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As the purse strings tighten company costs need to be cut without this affecting performance or sales. A common solution to this problem is to restructure the organization of the company i.e. adjust the lines and boxes on the organization chart with the aim of setting it up for high performance. This inevitably fails because an organization is a system; change one aspect and other facets will also change.

Organization Design: Engaging with change looks at how to (re) design the organizational system in order to increase productivity, performance and value; providing the knowledge and methodology to design an agile organization capable of handling the kind of continuous organizational change that all businesses face. The book clarifies why and how organizations need to be in a state of readiness to design or redesign and emphasizes that people as well as business processes must be part of design considerations. Responding to developments across the world since the first edition, this book covers, among other topics:

    Technology changes that have impacted upon organizations
    Increased demands for `sustainability' and corporate social responsibility
    The pressure on organizations to be smarter, more efficient and more effective

Whilst the material on this subject targets a wide management audience, this book is specifically written for consultants, OD/HR practitioners and line managers working together to achieve the goal of organizational redesign for changing circumstances. Aided by a range of pedagogical features, this book is a must-read for students or practitioners involved in the field of organizational design, development and change.