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**Edited Book Volume**

**“Fourth Industrial Revolution: Issues and Implications”**

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**ABOUT FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION**

According to Schwab (2015), the First Industrial Revolution used water and steam power to mechanize production. The Second used electric power to create mass production. The Third used electronics and information technology to automate production. The founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum Prof. Klaus Schwab has coined the idea of Fourth Industrial Revolution which will be driven largely by the convergence of digital, biological, and physical innovations. The Fourth Industrial Revolution’s technologies, such as artificial intelligence, genome editing, augmented reality, robotics, and 3-D printing, are rapidly changing

the way humans create, exchange, and distribute value. It is important to appreciate that the Fourth Industrial Revolution involves a systemic change across many sectors and aspects of human life. We are moving from automated production and IT, to an automated society. This revolution is expected to impact all disciplines, industries, and economies.

In this backdrop, we need to have a sound understanding fourth industrial revolution and its economic, environmental and social impact and transforming strategies due to technological revolutions for survival and sustainability. This book seeks to bring together contributions in the form of chapters from leading researchers, academics and practitioners to provide useful input to develop future plans and strategies for meeting the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The book aims to explicitly explain strategic issues, trends, challenges and future scenario of global economy in the light of Fourth Industrial Revolution. The book makes for an ideal vehicle for learning and can be used to bring relevance, depth and breadth to all critical aspects related to Fourth Industrial Revolution. The book consists of insightful scientific essays authored by scholars and practitioners from business, technology and economics area. The proposed publication shall contribute to business education by means of research, critical and theoretical reviews of issues in Fourth Industrial Revolution. The book will be published with ISBN and chapters of the book will be indexed by EBSCO host database.

## OBJECTIVES, IMPACT AND VALUES

The main objective of this edited book volume is to bring together and compile the conceptual ideas and empirical studies from all over the world on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The book provides an opportunity to share ideas, insights and knowledge by way of chapters which is accessible for all through online. The book will also inspire the authors to take their research to the next level. The knowledge gathered through this book benefits the society and economy in teaching and learning, strategic and policy decision making.

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- Policy makers
- Practitioners
- Academicians
- Researchers
- Advanced-level students

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