The Russian FSB
A Concise History of the Federal Security Service
Kevin P. Riehle

An introduction to Putin’s formidable intelligence and security organization

Since its founding in 1995, the FSB, Russia’s Federal Security Service, has regained the majority of the domestic security functions of the Soviet-era KGB. Under Vladimir Putin, who served as FSB director just before becoming president, the agency has grown to be one of the most powerful and favored organizations in Russia. The FSB not only conducts internal security but also has primacy in intelligence operations in former Soviet states. Their activities include anti-dissident operations at home and abroad, counterintelligence, counterterrorism, criminal investigations of crimes against the state, and guarding Russia’s borders.

In The Russian FSB, Kevin P. Riehle provides a brief history of the FSB’s origins, placed within the context of Russian history, the government’s power structure, and Russia’s wider culture. He describes how the FSB’s mindset and priorities show continuities from the tsarist regimes and the Soviet era. The book’s chapters analyze origins, organizational structure, missions, leaders, international partners, and cultural representations such as the FSB in film and television.

Based on both English and Russian sources, this book is a well-researched introduction to understanding the FSB and its central role in Putin’s Russia.

Kevin P. Riehle is lecturer in intelligence and security studies at Brunel University London. He also spent over 30 years in the US government as a counterintelligence analyst. He is the author of two previous books, including Soviet Defectors: Revelations of Renegade Intelligence Officers, 1924-1954 (2020).

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Covers a major present-day intelligence service that is frequently in the news and is a principal rival service from the US perspective.
• Provides a level of detail about the Russian Federal Security Service not available elsewhere in English.
• A concise book for a quick introduction or course use.
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Beyond Eureka!
The Rocky Roads to Innovating
Marylene Delbourg-Delphis
Foreword by Guy Kawasaki

A radical new perspective on innovation to help aspiring entrepreneurs avoid common pitfalls

One of the biggest problems faced by entrepreneurs and corporate executives alike is the conflation of entrepreneurship with innovation. The quest for innovation is often misguided by a variety of mantras, clichés and proclamations, often infused with notions of disruption and delusions of grandeur.

Beyond Eureka! debunks the myths and conventional wisdom surrounding innovation, revealing its complex, non-linear nature and identifying ways to avoid common pitfalls. Serial entrepreneur Delbourg-Delphis first defines innovation as the implementation of something new that is developed for and commercialized in a marketplace. She uses various case studies—both smaller scale and well-known—to unpack the common misconceptions surrounding innovation and guide entrepreneurs through the uncertainty of innovating in a potential market rather than a pre-existing one.

Beyond Eureka! brings a new perspective to understanding the nature and practice of innovation based on the author’s extensive experience, historical knowledge, and conceptual analysis. Innovators, whether entrepreneurs or the strategic leadership teams of established companies, will benefit from the insights and guidance.

Marylene Delbourg-Delphis is one of the first European women to have founded (with Guy Kawasaki) a technology company in Silicon Valley. The CEO of three additional companies in succession, she has also helped over 30 companies as a “shadow” CEO, board member, and strategy advisor. In 2018, she was awarded the Legion of Honor, the highest French order of merit for military and civil accomplishments.

HIGHLIGHTS:
• Uncovers the myths and misconceptions that have led many entrepreneurs and business executives down the wrong path on their innovation journey.
• Brings a radical, new perspective to understanding the nature and practice of innovation.
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Politics, Crisis, and Architecture at the United States Capitol

Alan M. Hantman

Foreword by Senator Harry M. Reid Jr.

An inside account of politics, crisis, and architecture on Capitol Hill

The domed US Capitol Building is recognized around the world as America’s most iconic symbol, the forum for representative democracy, and the physical stage for the transfer of executive power. As the United States grew in size and complexity, the Capitol was built, rebuilt, enlarged, and extended many times under the direction of the few who have served as Architect of the Capitol. This official heads the agency dedicated to preserving and upgrading this magnificent structure, and all the buildings and grounds of Capitol Hill.

In Under the Dome, Alan Hantman, the Architect of the Capitol from 1997 to 2007, provides a personal account of how the Capitol works as a physical space; who runs it, how and why decisions are made about the security of the Capitol and the people who work there, and how politicians think about the Capitol Building. He also recounts security threats to the Capitol during his tenure—including the 1998 shooting of two police officers and the Capitol evacuation on 9/11 as a hijacked airplane approached—that underscore one of his greatest challenges as Architect. The tension between securing the Capitol and opening it to the public drove the design and construction under his direction of the Capitol Visitor Center, the largest expansion of the Capitol in its history, increasing its size by 70%.

Alan M. Hantman was nominated by President Clinton, and confirmed by the Senate, as the 10th Architect of the Capitol for a ten-year term in 1997. Prior to serving as Architect of the Capitol, Hantman was Vice President of Planning, Architecture, Historic Preservation and Construction at Rockefeller Center in New York City. In 2000 he was elected to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• A fascinating first-hand narrative of the Capitol behind the scenes.
• The office of Architect of the Capitol is not widely understood (or even known to exist) by many readers. The story has new resonance after January 6th 2021.
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Communications is a fast-growing profession. The need to create, edit, translate, and disseminate information through a variety of different platforms is creating an increased demand for people with these skills.

Persuasive introduces the Persuasion Matrix, a model for planning communication campaigns based in persuasion research. Marrianne McMullen draws on her wide-ranging and high-profile career to share her hard-earned wisdom gleaned from her work as a journalist, with labor unions, with DC public schools, and on President Barack Obama’s campaigns; she also served as an appointee in both his terms. McMullen tracks decades of research, providing a series of intricate and diverse case studies about workplace and relevant social issues. Persuasion theory and research is woven throughout the professional narratives and each career story closes with key lessons in communications.

Highly engaging and concise, Persuasive is a professional memoir that provides 40 lessons in communications for managers, communicators in public or nonprofit sectors, and students of communications.

Marrianne McMullen is a communications professional in public affairs who has worked in all sectors of the economy, including academia, where she is currently director of communication at the Chapin Hall research center at the University of Chicago.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Provides detailed and evidence-informed strategic guidance and strategies for communication professionals and students.
• Features an enlightening and unique model of integrating the personal and the professional for working parents and anyone balancing personal and career demands.
• Relevant to the recently renewed interest in unionized workforces with chapters pertaining to communication within and about the labor movement.
Inequality is skyrocketing. In a world of vast riches, millions of people live in extreme poverty, barely surviving from day to day. All over the world, the wealthy’s increasing political power is biasing policy away from the public interest toward the financial interests of the rich. At the same time, many countries are facing financial fragility and diminished well-being. On top of it all, a global economy driven by fossil fuels has proven to be a collective act of self-sabotage with the poor on the front lines.

A growing chorus of economists and politicians is demanding a new paradigm to create a global economy for the common good. In Cathonomics, Anthony M. Annett unites insights in economics with those from theology, philosophy, climate science, and psychology, exposing the failures of neoliberalism while offering us a new model rooted in the wisdom of Catholic social teaching and classical ethical traditions. Drawing from the work of Pope Leo XIII, Pope Francis, Thomas Aquinas, and Aristotle, Annett applies these teachings to discuss current economic challenges such as inequality, unemployment and underemployment, climate change, and the roles of business and finance.

Cathonomics is an ethical and practical guide to readers of all faiths and backgrounds seeking to create a world economy that is more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable for all.

Anthony M. Annett is a Gabelli Fellow at Fordham University and a senior adviser at the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He has a PhD in economics from Columbia University and spent two decades at the International Monetary Fund, where he worked as a speechwriter to the managing director.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Presents a model for a more just and sustainable global economy using Catholic social thought.
- Interdisciplinary in nature Cathonomics is at the intersection of economics and Catholic social teaching for fresh insights.
- Appeals to the popularity of Pope Francis, even beyond Catholic circles.
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Mission to Mao

US Intelligence and the Chinese Communists in World War II

Sara B. Castro

An innovative history of US intelligence officers on the ground and the first official contacts between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party

From 1941 to 1947, the United States planted a liaison mission in the headquarters of Chinese Communist forces behind the lines. Nicknamed the “Dixie Mission,” for its location in “rebel” territory, it was an interagency delegation that included intelligence officers from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

Mission to Mao is a social history of the OSS officers in the field that reveals the weakness of US intelligence diplomacy in the 1940s. Drawing on over 14,000 unpublished records from five archives as well as white papers and memoirs from the participants, Sara B. Castro demonstrates how the OSS officers clashed with political appointees and Washington over the direction of the US relationship with the Chinese Communists. Initially, the OSS officers were sent to gather intelligence that would help the war effort against Japan, but interagency and political conflicts erupted over whether or not the mission would later involve operations with the Communists. Castro shows how potential benefits for the war effort were thwarted by politicization and the OSS officers’ own biases and blind spots.

Mission to Mao is a fresh look at US intelligence in WW II China and takes readers beyond the history of “China hands” versus American anticommunists, introducing more nuance.

Sara B. Castro is an assistant professor in the Department of History at the US Air Force Academy, the president of the North American Society for Intelligence History, and a former US intelligence analyst. Castro earned a doctorate in history from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reflects the latest historical research on American diplomacy and leadership in China during World War II, focusing specifically on the Dixie Mission, a critical and often neglected case.
- Focuses on the earliest official contacts between U.S. officials and Chinese Communist Party leaders, satisfying an increased appetite for information about the CCP and the history of U.S.-PRC relations.
- Embraces emerging methodologies for the social history of intelligence, moving the lens between specific China-based U.S. intelligence officials at the lowest levels and their ultimate customers, the White House staff, and each level in between.
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Intelligence in Democratic Transitions
A Comparative Analysis of Portugal, Greece, and Spain

Sofia Tzamarelou

A groundbreaking analysis of three cases of intelligence democratization and the barriers to reform when states transition from authoritarianism

Reforming the intelligence services is essential when a state transitions from authoritarianism to democracy. But which areas should be reformed, how do we know when there has been real transformation, and how and where do authoritarian legacies persist?

Intelligence in Democratic Transitions is a comparative examination of the democratic transitions of Portugal, Greece, and Spain starting in the 1970s. Although these three countries began their transitions around the same time, they present significantly different results. Sofia Tzamarelou discovers that main barriers to reform are legacies of the past and legacy personnel. She does this through the lens of five Security Sector Reform (SSR) indicators: Lustration, Control and Oversight, Recruitment, Targeting and Civil Society. Tzamarelou uses primary sources including governmental documents and legal statutes—such as draft laws, bills and presidential decrees—paired with “outside” primary source reporting, such as analysis reporting by the CIA. She complements this rich primary source material with secondary sources from authors in each country and internationally who specialize in intelligence or who provide historical context.

Tzamarelou’s unique comparative analysis of intelligence democratization using a common framework—SSR—applied to each country contributes to readers’ understanding of why and how some reforms fail and others succeed and how the SSR framework can be used in the intelligence arena.

Sofia Tzamarelou, is a senior consultant for the media and public relations industry at Commetric in London. She holds a doctorate in intelligence studies from Brunel University London.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Demonstrates that democratization levels can be measured using a policy framework that has been traditionally criticized for its applicability in the intelligence field.
• A rare comparative work in intelligence studies.
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Human Rights in a Divided World
Catholicism as a Living Tradition

David Hollenbach

An astute case for Catholic engagement with human rights for all

Human rights should protect the dignity and well-being of all people. But in today’s deeply divided world, some argue that cultural differences and economic inequality undermine their universality.

In Human Rights in a Divided World, David Hollenbach offers a comprehensive and cohesive analysis of the challenges to human rights, suggesting that today’s global realities call for important developments rooted in Catholic ethics. This work of theological social ethics draws on a range of disciplines to address the question of whether or not human rights remain valid as universal standards for action in a multicultural, religiously pluralistic, and economically unequal world.

Hollenbach provides a compelling account of the contribution that Catholic ethics and practice make to an unequal world. He applies the proposed understanding of human rights to several issues that are much debated today, including religious freedom, the rights of refugees and other forced migrants, economic rights in the face of significant inequality, and the rights of women.

Human Rights in a Divided World offers a clear path forward for the church in its engagement with politics and guidance for students of human rights as well as those working to advance them.

David Hollenbach, SJ, is the Pedro Arrupe Distinguished Research Professor at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, a senior fellow of the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, and an affiliated professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Georgetown University. He is the author of several books, including The Global Face of Public Faith (2004) and Humanity in Crisis (2019), both with Georgetown University Press.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Shows how the Catholic tradition is very much alive and can be a strongly progressive force for human rights today.
• Highlights the importance of an adequate understanding of human rights for practical questions concerning religious freedom, economic inequality, the displacement of refugees, and the rights of women.
• Addresses and counteracts recent rejections of human rights as unsuited to our culturally diverse, unequal, and conflicted world.

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The Roman Curia

History, Theology, and Organization

Anthony Ekpo

A historical, theological and juridical explanation of the nature of the Roman Curia

The Roman Curia is the central body for the administration of the Roman Catholic Church. Its structure and organization is governed by Praedicate Evangelium, a new law issued by Pope Francis in 2022. The nature of the Curia is both confusing to many and vitally important for the administration of the Church and the Vatican.

The Roman Curia provides a historical, theological, and juridical explanation of the nature of the Roman Curia, highlighting its relationship to the Pope. Ekpo provides a brief and highly intelligible overview of the development of the Roman Curia and its present configuration in the light of Pope Francis’ reorganization. He shows the differences between the Holy See, Vatican City State and the Curia, defining each entity’s role.

This overview of the Roman Curia and allied ecclesiastical institutions, like the Vatican and the Holy See, is the first comprehensive treatment in English on the reforms enacted by Praedicate Evangelium. Teachers, students, and researchers alike will find this an invaluable resource on the nature, history, theology, and juridical structures of the Roman Curia.

Monsignor Anthony Ekpo is Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in the Roman Curia. He is also visiting professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and adjunct professor of the Australian Catholic University. He is the author of The Breath of the Spirit and Temporal Goods of the Church.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Explains a difficult to understand and vitally important organization for the administration of the Church and the Vatican.
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Sant’Egidio’s Dream
How a Catholic People’s Movement Is Meeting the Challenge of AIDS in Africa and Shaping the Future of Global Health

Roberto Morozzo della Rocca
Translated by Caroline Swinton; Foreword by Jeffrey D. Sachs

The story of an innovative program of treatment for AIDS in Africa that succeeded in the face of international development agencies’ “afro pessimism”

Until this century, Western governments and foundations framing policies for AIDS relief in Africa maintained that prevention alone was a preferable alternative to prevention-plus-treatment, which would be costly and impractical in Africa, or would benefit only the prosperous and well-connected.

Sant’Egidio’s Dream argues that this initial, failed approach to AIDS in African countries reflects a global moral blindness to the imperative to save lives—which was not lost on the Community of Sant’Egidio, an Italian, Catholic social movement rooted in “the gospel and friendship” and present in 70 countries. Drawing on two decades of peacemaking and humanitarian experience in Africa, the movement grasped the evidence that HIV, if treated, does not lead to AIDS and to death—and saw that treatment gives hope in Africa just as it does in the developed world. By enabling large numbers of people to live with a chronic disease, and involving family and neighbors in free and effective care, it offers a dream of a society surviving and even thriving in spite of HIV. In 2002, Sant’Egidio established the DREAM (Drug Resource Enhancement Against AIDS and Malnutrition) project, a community-based approach to the AIDS crisis, rooted in medicine, epidemiology, and public health, that has proven effective in ten countries where it has been implemented—and has emerged as a model for healthcare in the global South.

Roberto Morozzo della Rocca is a professor of Modern History at the University of Rome. He has published numerous books and articles on the history of modern Europe, Catholicism, and Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• A comprehensive history of the AIDS response in Africa.
• Provides us with a fuller understanding of how the DREAM program succeeded where others had failed in the treatment of AIDS in Africa.
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Law from Below
How the Thought of Francisco Suárez, SJ, Can Renew Contemporary Legal Engagement

Elisabeth Rain Kincaid

A constructive model of engagement with unjust laws from the ground up

The current political atmosphere would suggest that law is imposed only from above, specifically by the chief executive acting upon some sort of perceived populist mandate.

In *Law from Below*, Elisabeth Rain Kincaid argues that the theology of the early modern legal theorist and theologian, Francisco Suárez, SJ may be successfully retrieved to provide a constructive model of legal engagement for Christians today. Suárez’s theology was developed to combat an authoritarian view of law, suggesting that communities may work to change law from the ground up as they function within the legal system, not just outside it. *Law from Below* suggests that Suárez’s theory of law provides a theologically robust way to mount a counter-narrative to contemporary authoritarian theories of law, while still acknowledging the good in the rule of law and its imposition by a legislative authority. Suárez acknowledges the crucial contribution of citizens to improving law’s moral content, without removing the importance of law’s own authority or the role of the lawgiver.

*Law from Below* argues that the dialogue between legislators and the community provides Christian activists with a range of options for constructively engaging with law in order to have a positive impact on society.

Elisabeth Rain Kincaid is the Legendre-Soulé Chair in Business Ethics & Director of the Center for Ethics and Economic Justice at Loyola University New Orleans. Kincaid has published broadly in peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, the *Scottish Journal of Theology*, and *Political Theology*.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Brings a key underexplored figure to the attention of the scholarly community.
• A meaningful contribution to historical understandings of Thomistic accounts of justice and equity.
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Modern Catholic Family Teaching
Commentaries and Interpretations

Jacob M. Kohlhaas and Mary M. Doyle Roche, Editors

A first of its kind critical engagement with the collected documents of Catholic Family Teaching

Catholic Family Teaching (CFT) has developed in parallel with Catholic Social Teaching (CST), yet has not similarly been critically explored as a documentary tradition. Modern Catholic Family Teaching redresses this imbalance through a collection of outstanding commentaries and interpretations of the primary texts and key developments of CFT.

Modern Catholic Family Teaching features academic commentary on magisterial texts that constitute primary sources of contemporary Catholic teaching on the family. Each chapter engages a moment in this tradition to invite critical academic engagement with CFT, a topic that increasingly bears weight across diverse areas of theological and ethical consideration.

This edited volume offers a clear understanding of the tradition’s growth and development over 130 years, equipping scholars and students of theology to engage the pressing questions of our time.

Jacob M. Kohlhaas is an associate professor of moral theology at Loras College in Dubuque, IA. He has published on parenthood and the family in a number of leading journals and is author of Beyond Biology: Rethinking Parenthood in the Catholic Tradition (Georgetown University Press, 2021).

Mary M. Doyle Roche, is an associate professor of religious studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. She has published work on ethical issues impacting families and young people.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Features outstanding commentaries and interpretations of the primary texts and key theological and historical developments in a first of its kind critical engagement with the documentary tradition of CFT.
- Offers a clear understanding of the tradition’s growth in the previous 130 years and equips scholars and students of theology to engage the pressing questions of our time.
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Ecological Moral Character
A Catholic Model

Nancy M. Rourke

An ecological model through which we can imagine Aquinas’ vision of moral character

The images we use to think about moral character are powerful. They inform our understanding of the moral virtues and the ways in which moral character develops. However, this aspect of virtue ethics is rarely discussed.

In Ecological Moral Character, Nancy M. Rourke creates an ecological model through which we can form images of moral character. She integrates concepts of ecology with Aquinas’ vision and describes the dynamics of a moral character in terms of the processes and functions that take place in an ecosystem. The virtues, the passions, the will, and the intellect, are also described in terms of this model.

Ecological Moral Character asks readers to choose deliberately the models we use to imagine moral character and offers this ecological virtue model as a vital framework for a period of environmental crisis.

Nancy M. Rourke is Associate Professor of Theology at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. She is the co-editor of Theological Literacy in the Twenty First Century and numerous articles in Catholic theology.

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Serves as an introduction to Catholic virtue theory and then develops it ecologically, continuing a long tradition of modeling human moral character in different ways.
• Useful for students of Catholic moral theology while taking a further step with the tradition, in a way that invites readers to do the same.
• Demonstrates Catholic ethics’ potential to link individual moral agency with social justice awareness and action through attention to racism, ecological degradation, and climate change.
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An expansion of the discipline of ethics demonstrates that Aquinas’s “infusing of virtue” makes better sense of the moral life than finding a method to guide action.

While teaching ethics is universally applauded, how one goes about it is much more difficult and contested than is often recognized. On Teaching and Learning Christian Ethics addresses what it means to teach and learn ethics through a thorough comparison of two ethicists, Henry Sidgwick and F. D. Maurice. Where Sidgwick understood ethics as developing a method for guiding voluntary action to what is right, Maurice maintained that ethics concerns life as a whole, and that requires placing it within a metaphysical and theological realm in which the good is much more definitive than right. This comparative history argues that Maurice’s use of Thomas Aquinas’s “infusing of virtue” makes better sense of the moral life of ordinary persons than the specialized, academic discipline Sidgwick bequeathed. Long expands the discipline of ethics through the central theme of his work: that moral life is a gift rather than an achievement. He provides a clear argument in favor of a more holistic approach to teaching ethics.

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- An examination of the place for gifts and virtues that are infused in us by the Holy Spirit as a basis for teaching and learning Christian Ethics.
- First discussion of the changes Henry Sidgwick brought to teaching ethics and their implications for Christian Ethics.
- A defense of a perfectionist ethics based on the work of the Anglican theologian F. D. Maurice.
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The Auditor’s Companion
Concepts and Terms, from A to Z

David J. O’Regan

The only comprehensive and up-to-date dictionary covering the concepts and language of auditing

The Auditor’s Companion combines succinct definitions of core auditing terminology with more than one hundred expansive discussions of concepts important to auditing, such as the audit society, authority, judgment, logic in auditing, the postulates of auditing, and skepticism. This collection of mini-essays includes theoretical explanations and insights, sketches of arguments, historical developments, and guidance for further reading.

Transcending the framework of a dictionary, The Auditor’s Companion is a reference book in which succinct definitions and conceptual explorations combine into a coherent whole to satisfy the needs of both novice and experienced auditors. The terminology of auditing covers both the evolving, socially constructed aspects of auditing’s purposes, as well as auditing’s methodological basis in the abstract, enduring techniques of traditional logic. The book’s coverage of terminology therefore embraces auditing’s constantly developing socioeconomic roles in addition to its perennial methodologies of reasoning.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

• Uniquely specific to auditing, unlike most accounting references.
• Global in scope.
• Includes long essays, not just definitions.
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Foreword by Janice Aski

A comprehensive overview of contemporary Italian pedagogy from an international perspective blending empirical research with practical strategies for teachers.

In recent years, teachers of Italian, like most world languages, have faced many changes to the teaching and learning landscape, including new teaching mediums, different expectations for enrollments, and a vivid awareness of social issues in the classroom. Teachers must now navigate effective language teaching practices and integrate important new topics and approaches.

The Art of Teaching Italian brings together experts from around the world in Italian language pedagogy, applied linguistics, and second-language acquisition to address the field’s most pressing concerns and challenges with examples from creative teaching. Featuring contributions on a wide range of topics, including DEI issues, remote learning, and experiential learning, this edited volume blends empirical research with practical strategies and recommendations for teachers, centering the teaching of secondary and post-secondary Italian language and culture.

The Art of Teaching Italian shows that it is possible to enhance Italian language learning through creativity and ingenuity and to lead students to intercultural competence, a crucial skill in a globalized world.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- A unique resource as not many Italian books focus on Italian pedagogy.
- Covers contemporary topics such as Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Queens syllabi.
- Includes best practices during the pandemic and how to handle shrinking enrollments.
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Spelling in Spanish Heritage Language Education

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Pathbreaking research and practical strategies for Spanish heritage language learning

Spelling acquisition and development is often a challenge for Spanish Heritage Language Learners (SHLLs). Instructors, too, struggle to find the best strategies to help their students internalize orthographic rules.

Spelling in Spanish Heritage Language Education argues that spelling is not simply the “cherry on top” of good writing or a mere editing issue; rather, the skills behind the acquisition of spelling lie beneath deeper literacy development. Llombart-Huesca discusses how to address this critical skill, including the cognitive skills underlying spelling, the role of age and bilingualism, and a thorough description of the most common types of spelling errors students make and their causes. Throughout the book, she demonstrates the importance of spelling skills by showing how they can help students improve other crucial literacy aspects, such as reading fluency, reading comprehension, and vocabulary growth.

Written for instructors of SHLLs and researchers of SHL education, Spelling in Spanish Heritage Language Education includes guidelines, recommendations, and ideas for creating spelling activities and meaningfully integrating them into curricula. Combining novel research and practical strategies, this is an invaluable resource for Spanish instructors’ and researchers.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

• The only book dedicated solely to spelling in Spanish heritage language education.
• Includes guidelines, recommendations, and ideas for creating spelling activities and integrating them into curricula.

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