

History of Bankruptcy and insolvency

Articles and working papers

Publications searched: Economic History Review (ECHR); Business History; Business History Review; Financial History Review; Journal of Economic History; Cliometrica; European Review of Economic History; Enterprise and Society. The Bibliography of British and Irish History, and the individual websites of relevant academics have also been searched.

Search Terms: The terms “bankruptcy”; “insolvency”; “legal” AND “origin”; “Law” AND “finance” were used in the searches. These searches were limited to the search terms being contained in either abstract, title or keyword. The period searched was from 1/1/1980-to present.

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Publication	Author	Title	Publication details	Type	DOI/ISBN
Business History Review	Douglas Cumming and Grant Fleming	Corporate Defaults, Workouts, and the Rise of the Distressed Asset Investment Industry	First view, published online 28 April 2015	Journal article	10.1017/S000768051500029X
Business History	Arjan van Rooij	Sisyphus in business: Success, failure and the different types of failure	Vol. 57, Iss. 2, 2015; pp.203-223	Journal article	10.1080/00076791.2014.909808
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Business History	J. Foreman-Peck and L. Hannah	Some consequences of the early twentieth century divorce of ownership from control	Vol.55; Iss.4; 2013; pp.540-561	Journal Article	
Business History	Brian R. Cheffins, Steven A. Bank, Harwell Wells	Questioning 'law and finance': US stock market development, 1930-70	Vol. 55, Iss. 4, 2013; pp.601-619	Journal Article	10.1080/00076791.2012.741974
ECHR	Di Martino, Paolo,	Legal institutions, social norms, and entrepreneurship in Britain (c.1890-c.1939)	Vol.65; Iss.1; 2012; pp.120-143	Journal Article	10.1111/j.1468-0289.2010.00601.x
Journal of Economic History	Hansen, B., Hansen, M.E.	Crisis and Bankruptcy: The Mediating Role of State Law, 1920-1932	72, 3(2012), pp. 448-468	Journal Article	
Business History	Solar, Peter & Lyons, John	The English cotton spinning industry, 1780-1840	Vol.53; Iss.3; 2011; pp.302-323	Journal Article	10.1080/00076791.2011.565510
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	Sgard, Jérôme	Against Globalization: Sovereignty, Courts, and the Failure to Coordinate International Bankruptcies (1870–1940).	2009	Working paper	
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Business History	Hansen, B., Hansen, M.E.	Religion, social capital and business bankruptcy in the United States, 1921-1932	Vol.50; Iss.6;2008; pp.714-727.	Journal Article	10.1080/00076790802420252
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Enterprise and Society	Guinnane, T., Harris, R., Lamoreaux, N.R., and J. Rosenthal	Putting the corporation in its place	8:3; (2007), pp. 687 - 729	Journal Article	10.1093/es/khm067
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The Journal of Economic History	Aldo Musacchio	Law and Finance in Historical Perspective: Politics, Bankruptcy Law, and Corporate Governance in Brazil, 1850–2002	67:2 (2007) pp.503-506	Journal Article (Dissertation summary)	10.1017/S0022050707260188
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CEPII Working Paper	Sgard, Jérôme	On Legal Origins and Bankruptcy Laws: the European Experience (1808-1914)	2006	Working paper	
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The Journal of Economic History	LIAM BRUNT	Rediscovering Risk: Country Banks as Venture Capital Firms in the First Industrial Revolution	66:1 (2006) pp.74-102	Journal Article	10.1017/S0022050706000039
European Review of Economic History	Bordo, M. D. and P. L. Rousseau	Legal-political factors and the historical evolution of the finance-growth link	10:3; (2006), pp. 421-44	Journal Article	10.1017/S136149160600181X
Business History	Di Martino, P.	Approaching disaster: Personal bankruptcy legislation in Italy and England, c.1880-1939	Vol.47; Iss.1;2005; pp.23-43.	Journal Article	10.1080/0007679042000267451
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	Sgard, Jérôme	La faillite civile, la crise de la Sécurité sociale et la citoyenneté	2004	Working paper	
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Politique étrangère	Sgard, Jérôme	L'architecture financière internationale et les faillites d'Etat	68:2 (2003) pp.291-304	Journal Article	
Financial History Review	DALIT BARANOFF	A policy of cooperation: the cartelisation of American fire insurance, 1873–1906	10:2 (2003) pp.119-136	Journal Article	10.1017/S096856500300012X
The Journal of Economic History	DANIEL A. SCHIFFMAN	Shattered Rails, Ruined Credit: Financial Fragility and Railroad Operations in the Great Depression	63:3 (2003) pp.802-825	Journal Article	10.1017/S0022050703541997
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EcHR	Hoppit, Julian	Financial crises in eighteenth-century England	Vol.39; Iss.1; 1986; pp.39-58	Journal Article	10.1111/j.1468-0289.1986.tb00396.x
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Books and book chapters

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The Foundations of Worldwide Economic Integration Power, Institutions, and Global Markets, 1850–1930, ed. Christof Dejung and Niels P Petersson,	Sgard, Jérôme	Against Globalisation: Sovereignty, Courts, and the Failure to Coordinate International Bankruptcies, 1870–1940	2013; pp.40-59	Book chapter	
The history of bankruptcy	Max Safley, Thomas	Introduction: a history of bankruptcy and bankruptcy in history	London 2013, pp.1-16	Book Chapter (Editor, Thomas Max Safley)	
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The history of bankruptcy	Coquery, Natacha	Credit, trust and risk: shopkeepers' bankruptcies in 18th-century Paris	London 2013, pp.52-71	Book Chapter (Editor, Thomas Max Safley)	
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The history of bankruptcy	Avallone, Paola	Bankruptcy in the Kingdom of Naples: the case of public banks (17th-18th centuries)	London 2013, pp.97-107	Book Chapter (Editor, Thomas Max Safley)	
The history of bankruptcy	Carboni, Mauro & Fornasari, Massimo	Learning from others' failures: the rise of the Monte di pietà in early modern Bologna	London 2013, pp.108-125	Book Chapter (Editor, Thomas Max Safley)	
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The History of Bankruptcy: Economic, Social and Cultural Implications in Early Modern Europe	Sgard, Jérôme	Bankruptcy, fresh start and debt renegotiation in England and France (17 th and 18th century)	2013; pp.223-235	Book Chapter (Editor, Thomas Max Safley)	
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Insolvabilité des Etats et dettes souveraines, ed. Mathias Audit	Sgard, Jérôme	La faillite souveraine en économie : l'économie politique des défauts souverains	2011; pp.25-40.	Book chapter	
State and financial systems in Europe and the USA : historical perspectives on regulation and supervision in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries	Di Martino, Paolo	Lobbying, Institutional Inertia, and the Efficiency Issue in State Regulation : Evidence from the Evolution of Bankruptcy Laws and Procedures in Italy, England, and the US (c.1870–1939)	(Farnham: Ashgate, 2010), pp.41-54	Book chapter (Battilossi, Stefano, 1961-; Reis, Jaime (eds.)	
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