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A Focus on SLM and SLS Methods in 3D Printing Advancement of Selective Laser Melting by Laser Beam Shaping Advanced Materials Processing and Manufacturing Engineering Sound Heritage Wavefront Shaping for Biomedical Imaging Coherent Light Microscopy Szycher's Practical Handbook of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Computer Vision – ECCV 2020 Handbook of Neurophotonics Supply Chain Integration Challenges in Commercial Aerospace The Genesis of Sri Lanka Malay Radioactive Particles in the Environment Real VR – Immersive Digital Reality Optical Trapping (Laser Tweezers) and Nanosurgery (Laser Scissors) Introduction to Flat Panel Displays Image Processing using Pulse-Coupled Neural Networks Pronunciation Fundamentals Adaptive Optics for Biological Imaging Global Environmental Governance and Desertification ITIL Lifecycle Essentials Investing in Land Stewardship Distributed Applications and Interoperable Systems Second Language Speech Learning Rasch Models for Measurement Practical Holography Laser Focus World Design to Manufacture of Complex Building Envelopes Research & Technology 2004 Terminal evaluation of the project “Decision Support for Mainstreaming and Scaling Up of Sustainable Land Management” ITIL Foundation Essentials Assessing the economic benefits of sustainable land management practices in Bhutan Economics of Land Degradation and Improvement – A Global Assessment for Sustainable Development New Insights on Neuron and Astrocyte Function from Cutting-Edge Optical Techniques Public Involvement in GEF-financed Projects The Legacy of Educational Administration Proceedings of the 37th International MATADOR Conference Integrative Production Technology The Guide to Entrepreneurship Climate Change and Land Land Economics and Policy in Developing Countries

This document presents the Global Environmental Facility's (GEF) policy on public investment in GEF financed projects. At its meeting in April 1996, the GEF Council approved the principles presented herein as a basis for public involvement in the design, implementation and evaluation of GEF-financed projects. The Council stressed that when applying the principles, there should be emphasis on local participation and local stakeholders, specific conditions in-country should be taken into consideration, and public involvements should be consistent with the provision of the instrument for the establishment of the restructured GEF. This document builds upon previous papers and incorporates comments from consultations; part 1, provides the rationale and definition of public involvement. The basic principles of public involvement are presented in part 2, together with an identification of how the principles will be applied by the Secretariat, implementing agencies, project executing agencies, and other participating in GEF-financed projects. Whether you work for an established company and want to trailblaze new products (intrapreneurship), or want to establish your own new venture (entrepreneurship), *The Guide to Entrepreneurship: How to Create Wealth for Your Company and Stakeholders* supplies invaluable guidance along with concrete action plans. In contrast to academic publications *THE PERFECT GUIDE TO FLAT PANEL DISPLAYS FOR RESEARCHERS AND INDUSTRY PERSONNEL ALIKE* Introduction to Flat Panel Displays, 2nd Edition is the leading introductory reference to state-of-the-art flat panel display technologies. The 2nd edition has been newly updated to include the latest developments for high pixel resolution support, high brightness, improved contrast settings, and low power consumption. The 2nd edition has also been updated to include the latest developments of head-mounted displays for virtual and augmented reality applications. Introduction to Flat Panel Displays introduces and updates both the fundamental physics and materials concepts underlying flat panel display technology and their application to smart phones, ultra-high definitions TVs, computers, and virtual and augmented reality systems. The book includes new information on quantum-dot enhanced LCDs, device configurations and performance, and nitrate-based LEDs. The authors also provide updates on technologies like: OLED materials, including phosphorescent, TTA, and TADF OLEDs White light OLED and light extraction OLED for mobile and TV Light and flexible OLED Reflective displays, including e-paper technology Low power consumption displays The perfect reference for graduate students and new entrants to the display industry, Introduction to Flat Panel Displays offers problem and homework sets at the end of each chapter to measure retention and learning. Land economics is grossly neglected in developing countries, including India. The disconnect between land use planning through master plans and land economics is glaring. Master planning has led to an acute scarcity of serviced land and floor space for economic growth and affordable housing. It has resulted in sprawl, housing–employment mismatch, environmental degradation, social exclusion, rent-seeking and deadweight welfare losses. Land Economics and Policy in Developing Countries delves into theory and practice of land economics to draw lessons

for land policy and management. It presents concepts and perspectives of land, functioning of land markets, determinants of location and land use, fallacies of comprehensive land use planning, sustainable land management design, land-based financing of infrastructure and land policy reforms in developing countries. This book evaluates land policy and national urban strategy frameworks, and suggests directions for broader reforms in urban planning, financing and governance. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 7th IFIP WG 6.1 International Conference on Distributed Applications and Interoperable Systems, DAIS 2007, held in Paphos, Cyprus in June 2007. It covers current research in context-awareness, adaptation, mobility, distributed applications and peer-to-peer computing, all of which relate to the sustainability of distributed applications and integrated systems. "Global electro-optic technology and markets." "Photonics technologies & solutions for technical professionals worldwide." A Focus on SLM and SLS Methods in 3D Printing is an indispensable collection of articles for anyone involved in additive manufacturing - from academics and researchers through to engineers and managers within the manufacturing industry. Radioactive particles have been released to the environment from a number of sources, including nuclear weapon tests, nuclear accidents and discharges from nuclear installations. Particle characteristics influence the mobility, biological uptake and effects of radionuclides, hence information on these characteristics is essential for assessing environmental impact and risks. This publication presents a series of papers covering sources and source term characterisation, methodologies for characterizing particles, and the impact of particles on the behaviour of radioactive particles in the environment. Sources covered include the Chernobyl accident, nuclear weapons accidents at Thule and Palomares accident, the discharges from Dounreay and Krashnoyarsk, and depleted uranium in Kosovo and Kuwait. The overall aim is that an increased understanding of particle characteristics and behavior will help to reduce some of the uncertainties in environmental impact and risk assessment for particle contaminated areas. Selected peer-reviewed full text papers from the 6th AMRMT, 4th MSME and 4th ICMMPM, 2021 Selected peer-reviewed full text papers from the 6th AMRMT, 4th MSME (both held on November 5, 2021, virtual) and 4th ICMMPM, 2021 (September 25-26, 2021, virtual) Adaptive Optics for Biological Imaging brings together groundbreaking research on the use of adaptive optics for biological imaging. The book builds on prior work in astronomy and vision science. Featuring contributions by leaders in this emerging field, it takes an interdisciplinary approach that makes the subject accessible to nonspecialists who want to use adaptive optics techniques in their own work in biology and bioengineering. Organized into three parts, the book covers principles, methods, and applications of adaptive optics for biological imaging, providing the reader with the following benefits: Gives a general overview of applied optics, including definitions and vocabulary, to lay a foundation for clearer communication across disciplines Explains what kinds of optical aberrations arise in imaging through various biological tissues, and what technology can be used to correct for these aberrations Explores research done with a variety of biological samples and imaging instruments, including wide-field, confocal, and two-photon microscopes Discusses both indirect wavefront sensing, which uses an iterative approach, and direct wavefront sensing, which uses a parallel approach Since the sample is an integral part of the optical system in biological imaging, the field will benefit from participation by biologists and biomedical researchers with expertise in applied optics. This book helps lower the barriers to entry for these researchers. It also guides readers in selecting the approach that works best for their own applications. The emergence of empirical approaches to L2 pronunciation research and teaching is a powerful fourth wave in the history of the field. Authored by two leading proponents of evidence-based instruction, this volume surveys both foundational and cutting-edge empirical work and pinpoints its ramifications for pedagogy. The authors begin by tracing the history of pronunciation instruction and explicating L2 phonetic learning processes. Subsequent chapters explore the themes, strengths, and ethical problems of the field through the lens of the intelligibility principle. The importance of error gravity, and the need for assessment and individualized instruction are highlighted, and the role of L2 accents in social contexts is probed. Material readily available elsewhere has been omitted in favour of an emphasis on the how, why, and when of pronunciation instruction. Anyone with an interest in L2 pronunciation—especially graduate students, language teachers, and experienced researchers—will find much value in this indispensable resource. This book presents firsthand insights into strategies and approaches for the commercial aerospace supply chain in response to the numerous changes that airlines, aircraft OEMs and their suppliers have experienced over the past few decades. In doing so, it investigates the entire product value chain. Accordingly, the chapters address the challenges of configuration and demand, and highlight the specificities of customization in the aviation industry. They analyze component manufacturing, share valuable insights into assembly and integration activities, and describe aftermarket business models. In order to ensure more varied and balanced coverage, the book includes contributions by researchers, suppliers, and experts and practitioners from consulting companies and the aircraft industry. Taken together, they provide a holistic perspective on the transformation drivers and the innovations that have either been implemented or will be adopted in the near future. The book introduces and describes new concepts and innovations such as 3D printing, E2E demand management, digital production, predictive maintenance and open innovation in general, supplementing them with sample industrial applications from the aviation sector. ITIL® Foundation Essentials is a distillation of the critical

information you need to understand the key facts for a successful exam. Sound Heritage is the first study of music in the historic house museum, featuring contributions from both music and heritage scholars and professionals in a richly interdisciplinary approach to central issues. It examines how music materials can be used to create narratives about past inhabitants and their surroundings - including aspects of social and cultural life beyond the activity of music making itself - and explores how music as sound, material, and practice can be more consistently and engagingly integrated into the curation and interpretation of historic houses. The volume is structured around a selection of thematic chapters and a series of shorter case studies, each focusing on a specific house, object or project. Key themes include: Different types of historic house, including the case of the composer or musician house; what can be learned from museums and galleries about the use of sound and music and what may not transfer to the historic house setting Musical instruments as part of a wider collection; questions of restoration and public use; and the demands of particular collection types such as sheet music Musical objects and pieces of music as storytelling components, and the use of music to affectively colour narratives or experiences. This is a pioneering study that will appeal to all those interested in the intersection between Music and Museum and Heritage Studies. It will also be of interest to scholars and researchers of Music History, Popular Music, Performance Studies and Material Culture. Presented here are 97 refereed papers given at the 37th MATADOR Conference held at The University of Manchester in July 2012. The MATADOR series of conferences covers the topics of Manufacturing Automation and Systems Technology, Applications, Design, Organisation and Management, and Research. The Proceedings of this Conference contain original papers contributed by researchers from many countries on different continents. The papers cover the principles, techniques and applications in aerospace, automotive, biomedical, energy, consumable goods and process industries. The papers in this volume reflect: the importance of manufacturing to international wealth creation; the emerging fields of micro- and nano-manufacture; the increasing trend towards the fabrication of parts using lasers; the growing demand for precision engineering and part inspection techniques, and the changing trends in manufacturing within a global environment. Gives ITIL Foundation candidates a comprehensive overview of the key elements, concepts and terminology used in the ITIL service lifecycle. This contributed volume contains the research results of the Cluster of Excellence "Integrative Production Technology for High-Wage Countries", funded by the German Research Society (DFG). The approach to the topic is genuinely interdisciplinary, covering insights from fields such as engineering, material sciences, economics and social sciences. The book contains coherent deterministic models for integrative product creation chains as well as harmonized cybernetic models of production systems. The content is structured into five sections: Integrative Production Technology, Individualized Production, Virtual Production Systems, Integrated Technologies, Self-Optimizing Production Systems and Collaboration Productivity. The target audience primarily comprises research experts and practitioners in the field of production engineering, but the book may also be beneficial for graduate students. This volume deals with land degradation, which is occurring in almost all terrestrial biomes and agro-ecologies, in both low and high income countries and is stretching to about 30% of the total global land area. About three billion people reside in these degraded lands. However, the impact of land degradation is especially severe on livelihoods of the poor who heavily depend on natural resources. The annual global cost of land degradation due to land use and cover change (LUCC) and lower cropland and rangeland productivity is estimated to be about 300 billion USD. Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) accounts for the largest share (22%) of the total global cost of land degradation. Only about 38% of the cost of land degradation due to LUCC - which accounts for 78% of the US\$300 billion loss - is borne by land users and the remaining share (62%) is borne by consumers of ecosystem services off the farm. The results in this volume indicate that reversing land degradation trends makes both economic sense, and has multiple social and environmental benefits. On average, one US dollar investment into restoration of degraded land returns five US dollars. The findings of the country case studies call for increased investments into the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands, including through such institutional and policy measures as strengthening community participation for sustainable land management, enhancing government effectiveness and rule of law, improving access to markets and rural services, and securing land tenure. The assessment in this volume has been conducted at a time when there is an elevated interest in private land investments and when global efforts to achieve sustainable development objectives have intensified. In this regard, the results of this volume can contribute significantly to the ongoing policy debate and efforts to design strategies for achieving sustainable development goals and related efforts to address land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. The legacy of the 1980s P.105 Learn about the theory, techniques and applications of wavefront shaping in biomedical imaging using this unique text. With authoritative contributions from researchers who are defining the field, cutting-edge theory is combined with real-world practical examples, experimental data and the latest research trends to provide the first book-level treatment of the subject. It is suitable for both background reading and use in a course, with coverage of essential topics such as adaptive optical microscopy, deep tissue microscopy, time reversal and optical phase conjugation, and tomography. The latest images from the forefront of biomedical imaging are included, and full-colour versions are available in the eBook version. Researchers, practitioners and graduate students in optics,

biophotonics, biomedical engineering, and biology who use biomedical imaging tools and are looking to advance their knowledge of the subject will find this an indispensable resource. Selective Laser Melting (SLM), also referred to as Laser Powder Bed Fusion (L-PBF), offers significant advantages for the manufacturing of complex, high-quality parts. However, its market share is still small compared to conventional manufacturing technologies. Major drawbacks hindering an industrial ramp-up are low productivity, high part costs and issues with quality and reproducibility. Comprehensive research has been done to overcome these challenges, but little attention has been paid to addressing them by optimizing the laser beam profile. Therefore, the author examines the effect of the laser beam profile on the productivity and process stability through both numerical and experimental investigations. The results show clear advantages an optimized laser beam profile offers. This study was conducted with the objective of determining the returns to sustainable land management (SLM) at the national level in Bhutan. The study first uses satellite data on land change (Landsat) to examine land use change in 1990–2010 and its impact on sediment loading in hydroelectric power plants. The study then uses the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) model to analyze the impact of land use change and land management on sediment loading. The results from the land use change and SWAT analyses are used to assess the economic benefits of SLM. This practical and comprehensive handbook offers step-by-step instruction, guiding entrepreneurs of innovative technology startups all the way from idea to profitability. With its easy-to-follow format aimed at both experienced as well as novice entrepreneurs, this book covers all technical, financial, legal, and governmental hurdles facing startups. It discusses common causes of business failure and points out the pitfalls to avoid in getting innovative technology successfully to market. The Handbook of Neurophotonics provides a dedicated overview of neurophotonics, covering the use of advanced optical technologies to record, stimulate, and control the activity of the brain, yielding new insight and advantages over conventional tools due to the adaptability and non-invasive nature of light. Including 32 colour figures, this book addresses functional studies of neurovascular signaling, metabolism, electrical excitation, and hemodynamics, as well as clinical applications for imaging and manipulating brain structure and function. The unifying theme throughout is not only to highlight the technology, but to show how these novel methods are becoming critical to breakthroughs that will lead to advances in our ability to manage and treat human diseases of the brain. Key Features: Provides the first dedicated book on state-of-the-art optical techniques for sensing and imaging across at the cellular, molecular, network, and whole brain levels. Highlights how the methods are used for measurement, control, and tracking of molecular events in live neuronal cells, both in basic research and clinical practice. Covers the entire spectrum of approaches, from optogenetics to functional methods, photostimulation, optical dissection, multiscale imaging, microscopy, and structural imaging. Includes chapters that show use of voltage-sensitive dye imaging, hemodynamic imaging, multiphoton imaging, temporal multiplexing, multiplane microscopy, optoacoustic imaging, near-infrared spectroscopy, and miniature neuroimaging devices to track cortical brain activity. Continuing in the steps of its predecessors, the fourth edition of Practical Holography provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date resource available. Focused on practical techniques in holography at all levels, it avoids any unnecessary mathematical theory. Features of the Fourth Edition Highlights new information on color holograms, sensitive materials, and state-of-the-art processing techniques Includes new chapters and revisions integrating information on digital holography Adds a new appendix on the methods of non-holographic 3D imaging Restores and updates the glossary of terms Outlines a timeline for holography, from the beginnings of understanding the wave model for light up to the present day After nearly 12 years since the previous edition, this book is a vital manual and reference for holography professionals and enthusiasts. It is designed for the scientist, technologist, artist, and serious hobbyist alike, covering every aspect of the field from basic set-up to use of available instruments. The 30-volume set, comprising the LNCS books 12346 until 12375, constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 16th European Conference on Computer Vision, ECCV 2020, which was planned to be held in Glasgow, UK, during August 23-28, 2020. The conference was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 1360 revised papers presented in these proceedings were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 5025 submissions. The papers deal with topics such as computer vision; machine learning; deep neural networks; reinforcement learning; object recognition; image classification; image processing; object detection; semantic segmentation; human pose estimation; 3d reconstruction; stereo vision; computational photography; neural networks; image coding; image reconstruction; object recognition; motion estimation. This book discusses a new method for the design and engineering of complex façades. Based on the file-to-factory concept, the method combines parametric design approaches and additive manufacturing. Parametric design and additive manufacturing are both growing trends that open up new possibilities. Parametric design approaches change how planners / designers perceive building details. Further, new engineering concepts are needed to cope with the increasing complexity of architectural geometries due to the rapid developments in areas such as façade systems, modeling software and digital manufacturing techniques. Including contributions from a team of world-renowned international scholars, this volume is a state-of-the-art survey of second language speech research, showcasing new empirical studies alongside critical reviews of existing influential speech learning models. It presents a revised version of Flege's Speech Learning Model (SLM-r) for the first time,

an update on a cornerstone of second language research. Chapters are grouped into five thematic areas: theoretical progress, segmental acquisition, acquiring suprasegmental features, accentedness and acoustic features, and cognitive and psychological variables. Every chapter provides new empirical evidence, offering new insights as well as challenges on aspects of the second language speech acquisition process. Comprehensive in its coverage, this book summarises the state of current research in second language phonology, and aims to shape and inspire future research in the field. It is an essential resource for academic researchers and students of second language acquisition, applied linguistics and phonetics and phonology. Land degradation reduces food productivity and security, disrupts vital ecosystem functions and increases carbon emissions and vulnerability to climate change. 52 percent of the land used for agriculture worldwide is estimated to already be affected. Studies indicate that land degradation directly affects 1.5 billion people around the world. Despite the seriousness of the issue, there is still limited access to resources and planning tools for sustainable land management. Between 2015 to 2019, FAO implemented the project "Decision support for mainstreaming and scaling up of sustainable land management (DS-SLM)" at a global level across 15 countries. The aim of the project was to improve access to information on land management best practices. The final evaluation examines the impacts and sustainability of the project results. What has contributed to, or hindered, the implementation of the planned activities? What has been the effect of linkages and partnerships between the project and other major country initiatives? Measurement models developed by Georg Rasch are renowned in the social sciences. In this introduction, the focus is on the simple logistic model, which is one of the most elementary and commonly used. The author explains the general principles behind the models, and demonstrates their procedures for measurement. Comparisons are made with other more widely-used models. Throughout the text, an example from a personality inventory is used to provide continuity as the statistical arguments are presented and procedures explained. Sri Lanka Malay shows extreme language contact: Malay phonology and lexicon are squared with clearly Indian morphosyntax and semantics. Historical, anthropological, typological and structural approaches shed light on the complex genesis and rapid evolution of this language. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the leading international body for assessing the science related to climate change. It provides policymakers with regular assessments of the scientific basis of human-induced climate change, its impacts and future risks, and options for adaptation and mitigation. This IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL) is the most comprehensive and up-to-date scientific assessment of the multiple interactions between climate change and land, assessing climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems. It assesses the options for governance and decision-making across multiple scales. It serves policymakers, decision makers, stakeholders, and all interested parties with unbiased, up-to-date, policy-relevant information. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core. PCNNs represent a new advance in imaging technology, allowing images to be refined to levels well beyond that of the original. This volume provides an introduction to the topic by reviewing the theoretical foundations as well as a number of image processing applications, including segmentation, edge extraction, texture extraction, object identification, object isolation, motion processing, noise suppression, and image fusion. This is the first book to cover PCNN technology, an area which will have many applications in medical, military and industrial imaging. With the advent of consumer-market Virtual Reality (VR) technology, the next revolution in visual entertainment is already on the horizon: real VR will enable us to experience live-action movies, sports broadcasts, concert videos, etc. in true visual (and aural) immersion. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the algorithms and methods that make it possible to immerse into real-world recordings. It brings together the expertise of internationally renowned experts from academia and industry who present the state of the art in this fascinating, interdisciplinary new research field. Written by and for scientists, engineers, and practitioners, this book is the definitive reference for anyone interested in finding out about how to import the real world into head-mounted displays. This book deals with the latest achievements in the field of optical coherent microscopy. While many other books exist on microscopy and imaging, this book provides a unique resource dedicated solely to this subject. Similarly, many books describe applications of holography, interferometry and speckle to metrology but do not focus on their use for microscopy. The coherent light microscopy reference provided here does not focus on the experimental mechanics of such techniques but instead is meant to provide a users manual to illustrate the strengths and capabilities of developing techniques. The areas of application of this technique are in biomedicine, medicine, life sciences, nanotechnology and materials sciences.