Global Crime: An Encyclopedia of Cyber Theft, Weapons Sales, and Other Illegal Activities by Philip L. Reichel, ABC-Clio, 2019 (Book Review)

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The 96 chapters in this four-volume, interdisciplinary title, edited by Maguire (emeritus, Loughborough Univ, UK), Mark Falcous (sociology of sport, Univ. of Otago, New Zealand), and Katie Liston (social sciences of sport, Ulster Univ, Northern Ire-land), take a broad social sciences approach to international sports-related topics. Each volume focuses on specific areas, with some topics appearing in multiple volumes. Foundations covers general sports topics (origins, significance, social function; role of sports in age, class, race, gender, ethnicity, disability). Sociocultural Perspectives concentrates on the broad social sciences aspects (social effects and potential, local and national identity, role of the media). Community spotlights the sports community (suppliers, performers, agents) and its relationships with other fields, such as religion, mental health, disability, and politics. Lastly, Governance concentrates on organization issues (marketing, sustainability, franchise relocations). More than 100 global academic contributors represent a variety of disciplines, from sociology, psychology, law, to coaching, education, health, politics, and disabilities. Articles on current topics (fantasy sports, eSports, fitness tracking devices) and extensive nonprint, print, government documents, and case law bibliographic material make this an invaluable resource. VERDICT Unlike other titles, which limit discussion to a specific topic, such as sports law, this set offers a moderately in-depth examination of multiple sports topics, giving readers a big-picture overview. Will be of interest to undergraduates, business, sociology, anthropologists, and sports career students.—Laurie Selwyn, formerly with Grayson Cty. Law Lib., Sherman, TX


Retired U.S. army major general Zabecki has edited a concise source of information on the Wehrmacht traces its origins to the end of World War I. In addition to the references cited at the end of each entry, there is a valuable selected bibliography. VERDICT Of interest to high school and college students in addition to anyone with a research interest in German military history.—Diane Fulkerson, Univ. of South Florida, Lakeland

SOCIAL SCIENCES


Reichel’s (criminal justice, California Univ. of Pennsylvania) work on contemporary world crime convincingly demonstrates how possible it is to purchase and receive just about anything illegally from anywhere in the world. He places most emphasis on transnational crime, which he defines as incidents that occur across national borders, violate the criminal law of at least one country, can be resolved only with the cooperation of two or more countries, and are the result of actions by criminal organizations and networks rather than by small groups or individuals. The two volumes consist of a brief introduction, chronology, 270 A–Z entries with lists for further reading, primary documents that complement the entries, a bibliography, information about contributors, and an index. Although some historical events and people are covered, entries are designed primarily to inform about recent key events, people, organizations, and terms. VERDICT The wide-ranging, expansive content on a fascinating and interesting topic will well serve its target audience of high school students, undergraduates, and general readers. This work is superb at not only explaining the growth and most important elements of global crime but also at detailing ways international communities are combating it in an engaging and easily accessible manner.—Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Libs., Norfolk, VA

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