

The third sector is one of the fastest-growing areas of management study. It has also been identified as a key area of government strategy and investment. For many, the debate about the third sector and the social economy can be confusing. This introductory text makes sense of the field, in the UK and internationally. It presents an overview of its key concepts, discussing their future implications as well as their relevance today.

*Understanding the Social Economy and the Third Sector* fills a significant gap by bringing together a comprehensive range of topics in one resource. Students will gain a working knowledge of the social economy and social capital, illustrated by comparison with the private and public sectors and real-world examples.

Key features:

- Clearly defines the third sector, social capital and the social economy
- Accessible case studies demonstrate the third sector in action
- Specific learning outcomes ensure a comprehensive knowledge of the field