regulation, and it will be of value to professionals in the field seeking context and**



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**background for their daily work.**

**This work discusses the issues among people creating computer communication technology, the people using computer communication, the people impacted by it, and the regulators responsible for balancing the interest of these multiple groups. Essential reference providing best practice of LTE-A, VoLTE, and IoT Design/deployment/Performance and evolution towards 5G This book is a practical guide to the design, deployment, and performance of LTE-A, VoLTE/IMS and IoT. A comprehensive practical performance analysis for VoLTE is conducted based on field measurement results from live LTE networks. Also, it provides a comprehensive introduction to IoT and 5G evolutions. Practical aspects and best practice of LTE-A/IMS/VoLTE/IoT are presented. Practical aspects of LTE-**

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**Advanced features are presented. In addition, LTE/LTE-A network capacity dimensioning and analysis are demonstrated based on live LTE/LTE-A networks KPIs. A comprehensive foundation for 5G technologies is provided including massive MIMO, eMBB, URLLC, mMTC, NGCN and network slicing, cloudification, virtualization and SDN. Practical Guide to LTE-A, VoLTE and IoT: Paving the Way Towards 5G can be used as a practical comprehensive guide for best practices in LTE/LTE-A/VoLTE/IoT design, deployment, performance analysis and network architecture and dimensioning. It offers tutorial introduction on LTE-A/IoT/5G networks, enabling the reader to use this advanced book without the need to refer to more introductory texts. Offers a complete overview of LTE and LTE-A, IMS, VoLTE and IoT and 5G Introduces readers to IP**

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**Multimedia Subsystems (IMS) Performs a comprehensive evaluation of VoLTE/CSFB Provides LTE/LTE-A network capacity and dimensioning Examines IoT and 5G evolutions towards a super connected world Introduce 3GPP NB-IoT evolution for low power wide area (LPWA) network Provide a comprehensive introduction for 5G evolution including eMBB, URLLC, mMTC, network slicing, cloudification, virtualization, SDN and orchestration Practical Guide to LTE-A, VoLTE and IoT will appeal to all deployment and service engineers, network designers, and planning and optimization engineers working in mobile communications. Also, it is a practical guide for R&D and standardization experts to evolve the LTE/LTE-A, VoLTE and IoT towards 5G evolution.**

**Negotiating Structural and Technological Change**

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**The Telecom Revolution In India**  
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**Information Highways for a Smaller World and Better Living**  
**IMS Multimedia Telephony over Cellular Systems**  
The International Teletraffic Congress (ITC)  
is a recognized international organization  
taking part in the work of the International  
Telecommunications Union. The congress  
traditionally deals with the development of  
teletraffic theory and its applications to the  
design, planning and operation of

telecommunication systems, networks and services. The contents of ITC 14 illustrate the important role of teletraffic in the current period of rapid evolution of telecommunication networks. A large number of papers address the teletraffic issues behind developments in broadband communications and ATM technology. The extension of possibilities for user mobility and personal communications together with the generalization of common channel signalling and the provision of new intelligent network

services are further extremely significant developments whose teletraffic implications are explored in a number of contributions. ITC 14 also addresses traditional teletraffic subjects, proposing enhancements to traffic engineering practices for existing circuit and packet switched telecommunications networks and making valuable original contributions to the fundamental mathematical tools on which teletraffic theory is based. The contents of these Proceedings accurately reflect the extremely

wide scope of the ITC, extending from basic mathematical theory to day-to-day traffic engineering practices, and constitute the state of the art in 1994 of one of the fundamental telecommunications sciences. After decades of liberalization of the telecommunications industry around the world and technological convergence that allows for increasing competition, sector-specific regulation of telecommunications has been on the decline. As a result, the telecommunications industry stands in the

middle of a debate that calls for either a total deregulation of access to broadband infrastructures or a separation of infrastructure from service delivery. This book proposes new approaches to dealing with the current and future issues of regulation of telecommunication markets on both a regional and a global scale. This volume represents a valuable compendium of ideas regarding global trends in the telecommunications industry that focus on market and regulatory issues and company



strategies. With an international cast of contributors, Regulation and the Evolution of the Global Telecommunications Industry also provides insight into topics including: mobile Internet development, structural function and separation, global experiences with next generation networks, technology convergence and the role of regulation, and the regulatory impact on the balance between static and dynamic efficiencies. The empirical evidence and experiences presented here illustrate the diversity of thoughts and

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research that characterize this important area of academic and business research.

Thus, it will be a critical reference for scholars and students of regulatory economics, policy and finance and researchers and administrators of the telecom industry.

Broadband communication expands our opportunities for entertainment, e-commerce and work at home, health care, education, and even e-government. It can make the Internet more useful to more people. But it all

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hinges on higher capacity in the "first mile" or "last mile" that connects the user to the larger communications network. That connection is often adequate for large organizations such as universities or corporations, but enhanced connections to homes are needed to reap the full social and economic promise. Broadband: Bringing Home the Bits provides a contemporary snapshot of technologies, strategies, and policies for improving our communications and information infrastructure. It explores

the potential benefits of broadband, existing and projected demand, progress and failures in deployment, competition in the broadband industry, and costs and who pays them. Explanations of broadband's alphabet soup " HFC, DSL, FTTH, and all the rest " are included as well. The report's finding and recommendations address regulation, the roles of communities, needed research, and other aspects, including implications for the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IMS Multimedia Telephony service has been standardized in 3GPP as the replacement of the circuit switched telephony service in cellular networks. The multimedia telephony service consists of several service components such as voice, video and text. 'IMS Multimedia Telephony over Cellular Systems' provides a comprehensive overview of the service that will enable enriched telephony for mobile users. Enriched telephony fulfils the user's desire to communicate in new ways, for example by

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sharing pictures and video clips. In addition to an overview of the Multimedia Telephony service, the book focuses on the modern media processing methods, which allows the quality of the packet switched voice and video telephony not only to match but also possibly exceed the quality of circuit switched telephony. Such key components as adaptive jitter buffering and adaptation of conversational media are explained in detail. Key features: Detailed description of how Multimedia Telephony sessions are set-up

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and controlled Analysis showing the capacity and quality of VoIP and Multimedia

Telephony in cellular networks Coverage of other IMS services such as PoC specified by 3GPP and OMA Description of suitable QoS and radio bearers for Multimedia Telephony Explanation of the modern radio interface, especially High Speed Packet Access, which is based on concepts such as link adaptation and fast hybrid ARQ The possibilities for the current and future standards covered in this book make it an indispensable resource for

engineers, designers and researchers in VoIP, telecommunication companies and universities teaching and conducting research in telecommunications. It will also be of interest to managers needing an in-depth knowledge of the engineering and key issues of this complex technology, and students aspiring to develop a career in this area.

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on Tariffs and Trade and the World Trade Organization. This book evaluates the extent to which changes in these institutional attributes have helped maintain or rebuild domestic constituencies for open markets.

Telecommunication companies deliver digital bits to the customers for a fee. There are two kinds of bits: "fast and faster dumb bits" which is capital intensive with low margins, and "intelligent bits" with additional content component and with higher margin. Traditional Communication Service Providers (CSPs) have gone through transformation after transformation over the past several decades. All past transformations have had one thing in common, that is the delivery of faster dumb bits, leveraging the technology evolution from analog to digital, to wireless, to IP. The next

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wave of transformations will be very different, we call it extreme transformation, in that the CSPs have to become a Digital Service Provider (DSP) to stay relevant. In the DSP world, with billions of sensors and IoT devices, digital lifestyle will be enabled by data mining and analytics, leading to decision making, and entertainment. The extreme transformation from a CSP to a DSP status is covered in this book, specifically: Redefinition of the offerings of "connectivity services" to "digital services"; unification of legacy redundant networks into one; Redefinition of the measurements to customer-centric QoE for all digital and connectivity services; the Best-in-Industry processes and practices to ensure a sustainable network performance at a competitively operational efficiency; a Service-over-IP (SoIP) platform to

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enable the introduction of unified new services with a time-to-market urgency; the regulatory arrangement for content purification, to liberalize CSPs to become DSPs; an architecture for data mining and analytics; and a migration plan from a CSP to a DSP status. The book is recommended for telecom and digital service professionals planning to embark on transformational projects; telecom and technology equipment manufacturers to help with product development for a DSP status; institutional investors to evaluate and establish their investment decisions; telecom management consultants to help with a solid benchmark for transformation engagement; university students, majoring in telecommunication and technology products as a guide for career planning.

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In response to a request from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the committee studied a range of issues to help identify what strategies the Department of Defense might follow to meet its need for flexible, rapidly deployable communications systems. Taking into account the military's particular requirements for security, interoperability, and other capabilities as well as the extent to which commercial technology development can be expected to support these and related needs, the book recommends systems and component research as well as organizational changes to help the DOD field state-of-the-art, cost-effective untethered communications systems. In addition to advising DARPA on where its investment in information technology for mobile wireless communications systems can have the

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greatest impact, the book explores the evolution of wireless technology, the often fruitful synergy between commercial and military research and development efforts, and the technical challenges still to be overcome in making the dream of "anytime, anywhere" communications a reality.

This volume constitutes the proceedings of the Third International Conference in Broadband Services and Networks, IS&N '95, held in Heraclion, Greece, in October 1995; this book summarizes at the same time the main results of a group of RACE projects sponsored by the European Commission for several years. To meet the new challenges in broadband communication, service engineering has now emerged as a new discipline strongly related to software engineering; particularly the concepts of object-

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orientation and open distributed processing are being adopted. The book presents 44 full papers and 8 posters selected from 88 submissions. Among the issues addressed are service architecture, usability, communications management, advanced communication services, security, and service creation.

Industries Without Smokestacks

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VoIP Evolution in a Converged Telecommunication World

Interworking Issues

Development and Prospects

The Evolution of Personal Communications

Industrialization in Africa Reconsidered

**This book explains the history, current**

**situation, market size and technological level of China's telecommunication industry in detail. It also provides an introduction to the main operators in China and their respective market shares and network technologies. Information about major equipment manufacturing enterprises and their major products is also provided, and their competitive strengths are analyzed. Finally, the book describes the evolution of China's telecommunication regulatory regime,**



**the changes in telecommunication policies and the reform of regulatory practices. The impact of these reform measures is then briefly evaluated. This book discusses opportunities for broadcasters that arise with the advent of broadband networks, both fixed and mobile. It discusses how the traditional way of distributing audio-visual content over broadcasting networks has been complemented by the usage of broadband networks. The author shows**

**how this also gives the possibility to offer new types of interactive or so-called nonlinear services. The book illustrates how change in distribution technology is accelerating the need for broadcasters around the world to adapt their content distribution strategy and how it will impact the portfolios of content they offer.**

**The mobile telecommunications industry is experiencing considerable growth at present and with the increased traffic**

**capacities which these systems provide and falling equipment prices, it is expected to continue to grow throughout the 1990s. Projections of equipment costs indicate that even portable cellular handsets could come within the reach of many customers well before the end of the century. This will transform mobile communications services from a minority, high cost application into a mainstream telecommunications service. For both market and technical reasons it**

**is likely that the distinction between cellular, Telepoint and paging services will decrease, and the provision of common hardware in the form of a Universal Personal Communicator will become increasingly feasible. 1987 Green Paper on The European Commission's June Telecommunications included the proposal to create a European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI). This has resulted in a major reform of the European standards-**

**setting process with the establishment of ETSI in March 1988 in Sophia-Antipolis, Nice, France. In the field of cordless telecommunications, ETSI has charged its Technical Sub-Committee RES 3 with producing the Digital European Cordless Telecommunications (DECT) standard by October 1991. In the meantime, the UK CT2 Common Air Interface (CAI) has been agreed by ETSI RES in March 1990 as the basis for an Interim European Telecommunications**

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## **Standard (I-ETS) for Telepoint applications within Europe.**

**This book provides the reader with a state-of-the-art knowledge on the evolution of communication networks towards global information infrastructure. The symposium specially addressed the issues of interworking to solve the interoperability issues in the heterogeneous networks environment. The articles cover the strategical issues concerning the evolution towards the**

**broadband communication infrastructure with ATM based technologies and related challenge with control and management functionalities to be implemented to provide secure, cost-effective and interoperable high performance networks of the future. The topical issues are well organised to cover the full spectrum of related issues in terms of signalling and management, Multimedia service handling, Traffic management to guarantee the quality of**

**service, interworking between narrow band and broadband networks, interworking issues related with network management, internet, mobile/satellite networks as well as the practical experiences around the world. The book is planned to provide the reader with an overview of the current status of infrastructure evolution direction so that they can plan the appropriate networks taking the futuristic scenarios into consideration.**



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*Since the last edition of the book was  
published, there have been a number of*

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important developments in the  
telecommunications industry.

Telecommunications Law and Regulation  
takes these changes into account,  
including an examination of the EU New  
Regulatory Framework, as well as the  
establishment of the Body of European  
Regulators for Electronic  
Communications (BEREC). There are also  
new chapters on spectrum management  
(radio frequencies), and consumer  
protection rules. The access and

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*interconnection chapter addresses the issues surrounding the high capacity broadband widely provided by Next Generation Networks. The chapter on licensing and authorisation has been refocused to reflect the increasing regulatory focus on the mobile sector. The chapter on regulating content has also been significantly restructured and revised to reflect the changes in how we consume content. Written by leading experts, it is essential*

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reading for legal practitioners and academics involved in the telecommunications industry.

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