

Foreword

This book addresses concerns relevant to the interests and activities of current and aspiring leaders who are introducing elements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution into their organizations. In their previous book, Smith and Cockburn (2014) together with their collaborative chapter coauthors detailed the new capabilities that leaders must develop to successfully steer their global businesses communities through the new era of social digital connectivity and through situations in which leaders are co-evolving with their environments at ever accelerating rates.

In this new book, Smith and Cockburn and their collaborative-chapter co-authors, provide an updated extension of their previous book (Smith and Cockburn, 2014). This includes updating the leadership capabilities that leaders must develop to successfully address the further complexities associated with introduction of the Fourth Industrial Revolution into their organizations.

In order to set the context of the topics in the book the first chapter gives a very brief overview of key definitions of leadership in organizations which have been discussed in a previous book by Smith and Cockburn (2014). The chapter then provides an overview of the contents of the remaining chapters, each of which addresses a specific area of application of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in a particular line of business.

I highly recommend this book, which contributes significantly to organizational and management knowledge, and participation in global affairs of all kinds, and which helps ensure successful outcomes in today's unpredictable 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' contexts. Each approach does not entail any assumptions of expertise, and is adaptable for all organizations being comprehensible for both technical and non-technical readers, thus enabling all readers to readily apply the models to their own evolving situations.

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