Ethical Innovation in Business and the Economy

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Innovation has become a buzzword that promises dramatic changes in almost every field of business. Absent from this attention is a serious discussion of the ethical sides of dramatic change. To address this, editors Georges Enderle and Patrick E. Murphy gather a team of experts to fully examine the ethics of innovation within business and the economy in this standout addition to the Studies in TransAtlantic Business Ethics series.

‘One of the strengths of the book is that it combines a conceptual clarification of what ethical innovation means – and why it is needed – with discussions of actual ethical innovations at each of the different responsibility levels in business ethics (the individual, organizational and systemic level).’
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‘Innovation in business is not new. But innovation is new in the business ethics literature. This is the first book I know of that examines both innovation in business ethics and ethical aspects of innovation in business. New ways of doing business and many of the changes brought about by technology and globalization raise ethical issues too often ignored by those in business ethics until there is a crisis or scandal. This ground-breaking group of chapters opens up a new area for research and investigation by those in business ethics and those with an interest in ethics in business.’
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