

## CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION	xi
How to use this <i>Handbook</i>	xi
1. Objectives and concept of the <i>Handbook</i>	xii
2. From the sources to this edition of the exchange rate series	xvii
3. The medium and the mechanisms of cashless payment: The (European) bill of exchange	xxii
3.1 <i>The European bill of exchange and its development in Italy in the era         of the Commercial Revolution</i>	xxiv
3.2 <i>The innovations in cashless payment of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries:         Endorsement and discount – and their consequence:         The decline of the international exchange fairs</i>	xxxvi
3.3 <i>The bill of exchange as the dominant means of international payment         in Europe (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century)</i>	xlii
3.4 <i>The transfer of the European techniques of cashless payment overseas         (16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century)</i>	xlvi
3.5 <i>From the bill of exchange to the telegraphic transfer and to the cheque         (from about 1850 to 1914)</i>	lii
4. Money and exchange: European currency systems as the dominant monetary systems in the international payment system	lviii
4.1 <i>European currency systems from the Middle Ages up to c. 1870</i>	lviii
4.2 <i>European currency systems and trade coins in the non-European regions         of the world from the European Expansion up to c. 1870</i>	lxix
4.3 <i>The international gold standard system (from c. 1870 up to 1914)</i>	lxxiv
4.4 <i>Different patterns of quoting exchange rates</i>	lxxviii

5. The cashless payment system and its exchange markets from the 16 <sup>th</sup> century up to 1914	lxxx
5.1 <i>Theoretical and methodical reflections on the integration within the system of cashless payment transactions</i>	lxxx
5.2 <i>The development in Europe from the Middle Ages up to c. 1870</i>	lxxxvii
5.3 <i>The development in the non-European regions of the world from the European Expansion up to c. 1870</i>	xcvii
5.4 <i>The world-wide cashless payment system in the age of the gold standard (from c. 1870 up to 1914)</i>	cviii

## SOURCES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. Unprinted sources, exchange rate currents and price currents in archives and libraries	cxii
2. Commercial, financial and other newspapers	cxiv
3. Merchant manuals	cxviii
4. Other printed sources	cxx
5. Bibliography	cxxii

EUROPE	1
1 England/Great Britain (1590–1914)	3
2 Netherlands (1593–1914)	57
3 Italy (1590–1914)	103
4 Germany (1657–1914)	191
5 Habsburg Monarchy (1754–1914)	255
6 France (1760–1914)	279
7 Spain (1820–1914)	307
8 Switzerland (1842–1914)	313
9 Denmark (1696–1914)	327
10 Sweden (1700–1914)	339
11 Russian Empire (1695–1914)	359
12 Poland (1696–1812)	379
13 Ottoman Empire (1760–1914)	387

AMERICA	399
14 The British Colonies in North America and the USA (1660–1914)	401
15 Canada (1757–1914)	433
16 Jamaica (1675–1914)	445
17 Brazil (1808–1914)	451

---

18	Argentina (1824–1914)	463
19	Chile (1827–1914)	477
20	Uruguay (1871–1914)	483
21	Mexico (1886–1914)	487
ASIA		493
22	British India (1819–1914)	495
23	China (1764–1914)	507
24	Japan (1861–1914)	529
25	Straits Settlements (1834–1914)	537
26	Netherlands India (1818–1914)	545
27	Mauritius (1825–1914)	555
28	Indochinese Union (1888–1914)	567
29	Persia (1809–1914)	571
AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA		579
30	Australia (1822–1914)	581
31	New Zealand (1841–1914)	591
AFRICA		597
32	Egypt (1869–1914)	599
33	Cape Colony/South African Union (1811–1914)	607