

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)¹ 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 comprehensive² list of his books, articles and other academic output, in chronological order:

1970s

'The Political Economy of Mergers in British Manufacturing Industry between the Wars', DPhil thesis, Faculty of Economics, Oxford 1972.

'Takeover Bids in Britain before 1950', *Business History*, 16, 1, 1974, pp. 65-77.

'Mergers in British Manufacturing Industry 1880-1918', *Oxford Economic Papers*, 26, 1, 1974, pp. 1-20.

'Managerial Innovation and the Rise of the Large-Scale Company in Interwar Britain', *Economic History Review*, 27, 2, 1974, pp.252-70.

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The Rise of the Corporate Economy, Methuen and Johns Hopkins University Press, 1976; University Paperback, 1979; 2nd edition 1983; Japanese translation, Toyo Keizai Shinpo Sha, Tokyo, 1987.

(with John A. Kay) *Concentration in Modern Industry: Theory Measurement and the UK Experience*, Macmillan, 1977.

¹ Jari Ojala, Jari Eloranta, Anu Ojala and Heli Valtonen, "Let the best story win – evaluation of the most cited business history articles," *Management and Organizational Change*, 12, 4, November 2017, pp. 305-33.

² It excludes numerous reviews, newspaper and magazine articles and radio and TV broadcasts.

'A Pioneer of Public Enterprise: The Central Electricity Board and the National Grid, 1927-1940', in B. Supple, ed., *Essays in British Business History*, Oxford University Press, 1977.

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'Mergers' in G Porter, ed., *Dictionary of American Economic History*, Scribners, 1980.

'Government and Business in Britain: The Evolution of the Modern Relationship', in K Nakagawa, ed., *Government and Business: Proceedings of the Fifth Fuji Conference*, Univ. of Tokyo Press, Tokyo, 1980.

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'Training Business Historians, American Business History: A British Perspective', *The Public Historian*, 3, 3, Summer 1981, pp. 106-19.

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Engineers, Managers and Politicians: The First Fifteen Years of Nationalised Electricity Supply in Britain 1948-1962, Macmillan and Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982.

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Entrepreneurs and the Social Sciences: An inaugural lecture, LSE, 1983.

'From Family Firm to Professional Management: Structure and Performance of Business Enterprise', *Zeitschrift für Unternehmensgeschichte*, 28, 2, 1983, pp. 120-25.

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