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Due to the unique organization of this encyclopedia the index begins with a list of all the “practitioner” and “scholarly perspectives” articles, as described in the “Reader’s Guide” (pp. xix), which is a good place for readers to learn effective ways to use this reference work. The alphabetized index follows these two lists.

In the index entry titles are in bold font wherever they appear. The entry titles appear both alphabetically and where they provide information pertinent to other indexed subjects. The words “see also” refer to other items in the index itself, unless they are in bold font and thus refer to an entry. When “see also” refers to an entry, readers should also consult the cross-references under the alphabetized encyclopedia entry. The word “see” directs readers to another term under which the indicated subject matter will be found.

A special feature of this index is its regional categories,

where readers can find a comprehensive list of items that relate to a specific area of the world. Some items in the regional groupings are not indexed elsewhere. Countries and topics related to individual nations have been organized according to the United Nations’ system of categorization used when reporting global statistics. The regional categories illustrate the interrelationships found among many of the people and topics discussed in the encyclopedia. These relationships demonstrate both the encyclopedia’s interdisciplinary scholarship and reflect the exchange of ideas occurring through processes currently labeled “globalization.” The regions organized and alphabetized are: Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Meso-America, North America, Oceania, South America. This encyclopedia has 520 contributors from around the world. The name of each contributor is indexed alphabetically, and their contributions are listed below their names.

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