

Lars Magnusson, Jan Ottosson, (2001) The state, regulation and the economy: An historical perspective Cheltenham, U.K. and Northampton, Mass.: Elgar; distributed by American International Distribution Corporation, Williston, Vt.

Abstract:

Nine papers, resulting from a workshop held in Stockholm in June 1999, explore how regulations and institutions are decided upon in general and study the formation, transformation, and change of institutional settings in Sweden, considered as a role model of a regulated economy. Papers discuss information distortion by politicians and constituent groups in promoting regulatory transfers in the case of a U.S. ethanol program (Ronald N. Johnson and Gary D. Libecap); lessons from American railroad history (Colleen A. Dunlavy); regulation in the first century of U.S. railroading (Timothy Dowd and Frank Dobbin); fiscal policy in a changing world economy (Sven Steinmo); the role of path dependence in the history of regulation (Lars Magnusson); railway policy and regional interest groups in northern Sweden (Lena Andersson-Skog); the state and regulatory orders in early European civil aviation (Jan Ottosson); instruments and strategies in the regulatory reform of Swedish telecommunications (Carl Jeding); path dependence and the case of Swedish transport aid (Thomas Pettersson). Magnusson and Ottosson are at Uppsala University and at the National Institute of Working Life, Sweden. Bibliography; index.