

Conference on Histories of financial supervision

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Main conference host: Institute for Economic and Business History Research at the
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Conference purpose

The current global financial and economic crisis has brought an increased interest in understanding the historical origins of national and international arrangements of financial regulation and supervision. National and international policy making processes are currently about to restructure the way financial companies and markets are monitored and controlled. Research has so far provided the policy makers with surveys of the “state of things”, confirming that national arrangements for financial supervision is and remains very heterogenic. These accounts are very good at describing the way things are, but due to a lack of historical perspectives they do not provide explanations to why the financial supervision looks the way it does. The conference, the first with a specific focus on supervision, will bring together researchers that work with the origins of the national and international origins of financial supervision.

The conference has five distinct purposes:

- To “take stock” of the research field as of today, what “is known” and in what areas further research is desirable
- To bring researchers together with a common interest in the origins and development of financial supervision
- To facilitate meetings between senior and junior researchers in the field for the disbursement of knowledge and experience for the development and expansion of the research field
- To enable researchers from different countries to meet and initiate international research cooperations

- To bring together policy makers and researchers in high level panel discussion about current policy issues and the contribution existing and future research on histories of financial supervision can make