

Editorial announcement

This issue of *Financial History Review* is the first to be published without the guiding hand of either of the Founding Editors. Youssef Cassis has decided to step down after twelve successful and productive years as one of the editors of the *Review*. His contribution to establishing the *Review* as a major international journal and a first port of call for some very high-quality research has been immense. Youssef's unrivalled ability to work in both the English-speaking and the Continental European academic traditions has been instrumental in bringing not only contributions, but also readers, to the journal, and we thank him very warmly for his contribution. His guidance, support and assistance to the new editorial team greatly eased the transition, and we are profoundly aware that any future success of the *Review* will be built on the very solid foundations that Youssef, along with Phil Cottrell, put in place over the last twelve years.

Youssef's departure has occasioned some restructuring of the editorial team. I have become the Editor of the *Review*, David Weiman will continue his role as Associate Editor, with responsibility for topics relating to the Americas, and we are joined by Stefano Battilossi, from the Universidad Carlos III, Madrid. Stefano will be an Associate Editor, with primary responsibility for Continental European topics. Stefano brings very deep knowledge of European financial (and classical) history, and we look forward to him making a substantial contribution to our ongoing work. We continue, of course, to be supported by an extraordinary Editorial Board.

This issue represents one of the first fruits of the new editorial team's focus on developing the coverage of the *Review*. David Weiman has taken the initiative in commissioning these articles, working closely with the authors over the last year or so, and editing the final results. By focusing on a topic of intense scholarly debate in the United States (which finds its way onto these pages) as well as of significant current interest in Europe, this issue brings together many of our concerns – the furtherance of research and scholarship, the ability to raise lessons from the past, and the need to have as wide an international perspective as possible. Future issues of *Financial History Review* will continue this tradition.

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