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Accounting by the First Public Company: The Pursuit of Supremacy

Published by Routledge, NY, in 2014.

Warwick Funnell has worked in universities in Australia and Britain and his research has focused mainly on the history of public sector accountability in both Britain and Australia. He has also been fortunate in developing strong research associations with accounting historians in Italy, Spain and Portugal. Much of his accounting history research has been concerned with the evolution of accountability practices in government and the way in which these have been used as a means to oppress. His paper "Accounting in the Service of the Holocaust" was accepted by Yad Vashem, the Jewish Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem.



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