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## Preface

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In this *Research Handbook on Money Laundering* we set out to give you a survey of the state of the art in the debate surrounding money laundering. We have invited authors from academia, international organizations, from practice and country representatives to write an 8–15-page contribution on the topic of money laundering. Since it was not possible to find a historian writing (for free) on the history of money laundering, the editors themselves took care of it. However, this still seems a promising field for economic historians to delve into.

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The Utrecht University School of Economics, where we are both employed as Professor and PhD candidate, stands for multidisciplinary research. We hope that through this Handbook, the study of money laundering will become a flourishing field in multidisciplinary academia.

