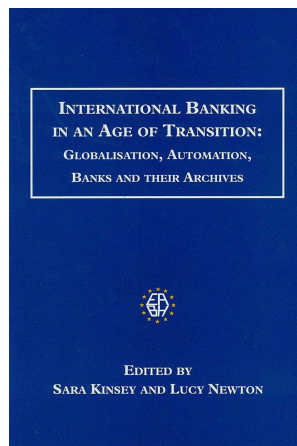


International Banking in an Age of Transition: -Globalisation, Automation, Banks and their Archives



Sweeping changes have taken place in the financial sector during the twentieth century. Two of the most notable changes have been the growth of global markets and institutions and the introduction of computerisation. This volume charts the course of concentration and internationalisation in banking and also examines the influence and implications of new technologies on the industry's recordkeeping practices.

The exploration of concentration and internationalisation begins in the late nineteenth century and examines the effect of a wide range of factors, from macro-economic influences such as the liquidity crisis of the 1930s and the oil prices of the 1970s to the role of national regulation in the creation of financial markets and innovative products. The role of individual banks and their particular policies is also brought into focus. Some of Europe's most eminent bankers provide a contemporary dimension by discussing possible future developments in continental banking.

Changes in the banking sector are recorded in the banks own archives, but the nature of these archives themselves is in flux. The problems facing bank archivists of the future are explored by archivists, bankers and historians, who bring the perspectives of their own professions to bear on such issues as the impact of new technologies on archive methodologies.

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