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János Kornai's research has focused on the critical analysis of the socialist system and post-socialist transition. After the collapse of socialism in Eastern Europe his attention has partly turned to economic policy, especially to macroeconomic problems and the reform of the welfare state. His best known works are *Overcentralization in Economic Administration* (1957), *Anti-Equilibrium* (1971), *Economics of Shortage* (1980), *The Road to a Free Economy* (1990), *The Socialist System: The Political Economy of Communism* (1992), *Highway and Byways* (1995), *Struggle and Hope* (1997), *Welfare, Choice, and Solidarity in Transition* (co-author Karen Eggleston, 2001), *By Force of Thought: Irregular Memoirs of an Intellectual Journey* (2006), *From Socialism to Capitalism* (2008), *Dynamism, Rivalry and the Surplus Economy* (2013). His works have been translated into more than twenty languages.