

Managing The Psychological Contract Using The Personal Deal To Increase Performance By Michael Wellin 2007 02 28

"The four major sections address the 'causes', 'content' and 'consequences' of the psychological contract. ... Separates 'employee attitudinal' consequences from 'behavioural' consequences" -- p.5.

Analyzes key critical HR variables and defines previously undiscovered issues in the HR field.

The psychological contract is considered a critical construct in organizational behavior literature because it informs employee emotions, attitudes, and behaviors in the workplace. Although the psychological contract has been explored extensively over the last 50 years, numerous theoretical, conceptual, empirical, methodological, and analytical changes have pushed the field forward. As such, it is time to take stock and move forward. The contributors to this Handbook explore in detail this important component of modern management thinking.

The organizational, social and psychological meanings of contracts, both written and unwritten, are the focus of this volume. The author addresses a number of important topics including contract making, interpretation of contracts, contract violations, strategies for changing contracts and contracts evolving from circumstances relevant to the 1990s. In addition, a thought-provoking discussion of how contracts are linked to an organization's strategy and its human resource practices is included. The book concludes with an assessment of societal trends that point to large scale changes in future employment contracts.

The psychological contract lies at the heart of your relationship with the organisation you work for. It is the deal you make with your employer and colleagues at work; it is about your mutual expectations and their fulfilment. Too often this contract is implicit and left to chance, resulting in misunderstanding, stress, lower commitment and performance. The author demonstrates how to use the psychological contract to raise the business game and increase personal fulfilment. Managing the Psychological Contract is the first book which shows how the psychological contract can be used in practice. In it Michael Wellin advocates going beyond the traditional static view of the psychological contract between the organisation and its employees. He shows how to create unique and dynamic customised Personal Deals between people and teams. He does this by showing how to make personal deals explicit and mutual, and provides practical tips for leaders, employees and HR professionals. Separate chapters are devoted to leadership, culture change and strategic HR management. There is also a chapter of practical ideas for individuals who want to change their personal deal at work. The author's ideas are based on his own research and consultancy experience as well as the latest business school research. The book has a number of case studies showing how different organisations use the psychological contract. This is an important and extremely readable book for all those concerned with the improved performance of people and organisations.

Essay from the year 2012 in the subject Economics - Job market economics, language: English, abstract: A key example of drastic change in today's global working environment with important consequences for employees since the diversification of all aspects of work is the transformation of the -psychological contract- among employees and their organizations. As such -psychological contract- is defined by Rousseau (1995) as -the belief that a person for the terms and conditions of a mutual agreement transaction between him/her and another participant, in this case between the employee and the organization-. More specifically, the term -psychological contract- refers to mutual obligations, values, expectations and desires of employees from their employers, beyond any formal employment contract. In other words, it is a transaction relationship, where employees and employers have certain expectations about their mutual obligations, which are, of course, different for each employee and significantly affect what each side believes is its obligation. The psychological contract has been characterized in a various ways, for example, as -unstable, subjective, unconscious, indirect, alive, something that employees know it exists, only when it is changed- (Appelbaum et al.).

This book introduces the psychological contract as a multi-level contextual construct and closes some of the knowledge gaps on the nature of the digital era psychological contract. The digital era psychological contract gives rise to a new type of employer-employee relationship manifesting at the nexus between people and technology in a post-COVID-19 world. The book volume provides promising new approaches for psychological contract research, offering a rich compendium of reflections on the shifts in employer-employee expectations and obligations, as well as suggestions for future research and practice. Chapter contributions are divided into four main sections: The Digital Era: Contextual Issues and the Psychological Contract Managing the Psychological Contract in the Digital Era: Issues for Organisational Practice Managing the Psychological Contract in the Digital Era: Issues of Diversity Integration and Conclusion Redefining the Psychological Contract in the Digital Era is an insightful examination of the evolving nature of the psychological contract, presenting novel insights into the antecedents, consequences, and facets of the new multi-level contextual digital era psychological contract. The primary audience for this book volume is advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students in industrial and organisational psychology and human resource management, as well as scholars in both academic and applied work settings. Human resource managers and professionals will also have an interest in this book volume.

There are problems in managing employed professionals within organisations. This book explores the psychology behind the formal legal aspects of the employment relationship of professionals especially when it breaks down. A break down of an employment relationship with a professional is perhaps the costliest of senior management failures. There are many unanticipated results of management's actions. Changes to HRM management practices are likely to result in better management of the psychological contract (PC) violation and or rupture. The repercussions of relationship fracture include a diminished sense of belonging and commitment, and perhaps more importantly for the organisation, passive organisational sabotage. The problems facing the psychological contract of professionals are assessed in 4 elements: Trust; Fairness; Commitment and Belonging; and the impact of critical breaches to their PC in early, mid and late career. This book presents a model of the PC for practical use by Human Resource practitioners and senior management in better managing the high investment recruitment of employed professionals using empirical data.

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The relationship between workers and firms are changing worldwide. Nowhere is this more evident than in the psychological contracts of employment. This book combines the cross-national perspectives of organizational scholars from thirteen countries to examine how societies differ in the nature of psychological contracts in employment and how global business initiatives are bridging these differences. The contributors include social scientists with deep knowledge of the particular societies they describe, and whose personal scholarship involves psychological contract phenomena locally as well as abroad. Readers of Denise Rousseau's award winning book, *Psychological Contract in Organizations* (Sage 1995) will welcome the extension of this ground-breaking work into the global arena.

Judged "the undisputed 'bible on the topic'" by the "Journal of Administrative Management," the definitive book on the subject explains reward management, which is concerned with implementing policies and strategies that aim to reward people fairly, equitably, and consistently. This special issue addresses such concerns as the loss of employment security and promotion prospects and their effects, primarily from the organization's perspective.

This book explores the differences between Western and non-Western cultures to provide a more comprehensive understanding of psychological contract and its consequences on employees' behavioral, attitudinal, and cognitive outcomes. Further, it discusses the culturally-relevant elements of HR practices that affect employee expectations, job satisfaction, commitment, and motivation based on their perceptions of the level of fulfilment of their psychological contract. Integrating both qualitative and quantitative methods, it is the first book to examine the current state of the South Asian workforce and will advance research on industrial relations, employee relationship management, and corporate management of South Asian employees around the world.

The book seeks to make sense of the organizational experiences of the professional worker by drawing on several areas of research, including the psychological contract, social identity theory, theories of career development and retention. The author uses real-life examples and short case studies to situate psychological theory within organizations.

Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Management is uniquely holistic in its approach to advanced HRM and takes the reader logically through a wide variety of practical issues and functions that affect HR practitioners. Topics addressed include competition and choice, people and skills, regulation and public policy, social trends, engaging people, managing an international workforce, and developing and implementing HR strategies. It is an essential one-stop resource that clearly evaluates the issues surrounding the way people are managed, offers insight into the future development of HRM, and provides the theoretical framework that will enable success in practice. *Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Management* is packed full of engaging features, such as chapter-by-chapter learning outcomes, case studies, critical reflections, questions and activities designed to actively engage you with the material addressed and summaries of key points to aid learning. Taking you step-by-step through the aspects of HR management so vital for the practice of HR within an organisation, Stephen Taylor's innovative textbook is ideal for students taking an HRM module at undergraduate or Master's level, as well as students taking other modules that explore people management in relation to the wider business context. Online resources are offered to complement the material and include annotated web links, for a wealth of useful sources and information to develop your understanding, multiple choice questionnaires, PowerPoint slides for tutors to design their programmes, along with Lecturer's guides.

Get 12 months FREE access to an interactive eBook when purchasing the paperback* Reflecting the global nature of the workplace with its use of real world examples and case studies, Nick Wilton's book is not another 'How to?' of HRM in practice, but goes beyond the prescriptive approach to the practice of strategic HRM and encourages critical reflection to prepare students for the issues and dilemmas they could face in their careers. Providing an introduction to the management of people in work organizations, it seeks to outline the purpose and operation of HRM activities in the 'real world?', whilst situating practice in the context of associated debates and controversies played out in the parallel field of academic study. It adopts a critical perspective on the study and practice of HRM to provide the reader with an understanding not only of the potential for HRM to contribute to both improved organizational performance and individual well-being in the workplace, but also why it very often fails to achieve either of these positive outcomes and suggests that the management of people is not the exclusive preserve of HR specialists, but an area of interest or concern for all organizational actors. The new edition comes packed with features that encourage readers to engage and relate theory to practice including: - Management skills and attributes boxes outlining the required competencies of line managers and HR practitioners - HR in practice boxes illustrating how HRM theory works in real world practice - Ethical insights presenting ethical considerations for budding practitioners - Global insights highlighting practices around the world - Research insights inviting students to explore further academic research - Case Studies and Examples offering a more in-depth look at HRM across a variety of organizations - A free interactive eBook* featuring author videos, web-links interactive multiple choice questions, free SAGE journal articles, extended case studies and other relevant links, allowing access on the go and encouraging learning and retention whatever the reading or learning style. Aimed at students across the academic spectrum, whether studying on a specialist HRM or CIPD program of study, a generalist business and management programme or studying HRM as part of a programme in an unrelated discipline (such as engineering or humanities). *Interactivity only available through VitalSource eBook included as part of paperback product (ISBN 9781473954199). Access not guaranteed on second-hand copies (as access code may have previously been redeemed).

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'This is an extremely welcome and timely contribution which extends our understanding of the relationship between trust and HRM in organizations, a relationship which has until now been under explored. This excellent edited collection explores trust in the context of HRM stage by stage from pre-entry to exit in a thoughtful and provocative way. In each chapter leading scholars in the trust and HRM fields highlight critical issues for both researchers and practitioners to consider. Key reading for anyone interested in how HRM can enhance and develop trust and how trust can contribute to the success of HRM.' – Antoinette Weibel, University of Konstanz, Germany and President of First International Network on Trust 'The issue of trust in organizations is an extremely important one, given the global economic situation.

This edited collection is outstanding, comprised of the leading academics in the field and highlighting the challenges for HR over the coming decade. A must read for those in HRM, if we are to build trust in organizations in the future.' – Cary L. Cooper, CBE, Lancaster University Management School, UK An organization's human resource management (HRM) policies and their implementation have long been claimed to influence trust within an organizational environment. However there has, until now, been a limited examination of the relationship between the two. In this unique book, the contributors explore the HRM cycle from entry to exit, and examine in detail the issue of trust and its links with HRM. Each chapter takes an aspect of HRM including; selection, performance management, careers and personal development, training, change management and exit, and offers a new understanding and insight into the role, importance and challenges to trust within these processes. This timely book will prove to be an invaluable resource for academics interested in trust, HR and organizational behaviour. HR professionals should also not be without this path-breaking study.

This handbook is a one-stop guide that sets out a strategic approach for understanding and managing HR risks. *Managing Risk: The HR Contribution* will enable the user to understand how managing HR risks will benefit their organisation. It will also assist the user to put into place a practical strategy for managing risks associated with employees from recruitment through to the close of the employee/employer relationship. This book will be of particular interest to organisations looking for a strategic, integrated approach linked to business risk management and corporate governance.

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This is the eighth volume in an annual series presenting research on the theory and practice of management. It seeks to be truly comparative - in terms of the broad scope of management perspectives, in the various locations of its research and application, and in its comparisons of findings.

Managing People and Organizations in Changing Contexts addresses the contemporary problems faced by managers in dealing with people, organizations and change in a theoretically-informed and practical way. This textbook approaches people management from the perspective of practising and aspiring managers, making it a valuable alternative to existing texts on organizational behaviour and human resource management. This new edition considers new emerging organizational forms such as e-lancing and recent management concerns such as employee engagement, de-professionalization and the growing challenges of social media. Built around a chapter framework that connects different themes to managerial action and practices, this textbook covers a wide range of topics including: managing at the individual, group and organizational levels change management managing creativity and innovation, and corporate governance and corporate social responsibility. There is an increased international flavour, reflected in the range of contemporary case studies and literature used throughout, which explore business and management problems in the private and public sectors. This text will be relevant to practising and aspiring managers studying people management, organizational behaviour and change management.

The 'Services Sector' is one of the most rapidly evolving sectors within the developed economies of the world. Employees through the way they interact with the customers during the service delivery process, hold a great degree of influence in how they alter the customers perceptions regarding the organisation and the consumer brand. As a result the two way relationship between the management and employee is altered to a three way relationship between, the management, employee and customers. Hence Human Resource Management by acting as a Strategic Business Partner has a strong influence over how the employees successfully deliver the service brand to the consumer. Organisations look to strategically align the Corporate, Employer and Consumer Brands. This project, aims to bring together to parallel fields of Employer Branding and Psychological Contract Management and how they together influence the way in which employees interact with customers; and successfully project the desired brand image across all external contact points of the organisation; and to all external stakeholders. For this purpose, Gloria Jean's Coffee is used as an example of a service sector organisation, where the emphasis is on both the quality of service and the product being delivered to the consumer. The role of Human Resource function as a Strategic Business Partner is analyzed and how it helps the organisation in achieving its objective by developing an effective Employer Brand and at the same time successfully managing the employee's Psychological Contract.

Maida Petersitzke provides an overview of the literature on psychological contracts and presents a four-tier framework that details how organisations can systematically manage the psychological contracts of their employees.

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Resource Management, Careers and Career Management, Career Counselling, Workplace Training.

Employee perceptions of psychological contracts were explored in a mixed methods design project. Although psychological contract research has been popular since its inception over 50 years ago, the field makes a number of assumptions about how employees truly experience psychological contracts (Conway & Briner, 2009). The primary goal of the present research was to identify how psychological contracts should be measured and theorized to reflect the natural experiences and language of employees. In Study 1, I examined a number of the theory's assumptions by asking employees in interviews about their psychological contract experiences. A descriptive phenomenological approach allowed me to best capture the real life contexts through the eyes of the employees. The interviews involved discussions about employees' perceived legal contract perceptions, the existence of psychological contracts, and the nature of their psychological contract experiences, if one existed. Interview findings revealed that while some psychological contract theory assumptions were supported (e.g., psychological contracts are perceived to evolve), others were not (e.g., universality of psychological contracts). The interview findings also identified the natural terminology used by employees, thus informing how psychological contracts should be measured. In Study 2, I used Study 1 findings to develop and test a revised feature-based measure of psychological contracts. I also further expanded Study 1 findings by quantifying the prevalence of and preference for psychological contracts, and their implications on organizational commitment, employee engagement, and turnover intentions. As predicted, those who did perceive a psychological contract were more likely to score high on commitment and engagement ratings, compared to those who did not. Contrary to predictions, there were no significant group differences for turnover intentions and contract preference did not play a moderating role on these relations. A revised measure is also presented in Study 2 which supported existing psychological contract theory typology (Relational and Transactional contract types). The contract type factors significantly predicted commitment, engagement, and turnover intention, mostly as hypothesized. The general discussion reviews how the two studies sequentially contribute to psychological contract measurement and theory. Guidelines are also presented to provide recommendations for both management and employees in how best to manage their psychological contracts.

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