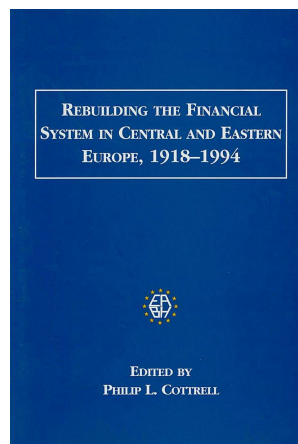


Rebuilding the Financial System in Central and Eastern Europe, 1918-1994



This collection of essays, written by former bankers, practising central bankers, government advisors and historians, celebrates the 70th anniversary of the National Bank of Hungary. Each contribution, developed specially for the occasion, considers from a range of viewpoints, the monetary and financial history of the past century and, in particular, explores possible parallelisms between experiences of the collapse of the Habsbourg 'Monarchy in 1918 and contemporary changes since 1989. The first part, comprising four essays, concentrates upon central banking, especially the development of the National Bank of Hungary since 1878 and the establishment of the Bank of Poland. Commercial banking is the theme of part II, where

continuities and discontinuities are considered with respect to Austria, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.