International Handbook on Mega-Projects

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This comprehensive and accessible Handbook presents state-of-the-art research on the decision-making processes in the delivery of mega-projects – large infrastructure projects for the transportation of people and/or goods.

‘This book excels in its coverage of political, social, economic and environmental factors affecting megaprojects. Both novices and those experienced in project management will find this a useful resource for understanding the dynamics and decision-making process in megaprojects.’

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‘This is an invaluable volume for all those engaged in megaproject work. It is presented by two leading academics in the field of transport infrastructure who have managed to pull together a very interesting set of contributions prepared by numerous highly qualified academics from across the globe specializing in the planning, appraisal and evaluation of megaprojects. The art and science of decision-making and assessing the impacts of such projects are thoroughly discussed with a view to offering future decision-makers a better steer on the development of such projects. Likely to be of immense importance to practicing professionals, bureaucrats and academics alike concerned with megaproject development, this book examines with great skill and clarity key issues associated with strategic decision-making, public–private partnership arrangements and the application of cost–benefit analysis to megaprojects. Spurred-on by globalization and increasing in their number, size and complexity, the challenges that megaprojects pose are likely to grow paradoxically both in times of economic growth and austerity. Given these circumstances, the publication of this book is very timely, much needed and highly recommended.’

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