

## A Modern Guide to the Social and Solidarity Economy

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*'This book illuminates the social and solidarity economy's distinct role – putting people and communities before profit – while recognizing the universal need for strong governance and management. With clear analysis and suggestions for a multi-disciplinary research agenda, it is a very useful guide for understanding, advancing, and transforming the SSE in our rapidly changing world.'*

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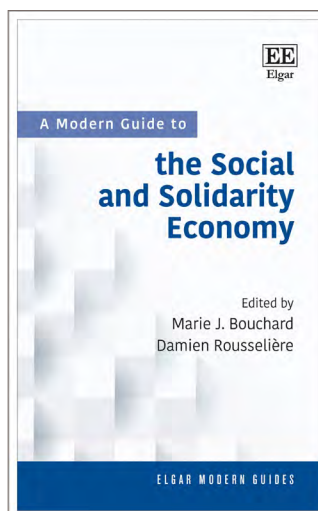
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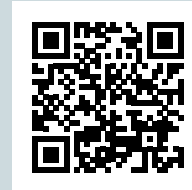
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