

Causes and Consequences of the Global Financial Crisis and the Current Crises and Policy Options

Reading Assignment

★ Required

Basic

1. Blanchard 9th edition, chapters 3-6.
2. The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, “Final Report of the National Commission on the Causes of the Financial and Economic Crisis in the United States.” February 2011. Pp. xv-xxviii are required. Other parts are strongly recommended. [Here](#).

Group 1: In the Eye of the Storm

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4. Blinder, Alan, *Origins of the Financial Mess*. Lecture at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, November 11, 2008. [Here](#).
5. Stiglitz, Joseph, “Capitalist Fools,” *Vanity Fair*, January 2009. [Here](#).
6. Friedman, Benjamin M, “The Failure of the Economy & the Economists,” *The New York Review of Books*, May 28, 2009, pp. 42-45. [Here](#).
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Group 2: Retrospectives

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11. Gennaioli, Nicola, and Shleifer, Andrei, *A Crisis of Beliefs: Investor Psychology and Financial Fragility*, Princeton University Press, 2018. Pages 1-47 are required, [here](#) (and on Nexus).

Group 3: Monetary and Fiscal Policy, Financial Market Regulation: Historical and Current Perspectives

12. Grothe, Simon, and Nikiforos, Michalis, “Distributional and Macroeconomic Effects of Trump 2.0.” *Institute for New Economic Thinking*, May 5, 2025. [Here](#).

13. Sorkin, Andrew Ross, “The Rules of Investing Are Being Loosened. Could It Lead to the Next 1929?” *The New York Times*, October 13, 2025. [Here](#).
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3. U.S. Department of the Treasury, “The U.S. Post-Pandemic Recovery in Context.” January 2025. [Here](#).
4. Juhász R, Lane N, Rodrik D, “The New Economics of Industrial Policy.” *Harvard University*, 2024. [Here](#).
5. Brooks, Robin, and Harris, Ben, “The US recovery from COVID-19 in international comparison.” *Brookings*, October 17, 2024. [Here](#).
6. El-Arian, Mohamed, “Don’t Extrapolate Last Year’s Trends for the Global Economy.” *Project Syndicate*, January 11, 2024. [Here](#).
7. Costantini, Orsola, and D’Ippoliti, Carlo, “American Household Debt: A Reappraisal.” *Institute for New Economic Thinking*, January 2, 2024. [Here](#).
8. Milstein, Eric, and Wessel, David, “What did the Fed do in response to the COVID-19 crisis?” *Brookings*, January 2, 2024. [Here](#).
9. Parramore, Lynn, “Is American Banking Safe? You Might Not Like The Answer from Two Fed Veterans.” *Institute for New Economic Thinking*, December 4, 2023. [Here](#).
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12. “Coronavirus shock vs. global financial crisis — the worse economic disaster?” *DW*, March 17, 2020. [Here](#).
13. Velasco, Andrés, “Are We All Keynesians Again?” *Project Syndicate*, August 25, 2020. [Here](#).
14. “2008: A Retrospective on the Financial Crisis.” *Institute for New Economic Thinking*, 2018. [Here](#).
15. Blanchard, Olivier, *et al* (eds.), *In the Wake of the Crisis*. The MIT Press, 2012.
16. Symposia: *Macroeconomics Decade after the Great Recession*. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, September 2018.
17. Fair, Ray, *FAIRMODEL: The U.S. Model Workbook*. [Here](#).

18. Chronologies of the Economic and Financial Crisis:
 - a. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. [Here](#).
 - b. The Global Economic & Financial Crisis: A Timeline. [Here](#).
19. Piketty, Thomas, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014.
20. Taibbi, Matt, *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap*, Spiegel & Grau, 2014.
You might want to watch an interview with the author [here](#).
21. Rajan, Raghuram G., *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*, Princeton University Press, 2010.
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33. Reinhart, Carmen M. and Kenneth Rogoff, *This Time Is Different: Eight Centuries of Financial Folly*, Princeton University Press, 2009.

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