

CALL FOR PAPERS – Invitation for contributing book chapters

Navigating Mistakes, Errors and Failures - Their hidden potential in cultural contexts

Dear colleagues,

We, Elisabeth Vanderheiden and Claude-Hélène Mayer, are planning an edited book on

Mistakes, Errors and Failures - Their hidden potential in cultural contexts

In 2018/2019 we are planning to publish an international book publication and have already contacted potential publishers. This book will attempt to address both, the needs of academics and researchers, as well as specialists working on the topic of mistakes, errors and mistakes from interdisciplinary and intercultural perspectives.

The **aim of this book** is to synthesize empirical-research-based and theoretical perspectives on mistakes, errors and failure across cultures in order to provide a comprehensible strength-based perspective on contemporary research and practice - which will be accessible to researchers and practicing professionals internationally.

Mistakes can, at the individual level, deeply shame and embarrass someone and cause severe personal, organisational and collective crises. However, it can also be viewed as a resource for self-development and organisational, collective and societal change. At the organizational level, mistakes, errors and failure can have serious consequences for individuals, such as employees, leaders or clients, e.g. in the field of transportation, in the context of medicine or chemistry, but they can also reveal inaccuracies in process chains, or weaknesses in a system. These concepts can, however, also trigger contingent and sustainable improvement processes on all levels. Even in the political context, actual or perceived wrong decisions can have massive and long lasting consequences for individuals, societal groups and subcultures, and the society as such. Societal mistakes, errors and failures might then be even discussed in global contexts and in terms of their universal impact.

We would kindly like to invite authors from various disciplines and cultural backgrounds to submit their chapters.

Book chapters should address the topic of mistakes, errors and failure in various cultural contexts and from different cultural perspectives. The chapters should explore any of these three concepts (or all of them) from a positive perspective, highlighting their resourcefulness and potential as (being, becoming and developing into) a resource.

Your chapter could contribute to one of the following topics, but is not limited to them:

1. Mistakes, errors, failure from a positive psychology perspective

2. Mistakes, errors, failure and their handling as a cultural construct
3. Practical perspectives on mistakes, errors, failure across cultures including models that apply for work with mistakes, errors, failure across cultures in self-reflection, therapy, and counseling as well on the individual, on the organisational and also on the political level.

Should you be interested in contributing a chapter to this book kindly inform us of your intent by return of email to:

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In addition, we would kindly like to ask you to submit

1. a brief abstract of ca. 250 words of your proposed topic.
2. please also send a short bio of the authors (250 words)
3. and add your physical address like in the following examples:

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The deadline for the abstract submission is the 01. October 2018. The first draft chapter contribution is due on the 01. April 2019 (British English, ca. 6000 words, including abstract, references, tables and graphs).

A detailed publication schedule will be provided after negotiations with the publishers.

We are looking forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Elisabeth Vanderheiden & Claude-Hélène Mayer