

This paper is designed to provide a systematic approach to the problem of privatization in the context of Eastern European economies. The approach presented here will be "systematic" in the sense of providing a theory of what privatization is supposed to accomplish in Eastern Europe and supplying the means of evaluating the relative advantages and disadvantages of each privatization strategy. While the case of Poland will serve as the focal point of our discussions, the analysis presented here is intended to have more general significance, applicable to the region as a whole.