HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON SUSTAINABLE CAREERS

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‘Ans De Vos and Beatrice Van der Heijden reframe our thinking in this Handbook of Research on Sustainable Careers. The collection of contemporary perspectives grounds elements such as meaning, balance and relationships into viable future careers. In so doing, they stimulate possibility while retaining practicality. Highly recommended for careers scholars, students and practitioners.’

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‘Sustainability is a principle which can be applied both to manage people in organizations and for self-management. The international contributors to this Handbook explore new facts of career management and how careers can be made more sustainable both from an individual and an organizational perspective. Sustainable employability, work ability, combining career and care, sustainable employment relations, career eco-systems and sustainable careers of older workers are only some of the many interesting topics in this volume. This Handbook is a milestone in career research and a huge contribution to the literature on sustainable human resource management – a book that academics and practitioners, newcomers and experts interested in careers should not miss.’

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With the aim of advancing existing knowledge surrounding the meaning, antecedents and outcomes of sustainable careers, this book discusses the topic from several different angles combining both theoretical and empirical as well as practical insights. Topics include crafting sustainable careers in organizations, merits and challenges of career adaptability, psychological mobility during unemployment and the role of employee adaptability.

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