



**Financial Crisis and its Impact on Developing Countries'  
Growth Strategies and Prospects**

**April 20-21, 2009**

**Venue: John F. Kennedy School of Government  
Harvard University**

**Room NYE-B (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

**79 John F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

**Monday, April 20, 2009**

**8:00-8:30am Breakfast**

**8:30-8:35am Welcoming Remarks:**

Ricardo **Hausmann**, Director, Center for International Development, the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

**8:35-8:40am Opening Remarks:**

Michael **Spence**, Chair, Commission on Growth and Development, and Nobel Laureate in Economics.

**8:40-9:40am Session 1: Animal Spirits: How Human Psychology Drives the Economy, and Matters for Global Capitalism.**

Chair: Robert **Solow**, Commissioner, Nobel Laureate in Economics, Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Presenter: George **Akerlof**, Nobel Laureate in Economics, Professor, University of California-Berkeley.

Discussant(s): Montek **Ahluwalia**, Commissioner, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, India.  
Pedro **Malan**, Former Minister of Finance, Brazil.

**9:40-11:10am Session 2: The Anatomy of the Financial Crisis: Emerging Lessons**

Chair: Ricardo **Hausmann**, Director, Center for International Development, the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Presenters: Daron **Acemoglu**, Professor of Applied Economics, MIT: "Risk and Regulation: Lessons from the Crisis of 2008."

Mohammed **El-Erian**, Co-CEO, PIMCO (via video-conference): "Navigating a Crisis of the Financial System."

Markus **Brunnermeier**, Professor of Economics, Princeton University: "Countercyclical Regulation based on an Institution's Contribution to Systemic Risk"

Richard **Portes**, Professor, London Business School and CEPR: "Roots of the Crisis in Global Imbalances and Excess Global Liquidity."

Discussant(s): Jeffrey **Frankel**, Professor, Harvard University.

Luis **Servén**, Research Manager, DECRG, World Bank Group.

**11:10-11:30am**

**Coffee Break**

**11:30-1:30pm Session 3: Panel: Managing the Crisis: Perspectives from Brazil, India, and South Africa**

Chair: Kemal **Derviş**, Commissioner, Former Executive Head of the UNDP; Vice-President and Director, Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

Panelists: Otaviano **Canuto** (Brazil), Vice President-designate, World Bank Group.

Ilan **Goldfajn** (Brazil), Chief Economist, Itau Unibanco.

Ajay **Shah** (India), Senior Fellow, National Institute for Public Finance and Policy, India.

Alok **Sheel** (India), Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, India.

Christopher **Loewald** (South Africa), Deputy Director-General for Economic Policy, the National Treasury (South Africa).

**1:30-2:30pm**

**LUNCH**



**Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

**8:00-8:30am Breakfast**

**8:30-8:35am Opening Remarks:**

Michael **Spence**, Chair, Commission on Growth and Development and Nobel Laureate in Economics.

**8:35-9:35am Session 7: Opening Session for Day 2. The UN Commission of Experts on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System**

Chair: Danny **Leipziger**, Commission Vice-Chair, Vice President and Head of Network, PREM, World Bank Group.

Presenter: Robert **Johnson**, Member of the UN Commission on Financial Reform, former Chief Economist for the Senate Banking and Budget Committee.

Discussant(s): Edmar **Bacha**, Commissioner, Director, Casa Das Garcas Institute for Economic Policy Studies, Brazil.

**9:35-11:05am Session 8: The Financial Crisis and Global Financial Governance**

Chair: Montek **Ahluwalia**, Commissioner, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, India.

Presenters: Andrew **Sheng**, Chief Adviser to the China Banking Regulatory Commission, Beijing: "Financial Crisis and Global Governance: A Network Analysis."  
Peter **Kenen**, Professor of Economics and International Finance Emeritus, Princeton University: "Can Financial Reform Lead to Monetary Reform?"

Discussant(s): Mahmoud **Mohieldin**, Commissioner, Minister of Investment, Egypt.  
Richard **Cooper**, Professor of International Economics, Harvard University.

**11:05-11:20am**

**Coffee Break**

**11:20-12:50pm Session 9: Mitigating the Impact of the Financial Crisis: Social and Political Dimensions**

Chair: Rima **Khalaf Hunaidi**, Former Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at UNDP, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Jordan.

Speakers: Ravi **Kanbur**, Professor, Cornell University: "Macro Crises and Targeting Transfers to the Poor."  
Abhijit **Banerjee**, Professor of Economics, MIT: "Social Consequences of Financial Crisis".  
Danny **Leipziger**, Commission Vice-Chair, Vice President and Head of Network, PREM, World Bank Group: "Financial Crisis and its Impact on Developing Countries' Growth Strategies and Prospects."

Discussant(s): Gobind **Nankani**, Executive Director, International Growth Center, London.

**12:50-1:45pm**

**LUNCH**

**1:45-3:00pm Session 10: Restoring Growth: Are Current Policies Sufficient? Are There Onerous Liabilities Waiting for the Future?**

Chair: Sir Dwight **Venner**, Commissioner, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.

Presenters: Martin Feldstein, Professor, Harvard University  
Philippe **Aghion**, Professor of Economics, Harvard University: "Cyclical Fiscal Policy and Industry Growth".

Alok **Sheel**, Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (India): "The International Financial Crisis and Macroeconomic Policy through an Indian Prism."  
Discussant(s): Paul **Romer**, Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR).

**3:00-3:15pm**

**Coffee Break**

- 3:15-4:45pm Session 11: Understanding and Responding to the Crisis**  
Chair: **Han Duck-soo**, Commissioner, former Finance Minister and Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States.  
Speakers: **Mario Blejer**, former Governor, Central Bank of Argentina, Executive Director, MAG (Macroeconomic Advisory Group): “Crisis Transmission: The Financing Challenge.”  
**Justin Lin**, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, World Bank Group: “Beyond Keynesianism: A Global Stimulus for Development.”  
Discussant(s): **Cynthia Steer**, Managing Director, Chief Research Strategist, Rogerscasey.
- 4:45-6:15pm Session 12: Private Sector Perspectives on the Financial Crisis**  
Chair: **Hiroshi Watanabe**, Commissioner, President and CEO, Japan Bank for International Cooperation.  
Speakers: **Cynthia Steer**, Managing Director, Chief Research Strategist, Rogerscasey: “Costs, Benefits and Risk of Financial Integration - Have the Investment Issues changed?”  
**Jim O’Neill**, Head of Global Economic Research, Goldman Sachs & Co.: “The World Economy and the Financial Crisis.”  
**Mark Wolfson**, Managing Partner, Oak Hill Capital Management: “How the Financial Crisis Has Affected the Opportunity Set for Private Equity.”  
Discussant(s): **Edmar Bacha**, Commissioner, Director, Casa Das Garcas Institute for Economic Policy Studies (Brazil).
- 6:15-6:30pm Closing Remarks:**  
**Michael Spence**, Chair, Commission on Growth and Development and Nobel Laureate in Economics.