

financial and economic crisis has caused increasing levels of poverty and unemployment, and put national minimum income protection schemes under severe strain. Combating Poverty in Local Welfare Systems therefore represents a timely and important intervention in the political and scientific debates as to whether more 'local welfare' is the solution to the challenges facing European welfare states.

Glaciers Jorge Daniel Taillant 2015-06-01 Though not traditionally thought of as strategic natural resources, glaciers are a crucial part of our global ecosystem playing a fundamental role in the sustaining of life around the world. Comprising three quarters of the world's freshwater, they freeze in the winter and melt in the summer, supplying a steady flow of water for agriculture, livestock, industry and human consumption. The white of glacier surfaces reflect sunrays which otherwise warm our planet. Without them, many of the planet's rivers would run dry shortly after the winter snow-melt. A single mid-sized glacier in high mountain environments of places like California, Argentina, India, Kyrgyzstan, or Chile can provide an entire community with a sustained flow of drinking water for generations. On the other hand, when global temperatures rise, not only does glacier ice wither away into the oceans and cease to act as water reservoirs, but these massive ice bodies can become highly unstable and collapse into downstream environments, resulting in severe natural events like glacier tsunamis and other deadly environmental catastrophes. But despite their critical role in environmental sustainability, glaciers often exist well outside our environmental consciousness, and they are mostly unprotected from atmospheric impacts of global warming or from soot deriving from transportation emissions, or from certain types of industrial activity such as mining, which has been shown to have devastating consequences for glacier survival. **Glaciers: The Politics of Ice** is a scientific, cultural, and political examination of the cryosphere -- the earth's ice -- and the environmental policies that are slowly emerging to protect it. Jorge Daniel Taillant discusses the debates and negotiations behind the passage of the world's first glacier-protection law in the mid-2000s, and reveals the tension that quickly arose between industry, politicians, and environmentalists when an international mining company proposed dynamiting three glaciers to get at gold deposits underneath. The book is a quest to educate general society about the basic science behind glaciers, outlines current and future risks to their preservation, and reveals the intriguing politics behind glacier melting debates over policies and laws to protect the resource. Taillant also makes suggestions on what can be done to preserve these crucial sources of fresh water, from both a scientific and policymaking standpoint. **Glaciers** is a new window into one of the earth's most crucial and yet most ignored natural resources, and a call to reawaken our interest in the world's changing climate.

Behind the Scenes of Real-Life Projects Smashing Magazine 2013-12-13 Is there anything more insightful than learning about the workflows from fellow designers and developers, and what techniques they use? What made their projects a stunning success, and how do they overcome missteps? With this eBook, we'll take a closer look at the techniques and stories of some folks behind real-life Web projects. Among others, you will discover how renowned projects such as the Financial Times Web app or the Nike Better World website were built, and learn from the success story of a translation app that made it into Apple's top ten charts. You'll also get an insight into Google's User Experience Lab, and (illustrated by the example of Pinterest) explore the importance of paint performance. Furthermore, our Smashing authors share valuable lessons learned in the course of their careers — from both successes and failures. This eBook is full of handy tips, ideas, and personal experiences that are beneficial to any Web professional. **TABLE OF CONTENTS** - Building The New Financial Times Web App - Bringing Angry Birds To Facebook - Behind The Scenes Of Nike Better World - Behind The Scenes Of Tourism New Zealand - Tale Of A Top-10 App, Part 1: Idea And Design - Tale Of A Top-10 App, Part 2: Marketing And Launch - Gone In 60 Frames Per Second: A Pinterest Paint Performance Case Study - Inside Google's User Experience Lab: An Interview With Google's Marcin Wichary - Mistakes I've Made (And Lessons Learned Along The Way)

Dismantling the NHS? Exworthy, Mark 2016-07-28 An in-depth analysis of the NHS reforms ushered in by UK Coalition Government under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act. Essential reading for those studying the NHS, those who work in it, and those who seek to gain a better understanding of this key public service.

Advanced Techniques in Bone Regeneration Alessandro Rozim Zorzi 2016-08-31 Advanced Techniques in Bone Regeneration is a book that brings together over 15 chapters, written by leading practitioners and researchers, of the latest advances in the area, including surgical techniques, new discoveries, and promising methods involving biomaterials and tissue engineering. This book is intended for all who work in the treatment of disorders involving problems with the regeneration of bone tissue, are doctors or dentists, as well as are researchers and teachers involved in this exciting field of scientific knowledge.

Interim Measures in International Commercial Arbitration Ajar Rab 2022-08-09 Interim measures by courts as well as tribunals are often critical to succeed in arbitration proceedings and to effectively safeguard the rights of parties pending the final adjudication of their dispute. This important book comprises a comprehensive review of interim measures in international commercial arbitration granted by courts and tribunals across jurisdictions that have adopted the UNCITRAL Model Law to critically assess the practical fault lines in the Indian arbitration regime. The book provides an in-depth analysis of the following: all reported judgments of the Indian Supreme Court and the High Courts from 1993 to 2022 on issues concerning interim measures; practical application of the UNCITRAL Model Law (and the revisions in 2006) by national arbitration statutes of over 80 jurisdictions with respect to interim measures; comparative practice and jurisprudence on interim measures in international commercial arbitration; rules of major arbitral institutions on the power and scope of interim measures

granted by tribunals; detailed analysis of different types of interim measures, including anti-suit, anti-arbitration injunctions, security for costs, and interim measures in aid of foreign-seated arbitrations, the standards to be applied, and the burden of proof to be demonstrated for each type of measure; and issues of enforcement of interim measures in domestic, international, and foreign seated arbitrations. The current position of law in India and the problems plaguing the country's Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 (IAA), as amended in 2015 with respect to interim measures, are brought into direct comparison with other Model Law jurisdictions, offering an analysis of case laws, practical insights and cogent suggestions based on best practices that can be adopted by parties and tribunals. The Appendices provide a detailed list of statutory provisions of countries that have adopted the Model Law along with rules of major arbitral institutions on interim measures. The author not only describes the current position of law in India and other Model Law jurisdictions on interim measures but also reveals a comprehensive understanding of the requests for interim measures, and their enforcement in domestic, international, and foreign seated arbitrations. This book engages in a comprehensive and clear discussion on the fine line between court assistance and court intervention, especially in the case of interim measures and suggests draft provisions that India and other jurisdictions can adopt in order to align with the 2006 revisions to the Model Law to foster certainty, predictability, and efficiency in case of interim measures in international commercial arbitration.

Africa in the Post-2015 Development Agenda Leo Charles Zulu 2018-04-19 This book offers a multifaceted examination of Africa's development into the post-2015 global agenda from a geographical perspective. As a diversified and highly applied discipline, geography has a lot to offer to global debates, nuanced analysis of problems on and the search for innovative solutions to advance the African development agenda beyond 2015. The end of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) era and the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015 mark an important turning point for Africa and an opportune time to examine new challenges and opportunities that it faces. The regional disparities in MDG progress affirm an important geographic tenet that the unique yet internally differentiated socio-cultural, economic, political, ecological, biophysical and historical context give Africa distinctive challenges and opportunities that demand particular approaches to development. This edited book presents innovative contributions examining Africa's development performance in diverse sectors during the MDG era as a basis for understanding prospects for its development in the SDG era and beyond. It offers new and innovative study perspectives and methodological approaches on urban transformation, development financing, food security, climate change, gender equality, health, and regional integration, among other topics, and useful insights for scholars, students and development practitioners. This book was originally published as a special issue of African Geographical Review, the journal of the American Association of Geographers' Africa Specialty Group, to mark the transition from MDGs to SDGs.

Performance Optimization: Techniques And Strategies Smashing Magazine 2014-09-24 Slow loading times break the user experience of any website — no matter how well crafted it might be. In fact, it only takes three seconds until users lose their interest in a site if they don't get a response immediately. If another site happens to be 250ms faster than yours, then users are more inclined to switch to a competitor's website in no time. Web fonts, heavy JavaScript, third-party widgets — all of them can sum up to become a real performance bottleneck. Nevertheless, tracking that down does not only improve loading times but also results in a much snappier experience and a higher user engagement. In this eBook, we've compiled an entire selection of front-end and server-side techniques that will help you tackle such bottlenecks. Find out how to speed up existing websites, build high-performance sites (for both mobile and desktop), and prepare them for heavy-load situations. Furthermore, you'll learn more about how performance improvements and a 97-99 Google PageSpeed score were achieved on Smashing Magazine, as well as how optimization strategies can enhance real-life projects by taking a closer look at Pinterest's paint performance case study. With the help of this eBook, you'll notice that it's high time to dig deeper into your own site and examine it closely. Why don't you polish it up and make it even better than it already is! **TABLE OF CONTENTS:** - Improving Smashing Magazine's Performance: A Case Study - How To Speed Up Your WordPress Website - You May Be Losing Users If Responsive Web Design Is Your Only Mobile Strategy - How To Make Your Websites Faster On Mobile Devices - Creating High-Performance Mobile Websites - Don't Get Crushed By The Load: Optimization Techniques And Strategies - Speed Up Your Mobile Website With Varnish - Cache Invalidation Strategies With Varnish Cache - Gone In 60 Frames Per Second: A Pinterest Paint Performance Case Study

Debating Yoga and Mindfulness in Public Schools Candy Gunther Brown 2019-03-27 Yoga and mindfulness activities, with roots in Asian traditions such as Hinduism or Buddhism, have been brought into growing numbers of public schools since the 1970s. While they are commonly assumed to be secular educational tools, Candy Gunther Brown asks whether religion is truly left out of the equation in the context of public-school curricula. An expert witness in four legal challenges, Brown scrutinized unpublished trial records, informant interviews, and legal precedents, as well as insider documents, some revealing promoters of "Vedic victory" or "stealth Buddhism" for public-school children. The legal challenges are fruitful cases for Brown's analysis of the concepts of religious and secular. While notions of what makes something religious or secular are crucial to those who study religion, they have special significance in the realm of public and legal norms. They affect how people experience their lives, raise their children, and navigate educational systems. The question of religion in public education, Brown shows, is no longer a matter of jurisprudence focused largely on the establishment of a Protestant Bible or nonsectarian prayer. Instead, it now reflects an increasingly diverse American religious landscape. Reconceptualizing secularization as transparency and religious voluntarism, Brown argues for an opt-in model for public-school programs.