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Many recent books on information and communication technologies concentrate on individual country experiences or neglect to analyze political factors in conjunction with entrepreneurial ones. This book, the result of an international research project, comprises a comprehensive comparison of three key countries: Japan, the United States and Germany. The book adopts an institutional approach.

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