

Book Title: The Rise and Fall of American Growth: The U.S. Standard of Living since the Civil War

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This book highlights the century after the Civil War on the United States and focus on an economic revolution which improved the American standard of living in ways previously unimaginable.

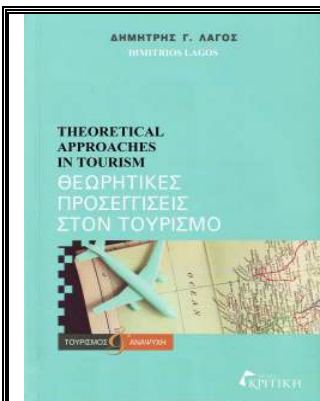
In addition, this book based on an important idea having innumerable implications. Economic growth is not a steady process that creates economic advances at a regular pace, century after century.

Instead progress occurs much more rapidly in some times than in others. To support this idea, the book examines the role of the electric lighting, indoor plumbing, motor vehicles, air travel, and television transformed households and workplaces.

Finally, we could say that Robert J. Gordon try to answer in the central question: «But has that era of unprecedented growth come to an end? »

The book, “The Rise and Fall of American Growth” challenges the view that economic growth will continue unabated and support that the life-altering scale of innovations between 1870 and 1970 cannot be repeated.

Book Review by Christos Genitsaropoulos, RSI Journal



Book Title: Theoretical approaches in Tourism

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This book contains extremely interesting content, has an attractive format, and is comprehensive and well documented, not only for the tourism professionals but also for everyone who is interested in the subject. It is the newest work of Professor of the University of the Aegean, Mr Dimitrios Lagos.

Given the poor theoretical exploration of tourism to date, the author, as intended, addresses the need for a multidisciplinary approach, demonstrating that tourism is not only an area of scientific study but a whole scientific field of interdisciplinary nature.

Several aspects of the theory of Tourism are presented in six chapters including the Introduction; Historical review, Economic Development, Psychological, Sociological and Environmental theories of Tourism.

Given that Greece is a tourist and tourism destination and also the role of tourism as the main pillar of economic, regional and other forms of development, Dimitrios Lagos with his book covers not only a timeless gap in the existing bibliography of Tourism but also offers an invaluable service to the field of Tourism and Greece as a Tourism destination, explaining that the need for tourism must be linked to the awareness of respect for the preservation and sustainability of resources and places of attraction, as well as the quality of life of the local population and visitors.

With the visible challenges of our times, readers are offered basic theoretical knowledge of the field of tourism studies so they can make a substantial contribution to scientific dialogue for further research and study. The author achieves his goal in the most appropriate way. The book is also expected to be released in the English language.

Book Review by Dr. Eleni N. Stamatiou, RSI Journal