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business models adopted by insurance companies; and comparative analysis of double tax treaty policies adopted in a number of countries with respect to the permanent establishment provision in the insurance business, highlighting Switzerland for comparative purposes. In a concluding chapter, the author proposes changes to the definition of the dependent agent permanent establishment currently enshrined in the model treaties and their respective commentaries, aligning such a definition to the regulatory framework in which insurance companies conduct their business in countries other than that of incorporation. As a highly significant and timely contribution to the study of the interplay between insurance regulation and tax implications, this very original work will prove of especial value to practitioners in international tax and insurance law, as well as professionals in the financial services sector and tax academics.

Capital Requirements, Disclosure, and Supervision in the European Insurance Industry provides an in-depth analysis of Solvency II's issues by combining both a theoretical approach and evidence of the empirical implications and effects on the European insurance industry.

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Financial institutions must become more innovative in the conduct of their business. Cloud computing helps to achieve several objectives: innovative services, re-engineered processes, business agility and value optimization. Research, consultancy practice and case studies in this book consider the opportunities and risks with vendor relationships.

This Book On The First To Second Generation Economic Reforms And Beyond, Will Be Of Great Use To Economists And Industrialists, Managers And Executives, Students And Scholars Of Business Management, Commerce, Economics, And To Planners And Policy Makers.

The remarkably successful gold standard before 1914 was the first international monetary regime. This book addresses the experience of the gold standard peripheries; i.e. regime takers with limited influence on the regime. How did small countries adjust to an international monetary regime with seemingly little room for policy autonomy?

Over the past 20 years, the increased dominance in banking of the shareholder ownership model, whose main purpose is to maximize financial returns for shareholders, has proved to be a toxic combination with the financial deregulation the sector has undergone, the creation of new financial instruments and the concomitant rising levels of debt. Despite the growing role of private limited-liability banks around the world, co-operative banking still offers a compelling alternative, especially in Europe where the roots of co-operative institutions date back to the nineteenth century. This book studies the characteristics of different co-operative banking models of networks across several European countries to assess their impact on the profitability and resilience of the networks and their co-operative components. To date, empirical studies have neglected to examine the features of the networks to which co-operative banks belong. Surprisingly, there is little evidence on the extent to which the diverse organizational network structures determine differences in the profits and stability of individual banks and their networks across different countries. The principal objective of this book is to fill this gap in the literature. The European countries considered are Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. In these countries, co-operative banks constitute a significant presence although the organizational forms their networks take are quite different. Focusing on this sample of European countries therefore affords insights and reveals policy implications about the role that network organizations play in driving the performances of co-operative banks, which will be of interest to academics, researchers, and students of banking and financial institutions.

Assesses to what extent increased international cooperation could help selected financial centres in Europe respond to the future risks and opportunities facing them. The book identifies challenges that the jurisdictions face in coming years by means of representative samples and systematic comparisons of financial centres.

From a period of growth and considerably high levels of profitability, Greek banks recently found themselves battling a major decrease in demand in the local market, and an increase in non-performing loans. How is the Greek banking system able to survive the crisis? This is discussed by looking at the last 15 years of the Greek banking system.

'...this book would be suited to lawyers and non-lawyers alike. In addition, it provides an interesting look at the EU banking system and the systems of Central and Eastern European countries.' - Ellie Palmer, Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation The eastwards expansion of the European Union is one of the most explosive economic and political issues of the early 21st century. Economic and financial stability combined with rising prosperity in the applicant countries are increasingly seen as necessary preconditions for European Union membership. This authoritative volume, written by scholars and practitioners from Central and Western Europe and the United States, confronts the issues involved in three of the countries most likely to be successful applicants to the EU - the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia. A spotlight is turned on the banking and financial industries, as they are crucial to the achievement of economic stability. The blend of expertise deployed, which draws on in-depth knowledge and extensive experience in central banking, financial and commercial law, business, practical policy making and economic analysis, ensures that this book is timely, relevant and insightful. The authors suggest that the role of the state in both creating and maintaining an effective financial sector is central. Furthermore, they argue that well-regulated commercial banks and strategic foreign investors are a must as, in practice, the attempt to skip straight to modern capital markets has been ruinous. This accessibly written volume will be of interest to students and scholars of economics, finance, law, political science, the sociology of economic life and European studies.

Monetary Policy, central banking, and international norms and regulations; a discussion far from new, nor applying exclusively to the world's most advanced economies. A sound monetary policy and a well-enforced regulatory regime is provided, in explanation of developing nations to channel financial resources more efficiently into investments.

By and large, EU financial integration has been a success story. Still, the reform agenda is far from finished. What are the remaining challenges? What are the gains of closer financial market integration? This IMF book tracks the European Union's journey along the path to a single financial market and identifies the challenges and priorities that remain ahead. It pays particular attention to the most recent integration efforts in the European Union following the introduction of the euro. The study looks at the importance of financial integration, in particular for economic growth, the interplay between banks and markets, and equity market integration. It closely examines the relationship between financial integration and financial stability. This interaction presents the European Union with a challenge, but also with the opportunity to play a pioneering role in developing a regional approach to financial stability that could provide lessons for the rest of the world.

these fifteen and the ten new member states.

This book is an economic analysis of the stock exchange industry. The authors draw on theories from micro- and industrial economics to provide a detailed analysis of the industry structure, the strategic behaviour of key participants and the performance of stock exchanges.

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The latest scholarly developments in research on banking, financial markets, and the recent financial crisis. This selection of papers were presented at the Wolpertinger Conference held in Valletta, Malta, 2012 and provide insights into bank performance, banking risk, securitisation, bank stability, sovereign debt and derivatives.

The completion of the European Single Market Programme (SMP) and the launch of 'Euroland' are bold statements on the European Union and its future. Within this economic process, the particular importance of the banking and financial services sectors is widely emphasized. This collection explores the strategic impact of the Single Market Programme and European Monetary Union on European banks and banking systems. The contributors examine eleven banking systems: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom. Thoroughly up-to-date and with a common thematic overview of major trends in European banking systems, this book covers key strategic developments, structural changes, performance trends and strategies.

Banking markets have experienced a general trend towards conglomeration in recent years which has been facilitated by the deregulation of banks' activities. A particular feature of financial conglomeration has been the diversification of banks into insurance activities, and especially life insurance. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the concept and market characteristics of the bancassurance phenomenon. It also evaluates the impact of banking risks associated with diversification into insurance business.

This is the first comprehensive book on the politics and economics of financial sector consolidation in an emerging market in West Africa. It draws on the author's twenty years experience working with multinationals in this oil-rich zone, to address key issues and examine banking reform in one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Through the arguments for corporate tax harmonization in the EU and describing the current stage of this process, the legislative rules which are insufficient to solve the many problems implied by the proper functioning of the Single Market, are revealed. The book also exposes the issues involved in the consolidation of the corporate tax base.

Updated insight into key facts impacting on financial institutions after the financial crisis, highlighting areas of major policy and academic interest. The book includes ten chapters analysing contrasting issues such as intellectual capital, cost efficiency, bank stability, credit risk and business models for the wealth management industry.

This book analyses how the financial system adjusts to institutional changes such as new technology, political tendencies, cultural differences, new business models, and government interactions. It emphasises how different institutional settings affect firms' borrowing and increases our understanding of how efficient financial markets are formed.

This innovative book provides the first detailed analysis of the increasing convergence of banking and insurance in the retail area, a trend commonly referred to as bancassurance. In the first part of the book industry- and firm-level characteristics are analysed which contribute to the increasing level of cross-industry penetration in the banking and insurance sector. The second part of the book provides for the first time a detailed account of banks' entry strategies into insurance. It thereby focuses on identifying the key factors which determine whether or not entry will be successful.

The banking industry extensively lobbied against Basel III and governments have been keen to delay its full implementation. Chorafas' latest book takes a well-rounded approach on Basel III's strengths and weaknesses and explains how, without deep restructuring of the global banking industry, (like Basel II) Basel III will fail.

La rete distributiva composta di uomini che devono, con l'aiuto della psicologia positiva e l'autodeterminazione essere capaci di affrontare le sfide della rete medesima e degli obiettivi che vengono imposti dalla propria Società. Ogni gesto, cambiamento e riflessione viene vista anche scientificamente con dei case study che analizzano come gestire materialmente la propria rete e come riuscire a navigare oceani blu dove si può vincere senza competere."

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