

# Can We Avoid Another Financial Crisis

Public International Law/International Economic Law/Monetary Law

*especially on international monetary and financial affairs. With the Global Financial Crisis in 2008, another informal body, the G20, would acquire a lead*

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Required knowledge: Link

Learning objectives: Understanding XY.

== A. Introduction ==

Even though money has been a crucial instrument of political and social control, the international legal framework around it still remains largely understudied. International monetary law (IML) occupies much less attention within debates on international economic law, as against international trade and investment, for instance. This has meant that questions concerning monetary autonomy, sovereignty, and the way international law deals with monetary conflicts and determines the distribution of rights and obligations remain largely ignored in legal scholarship. What is also missing is a systematic engagement with how money sustains not only the infrastructure of world capitalist...

Principles of Finance/Section 1/Chapter 7/Efficient-Market Hypothesis

*have blamed the belief in rational markets for much of the late-2000s financial crisis. In response, proponents of the hypothesis have stated that market*

In finance, the efficient-market hypothesis (EMH) asserts that financial markets are "informationally efficient". In consequence of this, one cannot consistently achieve returns in excess of average market returns on a risk-adjusted basis, given the information available at the time the investment is made.

There are three major versions of the hypothesis: "weak", "semi-strong", and "strong". The weak-form EMH claims that prices on traded assets (e.g., stocks, bonds, or property) already reflect all past publicly available information. The semi-strong-form EMH claims both that prices reflect all publicly available information and that prices instantly change to reflect new public information. The strong-form EMH additionally claims that prices instantly reflect even hidden or "insider" information...

Macroeconomics/Money

*they are in financial difficulties but the central bank can encourage its use by setting the rate lower than market rates. In a crisis it can be an important*

There have been many types of money and many ways of creating it. It is important to bear in mind that money is defined by its function, not its form. Money is not gold, nor debt, nor the government. Money is what money does.

What does it do? Money serves as a symmetry breaker. A barter transaction has symmetry in time, place, value, and participants. This is very limiting and a modern economy could not function under these constraints.

Money allows you to sell something to one person and then buy something from someone else at a different time and place. You can sell your labor to your employer and then use money to buy food-- you needn't work for a farmer to eat, nor for a doctor to get medical care.

Money has no intrinsic value--a thing is worth only what someone will give you for...

### Strengths-Based Social Work Practice

*ATTRIBUTES & FEATURES Vocational, Educational, Legal, Financial, Social & Recreational and Logistical Crisis & Safety, Home & A Place to Live, Family & Relationships*

### Credits

== The Strengths Perspective ==

=== What Is It? ===

Strengths-Based Practice assesses the inherent strengths of a person or family, then builds on them.

Strengths Based practice uses peoples' personal strengths to aid in recovery and empowerment.

(Fort Wayne MSW class, December 2006. Class discussion.)

It's really about reframing personal perception to find good even in the worst situation.

=== Why Use It? ===

It is an empowering alternative to traditional therapies which typically describe family functioning in terms of psychiatric diagnoses or deficits.

It avoids the use of stigmatizing language or terminology which families use on themselves and eventually identify with, accept, and feel helpless to change.

It is at odds with the "victim identity" -- epitomized in popular culture...

### Principles of Finance/Section 1/Chapter/Financial Markets and Institutions/Federal Reserve

*Alan Greenspan's chairmanship during the Asian financial crisis, the stock market boom and the financial aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Woodward*

The Federal Reserve System (also known as the Federal Reserve, and informally as the Fed) is the central banking system of the United States. It was created on December 23, 1913 with the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act largely in response to a series of financial panics, particularly a severe Panic of 1907|panic in 1907. Over time, the roles and responsibilities of the Federal Reserve System have expanded and its structure has evolved. Events such as the Great Depression were major factors leading to changes in the system.

The Congress established three key objectives for monetary policy—maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates—in the Federal Reserve Act. The first two objectives are sometimes referred to as the Federal Reserve's dual mandate. Its duties...

### Planet Earth/1a. Science: How do we know what we know?

*public opinion or even voting. This led to an existential crisis in scientific thought. How can one define truth, especially if you can't appeal to authority -*

## == The Emergence of Scientific Thought ==

The term "science" comes from the Latin word for knowledge, scientia, although the modern definition of science only appeared in the last 200 years. Between the years of 1347 to 1351, a deadly plague swept across the Eurasian Continent, resulting in the death of nearly 60% of the population. The years that followed the great Black Death, as the plague came to be called, was a unique period of reconstruction which saw the emergence of the field of science for the first time. Science became the pursuit of learning knowledge and gaining wisdom; it was synonymous with the more widely used term of philosophy. It was born in the time when people realized the importance of practical reason and scholarship in the curing of diseases and ending famines, as well...

### The science of finance/Financing the economy

*This is why agents need to set up institutions to regulate financial resources, in order to avoid overheating and inflation, or recession, underemployment*

« Give them the power to collect the grain during those good years and to store it in your cities. It can be stored until it is needed during the seven years when there won't be enough grain in Egypt. This will keep the country from being destroyed because of the lack of food. » (Genesis, 41,35-36)

In the absence of monetary creation by banks, the financing of the private economy would depend exclusively on the self-financing capacities and the goodwill of agents who are fortunate enough to entrust or lend their money to entrepreneurs. Such an economy would therefore face the risk of a shortage of investment, because owners can choose to keep their money instead of lending it. Monetary creation by banks makes it possible to cancel this risk of shortage of investors. Money lent by banks is...

### Public International Law/Climate Change Law

*is your example. Test your knowledge in our learning area. [T]he climate crisis is so violent and has exacerbated so much injustice [...] It is not only the*

Author:

Required knowledge: International Environmental Law

Learning objectives:

Discern the multifaceted implications of climate change from various lenses including biophysical, socioeconomic, and political perspectives, to appreciate the complexities involved in formulating international legal responses.

Identify the core principles of international climate change law, the major stakeholders, their interests, and the inherent political challenges, utilizing the terminology specific to the UNFCCC.

Understand the development, functionality, and criticisms of the main mechanisms in the international climate change treaty regime, incorporating historical context and current scholarship in the field.

Understand how climate change law interacts with other areas of international...

### Drinking Water/Scarcity

*otherwise unavailable for drinking, industry and agriculture. To avoid a global water crisis, farmers will have to strive to increase productivity to meet*

Following is about water security and water scarcity. Water security is the capacity of a population to ensure that they continue to have access to potable water. It is an increasing concern arising from population growth, drought, climate change, oscillation between El Niño and La Niña effects, urbanisation, salinity, upstream pollution, over-allocation of water licences by government agencies and over-utilisation of groundwater from artesian basin. Water security is rapidly declining in many parts of the world.

According to the Pacific Institute "While regional impacts will vary, global climate change will potentially alter agricultural productivity, freshwater availability and quality, access to vital minerals, coastal and island flooding, and more. Among the consequences of these impacts...

## Public International Law/State Responsibility

*protection of foreign investment in the face of a very serious economic and financial crisis. In view of this difficulty, the circumstance recognized in Article*

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Required knowledge: Sources of International Law, Subjects of International Law.

Learning objectives: to understand the regime of state responsibility and the steps to establish the consequences of an international wrongful act

== A. introduction ==

State responsibility for international wrongful acts is a fundamental element of international law, dealing with the consequences of the breach of an international obligation. This chapter analyzes the concept of international wrongful act, and follows the structure proposed by the International Law Commission to invoke State responsibility for an international wrongful act...

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