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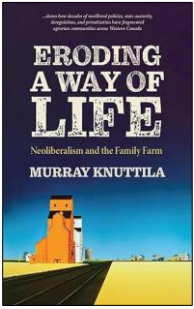
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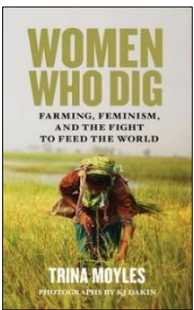
## Agriculture



### Eroding a Way of Life: Neoliberalism and the Family Farm

Murray Knuttila 🍁 (University of Regina Press)

Decades of neoliberal policies, state austerity, deregulation, and privatization have fragmented agrarian communities across Western Canada, a process hastened by the advent of the capitalization of machinery and high-input industrial farming. Analyzing the history of prairie agriculture through the lenses of class, federal policies, and global capitalism, Knuttila describes the physical, social, and political reordering of the countryside and the resulting human costs paid by farmers, labourers, and families.



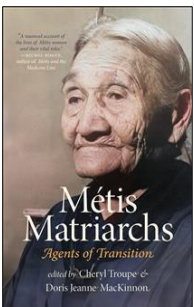
### Women Who Dig: Farming, Feminism, and the Fight to Feed the World

Trina Moyes (University of Regina Press)

Weaving together the narratives of female farmers from across three continents, *Women Who Dig* offers a critical look at how women are responding to and rising up against the injustices of the global food system. The book examines gender roles, access to land, domestic violence, maternal health, political and economic marginalization, and a rapidly changing climate. It also demonstrates the power of collective action and explores the ways women are responding to the barriers they face in providing the world a healthy diet.

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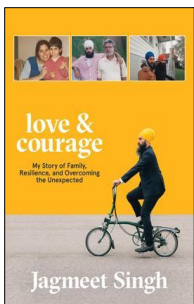
## Biographies



### Métis Matriarchs: Agents of Transition

Cheryl Troupe 🍁, Doris Jeanne MacKinnon 🍁 (University of Regina Press)

An edited collection that provides an opportunity to learn about the significant contributions made by Métis women during a transitional period in Western Canadian history. This collection of stories delves into the ways Métis matriarchs responded to colonial and settler colonial interventions into their lives and livelihoods to ultimately ensure their communities' cultural endurance.



### Love & Courage: My Story of Family, Resilience, and Overcoming the Unexpected

Jagmeet Singh 🍁 (Simon & Shuster)

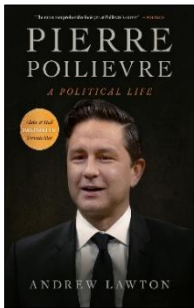
Who is Jagmeet Singh? And why 'love and courage'?" This memoir is Jagmeet's answer to those questions. In it, we are invited to walk with him through childhood to adulthood as he learns powerful, moving, and sometimes traumatic lessons about hardship, addiction, and the impact of not belonging. We meet his strong family, including his mother, who teaches him that "we are all one; we are all connected," a valuable lesson that has shaped who he is today.



### **One: A Story of Hope in Our Time**

Devon Clunis 🍁 (Self-Published)

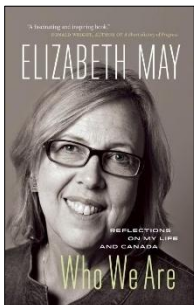
An inspiring autobiography by Devon Clunis, chronicling his remarkable journey from a small village in Jamaica to becoming Canada's first Black Chief of Police and later the inaugural Inspector General of Policing for Ontario. This deeply personal narrative reveals how his faith and dedication to improving the lives of others were central to everything he did, both in his career and personal life.



### **Pierre Poilievre: A Political Life**

Andrew Lawton 🍁 (Sutherland House Books)

When Pierre Poilievre was elected leader of Canada's Conservative party in 2022, he vowed to put Canadians back in control of their own lives. In *Pierre Poilievre: A Political Life*, journalist Andrew Lawton chronicles Poilievre's life, career, and his unique brand of conservatism which has galvanized supporters and detractors alike. The portrait that emerges is of a radically authentic yet intensely calculating individual who has been plotting his path to be Canada's prime minister since he was a teenager.



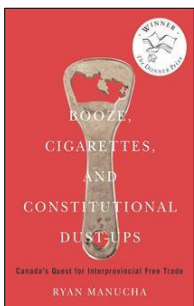
### **Who We Are: Reflections on My Life in Canada**

Elizabeth May 🍁 (Greystone Books)

In this marriage of memoir and manifesto, Elizabeth May reflects on her extraordinary life and the people and experiences that have formed her and informed her beliefs about democracy, climate change, and other crucial issues facing Canadians. The book traces her development from child activist who warned other children not to eat snow because it contained Strontium 90 to waitress and cook on Cape Breton Island to law student, lawyer, and environmentalist and finally to leader of the Green Party and first elected Green Party Member of Parliament.

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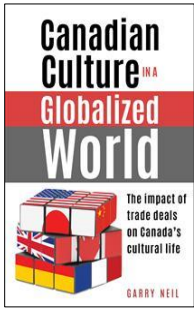
## **Commerce and Trade**



### **Booze, Cigarettes, and Constitutional Dust-Ups: Canada's Quest for Interprovincial Free Trade**

Ryan Manucha 🍁 (McGill-Queen's University Press)

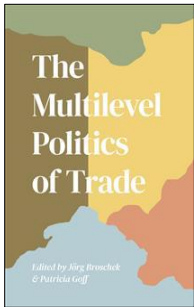
Winner of the Donnor Prize for the best book on Public Policy 2022. Ryan Manucha examines the historical, political, and legal forces that gave rise to the regulation of interprovincial commerce in Canada, the trade-offs that come with liberalized domestic free trade, and Canada's enduring pursuit of economic union.



## **Canadian Culture in a Globalized World: The Impact of Trade Deals on Canada's Cultural Life**

Garry Neil (James Lorimer & Company)

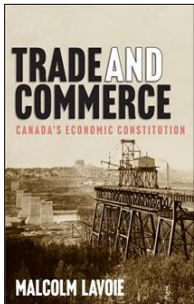
Since the first trade deal with the US in 1987, Canada has insisted on a "cultural exemption" to ensure that governments were free to protect Canadian culture and to restrict foreign ownership and limit foreign content in the media. However, Canadian cultural policies and programs have been steadily restricted by successive trade deals. In this book, the author explains how this has happened, and what needs to be done for Canada to maintain our cultural sovereignty.



## **The Multilevel Politics of Trade**

Ed. Jorg Broschek and Patricia Goff 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

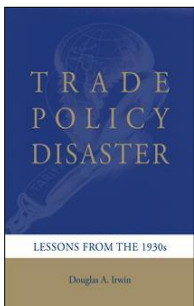
This book presents a timely comparative analysis of eight federations (plus the European Union) to explore why some sub-federal actors have become more active in trade politics in recent years. As the contributing authors find, there is considerable variation in the intensity and modes of sub-federal participation. This they attribute to three key factors: the distinctive institutional features of federal systems; the nature and scope of trade policy and trade agreements; and the extent of social mobilization that accompanies a particular trade policy conversation.



## **Trade and Commerce: Canada's Economic Constitution**

Malcolm Lavoie 🍁 (McGill-Queen's University Press)

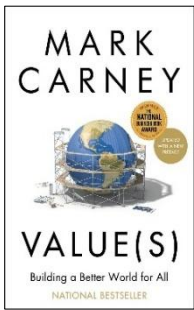
Exploring the implications of the economic Constitution in the context of contemporary issues – including disputes over interprovincial trade and jurisdictional tensions between federal, provincial, and Indigenous governments with respect to the environment and the economy – *Trade and Commerce* restores economic ideas to the forefront of constitutional thinking in Canada.



## **Trade Policy Disaster: Lessons From the 1930s**

Douglas A. Irwin (MIT Press)

The Depression of the 1930s was marked by the spread of protectionist trade policies, which contributed to a collapse in world trade. Although policymakers today claim that they will resist the protectionist temptation, recessions are breeding grounds for economic nationalism, and countries may yet consider imposing higher trade barriers. In *Trade Policy Disaster*, Douglas Irwin examines what we know about trade policy during the traumatic decade of the 1930s and considers what we can learn from the policy missteps of the time.



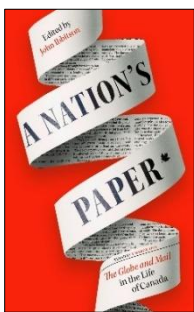
### **Values (s) : Building a Better World for All**

Mark Carney 🍁 (McClelland & Stewart)

Drawing on the turmoil of the past decade, Mark Carney shows how "market economies" have evolved into "market societies" where price determines the value of everything. Carney offers a vision of a more humane society and a practical manifesto for getting there. How we reform our infrastructure to make things better and fairer is at the heart of every chapter, with outlines of new ideas that can restructure society and enshrine our human values at the core of all that we build.

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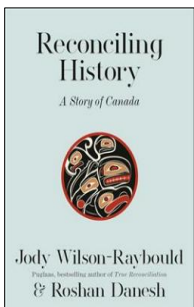
## History and Heritage



### **A Nation's Paper: The Globe and Mail in the Life of Canada**

John Ibbitson 🍁 (McClelland & Stewart)

From Canada's newspaper of 180 years, comes thirty-one brilliant and provocative essays by a diverse selection of their writers. Learn how *The Globe and Mail* covered and influenced major events and issues from the paper's founding to the latest file. Riveting, insightful, disturbing, witty, and always a joy to read, *A Nation's Paper* chronicles a country and a newspaper that have grown and struggled together.



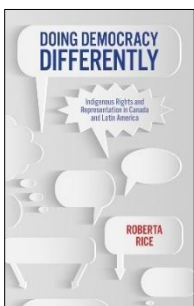
### **Reconciling History: A Story of Canada**

Jody Wilson-Raybould 🍁, Roshan Danesh 🍁 (McClelland & Stewart)

A truly unique history of our land as told through the voices of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. *Reconciling History* shares voices that have seldom been heard, and in this ground-breaking book they are telling and re-telling history from their perspectives. Born out of the oral history in *True Reconciliation*, *Reconciling History* takes this approach to telling our collective story to an entirely different level.

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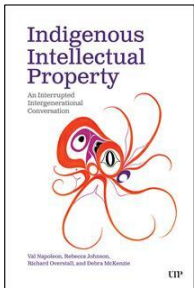
## Indigenous Peoples



### **Doing Democracy Differently: Indigenous Rights and Representation in Canada and Latin America**

Roberta Rice 🍁 (University of Calgary Press)

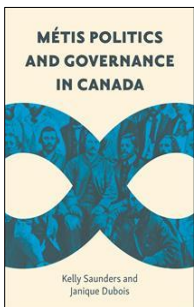
Based on the comparison of four success stories across Northern Canada, Bolivia, and Ecuador, this book provides real-world examples of how Indigenous autonomy and self-determination may be successfully advanced using existing democratic mechanisms. Drawing on original research, the book argues that the capacity for democratic innovation lies within the realm of civil society while the possibility for uptake of such innovation is found within the state and its willingness to work with Indigenous and popular actors.



### **Indigenous Intellectual Property: An Interrupted Intergenerational Conversation**

Ed. Val Napoleon et al. 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

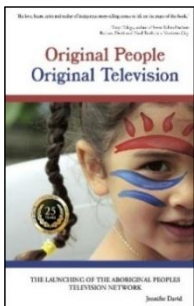
This book features complex discussions about existing Indigenous intellectual property law, and avoids the tendency to pigeonhole Indigenous IP into a Western legal model. Using case studies, the book carefully considers how current practices and beliefs do not meet the unique needs of Indigenous intellectual property. Ultimately, *Indigenous Intellectual Property* reveals the various ways in which to identify and understand law within Indigenous societies – through narrative and story analysis, observations of practices and ceremonies, and political and legal ordering.



### **Métis Politics and Governance in Canada**

Kelly Saunders 🍁, Janique Dubois 🍁 (University of British Columbia Press)

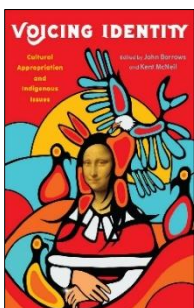
This unique book offers a practical guide for understanding who the Métis are and the challenges they face on the path to self-government. Drawing on the Métis language, the authors demonstrate how the Métis have adapted their governance structures within the Canadian state context to meet the everyday needs of Métis citizens. Kelly Saunders and Janique Dubois draw on interviews with Elders, leaders, and community members to reveal how the Métis are giving life to Louis Riel's vision of a self-governing Métis Nation within Canada.



### **Original People, Original Television: The Launching of the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network**

Jennifer David 🍁 (Theytus Books)

A behind-the-scenes account of a little-known revolution in Canadian broadcasting—a journey begun in 1922 with Nanook of the North, wending its way across generations and the width and breadth of the traditional territories of the Inuit, First Nations and Métis; culminating in the 1999 launch of the world's inaugural Indigenous-led broadcast, the Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network.



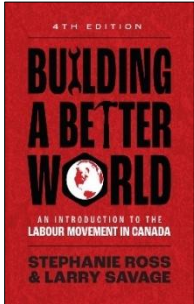
### **Voicing Identity: Cultural Appropriation and Indigenous Issues**

Ed. John Borrows 🍁, Kent McNeil 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

Written by leading Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars, *Voicing Identity* examines the issue of cultural appropriation in the contexts of researching, writing, and teaching about Indigenous peoples. Bringing together contributors with diverse backgrounds and unique experiences, *Voicing Identity* will be of interest to students and scholars studying Indigenous issues as well as anyone seeking to engage in the work of making Canada a model for just relations between the original peoples and newcomers.

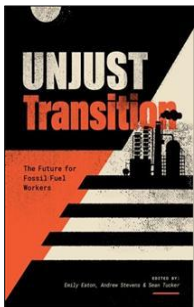


## Labour and Employment



**Building a Better World: An Introduction to the Labour Movement in Canada, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.**  
Stephanie Ross 🍁, Larry Savage 🍁 (Fernwood Publishing)

This book offers a comprehensive introductory overview of Canada’s labour movement. It explores why workers form unions; assesses their organization and democratic potential; examines issues related to collective bargaining, grievances and strike activity; charts the historical development of labour unions; and describes the gains unions have achieved for their members and all working people. This new and expanded edition also analyzes the challenges facing today’s labour movement as a result of COVID-19 and the strategies being developed to overcome them.

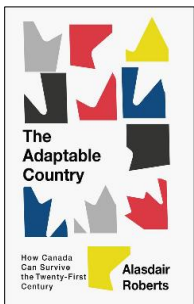


**Unjust Transition: The Future for Fossil Fuel Workers**  
Ed. Emily Eaton 🍁, Andrew Stevens 🍁, Sean Tucker 🍁 (Fernwood Publishing)

In 2019, Regina’s Co-op Refinery Complex (CRC) locked out Unifor Local 594 after collective bargaining negotiations failed. The lockout demonstrates what a “just transition” means to fossil fuel corporations: rollbacks of collective bargaining, worker rights, cooperative spirit and environmental justice. This book argues that solidarity between unions and community movements is necessary to make the transition away from fossil fuels a just one.

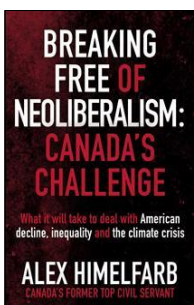
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## Political Science



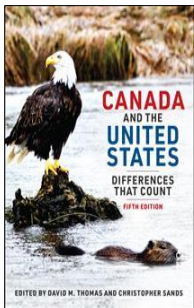
**The Adaptable Country: How Canada Can Survive the Twenty-First Century**  
Alasdair Roberts 🍁 (McGill-Queen’s University Press)

The Adaptable Country outlines straightforward reforms to improve adaptability and reminds us about the bigger picture: in a turbulent world, authoritarian rule is a tempting path to security. Canada’s challenge is to show how political systems built to respect diversity and human rights can also respond nimbly to existential threats.



**Breaking Free of Neoliberalism: Canada’s Challenge: What It Will Take to Deal with American Decline, Inequality and the Climate Crisis**  
Alex Himelfarb 🍁 (James Lorimer & Company)

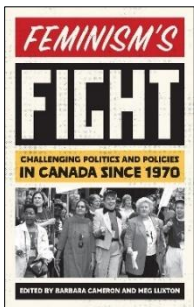
Neoliberalism – free market capitalism and the view that “freedom” is society’s highest value – has become embedded in the fabric of Canadian government and society. Yet the experiences of the last decade in Canada and internationally have demonstrated the emptiness of neoliberalism and demonstrated the crucial role government plays in society.



### **Canada and the United States: Differences that Count, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.**

Ed. David Thomas 🍁, Christopher Sands 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

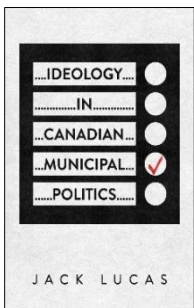
This book explains why and how Canada and the United States are still so different. It discusses whether or not these differences are growing, the key results of such differences, and the major challenges to be faced in each system. Focusing on institutions, political cultures, and social values, the book shows how both federal systems are extremely complex and how our institutions, cultures, and historical experiences often lead to very different outcomes. The fifth edition discusses the emergence of vital new issues, including the pandemic and its effects, climate change, energy requirements, vastly increasing international tensions, and new trade problems.



### **Feminism's Fight: Challenging Politics and Policies in Canada Since 1970**

Ed. Barbara Cameron 🍁, Meg Luxton 🍁 (University of British Columbia Press)

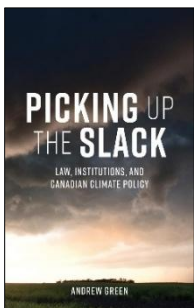
*Feminism's Fight* explores and assesses feminist strategies to advance gender justice for women through Canadian federal policy over the past fifty years, from the 1970 Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women to the present. It tells the crucial story of a transformation in how feminism has been treated by governments and asks how new ways of organizing and new alliances can advance a feminist agenda of social and economic equality.



### **Ideology in Canadian Municipal Politics**

Jack Lucas 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

In *Ideology in Canadian Municipal Politics*, Jack Lucas investigates municipal ideology in Canada. Using data from original surveys of municipal politicians and the Canadian public, the book reveals how municipal politics is clearly structured by left-right ideology. It shows that municipal politicians represent their constituents' ideological preferences quite well: they understand their constituents' ideological perspectives, they align with their constituents' preferences, and they are elected in part because of their ideological alignment with voters.



### **Picking Up the Slack: Law, Institutions, and Climate Policy**

Andrew Green 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

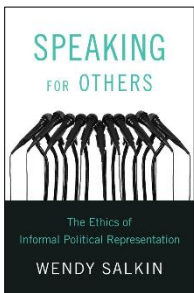
In *Picking Up the Slack*, Andrew Green draws together different perspectives on the challenge facing Canada to offer an accessible account of the ideas and institutions that have impeded climate change action. This book embraces the complexity of the problem, showing that its sources lie deep in Canada's institutional arrangements – pointing to the role played by federal-provincial power sharing arrangements, the heavy reliance on discretion in Canadian law, the role of the courts, and the impact of social norms. Working from a broad perspective Green unpacks the features of Canadian policy making that determine the successes and failures of climate policies.



## **Recoding America: Why Government is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better**

Jennifer Pahlka (Macmillan)

Governments at all levels have limped into the digital age, offering online services that can feel even more cumbersome than the paperwork that preceded them. This is widening the gap between the policy outcomes we intend and what we get. But there is an approach taking hold that keeps pace with today's world and reclaims government for the people it is supposed to serve. Jennifer Pahlka shows why we must stop trying to move the government we have today onto new technology and instead consider what it would mean to truly recode American government.



## **Speaking for Others: The Ethics of Informal Political Representation**

Wendy Salkin (Harvard University Press)

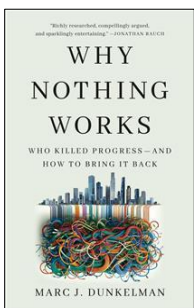
Political representation is typically assumed to be the purview of formal institutions and elected officials. But many of the people who represent us are not senators or city councillors—think of Martin Luther King, Jr., or Malala Yousafzai or even a neighbor who speaks up at a school board meeting. Informal political representatives are in fact ubiquitous, often powerful, and some bear enormous responsibility. In *Speaking for Others*, political philosopher Wendy Salkin develops the first systematic conceptual and moral analysis of informal political representation.



## **The Trudeau Record: Promise V. Performance: 25 Independent Experts Assess Key Issues From Housing to Health Care**

Ed. Katherine Scott 🍁, Laura Macdonald 🍁, Stuart Trew 🍁 (James Lorimer & Company)

Independent experts analyze the performance of Justin Trudeau's years in power in over 20 important areas of government policy. The focus is on six policy areas: Indigenous rights, governance and housing; the environment and energy; taxes and spending; healthcare and social benefits; foreign policy, immigration, and trade; and social policy including drug reform, labour rights, and racism.

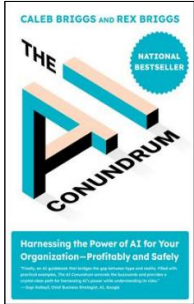


## **Why Nothing Works: Who Killed Progress – and How to Bring it Back**

Marc J. Dunkelman (PublicAffairs)

Marc J. Dunkelman vividly illustrates what progressives must do if they are going to break through today's paralysis and restore, once again, confidence in democratically elected government. Progressivism's success moving forward hinges on the movement's willingness to rediscover its roots.

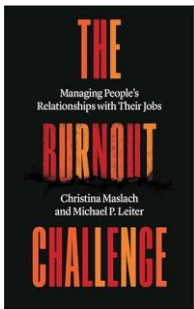
## Professional Development



### **The AI Conundrum: Harnessing the Power of AI For Your Organization Profitably and Safely**

Caleb Briggs, Rex Briggs (The MIT Press)

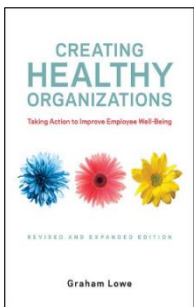
Artificial intelligence can recognize a pattern from any set of data it is given, which is what makes it such an extraordinarily powerful tool. But because not all patterns are authentic or reliable, AI's pattern-finding superpower can lead to spurious patterns—and to disastrous results for business and government entities that rely on them. Targeting the businessperson who needs to know how to use AI profitably and responsibly, Caleb Briggs and Rex Briggs offer in this book a foundational understanding of AI that is easy to grasp yet thorough enough to be used effectively.



### **The Burnout Challenge: Managing People's Relationships with Their Jobs**

Christina Maslach, Michael P. Leiter (Harvard University Press)

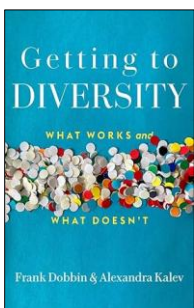
Citing a wealth of research data and drawing on illustrative anecdotes, *The Burnout Challenge* shows how organizations can change to promote sustainable productivity. Maslach and Leiter provide useful tools for identifying the signs of employee burnout, most often exhaustion, cynicism, and ineffectiveness. They also advise managers on assembling and interpreting worker self-evaluation surveys, which can reveal workplace problems and potential solutions. And when it comes to implementing change, Maslach and Leiter offer practical, evidence-driven guidance.



### **Creating Healthy Organizations: Taking Action to Improve Employee Well-Being**

Graham Lowe 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

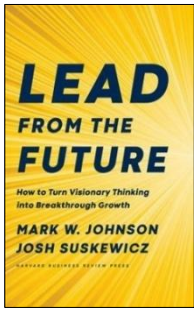
How can you future proof your organization by making it humanly sustainable? *Creating Healthy Organizations* answers this question, showing how to forge stronger links between employee well-being and the future success of any organization. The book makes a compelling case for resilient and humanly sustainable businesses by focusing on improving employees' well-being.



### **Getting to Diversity: What Works and What Doesn't**

Frank Dobbin, Alexandra Kalev (Belknap: An Imprint of Harvard University Press)

Management experts Frank Dobbin and Alexandra Kalev sift through decades of data to show why workplace diversity training fails and what works. Arguing that it's time to focus on changing systems rather than individuals, the authors make data-driven recommendations for diversifying management and creating workplaces where everyone can thrive.

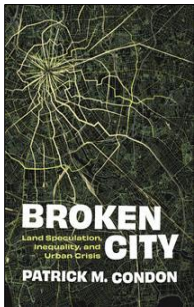


## **Lead from the Future: How to Turn Visionary Thinking into Breakthrough Growth**

Mark Johnson, Josh Suskewicz (Harvard Business Review Press)

In *Lead from the Future*, Mark W. Johnson and Josh Suskewicz introduce a new way of thinking and managing, called "future-back", that enables any manager to become a practical visionary. Addressing the many barriers to change that exist in established organizations, they present a systematic approach to overcoming them.

## Social Issues



## **Broken City: Land Speculation, Inequality, and Urban Crisis**

Patrick Condon 🍁 (University of British Columbia Press)

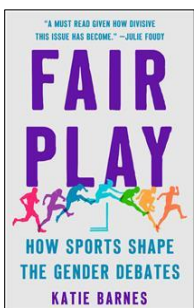
Condon offers several examples of how cities have reclaimed land wealth from speculators and individuals for the common good. The author proposes a range of solutions, from ambitious ones like increasing land value taxes to quicker fixes like incentivizing construction of affordable homes, all inspired by real-world examples. Condon envisions a future where such efforts are prioritized, and land value, no longer driven by speculative investment, supports housing for the people who need it.



## **Decolonizing Sport**

Ed. Janice Forsyth et al. 🍁 (Fernwood Publishing)

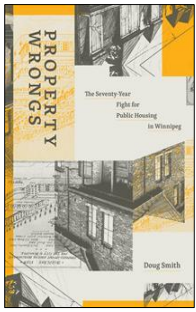
Decolonizing Sport tells the stories of sport colonizing Indigenous Peoples and of Indigenous Peoples using sport to decolonize themselves. Spanning several lands, including Turtle Island, the US, Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Kenya, the authors demonstrate the two sharp edges of sport in the history of colonialism. This collection stands apart from recent publications in the area of sport with its focus on Indigenous Peoples, sport and decolonization.



## **Fair Play: How Sports Shape the Gender Debates**

Katie Barnes (St. Martin's Press)

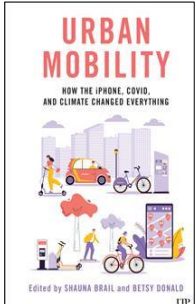
For decades women have been playing competitive sports, thanks in large part to the protective cover of Title IX. Since the passage of that law, the number of women participating in sports and the level of competition in high school, college and professionally, has risen dramatically. In *Fair Play*, award-winning journalist Katie Barnes traces the evolution of women's sports as a pastime and a political arena where equality and fairness have been fought over for generations.



### **Property Wrongs: The Seventy-Year Fight for Public Housing in Winnipeg**

Doug Smith 🍁 (Fernwood Publishing)

Until 1969, the City of Winnipeg had undertaken only two public housing projects even though the failure of the market to provide adequate housing for low-income Winnipeggers had been apparent since the beginning of the century. In this way, the struggle for public housing was also a struggle for democracy. Today, the struggle to protect and expand the provision of non-profit housing is undermined by the rupture in political memory and the forgotten history of public housing in the city.



### **Urban Mobility: How the iPhone, COVID, and Climate Changed Everything**

Ed. Shauna Brail 🍁, Betsy Donald 🍁 (University of Toronto Press)

*Urban Mobility* sheds light on mobility in twenty-first century Canadian cities. The book explores the profound changes associated with technological innovation, pandemic-induced impacts on travel behaviour, and the urgent need for mobility to meaningfully respond to the climate crisis. It concludes that the path forward requires good public policy from all levels of government, working in partnership with the private sector and non-profits to direct and address the best urban mobility framework for Canadian cities.