



Technological Communities and the Diffusion of Knowledge (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Technological Communities and the Diffusion of Knowledge Understanding the external acquisition of technological knowledge has become an important theme for many students of the management of technology and RD. A number of recent trends in RD warrant this attention; namely, the increasing scale, intensity and specialization of research; the internationalization of RD; the growing number of inter-organizational research links and ventures; and the potential impact of computer communication networks and information technology on the conduct of research activities (Williams and Gibson, 1990). As a consequence, the location of research is becoming increasingly fluid, both in an operational and organizational sense, as research contacts and administrative boundaries expand from localized research systems to national and international networks (Howells, 1990). Generic technological knowledge is becoming easily accessible to nations and to companies that make the needed investments in science and engineering capabilities. Well-trained engineers and scientists will know roughly the same things and will communicate with each other regardless of where they are located (Baumol, 1990; Nelson, 1990a). About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands...



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