

Preface

This book is my first, and like other books that are doctoral dissertations, it is a result of a sustained effort, alongside a period of self-discovery and self-development. The tremendous potential in the fields of innovation management and information systems motivated me to aim for a trailblazing topic. This ambition tempered over time through constant discussions on structuring and presenting my ideas. These discussions also helped me assimilate various aspects of living in Germany, my current home, so I could enjoy its reliability and not feel too isolated. I learned to enjoy this initially unfamiliar environment through commitment and patience and subsequently developed many new skills and myself.

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