Competition for Funding and The Role of Capital Markets

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Financing the Industrial Revolution



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Common Features

- Long term commitment of owners
- Industrial as well as financial knowledge
- Delegation of decision to local level
- Aligned incentives

Failures of UK

- Exposure to short-term market pressures
- Absence of industrial knowledge
- Increasing centralization
- Increasingly focused share holder return measures

Bank Regulation and Shadow Banking

Bank Charters and Public Policy

Share Ownership and Large Corporations

The Role of Pension Funds

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The Role of Corporate Boards

Conclusions

- Financial intermediation is key to economic growth
- Common features of successful examples
- Need for long-term ownership, focus on corporate financing, industrial knowledge, delegated local decisions, broad and long-term measures of performance and incentives
- Regulation focused on systemic not prescriptive regulation
- Governance and ownership of large corporations aligned