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Summary

In this bulletin published by the end of 2016, the section **Debates** discusses the firm before the industrialization. Includes an essay by Andrea Caracausi and the reference to a work by Paolo Malanima published on *Annali di Stori dell'Impresa* (No. 14, 2003). Through a revision of the literature, Caracausi discusses the nature of the pre-industrial firm, the types and its internal organization. The author explores the characteristics of the pre-industrial firm, comparing them with the post-Chandlerian firm. The essay also includes a revision of the role of institutions in solving conflicts between and within firms, and their effect on the evolution of the market. Caracausi concludes that the study of the complexity of the pre-industrial firm needs to include other aspects such as family, religion and culture. The pre-industrial firms must be seen as a reference to the characteristics to the so called 'modern firm'.

In this number, two **books are reviewed**. Silvia Simonassi comments on a work about the relationship between Buenos Aires' port unions, the shipping companies and the government in the early twentieth century (Caruso, 2016). Jorge Gilbert presents a study on the family firms in the sugar industry in Tucuman between 1895-1930 (Moyano, 2015). The section **Novedades Bibliográficas** comments on the special issue on business groups published in *Business History* journal and a recent compilation on Latin American industrialization. The section **Tesis Doctorales**, presents a master thesis submitted by Maria Teresa di Salvo (MSc in Political Economy, FLACSO, "El impacto de la cultura organizacional en la sostenibilidad de las empresas recuperadas por sus trabajadores en la Argentina. Reflexiones en torno al caso Chilavert Artes Graficas").

Recursos calls the attention over the recent issue on food and agriculture published by the *Business History Review*. The section on archives for business history (**Archivos**) presents an essay by Laura Caruso on the sources on shipping companies available in *Centro de Capitanes de Ultramar*. The final section, **Convocatorias**, shows the program of the IX Coloquio del Grupo de Estudios Empresariales e Historia Económica (Buenos Aires, March 2017). Also, includes a list of call for papers and future events.