Part III: Implications

The falsifiability of the conceptual elements, propositions, and conjectures introduced in this book, along with the robustness of its theoretical edifice, are open matters. The concern of the final part, 'Implications', shifts to their validation, putative relevance, and implications.

The three chapters of Part III take the theoretical discussion into the realms of the measurable but also to the actionable and the normative. Chapter 6 focuses on measuring sustainable value creation, first at the meso-level through the global and comparative Elite Quality Index (EQx), and then through advances in the operationalization of the parallel micro-level sustainable value creation (SVC) measurements for firms. Chapter 7 considers the various implications of the ETED for research in fields ranging from management science to international relations. The focus of Chapter 8 is on the judgment that is needed for elite leadership, a notion that in its transformational variant impacts society and non-elites and represents the ethical context that knits this work together.