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Around the world, many countries are increasing efforts to promote biomass production for industrial uses including biofuels and bio-products such as chemicals and bio-plastic. Against a backdrop of lively public debate on sustainability, bioenergy wields both positive and negative impacts upon a variety of environmental and socio-economic issues. These include property rights, labor conditions, social welfare, economic wealth, poverty reduction and more. This book discusses the issues and impacts of bioenergy, taking into account the local and regional framework under which bioenergy is produced, touching upon educational level, cultural aspects, the history and economies of the producing countries and an array of policies including environmental and social targets. The book surveys and analyzes global bioenergy production from a number of perspectives. The authors illustrate the complexity of interrelated topics in the bioenergy value chain, ranging from agriculture to conversion processes, as well as from social implications to environmental effects. It goes on to offer insight on future challenges associated with the expected boom of a global bio-based economy, which contributes to the paradigm shift from a fossil-based to a biomass and renewable energy-based economy. The expert contributors include researchers, investors, policy makers, representatives from NGOs and other stakeholders, from Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Their contributions build upon the results of the Global-Bio-Pact project on “Global Assessment of Biomass and Bio-product Impacts on Socio-economics and Sustainability,” which was supported by the European Commission in its 7th Framework Program for Research and Technological Development, conducted from February 2010 to January 2013.

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The book benefits policy makers, scientists and NGO staffers working in the fields of agriculture, forestry, biotechnology and energy.

Readers learn to master the basic principles of structural analysis using the classical approach found in Kassimali's distinctive STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS, 6th Edition. This edition presents structural analysis concepts in a logical order, progressing from an introduction of each topic to an analysis of statically determinate beams, trusses and rigid frames, and then to the analysis of statically indeterminate structures. Practical, solved problems integrated throughout each presentation help illustrate and clarify the book's fundamental concepts, while the latest examples and timely content reflect today's most current professional standards. Kassimali's STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS, 6th Edition provides the foundation needed for advanced study and professional success. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Developments in the Formulation and Reinforcement of Concrete, Second Edition, presents the latest developments on topics covered in the first edition. In addition, it includes new chapters on supplementary cementitious materials, mass concrete, the sustainability of concrete, service life prediction, limestone cements, the corrosion of steel in concrete, alkali-aggregate reactions, and concrete as a multiscale material. The book's chapters introduce the reader to some of the most important issues facing today's concrete industry. With its distinguished editor and international team of contributors, users will find this to be a must-have reference for civil and structural engineers. Summarizes a wealth of recent research on structural concrete, including material microstructure, concrete types, and variation and construction techniques Emphasizes concrete mixture design and applications in civil and

structural engineering Reviews modern concrete materials and novel construction systems, such as the precast industry and structures requiring high-performance concrete Advances and Trends in Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation features over 300 papers classified into 21 sections, which were presented at the Fourth International Conference on Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation (SEMC 2010, Cape Town, South Africa, 6-8 September 2010). The SEMC conferences have been held every 3 years in Consists largely of abstracts of articles and papers of interest to shipbuilders, ship owners and marine engineers.

Die deutsche Entwicklungspolitik ist seit ihrer Entstehung Anfang der 1960er Jahre ein kontrovers diskutierter Politikbereich. Während sie einerseits für sich in Anspruch nimmt, weltweit maßgeblich zur Armutsbinderung beizutragen, trüben andererseits gescheiterte Entwicklungsprojekte und scheinbare Mittelverschwendung ihr Bild in den Medien. Die vorliegende Untersuchung betrachtet deshalb eingehend die Erfolgskontrolle seitens der zuständigen Institutionen, d.h. des Bundesministeriums für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ), staatlicher Durchführungsorganisationen (u.a. KfW und GTZ) sowie ausgewählter Nichtregierungsorganisationen. Dadurch wird insbesondere der Frage nachgegangen, inwiefern sich die Öffentlichkeit selbst, als Steuerzahler und Spendengeber, ein realistisches Bild über den Erfolg von Entwicklungszusammenarbeit machen kann. Provides practical information about the design and installation of ductile iron pressure piping systems for water utilities. The 12 chapters outlines the procedure for calculating

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pipe wall thickness and class, and describes the types of joints, fittings, valves, linings, and corrosion protection a

This directory has become a valued source of information for energy-efficient building designers and specifiers throughout Europe and the details and scope of product, service and supplier listings have again been extensively updated for this edition.

Launched in May 2000, the aims of the COST C12 cooperative action were: to develop, combine and disseminate new technical engineering technologies to improve the quality of urban buildings to propose new technical solutions to architects and planners to reduce the disturbance caused by construction in urban areas and improve urban quality of life. This volume contains the proceedings of the COST C12 final conference held in Innsbruck, Austria from January 20-22 2005. The book reflects not only the outcome of the four years' work of the cooperative, but also the contributions made by other international experts at the conference, focused on three broad themes: mixed building technology; structural integrity under exceptional actions; and urban design.

Replaces material heretofore published in the Postal laws and regulations, the Post Office manual, the Postal guide, and the Book of instructions of the Postal Transportation Service.

This new edition of a highly practical text gives a detailed presentation of the

design of common reinforced concrete structures to limit state theory in accordance with BS 8110.

Das Studium des Menschen bei der Arbeit hat eine mindestens 3000jährige Tradition - wenn auch nicht immer Begriffe wie Arbeitsstudium, Arbeitsforschung oder gar Arbeitswissenschaft dafür verwendet wurden. Die Geschichte der Betriebswissenschaft oder des Industrial Engineerings ist wesentlich jünger. Sie umfasst lediglich die letzten hundert Jahre, begonnen mit den Arbeiten Frederick W. Taylor zum Scientific Management bis zur heutigen digitalen und schlanken Fabrik. Diese hundert Jahre werden sowohl in der Fachwelt als auch in den Betrieben äußerst kontrovers diskutiert. Insbesondere der Taylorismus wird häufig als Vorhölle charakterisiert. Man hat dabei den Eindruck, dass Methoden des Arbeitsstudiums als Beleg für die Dequalifizierung und Verelendung des Menschen missbraucht werden. Diese Entwicklung wurde und wird begleitet, verzögert oder stimuliert von Menschen mit ihrer jeweiligen Qualifikation, ihrem beruflichen Werdegang und ihrer Stellung im Unternehmen. Deshalb verfolgt dieses Buch auch das Konzept der Spiegelung von technisch- ergonomischen Entwicklungen an Personen. Dieses Buch kann und will keine wirtschafts- und technikgeschichtliche Darstellung sein, wie sie ein gelernter Historiker schreiben würde. Es stellt die Sichtweise eines Arbeitswissenschaftlers dar, der

zugegebenermaßen eine selektive Sicht der Dinge aus dem Blickwinkel des Industrial Engineerings und der Arbeitsgestaltung hat. Aus dem Inhalt: - Produktivität der Arbeit - Reizwort Taylorismus - Wissenschaftliche Betriebsführung - Produktivität in der Automobilindustrie - Industrial Engineering in USA und Europa - Ursachen und Folgen des Produktivitätsfortschritts - Entwicklung und Verbreitung von MTM - MTM und seine Wettbewerber - Die Rolle der Gewerkschaften und der Wirtschaftsverbände

Although many fastenings are installed every day, engineers' understanding of their behaviour is limited, and there is no generally accepted design method. This design guide is based on a safety concept using partial safety factors taken from the CEB/FIB Model Code 1990.

This book presents the state of the art of learning factories. It outlines the motivations, historic background, and the didactic foundations of learning factories. Definitions of the term learning factory and a corresponding morphological model are provided as well as a detailed overview of existing learning factory approaches in industry and academia, showing the broad range of different applications and varying contents. Learning factory best-practice examples are presented in detailed and structured manner. The state of the art of learning factories curricula design and their use to enhance learning and

research as well as potentials and limitations are presented. Further research priorities and innovative learning factory concepts to overcome current barriers are offered. While today numerous learning factories have been built in industry (big automotive companies, pharma companies, etc.) and academia in the last decades, a comprehensive handbook for the scientific community and practitioners alike is still missing. The book addresses therefore both researchers in production-related areas, that want to conduct industry-relevant research and education, as well as managers and engineers in industry, who are searching for an effective way to train their employees. In addition to this, the learning factory concept is also regarded as an innovative learning concept in the field of didactics.

Insights and Innovations in Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation comprises 360 papers that were presented at the Sixth International Conference on Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation (SEMC 2016, Cape Town, South Africa, 5-7 September 2016). The papers reflect the broad scope of the SEMC conferences, and cover a wide range of engineering structures (buildings, bridges, towers, roofs, foundations, offshore structures, tunnels, dams, vessels, vehicles and machinery) and engineering materials (steel, aluminium, concrete, masonry, timber, glass, polymers, composites, laminates, smart

materials). Some contributions present the latest insights and new understanding on (i) the mechanics of structures and systems (dynamics, vibration, seismic response, instability, buckling, soil-structure interaction), and (ii) the mechanics of materials and fluids (elasticity, plasticity, fluid-structure interaction, flow through porous media, biomechanics, fracture, fatigue, bond, creep, shrinkage). Other contributions report on (iii) recent advances in computational modelling and testing (numerical simulations, finite-element modeling, experimental testing), and (iv) developments and innovations in structural engineering (planning, analysis, design, construction, assembly, maintenance, repair and retrofitting of structures). Insights and Innovations in Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation is particularly of interest to civil, structural, mechanical, marine and aerospace engineers. Researchers, developers, practitioners and academics in these disciplines will find the content useful. Short versions of the papers, intended to be concise but self-contained summaries of the full papers, are collected in the book, while the full versions of the papers are on the accompanying CD.

During the life of a dam, changes in safety standards, legislation and land use will inevitably occur, and functional deterioration may also appear. To meet these challenges, these Proceedings from a panel of international experts assess,

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define and re-evaluate the design criteria for the construction of dams and the many attendant issues in on-going maintenance and management. Authors include international specialists: academics, professionals and those in local government, utilities and suppliers. Practitioners from these same fields will find the book a useful tool in acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of managing and retrofitting dams, so that they can continue to meet society's needs.

Moody's International Manual
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Das Buch behandelt die heutige roboterorientierte Programmierung mit Roboterprogrammiersprachen und stellt wichtige Konzepte der zukünftigen aufgabenorientierten Programmierung intelligenter Roboter dar, z.B. Umweltmodellierung, Aufgabentransformatoren, regelbasierte Programmierung und Multiagentensysteme. Die zum Verständnis notwendigen Grundlagen, beispielsweise aus Mathematik, Informatik und Künstlicher Intelligenz, werden bereitgestellt. Viele Abbildungen unterstützen die Darstellung. Alle Konzepte werden durch ausführliche Beispiele, auch Programmierbeispiele, erläutert und vertieft, die auch zur Selbstkontrolle dienen. Das Buch ist geschrieben für Studierende der Informatik, des Maschinenbaus und der Elektrotechnik sowie für Ingenieure, die sich mit der Programmierung von Robotern beschäftigen.

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