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Based on theoretical insights from ecofeminism, women and development, and postmodernism, and the convincing empirical work of numerous scholars, this book is organized around five aspects of gender relationships with the environment: Part 1-gender divisions of labor, Part 2-property rights, Part 3-knowledge and strategies for sustainability, Part 4-environmental and social movements, and Part 5- policy alternatives. Examining women's relationship with the environment using these five dimensions provides concrete, material examples of how women work with, control, know, and affect the environment and natural resources. We live in era of transformation--of technology, of social values, and of the way work is done. This book represents a timely and innovative addition to current thinking and writing about transformation in organizations. In order to meet an increasingly global and competitive environment, organizations are undergoing reengineering, work process redesign, "right sizing," creating a "virtual office," and other forms of restructuring and basic change of the way work is accomplished. Such transformation means analyzing and redesigning core processes in organizations around new kinds of principles such as "total quality" and customer service. The eventual effect of these changes is likely to be the networked or "boundary-less" organization, in which the traditional boundaries between functions and between producers and their suppliers--and sometimes even between organizations and their competitors--are broken down. The goal of such transformation is to make the work of the organization more efficient and productive--to produce more with fewer resources and at a lower cost. In the conventional view of the transformation process, certain secondary concerns, such as the need to protect the environment or to help an increasingly heterogeneous work force deal with its personal issues, are seen as problematic for this core thrust. Some recent work, however, is beginning to show that if these so-

called secondary concerns are considered central, far from being problematic, they actually present strategic opportunities for productive innovation and change. Despite the large amount of money spent on research into pollution of the indoor environment, the problem remains complex with major gaps in our knowledge of the identities and sources of pollutants and of the effects of prolonged exposure to indoor pollutants on health.

Microorganisms in Home and Indoor Work Environments considers one such group. Are you looking to save your company money whilst improving employee well being? A safe, healthy working environment is good for business. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has identified companies where specific financial advantages were attributable to improved health and safety: one company saved £12 for every £1 it spent; a 73% reduction in employee insurance claims and 18% fewer days lost to injuries; a 50% reduction in civil claims. When you consider that in 2004-5 28 million working days were lost due to work-related ill-health and 7 million due to workplace injury, the benefits of a health and safety culture are obvious. This book explores the managerial roles and responsibilities with regard to safety. Applying key legal requirements to the workplace, it looks at how workplace facilities are managed and how materials and equipment are used, stored and maintained for optimum effectiveness. It not only aids organisations to achieve success, but to maintain it. The Authority looks favourably upon meticulousness, efficiency and ambition. Bjorn has all of this in spades, but it's only in the Room that he can really shine. Unfortunately, his colleagues see things differently. In fact, they don't even see the Room at all. The Room is a short, sharp and fiendish fable in the tradition of Franz Kafka, Samuel Beckett and Charlie Kauffman. If you have ever toiled in an office, felt like the world was against you or questioned the nature of reality then this is the novel for you. Companies that want results need to ensure that every task an employee performs adds value to the organization. That requires a close examination of why expectations aren't being met in order to improve processes. It's time to take a head-on approach to issues that prevent companies from hitting performance targets. You'll take a fresh look at the most common issues that hurt companies and learn how to

- properly incorporate planning into the work process
- track the costs of defects and repairs when determining project costs
- form teams with a clear mission and the authority to complete tasks
- work toward a common goal instead of working against each other

Break down complex project methodology into principles that are easy to understand and that actually work. Multiple exercises reinforce principles and best practices that can be applied to diverse situations. Examine the important factors that are hurting results at your organization, and start focusing on adding value with A Fresh Look at Improving Your Work Environment. Divided into three parts, this field-defining work explores what environmental social work is, and how it can be put into practice. It focuses on theory, discussing ecological and social justice, as well as sustainability, spirituality and human rights. What if you loved going to work? What if your co-workers were friends, as well as colleagues? What if your work was personally fulfilling? What if you were encouraged to express your talents and gifts at work? What if you could be on purpose and make a difference? What if you felt appreciated? What if... That's what this book is about. Dr. Cathy Jameson's lifelong study of leadership, communication, teamwork and management combine to provide a practical and inspirational guide of how each person in the workplace can make a difference. It's not up to the boss to make the environment healthy. Each person has an opportunity to lead the way to Creating a Healthy Work Environment. You count! Cathy Jameson is a clear and bright voice that lifts organizations. Her contribution to healing and harmonizing cannot be overestimated. Read this book, open, grow, and succeed in ways beyond those you have known. Highly recommended! Alan Cohen | New York Times Best Selling Author Author of A Deep Breath of Life, Hay House Publishers Noting that the early care and education environment is a vital contribution to children's learning, this book examines the early childhood learning environment with the vision of making it a place where young children will be physically, emotionally, esthetically, and intellectually nurtured. The chapters are: (1) "The Power of the Environment and Its Impact on Children"; (2) "Contemporary Childcare Spaces"; (3) "The Teacher's New Role: Designer"; (4) "Principles of Meaningful Environments"; (5) "Aspects of Quality Environments for Children"; (6) "Assessing What You Have"; (7) "Making a Plan That Works for

You"; (8) "The Designer's Toolbox"; (9) "Enriching the Environment," including ideas for using displays, planning work and sitting spaces, and growing plants; and (10) "Extending Your Understanding," including classic resources about early childhood environments. Each chapter includes detailed illustrations and photographs to assist teachers in setting up a classroom. The book's 10 appendices include an inventory form, equipment checklist, team inventory, storage ideas, and an anthropometric chart for a child-scaled environment. (Contains 79 references.) (KB) This publication presents an internationally agreed set of guidelines for producing more comparable statistics on the quality of the working environment, a concept that encompasses all the non-pecuniary aspects of one's job, and is one of the three dimensions of the OECD Job Quality framework. These Guidelines take stock of current data availability in this field, review the analytic and policy uses of these measures, proposes a conceptual framework based on 6 dimensions and 17 characteristics (ranging from physical risk factors and work intensity, through to task discretion, autonomy and opportunities for self-realisation), assesses the statistical quality of measures in this field, and provides guidance to data producers and users on methodological challenges in this field. These Guidelines also include a number of prototype surveys modules that national and international agencies could use in their surveys. These Guidelines have been produced as part of the OECD Better Life Initiative, a pioneering project launched in 2011 with the objective of measuring society's conditions across 11 dimensions of people's well-being. They follow on from similar measurement guidelines on subjective well-being, micro statistics on household wealth, integrated analysis of the distribution on household income, consumption and wealth, as well as trust. This practical primer explains the primary issues in writing about the environment, identifies who to go to and where to find sources, and offers examples of writing and reporting the beat. Observations and story excerpts from experienced journalists provide real-world context both for those in the U.S. as well as internationally. Practice story assignments, resources, and a glossary of critical terms gives budding journalists all the tools needed to cover the green beat. Updated with detailed coverage of how companies and climate change have evolved over the past decade, this second edition expands upon the digital sphere and the myriad ways that deadline, multimedia and mobile reporting have changed environmental journalism. Including consideration of issues such as the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and the GMO controversy, this new edition provides a fresh take on the green beat with a newly organized table of contents and a guide to freelance and entrepreneurial journalism anywhere in the world. Contents include: • an overview and history of the environment and journalism, spotlighting the most significant issues in the beat; • guidance on understanding environmental and health science, ranging from issues of risk, to scientific research and studies, to interviewing scientists; • insights into government and regulatory communities and environmental advocates on all sides of the political spectrum and internationally; • assistance in accessing public records and conducting digital and computer-assisted reporting; • guidance in writing the story for print, broadcast and internet audiences; • an examination of the future of journalism and news coverage of the environment in the U.S. and throughout the world. "Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)." - online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nurseshdbk/> The workplace is changing radically, yet the building designs and environmental systems for conventional offices fail to support the more fluid use of space and time practised by these new kinds of office work. Prepared by the team who wrote The Responsible Workplace in 1992, this book is based on a major research project undertaken by DEGW and the BRE. It identifies the key organizational changes, patterns of work, work settings and types of space layouts and it will help specifiers and users of environmental systems understand what products will be suitable for innovative ways of office working.

In our ever-increasing pressure-filled and competitive workforce, most business philosophies have been about nose to the grindstone. "Get 'er done, whatever it takes!" has become our daily mantra. But is pushing everyone harder truly the best path to productivity? Does a stressful culture equal a successful company? The alarmingly low employee-engagement numbers would say no. Supported by the latest research, *The Optimistic Workplace* argues that our best work is the product of a positive environment. Advocating a steward model of management, this eye-opening book reveals how to:

- Explore personal and organizational purpose--and align them for astonishing results
- Overcome resistance and skepticism from corporate managers pressing for results
- Build camaraderie and deepen loyalty among team members
- Increase intrinsic motivation
- Help your team find meaning in their work
- And more

With practical 30-, 60-, and 90-day plans designed to focus your actions, as well as examples from companies large and small that demonstrate how this people-centric focus has already ignited employee potential, increased innovation, and catapulted many organizations to new levels of performance, *The Optimistic Workplace* is your complete guide to aligning personal purpose with professional success. Compared to 20 years ago, the jobs many people do today are increasingly characterised by low pay and insecurity, while countless others cope with workplace stress and ill-health. At the same time the consequences of our current model of economic activity are creating dangerous and critical changes in the planet's climate. Until recently debates around these two issues have had little contact with each other. This book demonstrates that there are definite and complex connections between degraded jobs and a degraded environment, that neither the dominant economic model nor the rate at which we exploit the planet's resources are sustainable and that the limits for both may be reached sooner rather than later. By bringing together insights from critical thinkers in a range of disciplines, the book discusses the requirements and characteristics for work to be at the same time economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and examines the potential for alternative routes to sustainable work in policies and actions that support both the natural environment and worker well-being. The book will be of interest to researchers, academics and students in the fields of HRM, labour studies, employment relations, sociology, environmental studies and sustainability. It is particularly relevant for those focusing on the link between labour and climate change. It is also highly relevant to policymakers, trade unions and NGOs looking at decent work and sustainability. This book combines phenomenology and political economy to offer new approaches for analyses of human-environment relations and technologies. It contributes to the social studies of fisheries through an analysis of how fishing practices and social relations are shaped by political economy. *Green at Work*, published by Island Press in 1992, was the first source of information to help nontechnical but environmentally concerned job seekers learn about career opportunities with environmental companies or within the newly emerging "green" corporate culture. Now entirely revised and expanded, this indispensable volume again offers invaluable tools and strategies for launching a green career. Susan Cohn has expanded her scope beyond the business world to examine environmentally focused, nontechnical careers in a wide variety of fields, including communications, banking and finance, consulting, public policy, the non-profit sector, and more. This completely updated edition includes: profiles of more than 70 individuals that illustrate how people have woven their skills, values, and passions into their work listings of more than 400 companies with contact names, addresses, phone numbers, information on what the company does, and its environmental programs and policies listings of more than 50 resources, including organizations, publications, and other sources of information a bibliography of recommended readings Immersing readers in the real world of environmental problem-solving while engaging some of the nation's most respected experts to explain the issues, this resource identifies specific environmental career opportunities and offers insight about current trends. Combating climate change will increasingly impact on production industries and the workers they employ as production changes and consumption is targeted. Yet research has largely ignored labour and its responses. This book brings together sociologists, psychologists, political scientists, historians, economists, and representatives from international and local unions based in Australia, Brazil, South Africa, Taiwan, Spain, Sweden, the UK and the USA. Together they open up a new area of research:

Environmental Labour Studies. The authors ask what kind of environmental policies are unions in different countries and sectors developing. How do they aim to reconcile the protection of jobs with the protection of the environment? What are the forms of cooperation developing between trade unions and environmental movements, especially the so-called Red-Green alliances? Under what conditions are unions striving to create climate change policies that transcend the economic system? Where are they trying to find solutions that they see as possible within the present socio-economic conditions? What are the theoretical and practical implications of trade unions' "Just Transition", and the problems and perspectives of "Green Jobs"? The authors also explore how food workers' rights would contribute to low carbon agriculture, the role workers' identities play in union climate change policies, and the difficulties of creating solidarity between unions across the global North and South. Trade Unions in the Green Economy opens the climate change debate to academics and trade unionists from a range of disciplines in the fields of labour studies, environmental politics, environmental management, and climate change policy. It will also be useful for environmental organisations, trade unions, business, and politicians. This report outlines how the authorities in the five Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, carry out their inspections of the psychosocial working environment at the enterprises. Starting out with a description of the psychosocial risks, the report proceeds with a comparison of the differences between the different national regulations as well as an outline of the similarities. The report offers a comparison of the Nordic working environment strategies and a detailed presentation of the different targets and areas of initiative. It also presents how different methods are used in the selection of enterprises, sectors and job groups for inspection and how the inspectors are trained to carry out the inspections. The report rounds off with a description of the different national inspection methods and how to measure their effects. The United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world, but it is far from the healthiest. Although life expectancy and survival rates in the United States have improved dramatically over the past century, Americans live shorter lives and experience more injuries and illnesses than people in other high-income countries. The U.S. health disadvantage cannot be attributed solely to the adverse health status of racial or ethnic minorities or poor people: even highly advantaged Americans are in worse health than their counterparts in other, "peer" countries. In light of the new and growing evidence about the U.S. health disadvantage, the National Institutes of Health asked the National Research Council (NRC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to convene a panel of experts to study the issue. The Panel on Understanding Cross-National Health Differences Among High-Income Countries examined whether the U.S. health disadvantage exists across the life span, considered potential explanations, and assessed the larger implications of the findings. U.S. Health in International Perspective presents detailed evidence on the issue, explores the possible explanations for the shorter and less healthy lives of Americans than those of people in comparable countries, and recommends actions by both government and nongovernment agencies and organizations to address the U.S. health disadvantage. This book aims at capitalizing and transmitting know-how about the design of Augmented Environments (AE) from some of the most prominent laboratories in the field worldwide. The authors belong to the RUFAR network (Research on User-Friendly Augmented Environments, founded in 2002) who meet in research seminars to share experience; Writing this book was perceived as an opportunity to look back over the last few years to sum up important findings; and formalize their approach and experience, which they never had the time or opportunity to do. Although the authors of this book have very different backgrounds, striking similarities emerge in their approach and design principles: never-endingness, activity-orientedness, continuous design, realism are some of the pillars of this approach; enabling to deal with the complex, heterogeneous, multi-user and multi-purpose constructions which AE designers have to face. The book illustrates how these principles enabled them to construct robust, efficient, and user-friendly Augmented Environments in spite of the many challenges to make these operational. We hope their experience will help the reader. Primary audience: Academics, Students and Professionals involved in the CHI, CSCW, Ubicomp, Cooperative Building communities. Computer Scientists interested by end-users and applications, Social Scientists operating in the IT

domain, IT & Organization Consultants. Secondary audience: Developers of office and conferencing applications or middleware, Architects of office buildings, Space Planners, Designers; Facility Managers; IT, furniture & building Business Communities. The Distributed Workplace provides in one volume essential information on sustainable work environments which will be invaluable to those developing workplace strategies for end-user organizations as well as suppliers of office buildings, information and communications technologies and building operation services. Municipal authorities and other organizations concerned with sustainable development and sustainable workplaces will also benefit from this book. Discusses the research and theory concerning the physical surroundings that affect people in offices and factories. There are unique greening solutions and practices that help create a lifestyle shift, improving the health of living and working spaces for its occupants from a personal, business, environmental, and profitable perspective. Short-term and long-term considerations are important elements when moving forward towards healthy practices in lifestyles, choices, and site designs. This book addresses a myriad of greening practices that can be applied to structures in our urban, suburban, and rural cultures. From the loft to the neighborhood, the office spaces to the public spaces, and the schools to the communities, this book outlines how business owners and residents can integrate scale appropriate green solutions into their lifestyles. Green Up!: Sustainable Design Solutions for Healthier Work and Living Environments includes detailed illustrations and photographs to help you understand design opportunities for your space. Stevie Famulari provides unique insights and inspires business owners, residents, and planners to develop their own green understanding and design solutions. Illustrations and photographs of applied greening are included throughout the book to help inspire your own goals and design, and then transform them to reality. The author breaks down the misconceptions of the complexity of sustainability and green practices. Greening is a lifestyle change, and this step-by-step instruction guide lets you know how easy it is to transition to the green side! Just as faculty and curriculum are critical concerns for any college or university, other components of the campus environment hold equal significance for student learning and satisfaction. While there have been many books about the effects of environments on people, there have been few that focus on the many complexities of campus settings and how they contribute to student success and the quality of learning experiences. Educating by Design fills the information gap by providing a comprehensive model for creating student-friendly and learning-supportive campus environments. Authors C. Carney Strange and James H. Banning are nationally recognized experts on campus environments. They draw from decades of research and experience to present an integrated framework for assessing and understanding academic environments. They describe the principles and concepts that define effective person-environment interactions and examine how these principles work through four different environmental components: physical, aggregate, organizational, and socially constructed. They also discuss the four conditions for successful learning: inclusion, safety, involvement, and community. Filled with engaging anecdotes and practical examples, this long-awaited volume helps academic administrators and student services professionals to plan effective programs and build supportive learning communities. Many books explore the effects of environments on people, but there are few that examine the complexities of campus settings and how they contribute to student learning and success. "Educating by Design" fills the information gap by providing a comprehensive model for creating student-friendly and learning-supportive campus environments. The authors draw from decades of research and experience to present an integrated framework for assessing and understanding academic environments. They describe the key concepts defining effective person-environment interactions and examine how these principles work through four different environmental components: physical, aggregate, organizational, and socially constructed. This eBook is a collection of articles from a Frontiers Research Topic. Frontiers Research Topics are very popular trademarks of the Frontiers Journals Series: they are collections of at least ten articles, all centered on a particular subject. With their unique mix of varied contributions from Original Research to Review Articles, Frontiers Research Topics unify the most influential researchers, the latest key findings and historical advances in a hot research area! Find out more

on how to host your own Frontiers Research Topic or contribute to one as an author by contacting the Frontiers Editorial Office: frontiersin.org/about/contact. In response to a request from the Pacific Northwest Laboratory's Analytical Chemistry Upgrades Program, a team was formed to (1) review work environment and productivity research, (2) report the research in a manner usable to organizational decision-makers, (3) identify Hanford Site facilities examples of the work environment principles and research, and (4) publish the review results in a referred journal. This report summarizes the work environment-organizational effectiveness research reviewed, provides the foundation for a publishable article, and outlines the integration of work environment research and organizational effectiveness in continuing improvement programs and strategic planning. The research cited in this review shows that the physical work environment offers a valuable tool that, used wisely, can contribute significantly to the performance of an organization, its bottom-line economics, and the well-being of all of its employees. This finding leads to one central recommendation: to derive the maximum benefit to the corporation, managers and designers must integrate organizational goals and programs with work environment design. While much of the research cited focuses on office environments, the results and design principles and practices are relevant to a full range of settings: laboratories, schools, hospitals, and factories. The major findings of the research reviewed are summarized below in four areas: (1) performance, (2) well-being, (3) image, and (4) turnover and recruitment. This book provides an evidence-based, comprehensive and vividly illustrated overview of stress and stress management, emphasizing the central role of resources. Scientists and practitioners, students, employees and employers can use this book to bring themselves up to date on the current state of psychological stress research and learn many practical tips and tricks for dealing with stress and resources. Building on proven and contemporary psychological theories of stress and resource research, this book explains how stress emerges, how resources influence the stress process and what individuals and organizations can do to prevent stressors, reduce stress, recover from stress, and cope with the long-term consequences of strain. The book takes up current societal trends such as digitization and automation, and refers to cultural influences and differences. Through numerous case studies, facts and figures, checklists and exercises, the book not only leads the reader on an exciting journey through the scientific background and history of stress research, but also offers numerous opportunities for self-assessment and critical reflection on (one's own) work in organizations. This edited volume discusses how deeply entrenched gender norms in work environments, even in welfare economies, can affect women's health in an adverse way. The volume provides a broad overview of contributing factors. It derives specific answers from case studies in Sweden, a welfare state where women's labour market participation is very high, but where horizontal and vertical gender segregation in work is also one of the highest in the world. Women tend to work in occupations that are heavily dominated by women. An issue in women-dominated occupations is a considerably higher sickness absence than men, with the highest rates being in human service and care occupations. This volume adds to the literature on health and wellbeing in women-dominated professions and workplaces through studying the work environment, organizational changes, digitalization, threats, violence and conflict, and work conditions that could contribute to healthier workplaces for women. In addition, it points to the need for deeper gender analysis in work norms, and using both quantitative and qualitative approaches. It is of interest to social and behavioural scientists studying work, gender and health, as well as HR professionals and policy makers. Key areas of concern in nursing work environment, are covered extensively, such as leadership, workload and productivity, all of which are front-page issues in practice, systems, and policy levels. Work and Employment in a Changing Business Environment is the definitive textbook for the new CIPD Advanced Level 7 module. It provides students with an understanding of the major contemporary trends in the HR business environment and discussion of significant areas of HR and Learning and Development (L&D) activity that derive from or are given additional prominence as a result of environmental developments. It provides students with an understanding of ways in which major, long-term environmental developments affect employment, work and people management in organizations as well as a thorough

grounding in current and short-term developments in the people management environment. These areas include globalisation, technology, the economy, labour markets, society, politics, public policy and employment regulation. This book also includes expert coverage of how change, innovation and creativity can promote improvements in organisational productivity. Most importantly, this brand new textbook covers the key elements that students on HR masters courses will need in their future careers including flexibility, agility and resilience. productivity, ethics and values, sustainability, equality, diversity and inclusion, wellbeing and working internationally. Case studies and examples demonstrate how the theory applies in practice and pause and review boxes will help students think critically about the content. Work and Employment in a Changing Business Environment is ideal reading for all postgraduate students on both CIPD and non-CIPD accredited courses. Online supporting resources include powerpoint slides for every chapter. This book provides a clear, concise presentation of the most significant aspects of indoor air pollution. This volume defines a wide range of indoor air quality problems and solutions. Discussions center around common symptoms and potential environmental and chemical causes, health hazards from arts and crafts and from common household products, and the impact of common building ventilation problems and how to solve them. Because it is so easy to waste dollars and time when identifying the causes of an indoor air pollution incident, this book presents an expert summary of how to conduct an indoor air pollution survey. Psychological factors of indoor air pollution problems are characterized, and solutions for solving these problems are discussed. The book also covers the role of ergonomic design in office injuries and worker comfort, as well as defines causes and solutions of nuisance noise. Radiation exposure from video display terminals (VDT) is addressed, including topics such as types of radiation and exposure limits.