

Treasure Islands Tax Havens And The Men Who Stole The World

Just Security in an Undergoverned World examines how humankind can manage global problems to achieve both security and justice in an age of antithesis. Global connectivity is increasing, visibly and invisibly in trade, finance, culture, and information helping to spur economic growth, technological advance, and greater understanding and freedom, but global disconnects are growing as well. Ubiquitous electronics rely on high-value minerals scraped from the earth by miners kept poor by corruption and war. People abandon burning states for the often indifferent welcome of wealthier lands whose people, in turn, draw into themselves. Humanity's very success, underwritten in large part by lighting up gigatons of long-buried carbon for 200 years, now threatens humanity's future. The global governance institutions established after World War II to manage global threats, especially the twin scourges of war and poverty, have expanded in reach and impact, while paradoxically losing the political support of some of their wealthiest and most powerful members. Their problems mimic those of their members in struggling to adapt to new problems and maintain trust in norms and public bodies. This volume argues, however, that a

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properly mandated, managed, and modernized global architecture offers unparalleled potential to midwife solutions to intractable issues from violent conflict and climate change to poverty and pandemic disease that transcend borders and the capacities of individual actors. It offers just security as a new framework for charing innovating solutions and strategies for effective and essential global governance.

Is the US losing its economic authority to China, whose global economic identity is being determined more by entrepreneurial spirit than developmental principle? Through the exercise of soft power and hard currency in some areas of the global economy, China has clear national interest in the protection of intellectual property rights, financial integration and sovereign wealth funds. China's Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank will set new standard to global economic development.

Why did the people of the Zambesi Delta affected by severe flooding return early to their homes or even choose to not evacuate? How is the forced resettlement of small-scale farmers living along the foothills of an active volcano on the Philippines impacting on their day-to-day livelihood routines? Making sense of such questions and observations is only possible by understanding how the decision-making of societies at risk is embedded in culture,

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and how intervention measures acknowledge, or neglect, cultural settings. The social construction of risk is being given increasing priority in understand how people experience and prioritize hazards in their own lives and how vulnerability can be reduced, and resilience increased, at a local level. Culture and Disasters adopts an interdisciplinary approach to explore this cultural dimension of disaster, with contributions from leading international experts within the field. Section I provides discussion of theoretical considerations and practical research to better understand the important of culture in hazards and disasters. Culture can be interpreted widely with many different perspectives; this enables us to critically consider the cultural boundedness of research itself, as well as the complexities of incorporating various interpretations into DRR. If culture is omitted, related issues of adaptation, coping, intervention, knowledge and power relations cannot be fully grasped. Section II explores what aspects of culture shape resilience? How have people operationalized culture in every day life to establish DRR practice? What constitutes a resilient culture and what role does culture play in a society's decision making? It is natural for people to seek refuge in tried and trust methods of disaster mitigation, however, culture and belief systems are constantly evolving. How these coping strategies can be introduced into DRR therefore poses a

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challenging question. Finally, Section III examines the effectiveness of key scientific frameworks for understanding the role of culture in disaster risk reduction and management. DRR includes a range of norms and breaking these through an understanding of cultural will challenge established theoretical and empirical frameworks.

This book provides a wide-ranging comparative analysis of contemporary economic, social, political and environmental change in small islands, island states and territories, through every ocean. It focuses on those island realms conventionally perceived as developing, rather than developed, in the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Oceans. John Connell examines the decline of agriculture and the rise of tourism, the problems of urbanization, and the particular role of migration and remittances, within a culture of migration. He seeks to balance economic challenges with environmental threats, notably that of climate change, and social changes with the survival of culture, pointing to awkward and hybrid development futures. This unique study comprehensively balances environmental, social and economic changes to provide a more wide-ranging assessment of sustainability that will be invaluable for academics and postgraduate students on environment and international development courses. WITH NEW AND UPDATED MATERIAL Billionaire Warren Buffet, currently the third wealthiest man in

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the world, paid the lowest rate of tax among his office staff, including his receptionist. In 2006 the world's three biggest banana companies did nearly £400 million worth of business in Britain but paid just £128,000 in tax between them. In January 2009, US law enforcement fined Lloyds TSB \$350 million after it admitted secretly channelling Iranian and Sudanese money into the US banking system. Tax havens are the most important single reason why poor people and poor countries stay poor. They lie at the very heart of the global economy, with over half the world trade processed through them. They have been instrumental in nearly every major economic event, in every big financial scandal, and in every financial crisis since the 1970s, including the latest global economic downturn. In *Treasure Islands*, Nicholas Shaxson shows how this happened, and what this means for you.

Elke maatschappij behoeft een goed functionerende elite. Toch lijkt er een toenemende vervreemding te zijn tussen de elites en het volk, maar ook tussen de elites onderling. Wat maakt een goede elite, en hoe zou een moderne, eenentwintigste-eeuwse elite zich moeten gedragen? In dit boek bespreken Sander Schimmelpenninck en Ruben van Zwieten aan de hand van de levens van bevoorrechte mensen de Nederlandse economische elite, die de laatste decennia dominant is geworden. Geobsedeerd door hun eigen vermogen en kinderen zijn zij vergeten

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wat het betekent om tot de elite te horen.

Economische welvaart is gaan samenvallen met geestelijke en sociale armoede; de nieuwe elite blijkt door haar meritocratische zelfbedrog nog erger dan de oude elite. Welke keuzes maakt de economische elite van nu, en in hoeverre kunnen die keuzes nog met de vrijblijvendheid van de afgelopen decennia begroet worden? Over vermogensverschillen en kansenongelijkheid als andermans probleem en fakkels en hooivorken als immer reëler wordende angst. Sander Schimmelpenninck (1984) is financieel journalist, hoofdredacteur van zakenblad Quote, televisiepresentator en regelmatig te gast bij talkshows als DWDD, Pauw en Jinek. Ruben van Zwieten (1983) is predikant en oprichter van De Nieuwe Poort, huis voor ontmoeting en inspiratie op de Zuidas in Amsterdam en aan het Weena in Rotterdam.

This book is about money, war, atrocities and economic actors, about the connections between them, and about responsibility.

Europe might appear like a continent pulling itself apart. Ten years of economic and political crises have pitted North versus South, East versus West, citizens versus institutions. And yet, these years have also shown a hidden vitality of Europeans acting across borders, with civil society and social movements showing that alternatives to the status quo already exist. This book is at once a narrative of

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the experience of activism and a manifesto for change. Through analysing the ways in which neoliberalism, nationalism and borders intertwine, Marsili and Milanese – co-founders of European Alternatives – argue that we are in the middle of a great global transformation, by which we have all become citizens of nowhere. Ultimately, they argue that only by organising in a new transnational political party will the citizens of nowhere be able to struggle effectively for the utopian agency to transform the world.

What kind of a world is one in which border security is understood as necessary? How is this transforming the shores of politics? And why does this seem to preclude a horizon of political justice for those affected? Border Security responds to these questions through an interdisciplinary exploration of border security, politics and justice. Drawing empirically on the now notorious case of Australia, the book pursues a range of theoretical perspectives – including Foucault's work on power, the systems theory of Niklas Luhmann and the cybernetic ethics of Heinz Von Foerster – in order to formulate an account of the thoroughly constructed and political nature of border security. Through this detailed and critical engagement, the book's analysis elicits a political alternative to border security from within its own logic: thus signaling at least the beginnings of a way out of the cost, cruelty and devaluation of life that characterises the enforced reality of the world of border security.

We leven in een tijd van fake news. Social media als

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Facebook, Twitter en Instagram overspoelen ons met verzonden nieuwsberichten die door trollen in fabrieken aan de lopende band worden verzonden. In haast onvoorstelbare hoeveelheden worden we als consumenten van nieuws dagelijks gebombardeerd met verhalen die in meer of mindere mate zijn verzonden en toegespitst zijn op onze eigen voorkeuren. Dankzij algoritmes weten de makers van nepnieuws precies hoe ze ons moeten bedienen om ons te manipuleren. Zoals Joseph Goebbels zei 'Als je één keer liegt is het een leugen, als je het duizend keer doet, de waarheid.' Niet alleen machtige landen als de VS, Rusland en China maken zich hieraan schuldig: overal ter wereld ontdekken regimes de macht die nepnieuws - ingezet als propaganda - over de burger heeft. Peter Pomerantsev neemt de lezer, aan de hand van zijn eigen familiegeschiedenis in de Sovjet-Unie als parallel, mee op een reis rond de wereld. Van onopvallende flatgebouwen in buitenwijken van Moskou tot trotse entrepreneurs in de Filipijnen die Duterte hielpen aan de macht te komen.

This is a book that none of us can afford to ignore – an agenda-setting, campaigning investigation that shows how global finance works for the few and not the many. ** A Financial Times Book of the Year ** 'Essential reading' YANIS VAROUFAKIS We need finance – but when finance grows too big it becomes a curse. The City of London is the single biggest drain on our resources, sucking talent out of every sphere, siphoning wealth and hoovering up government time. Yet to be 'competitive', we're told we must turn a blind eye to money laundering

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and appease big business with tax cuts. Tracing the curse back through economic history, Nicholas Shaxson uncovers how we got to this point. Moving from offshore tax havens to the bizarre industry of wealth management, he tells the explosive story of how finance established a stranglehold on society – and reveals how we can begin to break free. ‘A radical, urgent and important manifesto for improving our country’ Oliver Bullough, Observer ‘Superbly written... A must-read’ Misha Glenny, author of McMafia ‘Hard-hitting, well written and informative’ Financial Times

In dit baanbrekende boek neemt Misha Glenny de lezer mee op een reis door de wereld van de internationale georganiseerde misdaad. In de afgelopen jaren tekende hij de verhalen op van wapensmokkelaars in Oekraïne, witwassers in Dubai, drugssyndicaten in Colombia, vrouwenhandelaren op de Balkan en afpersers in Rusland. Hij sprak met talloze gangsters, politiemensen en slachtoffers van crimineel geweld. McMaffia laat zien welke ongekende mogelijkheden het wegvallen van grenzen biedt aan criminele ondernemers. In het voormalig Oostblok, in het Midden-Oosten en in instabiele Zuid-Amerikaanse staten zijn wijdvertakte netwerken ontstaan die wereldwijd consumenten voorzien in hun behoefte aan drugs, seks, tabak, luxeartikelen en goedkope arbeid. Zo ontstaat het beeld van een mondiale schaduweconomie, die volgens schattingen een omzet heeft van 20 procent van het bruto wereldwijd product.

The question of money, how to provide it, and how to acquire it where needed is axiomatic to development.

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The realities of global poverty and the inequalities between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots' are clear and well documented, and the gaps between world's richest and the world's poorest are ever-increasing. But, even though funding development is assumed to be key, the relationship between finance and development is contested and complex. This book explores the variety of relationships between finance and development, offering a broad and critical understanding of these connections and perspectives. It breaks finance down into its various aspects, with separate chapters on aid, debt, equity, microfinance and remittances. Throughout the text, finance is presented as a double-edged sword: while it is a vital tool towards poverty reduction, helping to fund development, more critical approaches remind us of the ways in which finance can hinder development. It contains a range of case studies throughout to illustrate finance in practice, including, UK aid to India, debt in Zambia, Apple's investment in China, microfinance in Mexico, government bond issues in Chile, and financial crisis in East Asia. The text develops and explores a number of themes throughout, such as the relationship between public and private sources of finance and debates about direct funding versus the allocation of credit through commercial financial markets. The book also explores finance and development interactions at various levels, from the global structure of finance through to local and everyday practices. Global Finance and Development offers a critical understanding of the nature of finance and development. This book encourages the reader to see financial processes as

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embedded within the broader structure of social relationships. Finance is defined and demonstrated to be money and credit, but also, crucially, the social relationships and institutions that enable the creation and distribution of credit and the consequences thereof. This valuable text is essential reading for all those concerned with poverty, inequality and development.

Small in number but great in influence, mobile elites have shaped the contours of global capitalism. Today these elites continue to flourish globally but in a changing landscape. The current economic crisis—and rising concerns about the moral legitimacy of extreme wealth—coincides with stern warnings over the risks posed by climate change and the unsustainable use of resources. Often an out-of-bounds topic in critical social science, elites are thought of as too inaccessible a group to interview and too variable a minority to measure. This groundbreaking collection sets out to challenge this perception. Through the careful examination of the movements of the one per cent through the everyday spaces of the ninety-nine per cent, *Elite Mobilities* investigates the shared zones elites inhabit alongside the commons: the executive lounge in the airport, the penthouse in the hotel, or the gated community next to the slum. Bringing together the pioneer scholars in critical sociology today, this collection explores how social scientists can research, map, and ‘track’ the flows and residues of objects, wealth and power surrounding the hypermobile. *Elite Mobilities* sets a new benchmark in social science efforts to research the powerful and the privileged. It will appeal to students and

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scholars interested in mobilities, transport, tourism, social stratification, class, inequality, consumption, and global environmental change.

Fout geld. Vroeger kon je dat uitgeven aan een auto, een vakantie of een bontjas. Veel meer zat er niet in. Tot een paar bankiers in Londen op een briljant idee kwamen. Zou het niet mogelijk zijn om een plek te creëren waar de belastingdienst je kapitaal nooit zou kunnen vinden? Neem bijvoorbeeld het Kanaaleiland Jersey, waar je al je geld kunt verstoppen in een mooie trust. Of denk eens aan Nevis, een Caribisch vulkaaneilandje dat zich ontwikkelde tot een onweerstaanbaar belastingparadijs dat inmiddels al meer bedrijven dan inwoners telt. In Moneyland laat Oliver Bullough ons zien hoe de superrijken, de criminelen en de multinationals erin slagen hun geld uit handen van de belastingdienst te houden. Bullough legt uit hoe onze banken witwassen en hoe sommige westerse landen tot het uiterste gaan om grote bedrijven binnen te halen, zodat uiteindelijk alleen de gewone man nog zijn belastingen betaalt. Moneyland vertelt het verbijsterende verhaal van rijkdom en macht in de eenentwintigste eeuw.

A growing concern among those interested in economic development is the realization that hundreds of billions of dollars are illicitly flowing out of developing countries to tax havens and other financial centers in the developed world. This volume assesses the dynamics of these flows, much of which is from corruption and tax evasion. What happens when the rich are allowed to hide their money in tax havens, and what we should do about it The Panama

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Papers demonstrated that the superrich hide their wealth from the rest of us. Dirty Secrets shows that this was not by accident, but by design. It was the result of a powerful alliance of the wealthy, their advisers and the state that has undermined all attempts to solve the tax haven problem. This is because tax havens are the unacknowledged heart of globalized capitalism. Their purpose is to provide freedom from regulation. The exponents say this makes markets work and so we all gain. But this argument has now failed. Furthermore democracy itself is being threatened by the political fallout from the mistrust this regime has created. The result is that tax havens are now a threat to the very system that supposedly spawned it. Dirty Secrets is the most revelatory examination of the crisis by a leading expert, but also offers solutions on how governments can regulate havens and what the world might look like without them. Most people think of the world as divided into countries, and many people identify with their "own" country. Because there's nothing natural in this, governments and others need to continually encourage identification with the nation. This serves those with power and wealth. Ruling Tactics outlines the methods commonly used to foster everyday nationalism and how they can be countered. These methods are described in a range of areas, including crime, sport, language, economics, terrorism and war. This book can serve as a practical manual for recognising how thinking is oriented towards the state, and how this sort of thinking can be changed.

“World War Offshore” – no one knows how it started, or who’s behind it, but one thing’s for certain: it’s the biggest anti-capitalist demonstration the world has ever seen. Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators, spread across six continents, demanding an end to the “non-accountability of the 1%”, re-regulation of the world’s financial services, and a

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new era of social justice. MI7 takes the view that it's a problem best left to the appropriate law enforcement agencies – with the exception of one little detail. In order to get off the ground so effectively, its organisers had to bypass GCHQ in Britain, and the NSA in America. A breathtakingly impressive achievement, and possibly an ominous one. Next time, whoever does that may not be so benign. Agent John Mordred is assigned to investigate. His enquiry takes him halfway across the globe before depositing him in the Crown dependency of Jersey for what looks like a war of attrition. And then, completely out of the blue, there's a breakthrough. Written before the publication of either the Panama Papers or the Paradise Papers, World War O tackles one of the most hotly-debated topics of recent times. Taxation and corporate wealth. Just what, if anything, do the rich owe to the poor? This edited collection provides the most comprehensive thematic analysis of capital flight from Africa, covering economic and institutional aspects, as well as domestic and global dimensions. It is organized in three parts. The first part discusses the importance of capital flight in the context of the development policy discourse at national and international level. This part takes stock of the existing evidence on the nature, causes, and consequences of capital flight. It provides the most recent data on the magnitude of capital flight from 39 African countries, and a detailed analysis of the impact of capital flight on economic development in general and on poverty reduction in particular. The second part examines economic factors and impacts of capital flight. It presents analysis of capital flight in a flow of funds context, the impact of capital flight on macroeconomic outcomes with a focus on growth, and the linkages between capital flight and monetary policy, financial liberalization, and the global financial system. The third part explores the domestic and international institutional environment and its relevance for capital flight

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and stolen asset recovery. It discusses the role of governance, tax evasion, and secrecy jurisdictions in driving capital flight. The last part of the book offers suggestions for strategies to address the problem of capital flight from African countries.

Financialization has become the go-to term for scholars grappling with the growth of finance. This Handbook offers the first comprehensive survey of the scholarship on financialization, connecting finance with changes in politics, technology, culture, society and the economy. It takes stock of the diverse avenues of research that comprise financialization studies and the contributions they have made to understanding the changes in contemporary societies driven by the rise of finance. The chapters chart the field's evolution from research describing and critiquing the manifestations of financialization towards scholarship that pinpoints the driving forces, mechanisms and boundaries of financialization. Written for researchers and students not only in economics but from across the social sciences and the humanities, this book offers a decidedly global and pluridisciplinary view on financialization for those who are looking to understand the changing face of finance and its consequences.

A thrilling ride inside the world of tax havens and corporate masterminds While the United States experiences recession and economic stagnation and European countries face bankruptcy, experts struggle to make sense of the crisis. Nicholas Shaxson, a former correspondent for the Financial Times and The Economist, argues that tax havens are a central cause of all these disasters. In this hard hitting investigation he uncovers how offshore tax evasion, which has cost the U.S. 100 billion dollars in lost revenue each year, is just one item on a long rap sheet outlining the damage that offshoring wreaks on our societies. In a riveting journey from

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Moscow to London to Switzerland to Delaware, Shaxson dives deep into a vast and secret playground where bankers and multinational corporations operate side by side with nefarious tax evaders, organized criminals and the world's wealthiest citizens. Tax havens are where all these players get to maximize their own rewards and leave the middle class to pick up the bill. With eye opening revelations, Treasure Islands exposes the culprits and its victims, and shows how: *Over half of world trade is routed through tax havens *The rampant practices that precipitated the latest financial crisis can be traced back to Wall Street's offshoring practices *For every dollar of aid we send to developing countries, ten dollars leave again by the backdoor The offshore system sits much closer to home than the pristine tropical islands of the popular imagination. In fact, it all starts on a tiny island called Manhattan. In this fast paced narrative, Treasure Islands at last explains how the system works and how it's contributing to our ever deepening economic divide.

A few corrections to these pieces have been made. For the most part I have left them as they were sent out. Some or many of these pieces, it has been suggested to me, have been posted on a bulletin board at the Harvard Law School. Whether or not anyone pays any attention to them, I cannot say. Most have been sent to various members of the Harvard, Yale and other university faculty. There has been little or no direct feedback from these recipients, as to even whether the emails were opened. Occasionally, perhaps twice, I was asked to stop sending the emails. My methodology has been to follow the news and news analysis of various journalists and social scientists; to build my analyses upon those of others, hopefully leading to a set of prescriptions which, if taken seriously, might better the overall conditions of the United States as well as that of the world at large. What I am urging is a shift in the SEC's and DOJ criteria for approving M

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and A;s away from intra sectoral approvals, justified apparently if not always nominally, by economies of scale and abilities to control the markets and pricing, toward cross sectoral actions justified by the increased ability to lower prices and raise wages. Other parts of the book deal with the subject of deferred or not fully distributed corporate or other forms of institutional pay on the grounds that initial recipients might not be “mature enough” for immediate receipt, or now, in hindsight, that the potential recipient would find herself or himself in some crucial senses compromised or otherwise hampered by full receipt of accurately earned rewards.

Transnational organized crime interferes with the everyday lives of more and more people - and represents a serious threat to democracy. By now, organized crime has become an inherent feature of economic globalization, and the fine line between the legal and illegal operation of business networks is blurred. Additionally, few experts could claim to have comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the laws and regulations governing the international flow of trade, and hence of the borderline towards criminal transactions.

This book offers contributions from 12 countries around the world authored by 25 experts from a wide range of academic disciplines, representatives from civil society organizations and private industry, journalists, as well as activists.

Recognizing the complexity of the issue, this publication provides a cross cultural and multi-disciplinary analysis of transnational organized crime including a historical approach from different regional and cultural contexts.

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For the first time, Human Rights and Tax in an Unequal World brings together works by human rights and tax law experts, to illustrate the linkages

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between the two fields and to reveal their mutual relevance in tackling economic, social, and political inequalities. Against the backdrop of systemic corporate tax avoidance, the widespread use of tax havens, persistent pressures to embrace austerity policies, and growing gaps between the rich and poor, this book encourages readers to understand fiscal policy as human rights policy, with profound consequences for the wellbeing of citizens around the world. The essays collected examine where the foundational principles of tax law and human rights law intersect and diverge; discuss the cross-border nature and human rights impacts of abusive practices like tax avoidance and evasion; question the role of states in bringing transparency and accountability to tax policies and practices; highlight the responsibility of private sector actors for the consequences of tax laws; and critically evaluate certain domestic tax rules through the lens of equality and non-discrimination. The contributing scholars and practitioners explore how an international human rights framework can anchor debates around international tax reform and domestic fiscal consolidation in existing state obligations. They address what human rights law requires of state tax policies, and what a state's tax laws and loopholes mean for the enjoyment of human rights within and outside its borders. Ultimately, tax and human rights both turn on the

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relationship between the individual and the state, and thus both fields face crises as the social contract frays and populist, illiberal regimes are on the rise. De mythe van de staatsschuld van Stephanie Kelton is een wijs, provocerend en kraakhelder geschreven manifest voor een nieuwe economische orde In De mythe van de staatsschuld presenteert econoom en hoogleraar Stephanie Kelton haar radicale nieuwe visie die ons denken over een rechtvaardige en welvarende samenleving volledig op zijn kop zal zetten. Modern monetary theory – kortweg MMT – stelt dat de overheid geen gezin met een huishoudboekje is, maar dat zij zonder problemen grote schulden kan dragen. Grootse en noodzakelijke transitie op het gebied van onderwijs, infrastructuur, zorg en klimaat vragen nu eenmaal om grootscheepse investeringen, en overheden moeten het lef hiervoor tonen. Zoals Thomas Piketty ons denken over economische ongelijkheid deed omslaan, zo doet Kelton dat op het gebied van ons monetaire beleid: structurele begrotingstekorten zijn geen probleem maar een oplossing! De mythe van de staatsschuld is een wijs, provocerend en kraakhelder geschreven manifest voor een nieuwe economische orde, voor iedereen die in deze onzekere economische tijden op zoek is naar houvast. Speciaal voor de Nederlandse editie van De mythe van de staatsschuld voegde Stephanie Kelton een nieuw hoofdstuk toe. 'De mythe van de

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staatsschuld heeft alles in zich om een economische klassieker à la Milton Friedman of Thomas Piketty te worden.’ – de Volkskrant ‘Kelton onderwerpt ons economische systeem aan en kritisch kruisverhoor. En dat is van groot belang in de postcovidwereld, omdat we ons denken over de economie zullen moeten herzien.’ – The Guardian ‘Kelton presenteert ons het noodzakelijke instrumentarium voor een voorspoedige toekomst voor ons allemaal. Lees het boek – en breng Keltons lessen in praktijk.’ – Naomi Klein ‘Dit boek zal van grote invloed zijn.’ – Financial Times ‘Een rockster binnen haar vakgebied.’ – The Times

Robert Mazur leidde jarenlang een dubbelleven: ambtenaar voor zijn vrienden, Bob Musella’ voor de onderwereld. In opdracht van de Amerikaanse overheid zette hij zijn leven op het spel om de hoofdrol in een van de grootste undercoveroperaties aller tijden te spelen. Met de meest beruchte Colombiaanse drugscriminelen feestte Mazur in hotelsuites van duizenden euro’s per nacht. Maar zij wisten niet dat onder Mazurs Armani-pak de recorders zoemden waarmee hij het bewijs voor hun misdaden verzamelde. Zo ontmaskerde hij zeven gerespecteerde private banken als financieel beheerders van corrupte wereldleiders. Meer dan tachtig mannen en vrouwen uit de Colombiaanse maffia en corrupte bankierswereld werden opgepakt en veroordeeld. De infiltrant is het bloedstollende

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verhaal vol gewaagde leugens en gevaarlijke ontsnappingen. Meeslepend en waargebeurd. Evidence continues to accumulate indicating that tax havens (as they are familiarly called) account for a staggering multi-trillion-dollar loss of tax revenues worldwide. Yet, as this crucially important book shows, such offshore financial centres (OFCs) represent merely the 'low-hanging fruit' of a massive malaise reaching into every corner of today's global financial services landscape with the so-called New York-London axis at its root. In a biting critique and analysis of the tax and regulatory environments from which OFCs operate, the author demonstrates that OFC-like features exist in almost every jurisdiction as a virtually inevitable outcome of the transformation of economies worldwide over the past three decades, as nations and economic blocs compete for foreign investments, and as nations seek expansion of markets to accelerate growth. Covered aspects of this phenomenon include the following: the financialization process in global transactions; erosion of credibility in political establishments with regard to their ability to govern from the centre; ultralight regulatory enclaves found in parts of developed countries; public pressure demanding enhanced international cooperation and global tax reforms, now increasingly led by the US Biden administration, and increasingly likely to reach consensus among G7 economies; and momentum

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generated for reform of financial reporting systems by the leaked Panama and Paradise Papers, as well as the gathering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that led to growing government involvements in national and regional economies to protect the health and economic welfares of their respective populations. With its insights into why OFCs persist despite tightening of the rules regarding tax and financial transparency, and its insistence that the blameworthiness of large-scale tax avoidance should be assessed as a global tax problem requiring coordinated and collaborative response from both developing and advanced economies, this book takes a giant step towards genuine international tax reform. It will prove of enormous value to financial institutions, multinational corporations, tax experts, and lawmakers seeking to mend a world increasingly troubled by illicit financial flows, and problems posed by large individual and corporate tax escape artists. Disclaimer: This title is in pre-production and any names, credits or associations are subject to change. The current table of contents and subject matter is for pre-release sample purposes only. Tax "justice" has become an increasingly central issue of political debate in many countries, particularly following the cardiac arrest of global financial services in 2008 and the subsequent worldwide slump in trade and production. The evident abuse of tax systems by corporations and

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rich individuals through tax avoidance schemes and offshore shadow banking is increasingly in the public eye. Above all, the political challenges of recovery and structural reform have raised core issues of burden-sharing and social equity on the agendas of both civil society groups and political elites.

Democratic states need tax revenue to fund public goods and combat public "bads" with any degree of legitimacy. The contributions to this book discuss the haphazard evolution of contemporary taxation systems, their contradictory effects in a globalized economy, and the urgency of their reform as a precondition for social justice.

"Essays explore the origins of the current situation in global financial capital from the perspectives of economics, geography, international law, and international politics. Specific topics include offshore and the structural building of sovereignty, international banking and offshore finance, and offshore finance and citizenship. Includes case studies on tax havens, such as Malaysia, Malta, and South Africa. Mark P. Hampton is a senior lecturer in economics at the University of Portsmouth. Abbott is a lecturer in international studies at Nottingham Trent University." -Book News, Inc.

This book offers a comprehensive guide to modern day taxation issues. It presents a thorough overview of many of the crucial aspects of applied taxation and current tax systems, and presents evidence that

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supports taxation as an important policy issue requiring immediate address globally. Contributions seek to address the core question of how to design a tax policy mix that can serve primarily efficiency, growth and possibly equity goals at a time where fiscal spending, for many economies, is not a viable option. Chapters provide a historical perspective on taxation, then go on to cover aspects of the modern theory of optimal taxation and tax design and provide valuable international perspectives on current tax practices and much required tax reforms. Empirical analysis on taxation and related economic data help the readers to understand how data-based observations and results are linked to the theory of taxation, and more importantly economic growth, before offering appropriate policy prescriptions. This book will be of interest to scholars and practitioners interested in learning more about taxation and why it matters today in the global economy.

Social justice is not just a matter of applying well-known 'first principles' shared by all Christian traditions. As these papers by representatives of seven Australian Churches show, Christian approaches to social justice are strikingly distinctive, both in their starting points and in the positions arrived at on urgent matters of human rights, sexual ethics and economic justice. Led off by the well-known Jesuit human rights advocate, Professor Frank Brennan, the book includes

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contributions by: Fr Max Vodola (Roman Catholic), Revd Gerard Rose (Churches of Christ), Revd Geoff Pound (Baptist), Revd Raymond Cleary (Anglican), Mark Zirnsak (Uniting Church), Major Jenny Begent (Salvation Army) and Fr Shenouda Boutros (Coptic Orthodox Church), with concluding reflections by Margaret Coffey (ABC Radio National). This book is the work of the Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy, an independent ecumenical organisation promoting scholarship and research on Christian social traditions as they bear on current concerns. Launched in 2009 by Professor Brian Howe, the Yarra Institute is committed to engaging with our broader culture collaboratively to promote human wellbeing. The authors of these chapters come from seven of the Christian traditions which have theological Colleges comprising the University of Divinity in Melbourne.

Although the practice of disguising the illicit origins of money dates back thousands of years, the concept of money laundering as a multidisciplinary topic with social, economic, political and regulatory implications has only gained prominence since the 1980s. This groundbreaking volume offers original, state-of-the-art research on the current money laundering debate and provides insightful predictions and recommendations for future developments in the field. The contributors to this volume academics, practitioners and government representatives from

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around the world offer a number of unique perspectives on different aspects of money laundering. Topics discussed include the history of money laundering, the scale of the problem, the different types of money laundering, the cost to the private sector, and the effectiveness of anti-money laundering policies and legislation. The book concludes with a detailed and insightful synthesis of the problem and recommendations for additional steps to be taken in the future. Students, professors and practitioners working in economics, banking, finance and law will find this volume a comprehensive and invaluable resource.

What would a de-carbonised society be like? What are the implications of a general de-globalisation for our social futures? How will our high-carbon patterns of life be restructured in a de-energized world? As global society gradually wakes up to the new reality of peak oil, these questions remain unanswered. For the last hundred years oil made the world go round, and as we move into the century of 'tough oil' this book examines some profound consequences. It considers what societies would be like that are powering down; what lessons can be learned from the past about de-energized societies; will there be rationing systems or just the market to allocate scarce energy? Can virtual worlds solve energy problems? What levels of income and wellbeing would be likely? In this groundbreaking book, John

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Urry analyzes how the twentieth century created a kind of mirage of the future that is unsustainable into even the medium term and envisions the future of an oil-dependent world facing energy descent. Without a large-scale plan B, how can the energizing of society possibly be going into reverse?

Nooit eerder zijn de implicaties van de digitalisering voor ons dagelijks leven zo groot en gevaarlijk geweest. We bankieren, winkelen, daten, leren en werken online. Maar is onze persoonlijke veiligheid in de digitale wereld wel zo goed beschermd als we dat in het echte leven gewend zijn? Met de opkomst en ondergang van de criminele website Dark Market als rode draad ontwart Misha Glenny de ingewikkelde knoop van de internationale cybercrimenetwerken. Hij neemt de lezer mee van Yorkshire naar Oekraïne, van Londen naar Zuid-Duitsland en van Istanbul naar Calgary. Hij sprak met inlichtingendiensten, politie, politici, juristen en - het allerbelangrijkst - de hackers en hun slachtoffers. Het resultaat is een verontrustend, urgent en razendspannend boek dat leest als een thriller.

Commentators have shown how a 'culture of security' ushered in after the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 has involved exceptional legal measures and increased recourse to secrecy on the basis of protecting public safety and safeguarding national security. In this context, scholars have largely been preoccupied with the ways that

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increased security impinges upon civil liberties. While secrecy is justified on public interest grounds, there remains a tension between the need for secrecy and calls for openness, transparency and disclosure. In law, secrecy has implications for the separation of powers, due process, and the rule of law, raising fundamental concerns about open justice, procedural fairness and human rights. Beyond the counterterrorism and legal context, scholarly interest in secrecy has been concerned with the credibility of public and private institutions, as well as the legacies of secrecy across a range of institutional and cultural settings. By exploring the intersections between secrecy, law and society, this volume is a timely and critical intervention in secrecy debates traversing various fields of legal and social inquiry. It will be a useful resource for academic researchers, university teachers and students, as well as law practitioners and policymakers interested in the legal and socio-legal dimensions of secrecy. *Multinational Enterprises and the Law* is the only comprehensive, contemporary, and interdisciplinary account of the techniques used to regulate multinational enterprises (MNEs) at the national, regional, and multilateral levels. In addition, it considers the effects of corporate self-regulation, and the impact of civil society and community groups upon the development of the legal order in this area. The book has been thoroughly revised and updated

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for this third edition, making it a definitive reference work for students, researchers, and practitioners of international economic law, business, corporate and commercial law, development studies, and international politics. Split into four parts, the book first deals with the conceptual basis for MNE regulation. It explains the growth of MNEs, their business and legal forms, and the relationship between them and the effects of a globalised economy and society upon the evolution of regulatory agendas in the field. Part II covers the main areas of economic regulation, including the limits of national and regional jurisdiction over MNE activities, controls over, and the liberalisation of, entry and establishment, tax, company and competition law and the impact of intellectual property rights on technology diffusion and transfer. Part III introduces the social dimension of MNE regulation covering labour rights, human rights, and environmental issues. Finally, Part IV deals with the contribution of international investment law to MNE regulation and to the control of investment risks, covering the main provisions found in international investment agreements, their interpretation by international tribunals, and how concerns over these developments are leading to reform proposals. De Libor is de rentevoet waarop wereldwijd ontelbare leningen zoals bijvoorbeeld hypotheek en creditcardkredieten gebaseerd zijn. In 2006 kwam er

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een schokkende bankfraude aan het licht: een groep handelaren bleek al geruime tijd de Libor te manipuleren. Dat deden ze door kunstmatig hoge of lage rentestanden door te geven. Daarmee boekten ze zelf enorme winsten, ten koste van ontelbare bedrijven, instellingen en particulieren. Tom Hayes, een ietwat autistische whizzkid, werd naar voren geschoven als de zondebok. Het Libor-schandaal onthult wie er nog meer achter de fraude zaten en hoe het mogelijk was dat de handelaren zo lang hun gang konden gaan. Een fascinerend en meeslepend relaas over hebzucht en menselijk tekort - een waargebeurd verhaal dat leest als een thriller.

This book sails in uncharted waters. It takes a human rights-based approach to tax havens, and is a detailed analysis of structures and the laws that generate and support these. It makes plain the unscrupulous or merely indifferent ways in which, using tax havens, businesses and individuals systematically undermine and for all practical purposes eliminate access to remedies under international human rights law. It exposes as abusive of human rights a complex structural web of trusts, companies, partnerships, foundations, nominees and fiduciaries; secrecy, immunity and smoke screens. It also lays bare the cynical manipulation by tax havens of traditional legal forms and conventions, and the creation of entities so bizarre and chimeric that they defy classification. Yet from the perspective

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of the tax havens themselves, these are entirely legitimate; the product of duly enacted domestic laws. This book is not a work of investigative journalism in the style of the Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of The Panama Papers, exposing political or financial corruption, money laundering or the financing of terrorism. All those elements are present of course, but the focus is on international human rights and how tax havens do not merely facilitate but actively connive at their breach. The tax havens are compromising the international human rights legal continuum.

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