After an apprenticeship in his twenties in academic posts at Oxford, Essex and Cambridge, Leslie Hannah (with LSE Business History Unit colleagues) took over the editorship of this journal in 1979 from the founding team at the University of Liverpool. In the 1990s he became an academic administrator (Pro-Director of LSE, then head of the Cass Business School (London) and Ashridge Management College), continuing to publish. After the turn of the century he returned to full-time research and teaching as Kojima Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Tokyo. Latterly he has been visiting professor at EHESS Paris, Reading and LSE, Honorary Distinguished Professor at Cardiff Business School and, from 2017, Professor Emeritus at LSE.

His publications were influential. He was one of the (three) British economic historians who qualified as the most frequently cited living economists in Mark Blaug's *Who's Who in Economics* (1st edition 1986 to 3rd edition 1999). More recently Ojala et al's (2017)<sup>1</sup> bibliometric analysis reported that (with Lou Galambos of Johns Hopkins University) he led in authoring the most frequently cited articles in established business history journals. His first postdoctoral publication - on takeovers - was in this journal (1974): its high citation rate benefitted from long maturation. The other - an international comparison of the divorce of ownership from control - was published here in his sixtieth year (2007) and within 10 years registered more citations than any other article in the journal. Both contributions appear in this comprehensive<sup>2</sup> list of his books, articles and other academic output, in chronological order:

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