

JOINT UIC – FSR TRANSPORT WEBINAR ON THE HANDBOOK ON RAILWAY REGULATION

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Why this Handbook?

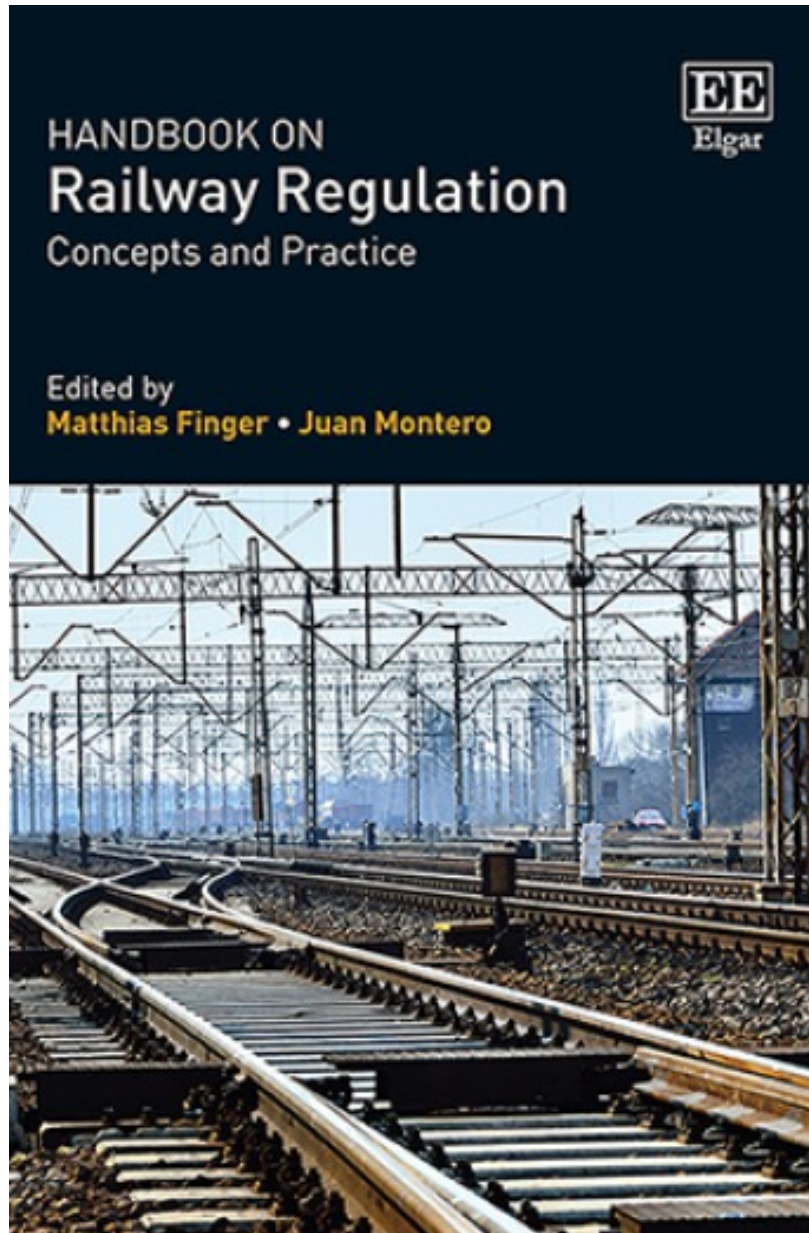
- Since 2010 we organize Florence Railway Forums together with the EC/DG MOVE, and accompany the COM in its efforts to reform Europe's railway systems
- Finger, M. & P. Messulam (eds.) (2015). *Rail economics, regulation and policy in Europe*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Over the years, the EU's liberalization agenda has been complemented by a decarbonization and a digitalization agenda
- 2019: *Manifesto for the next five years of regulation of EU transport* (update in light of COVID-19 in May 2020)
- Next Monday, the EU will celebrate its full market opening, almost 30 years after the process started; in some countries, railway reform had started 10+ years earlier (US, UK, S, JP)
- 2021 will be the year of railways in the EU
- But now we need to look also beyond Europe/US, as there are interesting railway countries (CN, IN, KR, RU)

History

- It all starts in Europe ... which is exporting the model
- “Peak rail” at the beginning of the 20th century, then nationalization in many countries
- “Divergence” after modal competition from road and air:
 - freight vs passengers
 - high-speed as a new vision (JP, F)
- “Diverging policies” re railway reform:
 - horizontal competition in the US
 - vertical separation and infrastructure harmonization in the EU
 - competition for the market (PSO, tendering)
- ... re-evaluating reform policies: have they delivered?
(investment, technical harmonization, competition, modal share)
- ... and new challenges and opportunities: decarbonization and digitalization

The main messages

- Rail has (must have) a future!
- But which rail?
 - high-speed?
 - mass-transit?
 - long-distance?
 - freight?
 - regional?
- ... and where?
 - historical railway countries
 - emerging railway countries
 - “experiment EU/SERA”
- A broader, more systemic policy and regulatory perspective is required:
 - rail in light of modal shift
 - rail in the context of multimodality



Structure and topics

- 14 countries: leaders, large railway countries, small interesting countries
- 10 transversal issues: technical issues, high-speed, mass-transit, modal shift, digitalization
- 24 chapters authored by the main internationally recognized railway experts

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