

NOTICEBOARD

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The Association for Banking History (Switzerland and Principality of Liechtenstein)

This Association was founded in July 1989 to promote a dialogue between bankers and historians, encourage research in banking history and stimulate historical awareness within banking institutions. Its membership includes 40 banks as well as a number of associations and individuals from both banking and academic circles.

In accordance with its objectives, the Association has developed its activities in two directions. First, and largely with its bank members in mind, the Association has organised seminars on both the establishment and management of bank archives, and the importance of history in the shaping of a corporate identity. With regard to universities, the Association has sponsored the part-time teaching of banking history for undergraduates, convened colloquia specifically designed for research students and subsidised scholarly publications.

Within a country where research concerned with modern banking had little foundation, the creation of the Association has opened up new opportunities. Legal advice sought by the Association regarding the implication of banking secrecy for historical research indicated that the latter activity was not constrained by the former. Currently, the Association is supporting a new, archival-based, history of the Swiss banks.

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18th International Congress of Historical Sciences, Montréal, 27–30 September 1995

Session 16 of this Congress, on 'Banking and its influences on commercial and industrial capitalism in Europe, America and Asia (13th–20th centuries)', which is being organised by Alice Teichova (Great Britain) and Ginette Krugan van Hentenrynk (Belgium), will be of special interest to financial historians. The following contributions have been announced:

David Abulafia (Great Britain)

The impact of Italian banking in the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Eric Bussière (France)

The role of banking and the rise of capitalism in France.

Youssef Cassis (Switzerland)

The influence of banking on the rise of capitalism in Switzerland.

Philip Cottrell and Huw Bowen (Great Britain)	Banking, commerce and industry in Great Britain, 1694–1878.
Elena Frangakis-Syrett (United States)	The role of European banks in the economy of western Anatolia, Turkey, and its centre Izmir, during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
Monserrat Garate (Spain)	Financial circuits in Spain; merchants and bankers (1700–1914).
Kanji Ishii (Japan)	The role of banking in Japan (1859–1973).
Håkan Lindgren (Sweden)	The influence of banking on the development of capitalism in Scandinavian countries.
Adam Manikowski (Poland)	Banking and credit in seventeenth-century central Europe.
Carlos Marichal (Mexico)	The role of banking in Latin America.
Shizuya Nishimura (Japan)	The history of international banking in east Asia, 1890–1914.
Michael North (Germany)	The great German banking houses and European merchants between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries.
M. Andres Regalsky (Argentina)	International banking, trade and industrialisation in Argentina.
Larry Schweikart (United States)	The role of banking and the rise of capitalism on the North American continent.
Robert Sweeny (Canada)	Banking and the social and national struggles in the creation of the Canadian capital market.
Cesare Gabriel Tortella (Spain)	The influence of banking on commercial and industrial capitalism in Spain.
Herman Van der Wee (Belgium)	The influence of banking on the rise of capitalism in north-west Europe.
Fritz Weber (Austria)	Banking and the development of commercial and industrial capitalism in central Europe.
Andrei Yudanov (Russia)	The role of banks in the establishment of firms' communities in Russia.
Dieter Ziegler (Germany)	The influence of banking on the rise and expansion of capitalism in Germany.