Feedback From The Factory Floor

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Glean valuable insights directly from the factory floor. Understanding the experiences and perspectives of workers on the front lines is crucial for identifying bottlenecks, streamlining processes, and fostering a more efficient and productive manufacturing environment. By actively seeking and analyzing feedback, businesses can uncover hidden opportunities for improvement and drive significant gains in operational performance. This approach ensures that decisions are informed by real-world observations, leading to more effective and sustainable solutions.

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Feedback From the Factory Floor is an offering of opinions and experiences by the author on how to achieve business success through ethical business practices coupled with sincere consideration for all employees.

Collaborative Systems for Production Management

Just as no man is an island, so no business can operate without being part of a network of businesses proactively collaborating and sharing information for mutual success. This book presents some of the latest thinking on collaborative systems by leading experts in the field.

Modeling Manufacturing Systems

Advanced modeling techniques are a necessary tool in order to design and manage manufacturing systems effectively. This book contains a set of tutorial chapters on topics ranging from aggregate production planning to real time control, including predictive and reactive scheduling, flow management in assembly systems, simulation of robotic cells, design of manufacturing systems under uncertainty and a historical perspective on production management philosophies. The book will be of interest both to researchers and practitioners, including graduate students in Manufacturing Engineering and Operations Research.

Advances in Occupational, Social, and Organizational Ergonomics

Worldwide, the attention for health, innovation, and productivity is increasing. In all situations, humans interact with their environment, which is the concern of the field of ergonomics. The need for knowledge and its applications is large and this book contributes to knowledge development as well as its application. The content varies from the effect that a complete new office interior has on its occupants, to the most efficient design of gloves for those wearing them. It examines topics as diverse as the facilitation of human interaction through work place design, the effects of vibration, and the improvement of the latest virtual reality applications. This book is concerned with issues in Occupational, Social, and

Organizational ergonomics. It contains a total of 90 articles. The authors of the articles represent 24 countries on five continents. These articles range from individual to multi-organizational perspectives in many different settings. Explicitly, the articles are organized according to the following themes: I: Participation and Collaboration II: Human Performance III: Health and Well-being IV: Working and Working Environment V: Environment and Living Environment VI: Virtual Environment VII: Macro-ergonomic Aspects Seven other titles in the Advances in Human Factors and Ergonomics Series are: Advances in Human Factors and Ergonomics in Healthcare Advances in Applied Digital Human Modeling Advances in Cross-Cultural Decision Making Advances in Cognitive Ergonomics Advances in Human Factors, Ergonomics and Safety in Manufacturing and Service Industries Advances in Ergonomics Modeling & Usability Evaluation Advances in Neuroergonomics and Human Factors of Special Populations ý

Integrated Project Management and Control

This book presents an integrated approach to monitoring projects in progress using Earned Value and Earned Schedule Management combined with Schedule Risk Analysis. Monitoring and controlling projects involves processes for identifying potential problems in a timely manner. When necessary, corrective actions can be taken to exploit project opportunities or to get faltering projects back on track. The prerequisite is that project performance is observed and measured regularly to identify variances from the project baseline schedule. Therefore, monitoring the performance of projects in progress requires a set of tools and techniques that should ideally be combined into a single integrated system. The book offers a valuable resource for anyone who wants to understand the theory first and then to use it in practice with software tools. It is intended for students, professionals and academics with an interest and/or experience in running projects as well as for newcomers in the area of project control with a basic grasp of the Earned Value, Earned Schedule and Schedule Risk Analysis concepts.

Advances in Production Management Systems. Production Management for the Factory of the Future

The two-volume set IFIP AICT 566 and 567 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2019, held in Austin, TX, USA. The 161 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 184 submissions. They discuss globally pressing issues in smart manufacturing, operations management, supply chain management, and Industry 4.0. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: lean production; production management in food supply chains; sustainability and reconfigurability of manufacturing systems; product and asset life cycle management in smart factories of industry 4.0; variety and complexity management in the era of industry 4.0; participatory methods for supporting the career choices in industrial engineering and management education; blockchain in supply chain management; designing and delivering smart services in the digital age; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; the operator 4.0 and the Internet of Things, services and people; intelligent diagnostics and maintenance solutions for smart manufacturing; smart supply networks; production management theory and methodology; data-driven production management; industry 4.0 implementations; smart factory and IIOT; cyber-physical systems; knowledge management in design and manufacturing; collaborative product development; ICT for collaborative manufacturing; collaborative technoloy; applications of machine learning in production management; and collaborative technology.

The Practical Real-Time Enterprise

Speed as a factor for success Our modern industrial society lives life in the fast lane. The catchwords “faster”, “shorter”, “more powerful” reflect what we experience in almost all aspects of our lives. Whether at home or at work, we are constantly on the move and in a rush. In our private lives we find rapid exchange of inf- mation most entertaining and we are fascinated by the wide range of inf- mation that pours in on us from all around the world, mainly via the new media. It gives us the feeling of being a part of the action everywhere and all the time. Seldom are we aware that the only reason this flood of inf- mation, often referred to as “overstimulation”, does not lead to overkill is that we manage to organize our time effectively. There are many parallels to this in the business world. Here too, a great deal of time pressure is exerted from outside; goals are set ever higher and deadlines become tighter. In other words, demands on our time demand faster reaction. Crucial information travels around the globe – across all time zones – in a matter of seconds. In fact, instead of CET or CEST, it would make sense to have a single time zone for the worldwide network called GST for Global Simultaneous Time. In business more so than in p- vate life, we are almost constantly online.

IIE Integrated Systems Conference Proceedings

This volume consists of 52 peer-reviewed papers, presented at the International Conference on Sustainable Design and Manufacturing (SDM-19) held in Budapest, Hungary in July 2019. Leading-edge research into sustainable design and manufacturing aims to enable the manufacturing industry to grow by adopting more advanced technologies, and at the same time improve its sustainability by reducing its environmental impact. The topic includes the sustainable design of products and services; the sustainable manufacturing of all products; energy efficiency in manufacturing; innovation for eco-design; circular economy; industry 4.0; industrial metabolism; automotive and transportation systems. Application areas are wide and varied. The book will provide an excellent overview of the latest developments in the Sustainable Design and Manufacturing Area.

Sustainable Design and Manufacturing 2019

Concise yet comprehensive, this highly acclaimed training manual and reference provides the many phases of inspection work and their application to today's manufacturing operations through a practical down-to-earth presentation. Discusses a range of manual and automatic measuring devices along with their specific functions and the specialized functions involved in their use. Analyzes the methods and duties of inspectors. Appropriate for use by inspection supervisors, plant managers, quality control engineers and subcontractors. Includes SPC and other data analysis methods for manufacturing applications. Provides detailed discussions of available measuring and quantitative systems. Compares important measuring and gaging systems. The Need and Function of Inspection in Industry How Specifications Aid the Inspector Tolerances and Allowances How Standards Aid the Inspection Basic Principles and Techniques of Measurement Comparison and Fixed Gages Surface Plate Methods and Equipment Optical Measuring and Inspection Equipment Gaging and Inspection of Screw Threads Special Measuring and Inspection Problems Gage Checking and Calibration Measuring in Millionths Coordinate Measuring Machines Automatic Gaging Nondestructive Testing

Inspection and Gaging

As manufacturing control systems converge with manufacturing automation systems and systems supporting the back office, IT managers in manufacturing companies are being asked to oversee all their company's IT-including the manufacturing systems. Roadmap to the E-Factory explains what the IT manager needs to know about these unfamiliar systems. It discusses the information value chain, a concept which demonstrates how all computing resources contribute to the success of a manufacturing organization. The material also demonstrates the strategic value of IT, and it includes recommendations for managing the computing resources of a global manufacturing enterprise. An authoritative text on IT, manufacturing, and control systems, Roadmap to the E-Factory provides detailed information on: e-companies e-commerce o Lean manufacturing Supply chain management ERP Operations Emerging trends In addition to helping you gain a basic understanding of manufacturing systems, Roadmap to the E-Factory shows you how IT systems can most effectively support these systems and provides you with a set of recommendations that enables you to derive maximum benefit from them.

Roadmap to the E-Factory

This volume, RF and Microwave Applications and Systems, includes a wide range of articles that discuss RF and microwave systems used for communication and radar and heating applications. Commercial, avionics, medical, and military applications are addressed. An overview of commercial communications systems is provided. Past, current, and emerging cellular systems, navigation systems, and satellite-based systems are discussed. Specific voice and data commercial systems are investigated more thoroughly in individual chapters that follow. Detailed discussions of military electronics, avionics, and radar (both military and automotive) are provided in separate chapters. A chapter focusing on FR/microwave energy used for therapeutic medicine is also provided. Systems considerations including thermal, mechanical, reliability, power management, and safety are discussed in separate chapters. Engineering processes are also explored in articles about corporate initiatives, cost modeling, and design reviews. The book closes with a discussion of the underlying physics of electromagnetic propagation and interference. In addition to new chapters on WiMAX and broadband cable, nearly every existing chapter features extensive updates and several were completely rewritten to reflect the massive changes areas such as radio navigation and electronic warfare.

RF and Microwave Applications and Systems

By 1990 the wireless revolution had begun. In late 2000, Mike Golio gave the world a significant tool to use in this revolution: The RF and Microwave Handbook. Since then, wireless technology spread across the globe with unprecedented speed, fueled by 3G and 4G mobile technology and the proliferation of wireless LANs. Updated to reflect this tremendous growth, the second edition of this widely embraced, bestselling handbook divides its coverage conveniently into a set of three books, each focused on a particular aspect of the technology. Six new chapters cover WiMAX, broadband cable, bit error ratio (BER) testing, high-power PAs (power amplifiers), heterojunction bipolar transistors (HBTs), as well as an overview of microwave engineering. Over 100 contributors, with diverse backgrounds in academic, industrial, government, manufacturing, design, and research reflect the breadth and depth of the field. This eclectic mix of contributors ensures that the coverage balances fundamental technical issues with the important business and marketing constraints that define commercial RF and microwave engineering. Focused chapters filled with formulas, charts, graphs, diagrams, and tables make the information easy to locate and apply to practical cases. The new format, three tightly focused volumes, provides not only increased information but also ease of use. You can find the information you need quickly, without wading through material you don't immediately need, giving you access to the caliber of data you have come to expect in a much more user-friendly format.

The RF and Microwave Handbook - 3 Volume Set

Our goal with this 13th Edition is to keep this first mainline organizational behavior text up-todate with the latest and relevant theory building, basic and applied research, and the best-practice applications. We give special recognition of this scientific foundation by our subtitle - An Evidence-Based Approach. As emphasized in the introductory chapter, the time has come to help narrow the theory/research—effective application/practice gap. This has been the mission from the beginning of this text. As "hard evidence" for this theory/research based text, we can say unequivocally that no other organizational behavior text has close to the number of footnote references. For example, whereas a few texts may have up to 40 or even 50 references for a few chapters, all the chapters of this text average more than twice that amount. This edition continues the tradition by incorporating recent breakthrough research to provide and add to the evidence on the theories and techniques presented throughout. Two distinguishing features that no other organizational behavior textbook can claim are the following: 1) We are committed at this stage of development of the field of OB to a comprehensive theoretical framework to structure our text. Instead of the typical potpourri of chapters and topics, there is now the opportunity to have a sound conceptual framework to present our now credible (evidence-based) body of knowledge. We use the widely recognized, very comprehensive social cognitive theory to structure this text. We present the background and theory building of this framework in the introductory chapter and also provide a specific model (Figure 1.5) that fits in all 14 chapters. Importantly, the logic of this conceptual framework requires two chapters not found in other texts and the rearrangement and combination of several others. For example, in the opening organizational context part there is Chapter 4, "Reward Systems," and in the cognitive processes second part, Chapter 7, "Positive Organizational Behavior and Psychological Capital," that no other text contains. 2) The second unique feature reflects our continuing basic research program over the years. Chapter 7 contains our most recent work on what we have termed "Positive Organizational Behavior" and "Psychological Capital" (or PsyCap). [The three of us introduced the term "Psychological Capital" in our joint article in 2004]. To meet the inclusion criteria (positive; theory and research based; valid measurement; open to development; and manage for performance improvement), for the first time the topics of optimism, hope, happiness/subjective well-being, resiliency, emotional intelligence, selfefficacy, and our overall core construct of psychological capital have been given chapter status. Just as real-world management can no longer afford to evolve slowly, neither can the academic side of the field. With the uncertain, very turbulent environment most organizations face today, drastically new ideas, approaches, and techniques are needed both in the practice of management and in the way we study and apply the field of organizational behavior. This text mirrors these needed changes. Social Cognitive Conceptual Framework. The book contains 14 chapters in four major parts. Social cognitive theory explains organizational behavior in terms of both environmental, contextual events and internal cognitive factors, as well as the dynamics and outcomes of the organizational behavior itself. Thus, Part One provides the evidence-based and organizational context for the study and application of organizational behavior.

Organizational Behavior

The objective of this 1st Workshop was to bring together end-users, manufacturers and (computer) control specialists to evaluate possibilities in the important field of factory automation. This volume

offers solutions for product, process design, production design and control. Technical criteria are also discussed and economic justification methods are evaluated. The papers included present intelligent, modular, "low cost" approaches or solutions appropriate for small and medium sized companies which might benefit from improved efficiency and competitiveness.

A Cost Effective Use of Computer Aided Technologies and Integration Methods in Small and Medium Sized Companies

The 2005 Virtual International Conference on IPROMS took place on the Internet between 4 and 15 July 2005. IPROMS 2005 was an outstanding success. During the Conference, some 4168 registered delegates and guests from 71 countries participated in the Conference, making it a truly global phenomenon. This book contains the Proceedings of IPROMS 2005. The 107 peer-reviewed technical papers presented at the Conference have been grouped into twelve sections, the last three featuring contributions selected for IPROMS 2005 by Special Sessions chairmen: - Collaborative and Responsive Manufacturing Systems- Concurrent Engineering- E-manufacturing, E-business and Virtual Enterprises- Intelligent Automation Systems- Intelligent Decision Support Systems- Intelligent Design Systems- Intelligent Planning and Scheduling Systems- Mechatronics- Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems- Tangible Acoustic Interfaces (Tai Chi)- Innovative Production Machines and Systems- Intelligent and Competitive Manufacturing Engineering

Intelligent Production Machines and Systems - First I*PROMS Virtual Conference

Today, constellations of firms ally against each other--and the firm that stands alone, may fail alone. Now there's a start-to-finish guide to the opportunities facing extended enterprises. This book show why extended enterprises demand radically new buyer-supplier relationships, why traditional business structures inhibit alliances, and how to develop the competencies a company needs.

The Extended Enterprise

The Manufacturing USA initiative seeks to reinforce U.S.-based advanced manufacturing through partnerships among industry, academia, and government. Started in 2012 and established with bipartisan support by the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014, the initiative envisages a nationwide network of research centers for manufacturing innovation. As of May 2017, 14 manufacturing innovation institutes had been established to facilitate the movement of early-stage research into proven capabilities ready for adoption by U.S. manufacturers. To better understand the role and experiences of the Manufacturing USA institutes to date, a committee of the Innovation Policy Forum of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop on May 23, 2017 drawing together institute directors and manufacturing policy experts along with leaders from industry, academia, and government. Participants addressed the role of the manufacturing institutes in increasing advanced manufacturing in the United States, examined selected foreign programs designed to support advanced manufacturing, and reviewed recent assessments of existing institutes. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.

Securing Advanced Manufacturing in the United States

This is a third edition of Meeting Customer Needs, a diploma level book in the Chartered Management of Institute series. This particular title meets the specific requirements of those taking the Unit DM45 entitled Customer Focus, Marketing and Planning. A new website available for use with the text to provide revision notes and lecturers' notes. This book is ideal for managers seeking to establish or improve customer service and customer focus standards. It includes action plans, sample communications and checklists for managers to adapt for their own purposes. Real examples and new case studies are used throughout to illustrate points in a practical context.

Meeting Customer Needs

To ascend in life… …one must always be learning. How will Elon Musk’s ideas help you? Mack Moderie has dedicated over 1000 hours compiling 42 Principles for Life, more than 600 insightful quotes, and 42 stories (practical applications) from Musk’s life. From his study of Musk, he found the motivation to improve his life across the board, from business and leadership to thinking properly and working toward the things that matter, like protecting and expanding consciousness. A Few Quotes: “I swear my responsibility to the highest good for consciousness, while always re-examining what the highest good

is. "Politics is war and truth is the first casualty." “If you scare people enough, they will demand removal of freedom. This is the path to tyranny.” Musk, the mind behind SpaceX, Tesla, Starlink, The Boring Company, and Neuralink, shocked the world in 2022 by buying Twitter. His thought-provoking quotes and revolutionary ideas have inspired millions, including Moderie himself. You’ll learn: - Elon Musk’s unique mental models. - Powerful strategies to structure your mind for success. - Proven techniques to manage and run companies effectively. - The philosophical underpinnings that drive Musk's endeavors. - and much more! But this book goes beyond simply sharing Musk's words. It digs deeper, decoding the secret to Musk's success and giving you the tools to apply them in your own life. Imagine transforming your approach to business, leadership, and life itself by understanding and implementing the insights of one of the most influential figures of our time. Don’t just admire Musk's success - emulate it. This book is your guide. Get your copy now!

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Mars

The recent shift in focus from defense and government work to commercial wireless efforts has caused the job of the typical microwave engineer to change dramatically. The modern microwave and RF engineer is expected to know customer expectations, market trends, manufacturing technologies, and factory models to a degree that is unprecedented in the

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The RF and Microwave Handbook

Practical advice for making the shift to your first leadership position The number of people who will become first-time supervisors will likely grow in the next 10 years, as Baby Boomers retire. Perhaps

the most challenging leadership experience anyone will face isn't one at the top, but their first promotion to leadership. They must deal with the change and uncertainty that comes with a new job, requiring new skills, and they've been promoted from peer to leader. While the book addresses the needs of any manager, supervisor, or leader, it pulls from the best leadership and management thinking, and puts the focus on the difficulties that new leaders experience. Includes practical information for new managers who must supervise friends and former peers Authors are expert consultants who work with leaders at all levels Shows how to adopt the mindset of a leader, including: communicating change, giving feedback, coaching employees, leading productive teams, and achieving goals This much-needed book can help new leaders get beyond the stress and fear to focus on becoming the most effective leader they can be-starting right now.

Academic Research & Reviews in Social, Human and Administrative Sciences - I

A proceedings volume from the 6th IFAC International Conference, Puebla, Mexico, 14-25 November 2005

From Bud to Boss

The five-volume set IFIP AICT 630, 631, 632, 633, and 634 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2021, held in Nantes, France, in September 2021.* The 378 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 529 submissions. They discuss artificial intelligence techniques, decision aid and new and renewed paradigms for sustainable and resilient production systems at four-wall factory and value chain levels. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: Part I: artificial intelligence based optimization techniques for demand-driven manufacturing; hybrid approaches for production planning and scheduling; intelligent systems for manufacturing planning and control in the industry 4.0; learning and robust decision support systems for agile manufacturing environments; low-code and model-driven engineering for production system; meta-heuristics and optimization techniques for energy-oriented manufacturing systems; metaheuristics for production systems; modern analytics and new AI-based smart techniques for replenishment and production planning under uncertainty; system identification for manufacturing control applications; and the future of lean thinking and practice Part II: digital transformation of SME manufacturers: the crucial role of standard; digital transformations towards supply chain resiliency; engineering of smart-product-service-systems of the future; lean and Six Sigma in services healthcare; new trends and challenges in reconfigurable, flexible or agile production system; production management in food supply chains; and sustainability in production planning and lot-sizing Part III: autonomous robots in delivery logistics; digital transformation approaches in production management; finance-driven supply chain; gastronomic service system design; modern scheduling and applications in industry 4.0; recent advances in sustainable manufacturing; regular session: green production and circularity concepts; regular session: improvement models and methods for green and innovative systems; regular session: supply chain and routing management; regular session: robotics and human aspects; regular session: classification and data management methods; smart supply chain and production in society 5.0 era; and supply chain risk management under coronavirus Part IV: AI for resilience in global supply chain networks in the context of pandemic disruptions; blockchain in the operations and supply chain management; data-based services as key enablers for smart products, manufacturing and assembly; data-driven methods for supply chain optimization; digital twins based on systems engineering and semantic modeling; digital twins in companies first developments and future challenges; human-centered artificial intelligence in smart manufacturing for the operator 4.0; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; product and asset life cycle management for smart and sustainable manufacturing systems; robotics technologies for control, smart manufacturing and logistics; serious games analytics: improving games and learning support; smart and sustainable production and supply chains; smart methods and techniques for sustainable supply chain management; the new digital lean manufacturing paradigm; and the role of emerging technologies in disaster relief operations: lessons from COVID-19 Part V: data-driven platforms and applications in production and logistics: digital twins and AI for sustainability; regular session: new approaches for routing problem solving; regular session: improvement of design and operation of manufacturing systems; regular session: crossdock and transportation issues; regular session: maintenance improvement and lifecycle management; regular session: additive manufacturing and mass customization; regular session: frameworks and conceptual modelling for systems and services efficiency; regular session: optimization of production and transportation systems; regular session: optimization of supply chain agility and reconfigurability; regular session: advanced modelling

approaches; regular session: simulation and optimization of systems performances; regular session: AI-based approaches for quality and performance improvement of production systems; and regular session: risk and performance management of supply chains *The conference was held online.

Toward a New Era in U.S. Manufacturing

This book describes both the essential features of Just-In-Time (JIT) how JIT can be successfully approaches to manufacturing and implemented. JIT marks a significant departure from previous western approaches to manufacturing management, and aims to improve quality levels and customer service while decreasing lead times and inventory levels. The use of simple though effective methods can, with proper management, lead to continual improvements in the manufacturing operation. A number of companies have now implemented JIT and some of these implementations have been very successful. However, what is becoming increasingly clear is that there is a significant number of JIT implementations that fail to achieve the potential benefits of JIT. It is not an easy task, and there are a number of pitfalls that await the unwary manager. My motivation for writing this book has been my experience of working with companies that have been successful in JIT and of seeing what needs to be done and how the implementing most common pitfalls can be avoided. The book is oriented towards batch manufacturing since this accounts for a large proportion of manufacturing in most western countries. Other types (including process, mass and jobbing) can also profitably use many of the JIT techniques to improve their operation.

Fieldbus Systems and Their Applications 2003

A practical guide to a successful scientific career, including creativity and problem-solving techniques to enhance research quality and output.

Advances in Production Management Systems. Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable and Resilient Production Systems

Apress is proud to announce that Rethinking the Internet of Things was a 2014 Jolt Award Finalist, the highest honor for a programming book. And the amazing part is that there is no code in the book. Over the next decade, most devices connected to the Internet will not be used by people in the familiar way that personal computers, tablets and smart phones are. Billions of interconnected devices will be monitoring the environment, transportation systems, factories, farms, forests, utilities, soil and weather conditions, oceans and resources. Many of these sensors and actuators will be networked into autonomous sets, with much of the information being exchanged machine-to-machine directly and without human involvement. Machine-to-machine communications are typically terse. Most sensors and actuators will report or act upon small pieces of information - "chirps". Burdening these devices with current network protocol stacks is inefficient, unnecessary and unduly increases their cost of ownership. This must change. The architecture of the Internet of Things must evolve now by incorporating simpler protocols toward at the edges of the network, or remain forever inefficient. Rethinking the Internet of Things describes reasons why we must rethink current approaches to the Internet of Things. Appropriate architectures that will coexist with existing networking protocols are described in detail. An architecture comprised of integrator functions, propagator nodes, and end devices, along with their interactions, is explored.

Putting the Just-In-Time Philosophy into Practice

David Ranney’s vivid memoir describes his work experiences between 1976 and 1982 in the factories of southeast Chicago and northwest Indiana. The book opens with a detailed description of what it was like to live and work in one of the heaviest industrial concentrations in the world. The author takes the reader on a walk through the heart of the South Side of Chicago, observing the noise, heavy traffic, the 24-hour restaurants and bars, the rich diversity of people on the streets at all hours of the day and night, and the smell of the highly polluted air. Factory life includes stints at a machine shop, a shortening factory, a railroad car factory, a structural steel shop, a box factory, a chemical plant, and a paper cup factory. Along the way there is a wildcat strike, an immigration raid, shop-floor actions protesting supervisor abuses, serious injuries, a failed effort to unionize, and a murder. Ranney’s emphasis is on race and class relations, working conditions, environmental issues, and broader social issues in the 1970s that impacted the shop floor. Forty years later, the narrator returns to Chicago’s South Side to reveal what happened to the communities, buildings, and the companies that had inhabited them.

Living and Dying on the Factory Floor concludes with discussions on the nature of work; racism, race, and class; the use of immigration policy for social control; and our ability to create a just society.

Becoming a Successful Scientist

First published in 1985. At a time when much attention is directed to the immense technical power and capacity of new means of communication it is worth reaffirming that the consequences for relationships of social power deserve rather more attention. The nature of communication as a field of study and its relationship to sociology is the subject of this study.

Rethinking the Internet of Things

THE MISSING LINK IN PRODUCTIVITY. Our Manufacturing Economy at a Crossroads. Understanding the Scheduling Problem. From MRP to MRP II. The Impact of MRP II on Productivity. A NEW SET OF VALUES. The New Principles of Systems. The Old Principles of Management. The CEO's New Priorities. MANAGING ALL OF THE RESOURCES OF A MANUFACTURING COMPANY MORE PRODUCTIVELY. The CEO's Role in MRP II. MRP II in Marketing. MRP II in Manufacturing. MRP II in Purchasing. MRP II in Finance. MRP II in Engineering. DRP: Distribution Resource Planning. MRP II in Data Processing Systems. BECOMING A CLASS A USER. Justification. Implementing MRP II. The Education Task. Operating With MRP II. Beyond MRP II. Appendices. Glossary. Index.

Transition from Development to Production

This is the second of a two-volume set (CCIS 434 and CCIS 435) that constitutes the extended abstracts of the posters presented during the 16th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCII 2014, held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece in June 2014 and consisting of 14 thematic conferences. The total of 1476 papers and 220 posters presented at the HCII 2014 conferences were carefully reviewed and selected from 4766 submissions. These papers address the latest research and development efforts and highlight the human aspects of design and use of computing systems. The papers accepted for presentation thoroughly cover the entire field of Human-Computer Interaction, addressing major advances in knowledge and effective use of computers in a variety of application areas. The extended abstracts were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in this two-volume set. This volume contains posters' extended abstracts addressing the following major topics: social media and social networks; learning and education; design for all; accessibility and assistive environments; design for aging; games and exergames; health and well-being; ergonomics and safety; HCI in business, tourism and transport; human-human and human-agent communication; user experience case studies.

Living and Dying on the Factory Floor

Conventional evolutionary theory cannot explain the existence of humans & other complex animals; another mechanism is needed, says James Graham, & it is none other than cancer. This radical theory, already published in a science journal, is aimed at amateurs & professionals. "I think I agree with him... a good idea," John W. Galloway, Nature. "Intriguing...resolves many outstanding problems," SciTech Book News. Literary reviewers like it too: "absorbing...provocative." The Small Press Book Review. "fascinating...sheer intellectual virtuosity." West Coast Review of Books. "distinguished." The Book Reader. Order from: James Graham, PO Box 142, Lexington Virginia 24450 telephone 540 464 4554. Also available from Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble and other retailers.

Computers and Manufacturing Productivity

Information technology has become an important discipline for the manufacturing industry. However, the complexity of modern production has made manufacturing dependent on a rapidly developing computer-based support technology. The growth of a multitude of data-solutions and the use of incompatible products on different factory locations have led to so-called islands of automation. Such islands may be of considerable individual value, but pose integration problems if one wishes to integrate factory functions. The complexity of the modern factory sets stringent requirements to the systems integrator.

Communications

Manufacturing Resource Planning: MRP II