

A major reevaluation of the period was initiated by a group of studies which stressed the unsatisfactory state of research and advocated a shift of the analytical focus towards the internal dynamics of socio-economic processes.⁴⁵ Thus, there was an effort to establish a coherent analytical framework incorporating economic, political and social parameters that would allow a more adequate interpretation of principal developments during this period and would relate them to a broader historical perspective. The main thesis developed is that the 1940s was a period of transformation and consolidation of new structures with a lasting impact on the post-war development of the Greek economy. With class, state, and accumulation as their main analytical categories, these studies attempt to trace the social and economic transformations that occurred during the occupation period.⁴⁶ Having identified the specific historical class conjuncture and its relation to the economy, the discussion shifts to an analysis of the short- and long-term objectives and interests of the dominant classes. Several contradictions are identified between various objectives, as well as between internal and foreign agents. In addition, such processes were strongly influenced by a newly emerging setting of international economic and political relations. Economic policies that were actually followed and the institutional buildup that characterized this period are consequently examined in relation to the interaction of inherited internal structures and emerging international ones. In the most elaborate formulation of this perspective,⁴⁷ previous conclusions are very strongly challenged and a new research agenda is set.

⁴⁵Iatrides, *Greece in the 1940s*.

⁴⁶Tsoucalas, "Ideological Impact"; Thomadakis, "Black Markets"; Vergopoulos, "Emergence."

⁴⁷Thomadakis, "Stabilization."

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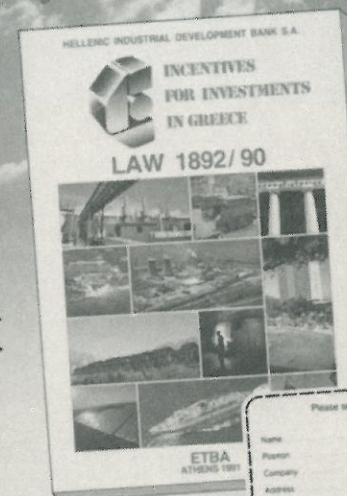
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