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Stephen Martin* The fourteen essays that constitute this work provide a coherent review of the past and present of the European Community, and consider some of its possible futures. Werner Abelshauser and Richard Griffiths offer separate perspectives on the precursors of the European Community. Abelshauser argues that comparison of the fates of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Defense Community demonstrate the dominance of political over economic considerations in the integration process. Griffiths considers the stillborn European Political Community, many of the proposed features of which, somewhat transformed, were embodied in the Treaty of Rome. Both suggest that as a practical matter a coming together of French and German interests has been a precondition for advances in European integration. Stephen Martin and Andrew Evans discuss the development of the Community's Structural Funds, first envisaged as tools to smooth the transition from a collection of regional economies to a continent-wide single market, now increasingly seen as devices to guide adjustment to long-term structural problems. Stuart Holland emphasizes the role of the Structural Funds as one element in a broad range of strategies to ensure social and economic cohesion as the Maastricht Treaty ushers the European Union into the next stage of its development.

This book investigates the poetics of three of the most internationally renowned contemporary Chinese poets - Bei Dao, Yang Lian and Duoduo - who were all exiled from China after the 1989 Tiananmen student movement. Their poetry was later to be labelled 'Misty poetry' (Menglongshi). Emphasising polyvalent imagery and irregular syntax, Misty poetry engenders a multiplicity of meanings, often leading to interpretational indeterminacy. This book examines three aspects of the 'Mistiness' of the poets' oeuvre: the socio-historic background where Misty poets live and write; imagery; and linguistic elements. After first identifying the roots of Mistiness, this book identifies imagistic and linguistic clues in order to construct a hermeneutical system that examines the irregularities of the Misty poetics and appreciates the polysemy of the poets' works. Stylometry is used to analyse image frequency and its significance in a stylistic manner, and a semiotic approach is then systematically applied to analyse the poets' highly irregular images, syntax and the different effects of their poems' obscurity. Through these approaches that unveil the poems' evocativeness, the irregularity of the poetry's Mistiness is established as its most powerful linguistic and imagistic aspect. The book then places the three poets' different misty characteristics into contrast: Bei Dao's twisted imagery and elliptical syntax, Yang's imagery in a classically-inspired syntax, and Duoduo's integration of images into a rhythmic syntax. While the poets' progressions from pre- to post-exile poetics suggest the potential of a non-nationally specific, or borderless poetics, their seemingly irregular poetic Mistiness is the most powerful trait of Misty poetry for evoking its system of multifaceted significations and alterna-

tive aesthetics.

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Morphological and Syntactical Irregularities in the Book of Revelation, by Laurențiu Florentin Moț, studies Revelation's solecisms from a Greek perspective. It convincingly proves that, in accord with Second Language Acquisition studies, Semitic transfer in Rev-

elation is extremely rare.

Although scientists have effectively employed the concepts of probability to address the complex problem of prediction, modern science still falls short in establishing true predictions with meaningful lead times of zero-probability major disasters. The recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile, and China are tragic reminders of the critical need for improved methods of predicting natural disasters. Drawing on their vast practical experience and theoretical studies, Dr. Yi Lin and Professor Shoucheng OuYang examine some of the problems that exist in the modern system of science to provide the understanding required to improve our ability to forecast and prepare for such events. Presenting a series of new understandings, theories, and a new system of methodology, *Irregularities and Prediction of Major Disasters* simplifies the world-class problem of prediction into a series of tasks that can be learned, mastered, and applied in the analysis and prediction of forthcoming changes in materials or fluids. These internationally respected authors introduce their novel method of digitization for dealing with irregular information, proven effective for predicting transitional changes in events. They also: Unveil a new methodology for forecasting zero-probability natural disasters Highlight the reasons for common forecasting failures Propose a method for resolving the mystery of nonlinearity Include numerous real-life case studies that illustrate how to properly digitize available information Supply proven methods for forecasting small-probability natural disasters This authoritative resource provides a systematic discussion of the non-evolutionality of the modern system of science—analyzing its capabilities and limitations. By touching on the need for change in some of the fundamentals in basic scientific theories and relevant methodologies, this book provides the scientific community with the understanding and methodology required to forecast zero-probability major disasters with greatly improved accuracy.

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The Author is a Chartered Surveyor and Arbitrator and has been in the Quantity Surveying field for the last 40 years. The book deals with construction irregularities, frauds and the necessity for Technical Auditing of construction projects. The construction industry is huge expanding and expected to reach in excess of US \$ 12 Trillion by 2020. The bulk of this amounts shall come from emerging markets and from public money. Still Construction Auditing is practically performed by Accountants in all parts of the world. The Author feels that this should be done by Engineers with proper training and accreditation. Further, the Author feels that there is a necessity to spend at least one dollar for auditing for every thousand dollars spent to see whether the money is spent wisely. This is very important in case of public money. The construction industry as a whole is infested with irregularities and frauds and so much so that the estimated loss is around 10%, which shall reach in excess of US \$ one Trillion by 2020. To put in context, the combined GDPs of Saudi Arabia and South Africa. If the existing internal and external auditing system does not bring in 0.5%(1/20 of the estimated waste) as savings on a regular basis, then it can be safely assumed that the system needs modifications or complete overhaul. The book deals with basic guide lines for Technical Auditing of construction to bring in savings. This also gives a set of proposals for future improvements of the existing system and the same can be used in developing countries or modified to suit each country's requirements.

This book gathers selected peer-reviewed papers from the 15th World Congress on Engineering Asset Management (WCEAM), which was hosted by The Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul Campo Grande, Brazil, from 15--18 August 2021 This book covers a wide range of topics in engineering asset management, including: strategy and standards; sustainability and resiliency; servitisation and Industry 4.0 business models; asset information systems; and asset management decision-making. The breadth and depth of these state-of-the-art, comprehensive proceedings make them an excellent resource for asset management practi-

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