

# Preface

This is a book about how to rescue public stock markets and address financial inequalities by increasing the number of companies with publicly-traded shares and retail investors' direct shareholding. I chose the topic assuming that it was an impossible mission in legal science and therefore worth the effort. The topic turned out to be very difficult but not impossible. It took a new theoretical and methodological approach and five years to write this book. Since it took a lot of work to come this far, I decided to publish this research project as an open access book.

This book belongs to Commercial Law that I have defined as a theory-based scientific discipline. Such Commercial Law belongs to the higher-level discipline User-Friendly Legal Science.

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