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This book tells the story of humankind as producers and reproducers from the Paleolithic to the present. Renowned social and cultural historian Merry Wiesner-Hanks brings a new perspective to world history by examining social and cultural developments across the globe, including families and kin groups, social and gender hierarchies, sexuality, race and ethnicity, labor, religion, consumption, and material culture. She examines how these structures and activities changed over time through local processes and interactions with other cultures, highlighting key developments that defined particular eras such as the growth of cities or the creation of a global trading network. Incorporating foragers, farmers and factory workers along with shamans, scribes and secretaries, the book widens and lengthens human history. It makes comparisons and generalizations, but also notes diversities and particularities, as it examines the social and cultural matters that are at the heart of big questions in world history today.

A Concise Introduction to Linear Algebra

Suitable for newcomers to computer science, A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python provides a succinct, yet complete, first course in computer science using the Python programming language. The book features: Short, modular chapters with brief and precise explanations, intended for one class period
Early introduction of basic procedural constructs

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such as functions, selection, and repetition, allowing them to be used throughout the course. Objects are introduced in the middle of the course, and class design comes toward the end. Examples, exercises, and projects from a wide range of application domains, including biology, physics, images, sound, mathematics, games, and textual analysis. No external libraries are required, simplifying the book's use in common lab spaces. Each chapter introduces a main idea through a concrete example and a series of exercises. Designed to teach programming in a concise, yet comprehensive way, this book provides a timely introduction for students and anyone interested in learning Python.

Weather

A Concise Introduction to World Religions, second edition, is a contributed volume that examines the development of major global faith traditions and movements. Based on the best-selling two-volume set *World Religions: Eastern and World Religions: Western Traditions*, this text explores the origins, central teachings, divisions and branches, rituals and practices, influences on culture, and responses to modern challenges for each tradition in an accessible and engaging style.

A Concise Introduction to World Religions/Making Sense in Religious Studies Pack

Based on the best-selling two-volume *World Religions: Eastern and Western Traditions*, this concise text traces the origins and evolution of the major religious traditions, explains their essential teachings, outlines their practices, and examines their interactions with modern culture and society, while insightful introductory and concluding essays suggest avenues for further reflection and study.

The World of Politics

International Relations

Framed around the concept of culture, *CULTURE COUNTS*, 4th Edition, uses ethnographic storytelling to draw students into the material and teach valuable critical-thinking skills. The text focuses on how culture directs and explains people's behavior, thereby helping students understand the world today as well as how humans can solve problems and effect positive change. Using an authoritative yet conversational voice, the authors emphasize contemporary issues, the impact of globalization, gender issues, equalities and inequalities, cross-cultural comparisons, and American culture. These topics are important to both the study of anthropology and understanding of the world around you. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Human Journey

This little book is the outgrowth of a one semester course which I have taught for each of the past four years at M. 1. T. Although this class used to be one of the standard courses taken by essentially every first year graduate student of mathematics, in recent years (at least in those when I was the instructor), the clientele has shifted from first year graduate students of mathematics to more advanced graduate students in other disciplines. In fact, the majority of my students have been from departments of engineering (especially electrical engineering) and most of the rest have been economists. Whether this state of affairs is a reflection on my teaching, the increased importance of mathematical analysis in other disciplines, the superior undergraduate preparation of students coming to M. 1. T in mathematics, or simply the lack of enthusiasm that these students have for analysis, I have preferred not to examine too closely. On the other hand, the situation did force me to do a certain amount of thinking about what constitutes an appropriate course for a group of non-mathematicians who are courageous (foolish?) enough to sign up for an introduction to integration theory offered by the department of mathematics. In particular, I had to figure out what to do about that vast body of material which, in standard mathematics offerings, is "assumed to have been covered in your advanced calculus course".

A Concise Introduction to Mathematical Logic

This book is a major introduction to the religious traditions of South Asian and East Asian origin. Separate chapters treat Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Buddhism, East Asian religions, and the aboriginal traditions of Asia and the Pacific. Designed for the student and general reader, the book combines a historically descriptive perspective with key dates, maps, extracts from primary texts, glossaries, and suggestions for further reading.

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A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python, Second Edition provides a hands-on and accessible introduction to writing software in Python, with no prior programming experience required. The Second Edition was thoroughly reorganized and rewritten based on classroom experience to incorporate: A spiral approach, starting with turtle graphics, and then revisiting concepts in greater depth using numeric, textual, and image data Clear, concise explanations written for beginning students, emphasizing core principles A variety of accessible examples, focusing on key concepts Diagrams to help visualize new concepts New sections on recursion and exception handling, as well as an earlier introduction of lists, based on instructor feedback The text offers sections designed for approximately one class period each, and proceeds gradually from procedural to object-oriented design. Examples, exercises, and projects are included from diverse application domains, including finance, biology, image processing, and textual analysis. It also includes a brief "How-To" sections that introduce

optional topics students may be interested in exploring. The text is written to be read, making it a good fit in flipped classrooms. Designed for either classroom use or self-study, all example programs and solutions to odd-numbered exercises (except for projects) are available at: <http://www.central.edu/go/conciseintro/>.

A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python

AN INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING THAT INCLUDES THE FUNDAMENTAL TECHNIQUES, METHODS, AND APPLICATIONS PROSE Award Finalist 2019 Association of American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence Machine Learning: a Concise Introduction offers a comprehensive introduction to the core concepts, approaches, and applications of machine learning. The author—an expert in the field—presents fundamental ideas, terminology, and techniques for solving applied problems in classification, regression, clustering, density estimation, and dimension reduction. The design principles behind the techniques are emphasized, including the bias-variance trade-off and its influence on the design of ensemble methods. Understanding these principles leads to more flexible and successful applications. Machine Learning: a Concise Introduction also includes methods for optimization, risk estimation, and model selection— essential elements of most applied projects. This important resource: Illustrates many classification methods with a single, running example, highlighting similarities and differences between methods Presents R source code which shows how to apply and interpret many of the techniques covered Includes many thoughtful exercises as an integral part of the text, with an appendix of selected solutions Contains useful information for effectively communicating with clients A volume in the popular Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics, Machine Learning: a Concise Introduction offers the practical information needed for an understanding of the methods and application of machine learning. STEVEN W. KNOX holds a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Illinois and an M.S. in Statistics from Carnegie Mellon University. He has over twenty years' experience in using Machine Learning, Statistics, and Mathematics to solve real-world problems. He currently serves as Technical Director of Mathematics Research and Senior Advocate for Data Science at the National Security Agency.

Introduction to World Religions

By investigating the major changes in world history during the past five hundred years, Woodruff explains to what extent world forces have been responsible for shaping both the past and the present. This extraordinary book tells of the rise and fall of empires and civilizations; it recounts the growing communality and interdependence of nations; it shows how so many problems of the contemporary world are the legacy of an unprecedented era of western domination - the end of which was hastened by the two world wars. In explaining how the world has come to be what it is, the author examines the implications surrounding the end of the cold war, the unravelling of communism in Eastern Europe, and the growing

challenge of the non-western world to western superiority. It is Woodruff's belief that we have reached a crucial transitional stage in world history in which the world will no longer be shaped by the single image of western modernism, but increasingly by the image of all cultures and civilizations. With the shift of geopolitical and geoeconomic power to Asia, and with the growing world-wide influence of religious fundamentalism and revolutionary nationalism, the need for a global perspective has become acute. A Concise History of the Modern World encompasses the learning and the insights gleaned by the author from a life-time career as a world historian.

Understanding Brexit

A Concise Introduction to Ethics

<http://www.oupcanada.com/ebrochure/oxtoby/index.html>This concise, contributed second edition is a survey of faiths throughout the world, based on the best-selling two-volume World Religions: Eastern and Western Traditions. Recognized scholars trace the origins and evolution of the major traditions, explain their essential teachings, outline their practices, and examine their interactions with modern culture and society, while insightful introductory and concluding essays suggest countless avenues for further reflection and study. With extracts from each tradition's most important thinkers, both ancient and modern, as well as timelines, maps, glossaries, guides to key geographic sites, annotated reading lists, rich colour photographs, handy 'Tradition at a Glance' summaries, and a brand new chapter on new religious movements, this concise volume offers a rich introduction to world religions.

Buddhism

The Human Journey offers a truly concise yet satisfyingly full history of the world from ancient times to the present. The book's scope, as the title implies, is the whole story of humanity, in planetary context. Its themes include not only the great questions of the humanities—nature versus nurture, the history and meaning of human variation, the sources of wealth and causes of revolution—but also the major transformations in human history: agriculture, cities, iron, writing, universal religions, global trade, industrialization, popular government, justice, and equality. In each conceptually rich chapter, leading historian Kevin Reilly concentrates on a single important period and theme, sustaining a focused narrative and analytical perspective. Chapter 2, for example, discusses the significance of bronze-age urbanization and the advent of the Iron Age. Chapter 3 examines the meaning and significance of the age of “classical” civilizations. Chapter 4 explains the spread of universal religions and new technologies in the postclassical age of Eurasian integration. But these examples also reveal a range of approaches to world history. The first chapter is an example of current “Big History,” the second of history

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A Concise Introduction to World Religions

Using the story of the “West and the world” as its backdrop, this book provides for beginning students a clear and concise introduction to Human Geography, including its key concepts, seminal thinkers and their theories, contemporary debates, and celebrated case studies. Introduces and applies the basic concepts of human geography in clear, concise, and engaging prose. Explores the significance of the rise, reign, and faltering of the West from around the fifteenth century in the shaping of the key demographic, environmental, social, economic, political, and cultural processes active in the world today. Addresses important thinkers, debates, and theories in an accessible manner with a focus on discerning the inherent Western bias in human geographical ideas. Incorporates case studies that explore human geographies which are being made in both Western and non-Western regions, including Latin America, Africa and Asia. Is written so as to be accessible to students and contains chapter learning objectives, checklists of key ideas, chapter essay questions, zoom in boxes, guidance for further reading and a book glossary. Accompanied by a website at <http://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&itemId=1118451503&bcsId=8984> www.wiley.com/go/boyle/afeaturing, for students, tutorial exercises, bonus zoom in boxes, links to further learning resources and biographies of key thinkers, and for instructors, further essay questions, multiple choice exam questions, and ppt lecture slides for each chapter.

Cultural History

Based on the bestselling two-volume *World Religions: Eastern and Western Traditions*, *A Concise Introduction to World Religions*, Fourth Edition, is ideal for single-semester courses. Renowned expert contributors trace the origins and evolution of the major traditions, explain their essential teachings, outline their practices, and examine their interactions with modern culture and society, while insightful introductory and concluding essays suggest countless avenues for further reflection and study. Engaging pedagogy throughout helps students appreciate and understand world religions: “Focus” boxes provide insight into rituals or practices that are specific to each religion; “Tradition at a Glance” boxes offer an insightful overview of each tradition, facilitate comparative analysis, and serve as quick review references; “Sites” boxes indicate locations of special significance to each tradition; “Document” boxes highlight key passages from each tradition’s sacred texts; “Sacred Texts” tables outline the process of compiling and revising the fundamental texts for each tradition as well as their oral, legal, and ritual uses; Chapter study questions and glossaries, detailed maps, timelines, and recommended websites and

further readings provide students with additional support. Password-protected instructor resources that include the Instructor's Manual, Test Bank, and Lecture Outlines are available on the book's Ancillary Resource Center. Visit the book's free, open-access Companion Website for the student resources featuring Self Quizzes and Study Guides. Teaser/HE Message: A pedagogically rich introduction to the world's major religious traditions, from their origins, through their development, to their meaning and practice in today's society.

A Concise Introduction to the Theory of Integration

Peace and war. Global warming. Multinational corporations. Imperialism and nationalism. Such topics encompass many of the most profound political and moral problems we face within the context of international relations. International Relations offers a clear and succinct overview of the field, providing a genuinely international scope in a very concise form. Written by a leading academic and researcher in the field, this invaluable introduction for students outlines key current theories, approaches, and controversies while stressing the relationship between the theory of international relations and the realities of the international system, both historically and in an increasingly globalized post-Cold War world. The table of contents is as follows: States, Nations, and Government; Beyond the State: Non-State Actors in the Modern World; A Brief History of the Twentieth Century; Imperialism, Post Imperialism, and Neo-Imperialism; Theories of International Relations; The Global Political Economy; Security, Violence, and the Military; The Global Environment; and Moral Issues in International Relations.

A Concise Introduction to Programming in Python

Tens of thousands of students have learned to be more discerning at constructing and evaluating arguments with the help of Patrick J. Hurley. Hurley's lucid, friendly, yet thorough presentation has made A CONCISE INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC the most widely used logic text in North America. In addition, the book's accompanying technological resources, such as CengageNOW and Learning Logic, include interactive exercises as well as video and audio clips to reinforce what you read in the book and hear in class. In short, you'll have all the assistance you need to become a more logical thinker and communicator. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

A Concise Introduction to Image Processing using C++

A brand new concise introductory text in human resource development that has a skills-building, practical focus yet is underpinned by the latest academic research. Highly engaging and accessible it brings the subject to life through

innovative learning tools including videos and active case studies.

A Concise Introduction to Existential Counselling

Understanding Brexit provides a concise introduction to the past, present and future of one of the most important and controversial topics in modern British politics. Written for both those familiar with the topic and those new to it, the book sets out in a clear and accessible way many of the fundamentals for understanding why Britain voted to leave the European Union and what happens next.

A Concise History of the World

A primer to the study of international relations, this book outlines key theories, traditional approaches, and long-time controversies, focusing on the legacies of imperialism and the accelerating pace of globalization.

Psychology

A Concise Introduction to Mental Health in Canada offers a unique contribution to mental health literature. Covering the full spectrum of mental health in Canada, this highly accessible text applies an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates insights from both the physical and social sciences to expand the way readers think about mental health. The chapters provide a multi-layered analysis and address a wide range of topics, including substance use, stigma and discrimination, gender and sexuality, culture and ethnicity, children and youth, older adults, diagnosis, treatment, and mental health professions and practices. The authors take a population and public health approach to explain the social determinants of mental health and bring frequently invisible or little-understood mental health issues to the forefront of awareness. This new edition has been thoroughly updated to reflect the latest scientific findings, changes in terminology, and current research regarding the diagnostic classifications and epidemiology of mental illnesses in Canada. Featuring glossaries of key terms, critical thinking questions, lists of recommended readings and websites, and a self-help resource, this engaging book provides a superb grounding for students of health studies, medicine, nursing, social work, psychology, and public health, as well as anyone interested in learning more about this important subject.

Cengage Advantage Books: Culture Counts: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

A concise and up-to-date guide to the history, teachings, and practice of Buddhism by two luminaries in the field of world religions.

World Religions

Strength and Conditioning: A Concise Introduction offers a concise but comprehensive overview of training for athletic performance. Introducing essential theory and practical techniques in all of the core areas of athletic training, the book clearly demonstrates how to apply fundamental principles in putting together effective real-world training programs. This book encourages students and professionals to think critically about their work and to adopt an evidence-based approach. It explains the inter-dependence of aspects of training such as needs analysis, assessment, injury, competition level, athlete age, and program design, and it fully explains how those aspects should be integrated. Strength and Conditioning is an accessible, engaging, and reflective introduction to the theory and application of strength and conditioning programs. Including clear step-by-step guidance, suggestions for further reading, and detailed sport-specific examples, this is the perfect primer for any strength and conditioning course or for any professional trainer or coach looking to refresh their professional practice. Included in the second edition are in-depth descriptions of free weights, kettlebells, heavy ropes, speed, agility, horizontal force production training, as well as updated research from the strength and conditioning field. Programming chapters and real-world programs provide examples of how to incorporate all the modern strength and conditioning tools. This is the perfect primer for any strength and conditioning course or for any professional trainer or coach looking to refresh their professional practice.

Max Scheler

A leading textbook for world religion, this new edition is designed to help students in their study and research of the world's religious traditions. Known and valued for its balanced approach and its respected board of consulting editors, this text addresses ways to study religion, provides broad coverage of diverse religions, and offers an arresting layout with rich illustrations. The second edition has new and extended primary source readings, a stronger section on the Religions of South Asia, additional maps, a new full-color, student-friendly format, and more.

A Concise Introduction to Econometrics

The expression 'cultural history' is generally used today to signal a particular approach to history, one which could be applied to any object, and is mainly concerned with the sense men and women from the past gave to the world they lived in. In this introduction to cultural history as a subdiscipline, the reader will find the key steps in the historical development of the field from 1850 to the present. It surveys different ways in which cultural history has been practised, exploring intellectual history, the history of ideas and concepts, of mentalities, of symbols and representations, and of languages and discourses. Cultural History also maps the territory cultural history most effectively enlightens: gender; the family and

sexuality; the body; senses and emotions and images; material culture and consumption; the media and communication. Lastly, it includes an appendix of biographies of a number of influential cultural historians. This concise and accessible introduction will be an essential volume for any university student studying cultural history.

International Relations

From a world-renowned team at the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Washington, Seattle, *Weather: A Concise Introduction* is an accessible and beautifully illustrated text covering the foundations of meteorology in a concise, clear, and engaging manner. Designed to provide students with a strong foundation in the physical, dynamical, and chemical processes taking place in the atmosphere, this introductory textbook will appeal to students with a wide range of mathematical and scientific backgrounds. This textbook features: a single case study of a mid-latitude cyclone which is referred to throughout the whole book to illustrate the basic principles driving atmospheric dynamics and phenomena; boxes on more advanced topics; appendices for additional coverage; chapter summaries listing the 'take-home' points discussed; and colour figures and charts illustrating the fundamental concepts. Key terms are evident throughout, and a glossary explains the terms that students will need to understand and become familiar with.

A Concise Introduction to World Religions

Accessible to all students with a sound background in high school mathematics, *A Concise Introduction to Pure Mathematics, Fourth Edition* presents some of the most fundamental and beautiful ideas in pure mathematics. It covers not only standard material but also many interesting topics not usually encountered at this level, such as the theory of solving cubic equations; Euler's formula for the numbers of corners, edges, and faces of a solid object and the five Platonic solids; the use of prime numbers to encode and decode secret information; the theory of how to compare the sizes of two infinite sets; and the rigorous theory of limits and continuous functions. New to the Fourth Edition Two new chapters that serve as an introduction to abstract algebra via the theory of groups, covering abstract reasoning as well as many examples and applications New material on inequalities, counting methods, the inclusion-exclusion principle, and Euler's phi function Numerous new exercises, with solutions to the odd-numbered ones Through careful explanations and examples, this popular textbook illustrates the power and beauty of basic mathematical concepts in number theory, discrete mathematics, analysis, and abstract algebra. Written in a rigorous yet accessible style, it continues to provide a robust bridge between high school and higher-level mathematics, enabling students to study more advanced courses in abstract algebra and analysis.

Human Resource Development

This short book introduces the main ideas of statistical inference in a way that is both user friendly and mathematically sound. Particular emphasis is placed on the common foundation of many models used in practice. In addition, the book focuses on the formulation of appropriate statistical models to study problems in business, economics, and the social sciences, as well as on how to interpret the results from statistical analyses. The book will be useful to students who are interested in rigorous applications of statistics to problems in business, economics and the social sciences, as well as students who have studied statistics in the past, but need a more solid grounding in statistical techniques to further their careers. Jacco Thijssen is professor of finance at the University of York, UK. He holds a PhD in mathematical economics from Tilburg University, Netherlands. His main research interests are in applications of optimal stopping theory, stochastic calculus, and game theory to problems in economics and finance. Professor Thijssen has earned several awards for his statistics teaching.

Public Policy

Building on the author's previous edition on the subject (Introduction to Linear Algebra, Jones & Bartlett, 1996), this book offers a refreshingly concise text suitable for a standard course in linear algebra, presenting a carefully selected array of essential topics that can be thoroughly covered in a single semester. Although the exposition generally falls in line with the material recommended by the Linear Algebra Curriculum Study Group, it notably deviates in providing an early emphasis on the geometric foundations of linear algebra. This gives students a more intuitive understanding of the subject and enables an easier grasp of more abstract concepts covered later in the course. The focus throughout is rooted in the mathematical fundamentals, but the text also investigates a number of interesting applications, including a section on computer graphics, a chapter on numerical methods, and many exercises and examples using MATLAB. Meanwhile, many visuals and problems (a complete solutions manual is available to instructors) are included to enhance and reinforce understanding throughout the book. Brief yet precise and rigorous, this work is an ideal choice for a one-semester course in linear algebra targeted primarily at math or physics majors. It is a valuable tool for any professor who teaches the subject.

Human Geography

This 2002 book is an ideal practical introduction to the basics of econometrics.

Machine Learning

The overwhelming majority of people in the world--85%--are religious, and more religions are now practiced in the United States than in any other country. Religion plays a critical role in international politics, in the global economy, and in a wide

variety of social and cultural interactions on the domestic front. Even though religion is such an integral part of today's world, many Americans have difficulty discussing it publicly. They are often unfamiliar with any religion but their own, finding other religions mysterious or even threatening. Offering a brief and accessible point of entry into the subject, *Rethinking Religion: A Concise Introduction* begins by highlighting the significance of religion in modern society and providing a simple definition that goes beyond vague notions of "faith" or "belief in God." Drawing material from a diverse range of religions--including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and primal religions--author Will Deming walks readers through thirty examples of how religions "work," exploring the significance of religious events and pronouncements. He also considers several topics that continue to fascinate and challenge Westerners: the ethics of studying someone else's religion, the "truth" of religion, the possibilities for preferring one religion over another, religious pluralism, and the contentious dialogue between science and religion. Enhanced by an innovative glossary of religious terms and numerous pictures and analyses of everyday religious activities, *Rethinking Religion: A Concise Introduction* is ideal for introducing students to the concept of religion and for courses in comparative and world religions. It is also captivating reading for theologians, scholars, and anyone interested in the topic.

The Human Journey

The updated 2nd edition of this brief introduction to Psychology, is more accessible and ideal for short courses. This is a brief, accessible introductory psychology textbook. The updated 2nd edition of this clear and brief introduction to Psychology is written by the award-winning lecturer and author Richard Griggs. The text is written in an engaging style and presents a selection of carefully chosen core concepts in psychology, providing solid topical coverage without drowning the student in a sea of details.

Politics in the Developing World

A Concise Introduction to Ethics offers a condensed and exceptionally well-written introduction to the essential moral theories. Based on Russ Shafer-Landau's best-selling primer on ethical theory, *The Fundamentals of Ethics*, this briefer volume retains the longer one's content advantage over competing books by addressing issues that other texts omit, including the good life (value theory), natural law, and prima facie duties. It also incorporates discussion questions and case studies at the end of each chapter, giving students the opportunity to apply ethical theories to real-world moral problems. A perfect companion to Shafer-Landau's anthology, *The Ethical Life*, this volume's compact size and low price make *A Concise Introduction to Ethics* an ideal complement to any course where it is important that students understand moral theories.

Rethinking Religion

Image recognition has become an increasingly dynamic field with new and emerging civil and military applications in security, exploration, and robotics. Written by experts in fractal-based image and video compression, *A Concise Introduction to Image Processing using C++* strengthens your knowledge of fundamentals principles in image acquisition, con

A Concise Introduction to Mental Health in Canada

"A comprehensive textbook consisting of both historical and contemporary information and data about American public policy. The format and approach of the text are ideal for undergraduate students because they provide concrete examples of public policy in a way that relates to everyday life." —Linda Trautman, Ohio University *Public Policy: A Concise Introduction* is a student-friendly primer that quickly connects readers to the inner workings of public policy. The text condenses early chapters on theory and the policy-making process, allowing students to take up key policy challenges—such as immigration, education, and health care—much earlier in the semester. Structured chapter layouts of substantive policy areas allow instructors to supplement with their own examples seamlessly. The book's emphasis on policy choices asks students to look beyond simple pros and cons to examine the multifaceted dimensions of decision making and the complexities inherent in real-world problem solving. Not every student starts out engaged in public policy, so place your students—both majors and non-majors alike—in the driver's seat by fostering their analytical skills early, and spend the rest of the semester discussing policy issues, examining data, and debating current policy examples that matter most to them. Give your students the SAGE edge! SAGE edge offers a robust online environment featuring an impressive array of free tools and resources for review, study, and further exploration, keeping both instructors and students on the cutting edge of teaching and learning. Learn more at edge.sagepub.com/rinfret.

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Purposefully written for those coming to politics for the first time, this textbook provides an exploration and analysis of the most important political issues affecting the Developing World. Offering a different perspective from standard texts in this field, Politics in the Developing World encourages an understanding of the breadth and nature of a range of pressing - and previously understated - issues: the striving for democracy; the political consequences of economic growth and development; the struggle of religious and ethnic minorities; women's and human rights; the impact of globalization; and the politics of the natural environment. Purposefully written for those coming to politics for the first time, this textbook provides an exploration and analysis of the most important political issues in the Developing World. Offering a different perspective from standard texts in this field, Politics in the Developing World encourages an understanding of the breadth and nature of a range of pressing - and previously understated - issues. This new edition of the text (previously titled Third World Politics: A Concise Introduction) has been completely rewritten, taking into account changes in the Developing World in the last decade. An increased focus on the international relations of the Developing World to complement those chapters concerned with domestic issues and with updated regional analyses and data throughout.

A Concise Introduction to Logic

While there are already several well known textbooks on mathematical logic this book is unique in treating the material in a concise and streamlined fashion. This allows many important topics to be covered in a one semester course. Although the book is intended for use as a graduate text the first three chapters can be understood by undergraduates interested in mathematical logic. The remaining chapters contain material on logic programming for computer scientists, model theory, recursion theory, Godel's Incompleteness Theorems, and applications of mathematical logic. Philosophical and foundational problems of mathematics are discussed throughout the text.

A Concise History of the Modern World

'A concise introduction to existential counselling is a superb addition to the literature on existential counselling and psychotherapy. Martin Adams provides an excellent overview of the field for those who are new to it at the same time as

distilling key features in a way which will be valuable for experienced practitioners' - Meg Barker, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the Open University A Concise Introduction to Existential Counselling is just that: a brief and accessible pocket guide to the underlying theory & practice of the existential approach. Addressing everything a new trainee needs to know and do in a way that is entirely accessible and jargon-free, this book: - Provides a short history of the existential tradition - Puts key concepts into contexts, showing how theory translates into practice - Discusses issues in the therapeutic process - Shows how to work effectively with whatever the client brings to the session - Addresses the significance of existential thought in the wider world This book will be the perfect companion to new trainees looking to embark on their path to thinking and practicing existentially. Martin Adams is a practitioner and supervisor in private practice and a Lecturer at the New School of Psychotherapy and Regents College, both in London.

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