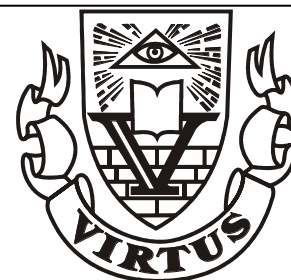


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Drawing from the Enlightened Shareholder Theory that the author first developed in 2011, this theoretical paper with practical and normative ambitions achieves a better definition of independent director, while improving the understanding of the roles he fulfils on boards of directors. The first part defines constructs like firms, Governance system and Corporate governance, offering a clear distinction between the latter two concepts before explaining the four main missions of a board. The second part defines the ideal independent director by outlining the objective qualities that are necessary and adding those subjective aspects that have turned this into a veritable profession. The third part defines the ideal process for selecting independent directors, based on nominating committees that should themselves be independent. It also includes ways of assessing directors who are currently in function, as well as modalities for renewing their mandates. The paper's conclusion presents the Paradox of the Independent Director.

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This study aims to understand how governance change is triggered by cybernetics issues, such as the development of automotive navigation systems in German, Japanese and US automotive industry. Six points are discussed for the central question which are 1) GDP Trends for Manufacturing Activities, 2) Organizational Structure for Supply Chain Management (SCM), 3) Viewpoint related to Internet of Things (IoT) usability, 4) National IoT planning, 5) Definition of IoT, 6) Developing Navigation Systems. At first, the trend in manufacturing activity reveals two different trends: a downward trend in Japan and the USA, and a stable trend in Germany. The author sees several possible reasons for this difference; first, the "smiling curve concept" is applied to visualize the difference. And the organizational structure of SCM is concerned such as "Keiretsu" in Japan, "Konzern" in Germany and the "Anglo-American" model. Then, this paper addresses how the unique organizational features of SCM might react to the technological developments in automotive industry such as autonomous driving, which has shaken the core of the industry. For this gradual change, the IoT technology is necessary. IoT means the progress of certain embedded system, which adds a network function into it. The embedded system for automobile orientation on a map (hardware and software) has to be upgraded with the network function. These technological developments could be influence their corporate governance system. Then, the discussion matrix is formed for the six points, which are discussed in this paper and reveal the boundaries between Japan, Germany and the US. According to Beer, the societary maps (the cybernetic maps) are required for this structural progress to find the right way to go. Finally, the author thinks a dynamic industrial movement is ensured by keeping fair competition, which ensures diversity as well as technological development. It could be the last resort to protect our "Designing Freedom".

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China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone ("SHFTZ") as well as other Pilot Free Trade Zones established in China carries on the mission to make the test for, inter alia, China's strategic financial reforms and for Renminbi("RMB") internationalization in particular. However, the financial reforms in SHFTZ according to its design and relevant provisions can only provide very limited rather than fully effective test for the reforms of free convertibility, international capital transactions as well as risk hedging needed by RMB internationalization. The aim of the paper is to investigate the test effect that SHFTZ have on the above capital account reforms. It argues that the main reason for the test failure lies in "outward free and inward control" mode designed for SHFTZ which makes it an insulated customs territory, a situation which differs from the circumstances in which a currency gets internationalized. Moreover, SHFTZ runs the risk of evolving into an offshore RMB market set up inside China, a trend China should prevent because it cannot serve the testing missions mentioned above.

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This review covers the book titled "INTRODUCING ISLAMIC BANKING IN NEW MARKETS", which was written by Dr. Yousuf Azim Siddiqi, Associate Vice President of Shari'a Structuring at Emirates Islamic Bank (UAE). The review shortly outlines the structure of the book, pays attention to it's strong sides and issues that will be, by the reviewer's point of view, most interesting for the reader. The reviewers also highlights the issues that the author of the book may cover in the next editions.