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How can we facilitate more effective, efficient, equitable and sustainable solutions to the problems that confound our communities and world? Social marketing guru R. Craig LeFebvre weaves together multi-level theories of change, research and case studies to explain and illustrate the development of social marketing to address some of society's most vexing problems. The result is a people-centered approach that relies on insight and empathy as much as on data for the inspiration, design and management of programs that strive for changes for good. This text is ideal for students and professionals in health, nonprofit, business, social services, and other areas. "This is it -- the comprehensive, brainy road map for tackling wicked social problems. It's all right here: how to create and innovate, build and implement, manage and measure, scale up and sustain programs that go well beyond influencing individual behaviors, all the way to broad social change in a world that needs the help."—Bill Novelli, Professor, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, former CEO, AARP and founder, Porter Novelli and the Campaign for Tobacco-

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Free Kids “I’m unaware of a more substantive treatise on social marketing and social change. Theoretically based; pedagogically focused; transdisciplinary; innovative; and action oriented: this book is right for our time, our purpose, and our future thinking and action.”—Robert Gold, MS, PhD, Professor of Public Health and Former Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland, College Park “This book -- like its author -- is innovative and forward-looking, yet also well-grounded in the full range of important social marketing fundamentals.”—Edward Maibach, MPH, PhD, University Professor and Director, Center for Climate Change Communication, George Mason University

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Perspectives in Business Informatics Research (BIR), held in Riga, Latvia, in October 2011. The 25 full papers accepted for this volume were selected from 68 submissions. In addition, two invited papers presented at the conference are also included. The papers have been organized in topical sessions on business intelligence and performance management, data and processes, ontologies, architectures, stakeholders' perspectives, Web information systems and services, and systems approach.

This book is a rich source of information on design research and solutions for the support and development of space missions. International experiences and

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researches are presented in order to cast light on the role of space design in improving living and working conditions in outer space and to highlight the particularities of the necessary design skills, taking into account specific requirements and constraints. The challenge facing designers is how to approach environmentally extreme conditions in such a way that they are transformed from limitations into opportunities. The author has herself developed products that have been tested during on-orbit experiments on the International Space Station. Drawing on this unique experience and other case studies, the author proposes a new design methodology for space and demonstrates how the discipline of design is able to generate innovation thanks to the strong capacity of visioning. Ultimately this will lead to the development of further new equipment for astronauts that will facilitate space travel. While the book is intended primarily for students and researchers, it is also of interest for a broad readership attracted by space, innovation, and future scenarios.

Businesses and the HCI and Interaction Design communities have embraced design and design research. Design research as a field blends methodologies from several disciplines - sociology, engineering, software, philosophy, industrial design, HCI/interaction design -- so designers can learn from past successes and failure and don't have to reinvent the wheel for each new design (whether it's a

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digital product, a building, an airplane or furniture). They take into account form, function, and, ultimately, users. Many books exist in the research and academic realm for this field, but none create a usable bridge to design practice. Although business people are embracing design, they are not going to become designers. Design researchers need tools to apply their research in the real world. Design Research through Practice takes advanced design practice as its starting point, but enriches it to build a design process that can respond to both academic and practical problems. The aims of the book are to study three design research traditions that cover methodological directions in current leading research community. Taking you from the Lab, Field and to the Showroom, Ilpo Koskinen and his group of researchers show you successful traditions in design research that have been integrated into processes and products. Bridging the gap from design research to design practice, this is a must have for any designer. • Gathers design research experts from traditional lab science, social science, art, industrial design, UX and HCI to lend tested practices and how they can be used in a variety of design projects • Provides a multidisciplinary story of the whole design process, with proven and teachable techniques that can solve both academic and practical problems • Presents key examples illustrating how research is applied and vignettes summarizing the key how-to details of specific

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projects

Built environment students are not always familiar with the range of different research approaches they could be using for their projects. Whether you are undertaking a postgraduate doctoral programme or facing an undergraduate or masters dissertation, this book provides general advice, as well as 13 detailed case studies from 16 universities in 7 countries, to help you get to grips with quantitative and qualitative methods, mixed methods of data collection, action research, and more.

Research Methods in Social Relations, 8th Edition, features a series of updates and revisions in its comprehensive introduction to current research methods in the social and behavioural sciences. Offers comprehensive coverage of a wide variety of traditional and topical research methods Addresses many newer research approaches such as propensity score matching, mixed methods designs, and confirmatory factor analysis Written to be accessible to a range of social and behavioural science disciplines, including public health, political science, sociology, and psychology Includes new chapters that engage readers in critical thinking about the processes involved in building sustainable partnerships in field and community settings The Companion website includes an array of resources for Instructors, including Test Banks, Power Point lecture

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slides, discussion questions and exercises This new edition is the much-anticipated follow-up to 2001's seventh edition by Hoyle, Harris and Judd
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Forms of fiction and literature underwent a process of disembodiment and cross-fertilization during the revolution from the Gutenberg Galaxy (printed paper, mass distribution) to the McLuhan Galaxy (new media, hypertext, cooperative writing). The dimension of literacy has moved from a semiotically measured geometry to a dislocation and a deconstruction of contents and channels that give expression to new products. The impact of social media on narratology has redefined the meaning of readership and authorship. The author not only loses his/her traditional role, but becomes an icon of himself/herself, a collective-minded producer that is self-perceived through the extroflexed eye of the amniotic network in which he/she defines his/her narrative experience. Transmedia culture defines a new cross-networked and amniotic literacy, considering that we are not facing a simple adaptation of different narrative forms from one media to another: different media and languages participate and contribute to the construction of a transmedia environment. The first issue of the IJTL seeks to shed light on transmedia literacy according to the epistemological crisis of authorship and the new dimension of participation and relationship offered by both the Web and New

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Media. Moving from the state of the art, the aim is to investigate the interdisciplinary relations in the field of transmedia literacy, in order to favour a pattern recognition about theories, technologies, and social dimensions of the phenomena to offer a critical toolkit to understand and map out the emerging knowledge and practices created by this new field.

"The book deals with the concepts and applications of information systems research, both theoretical concepts of information systems research and applications"--Provided by publisher.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Perspectives in Business Informatics Research, BIR 2015, held in Tartu, Estonia, in August 2015. Overall, 49 submissions from 16 countries were rigorously reviewed by 47 members of the Program Committee representing 23 countries. The selected 16 full papers and 4 short papers are included in this volume. The conference theme was "making business information systems interoperable and adaptive in highly interconnected and changing contexts". The papers have been organized in topical sections on business information systems interoperability, business information system requirements and architecture, business process and decision management, business information systems development, and research in progress.

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This book shows students the steps involved in the research process, the various strategies for conducting a valid social inquiry, and most importantly, the persuasiveness and elegance of reliable social research. It highlights the link between academic research and the real world. Included are carefully chosen examples of each of the major methodological techniques-survey, interviews, fieldwork observations, experiments, content analysis, secondary analysis and program evaluation. Also included are selections on sampling strategies, research ethics and both qualitative and quantitative data analysis.

The German Congress on Crime Prevention (GCOCP) is an annual event that takes place since 1995 in different German cities and targets all areas of crime prevention. Since its foundation the GCOCP has been open to an international audience with a growing number of non-German speaking participants joining. To give the international guests their own discussion forum, the Annual International Forum (AIF) within the GCOCP was established in 2007. For international guests this event offers lectures in English language as well as other activities within the GCOCP that are translated simultaneously. This book reflects the out-comes of the 11th AIF (19th and 20th June 2017 in Hanover). The articles show worldwide views on crime prevention and criminal policy as well as the current status, discussion, re-search and projects in crime prevention from different countries.

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Proceedings of the 11th European Conference on Research Methods in Bolton, UK, on 28-29 June 2011

Product Experience brings together research that investigates how people experience products: durable, non-durable, or virtual. In contrast to other books, the present book takes a very broad, possibly all-inclusive perspective, on how people experience products. It thereby bridges gaps between several areas within psychology (e.g. perception, cognition, emotion) and links these areas to more applied areas of science, such as product design, human-computer interaction and marketing. The field of product experience research will include some of the research from four areas: Arts, Ergonomics, Technology, and Marketing. Traditionally, each of these four fields seems to have a natural emphasis on the human (ergonomics and marketing), the product (technology) or the experience (arts). However, to fully understand human product experience, we need to use different approaches and we need to build bridges between these various fields of expertise. Most comprehensive collection of psychological research behind product design and usability Consistently addresses the 3 components of human-product experience: the human, the product, and the experience International contributions from experts in the field

This book covers the range of methodological approaches, methods and tools

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currently used in various areas of building science and technology research and addresses the current lack of research-method literature in this field. The book covers the use of measurement-based methods in which data is collected by measuring the properties and their variations in actual physical systems, simulation-based methods which work with models of systems or processes to describe, examine and analyze their behaviors, performances and operations, and data-driven methodologies in which data is collected via measurement or simulation to identify and examine the associations and patterns and predict the future in a targeted system. The book presents a survey of key methodologies in various specialized areas of building science and technology research including window systems, building enclosure, energy performance, lighting and daylighting, computational fluid dynamics, indoor and outdoor thermal comfort, and life cycle environmental impacts. Provides advanced insight into the research methods and presents the key methodologies within the field of building science and technology. Reviews simulation-based and experimentation/field-based methods of data collection and analysis in diverse areas of building science and technology, such as energy performance, window and enclosure studies, environmental LCA, daylighting, CFD, and thermal comfort. Provides a range of perspectives from building science faculty and researcher contributors with

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diverse research interests. Appropriate for use in university courses. The LNCS series reports state-of-the-art results in computer science research, development, and education, at a high level and in both printed and electronic form. Enjoying tight cooperation with the R&D community, with numerous individuals, as well as with prestigious organizations and societies, LNCS has grown into the most comprehensive computer science research forum available. The scope of LNCS, including its subseries LNAI and LNBI, spans the whole range of computer science and information technology including interdisciplinary topics in a variety of application fields. The type of material published traditionally includes -proceedings (published in time for the respective conference) -post-proceedings (consisting of thoroughly revised final full papers) -research monographs (which may be based on outstanding PhD work, research projects, technical reports, etc.) More recently, several color-cover sublines have been added featuring, beyond a collection of papers, various added-value components; these sublines include -tutorials (textbook-like monographs or collections of lectures given at advanced courses) -state-of-the-art surveys (offering complete and mediated coverage of a topic) -hot topics (introducing emergent topics to the broader community)

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International

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Conference on Electronic Government and the Information Systems Perspective, EGOVIS 2017, held in Lyon, France, in August 2017. The 20 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 24 submissions. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: digitalization and transparency; open data ecosystems; intelligent systems in e-government; e-government research and intelligent systems; m-government and inclusion; e-government cases - data knowledge management; and knowledge management in the context of e-government.

The aim of this work is to review theoretical perspectives on social research methodology in order to evaluate the choice of methodological and ethical issues against the wide range of methods available. It is adapted from a fieldwork undertaken in Libya. This study is shaped with the research questions outlined in the abstract. Accordingly, the research design, data collection and analysis were all influenced by the research questions. This research, therefore, uses epistemological and ontological position, research design, qualitative research methods, data analysis and ethical issues, which arose during the research progress in the fieldwork to address the research questions.

The authors—*noted scholars and researchers*—provide an up-to-date guide to qualitative study design, data collection, analysis, and reporting. Step by step, the

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the practice of design science research to perspectives on design science research methodologies and eventually up to considerations to teach design science research methodology. Part III “Applied Fields” combines various applications of design science and related research methodologies with practical problems and future research topics.

Departing from the traditional approach of surveying current and future trends and developments, this unique Handbook brings phenomena, theories, and concepts from multiple disciplines together to advance entrepreneurship. With original contributions from authors who are experts in their fields, the collection offers state-of-the-art insights into generating new areas for research, new theories and concepts, and new questions for policy debates – all aimed at advancing entrepreneurship. Divided into four sections and covering perspectives such as neuroscience, theology, organisational behavior and education, The Palgrave Handbook of Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Entrepreneurship is a rich source of information for researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, leaders and managers.

CALL Research Perspectives creates a foundation for the study and practice of computer-assisted language learning and provides an overview of ways to conceptualize and to conduct research in CALL. Its core assumptions are that all

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approaches to research have a place, and that researchers, teachers, and students all have a role to play in the study of computer-enhanced language learning. This is not a how-to-do-research text. Written by top researchers in the field, it offers an open-ended view of what educators need to know and be able to do to answer questions that they have. It is intended to be easy to read, to provide resources for readers to explore the ideas further, and to be non-prescriptive in presenting suggestions for CALL research. The text explores problems with current CALL research and suggests ways that teachers and other researchers can avoid such problems; presents both commonly known and less explored theories that provide a foundation for CALL and language research; and addresses other issues and ideas that affect research outcomes. An outstanding feature of CALL Research Perspectives is that it complements not only other CALL texts but also research texts of all kinds. The issues found in each chapter parallel the issues in other research texts, making this text useful for addressing the needs of teachers and researchers at different levels and in different contexts. In addition, the consistent format throughout makes it accessible to readers with a variety of backgrounds. Each chapter includes an introduction, a review of relevant literature, a set of examples and/or suggestions for conducting research in CALL, and conclusions. The consistent format is intended for ease of

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use, but the content of chapters varies according to the author. This is intentional; it is a strength of the book that readers can hear the voices of the authors and listen to their understandings of the perspectives presented. It is the editors' hope that they will be inspired to seek out other voices as well.

Now in its second edition, the *Encyclopedia of Video Games: The Culture, Technology, and Art of Gaming* is the definitive, go-to resource for anyone interested in the diverse and expanding video game industry. This three-volume encyclopedia covers all things video games, including the games themselves, the companies that make them, and the people who play them. Written by scholars who are exceptionally knowledgeable in the field of video game studies, it notes genres, institutions, important concepts, theoretical concerns, and more and is the most comprehensive encyclopedia of video games of its kind, covering video games throughout all periods of their existence and geographically around the world. This is the second edition of *Encyclopedia of Video Games: The Culture, Technology, and Art of Gaming*, originally published in 2012. All of the entries have been revised to accommodate changes in the industry, and an additional volume has been added to address the recent developments, advances, and changes that have occurred in this ever-evolving field. This set is a vital resource for scholars and video game aficionados alike. Explores games, people, events, and ideas that are influential in the industry, rather than simply discussing the history of video games. Offers a detailed understanding of the variety of video games that have been created

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over the years Includes contributions from some of the most important scholars of video games Suggests areas of further exploration for students of video games

This book presents a new, multidisciplinary perspective on and paradigm for integrative experimental design research. It addresses various perspectives on methods, analysis and overall research approach, and how they can be synthesized to advance understanding of design. It explores the foundations of experimental approaches and their utility in this domain, and brings together analytical approaches to promote an integrated understanding. The book also investigates where these approaches lead to and how they link design research more fully with other disciplines (e.g. psychology, cognition, sociology, computer science, management). Above all, the book emphasizes the integrative nature of design research in terms of the methods, theories, and units of study—from the individual to the organizational level. Although this approach offers many advantages, it has inherently led to a situation in current research practice where methods are diverging and integration between individual, team and organizational understanding is becoming increasingly tenuous, calling for a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective. Experimental design research thus offers a powerful tool and platform for resolving these challenges. Providing an invaluable resource for the design research community, this book paves the way for the next generation of researchers in the field by bridging methods and methodology. As such, it will especially benefit postgraduate students and researchers in design research, as well as

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engineering designers.

Interactive systems in the mobile, ubiquitous, and virtual environments are at a stage of development where designers and developers are keen to find out more about design, use and usability of these systems. *Ubiquitous Computing: Design, Implementation and Usability* highlights the emergent usability theories, techniques, tools and best practices in these environments. This book shows that usable and useful systems are able to be achieved in ways that will improve usability to enhance user experiences. Research on the usability issues for young children, teenagers, adults, and the elderly is presented, with different techniques for the mobile, ubiquitous, and virtual environments.

This is the first research methods book to focus entirely on physical education and youth sport. It guides the reader through the whole research process; from the first steps to completion of a dissertation or practice-based project, and introduces key topics such as: formulating a research question qualitative approaches quantitative approaches mixed method research literature review case studies survey, interviews and focus groups data analysis writing the dissertation. Each chapter includes a full range of useful pedagogical features, including chapter summaries, practical activities, case studies, dialogues with active researchers and guidance on further reading and resources. With contributions from some of the world's best-known researchers in the field, this book is indispensable reading for all students and professionals working in physical education, youth sport, sports coaching and related subjects.

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In online education, there is a challenge to not only meet the pedagogical aspects of digital education but also to understand the user experience within learning platforms and student interaction. Through online functions and advanced technology, a student's learning style can be enhanced. *Learner Experience and Usability in Online Education* provides emerging research on the design, implementation, and evaluation of user experience in online learning systems. While highlighting topics such as computer-based assessments, educational digital technologies, and immersive learning environments, this publication explores the human-computer interaction in the educational realm. This book is an important resource for educators, school administrators, academicians, researchers, and students seeking current research on the role of positive user experience in educational learning systems.

The research process in this book begins with identification of the research question and proceeds through each step including planning data collection, actual collection and analysis of the data, and writing the report. This text proceeds through multiple methodologies including experimental and non-experimental, quantitative and qualitative. At every step the emphasis is on planning and executing the study. Key features:

- o Simulations and feedback that may be used in class sessions for both individual and small group participation
- o Pedagogy to help students plan and conduct a research project in an actual classroom
- o Examples that demonstrate and explain what constitutes good and poor research questions
- o Case studies and ?real life?

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examples related to education o A Student Web site that provides students with the opportunity to interact with contemporary articles. This book provides an introduction to research that emphasizes the fundamental concepts of planning and design. It is designed to be a core text for the very first course on research methods.

Complete proceedings of the 13th European Conference on Research Methodology for Business and Management Studies ECRM 2013 PRINT version Published by Academic Conferences and Publishing International Limited.

"Among the wide variety of backgrounds, many of those active in defining and applying educational design research appear to have arrived through an interest in psychology, the learning sciences or instructional design. Although most design studies are carried out in multi-disciplinary teams, participants need to conceptually understand the marriage between the design discipline and scientific research traditions. Conducting Educational Design Research emphasises the application of design knowledge and skills in research programs, guiding readers through the various disciplinary backgrounds and scientific developments current today. Therefore, this book on design research will be especially useful for faculty and students in (a) graduate education programs where exposure to research methodologies is strong but exposure to design methodologies is limited; and (b) graduate programs in instructional design where participants have strong backgrounds in design, but may lack the scientific research orientation. In a time when design research is gaining momentum, it seems notable that

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educational research programs are being confronted with the randomized field trials movement; and educational design programs are at risk of diluting their design character as valuable curricular time is being usurped by more traditional research skills. This book not only offers an invaluable classroom resource, it also provides for the ongoing university dialogue on how to best prepare the next generation of educational researchers"-- Provided by publisher.

STEM project-based instruction is a pedagogical approach that is gaining popularity across the USA. However, there are very few teacher education programs that focus specifically on preparing graduates to teach in project-based environments. This book is focused on the UTeach program, a STEM teacher education model that is being implemented across the USA in 46 universities. Originally focused only on mathematics and science, many UTeach programs are now offering engineering and computer science licensure programs as well. This book provides a forum to disseminate how different institutions have implemented the UTeach model in their local context. Topics discussed will include sustainability features of the model, and how program assessment, innovative instructional programming, classroom research and effectiveness research have contributed to its success. The objectives of the book are:

- To help educators gain insight into a teacher education organizational model focused on STEM and how and why it was developed
- To present the theoretical underpinnings of a STEM education model, i.e. deep learning, conceptual

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understanding • To present innovative instructional programming in teacher education, i.e. projectbased instruction, functions and modeling, research methods • To present research and practice in classroom and field implementation and future research recommendations • To disseminate program assessments and improvement efforts

This edited three volume edition brings together significant papers previously published in the Journal of information Technology (JIT) over its 30 year publication history. The three volumes of Enacting Research Methods in Information Systems celebrate the methodological pluralism used to advance our understanding of information technology's role in the world today. In addition to quantitative methods from the positivist tradition, JIT also values methodological articles from critical research perspectives, interpretive traditions, historical perspectives, grounded theory, and action research and design science approaches. Volume 1 covers Critical Research, Grounded Theory, and Historical Approaches. Volume 2 deals with Interpretive Approaches and also explores Action Research. Volume 3 focuses on Design Science Approaches and discusses Alternative Approaches including Semiotics Research, Complexity Theory and Gender in IS Research. The Journal of Information Technology (JIT) was started in 1986 by Professors Frank Land and Igor Aleksander with the aim of bringing technology and management together and bridging the 'great divide' between the two disciplines. The Journal was created with the vision of making the impact of complex interactions and developments in technology more accessible to a wider

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audience. Retaining this initial focus, the JIT has gone on to extend into new and innovative areas of research such as the launch of JITTC in 2010. A high impact journal, JIT shall continue to publish leading trends based on significant research in the field.

This book provides an in-depth insight into the emerging paradigm of End-User Development (EUD), discussing the diversity and potential for creating effective environments for end users. Containing a unique set of contributions from a number of international researchers and institutes, many relevant issues are discussed and solutions proposed, making important aspects of end-user development research available to a broader audience. Most people are familiar with the basic functionality and interfaces of computers. However, developing new or modified applications that can effectively support users' goals still requires considerable programming expertise that cannot be expected of everyone. One of the fundamental challenges that lie ahead is the development of environments that enable users with little or no programming experience to develop and modify their own applications. The ultimate goal is to empower people to flexibly employ and personalise advanced information and communication technologies.

This volume fills a significant gap in the scholarship on social studies education by providing thoughtful reflections on research methods in the field. It is not a “how to” guide but an exploration of key issues related to the design and implementation of

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empirical studies. The authors are active researchers who use varied methods in diverse settings—including historical research, international comparative studies, survey research, interviews with students and teachers, classroom observations, self-studies and action research, and emancipatory methodologies. They use their own experiences to examine such topics as the conceptualization of research questions, relationships with participants, researchers' identities, and elicitation of students' and teachers' thinking. This collection should become indispensable for both beginning and experienced scholars in social studies.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Service-Oriented Perspectives in Design Science Research, DERIST 2011, held in Milwaukee, WI, USA, in May 2011. The 29 revised full papers presented together with 5 revised short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 50 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on design theory, design science research strategies, design methods and techniques, design evaluation, design guidelines, service-oriented perspectives in design science, process design, neuroscience in design research, and designing for social media.

The current shift in demographics – aging and shrinking populations – in many countries around the world presents a major challenge to companies and societies alike. One particularly essential implication is the emergence and constant growth of the so-called “graying market” or “silver market”, the market segment more or less

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broadly defined as those people aged 50 and older. Increasing in number and share of the total population while at the same time being relatively well-off, this market segment can be seen as very attractive and promising, although still very underdeveloped in terms of product and service offerings. This book offers a thorough and up-to-date analysis of the challenges and opportunities in leveraging innovation, technology, product development and marketing for older consumers and employees. Key lessons are drawn from a variety of industries and countries, including the lead market Japan. Advances in both cognitive psychology and computing have affected the educational arena. The emergence of these two disciplines is increasing at a fast pace and affecting academia and professional practice in many ways. Technological advancements such as simulations, virtual reality, multi-agents systems and learning management systems have created both opportunities and areas of serious concerns. This volume addresses the challenges of research methods in elearning systems. Traditionally quantitative methods have been the base for research in several disciplines and fields. Qualitative methods have emerged as a credible alternative and have been sustained over the years. More recently there has been a convergence between the two research approaches: mixed-methods approaches have been considered as a viable way to perform research and provide cross validation of results. However, as innovative e-learning systems are rapidly changing, research methodologies struggle to keep up with these technological developments. Therefore, it is argued that adequate research

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methodologies are required to address these new challenges. The book addresses quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research approaches describing its main aspects and techniques for e-learning systems. It devotes a section to presenting significant case studies that illustrate how to design, assess, and analyze e-learning systems.

A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING RESEARCH METHODS Research Methods and Applications for Student Affairs offers students and professionals in the field an authoritative and accessible guide to help navigate research in student affairs. This comprehensive resource on research methods instruction clearly shows how to interpret the various forms of research, how to be critical as a research consumer, and how to use research to inform practice. Author J. Patrick Biddix—a noted scholar and expert in the field—presents a detailed overview of three qualitative-focused and four quantitative-focused research methods. The text reviews the basics of these qualitative and quantitative approaches and explores how to differentiate the major types of research as well as how to understand, read, evaluate, and apply results. Biddix also includes important information on using mixed methods approaches. The user-friendly text includes insights on key issues, as well as descriptions of the individual sections that comprise research studies. Also included is an overview of ethical considerations that apply specifically to student affairs. Research Methods and Applications for Student Affairs is an essential guide for

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enhancing research methods' skills, and offers direction for applying those skills in actual work situations. PRAISE FOR RESEARCH METHODS AND APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS "Comprehensive, practical, and context-specific, this resource provides both practitioners and students with a guide to understanding, using, and designing research in student affairs." —Laura Dean, Professor, University of Georgia, College Student Affairs Administration "Student affairs practitioners are faced with an environment in which they are challenged to demonstrate through research studies that their programs, activities, and learning experiences contribute to student learning and growth. This volume offers an excellent foundation as they seek to advance their research skills." —John H. Schuh, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University "A must-have resource for any student affairs practitioner-scholar trying to better understand the often 'unconsumed middle' of research articles—the methods and results/finding sections. A useful guide, with concrete examples on how to read and dissect research articles." —Matthew R. Wawrzynski, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education, Michigan State University

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