

The story of the 2007/2008 global financial crisis

Exercise (*work in pairs, group work, plenary session*)

1. (*Work in pairs/plenary session*) What do you know about the development and causes of the 2007/08 financial crisis, its consequences and approaches to solve it? Discuss your previous knowledge by clarifying the following terms together and, if necessary, in the plenary session:

debt crisis	liquidity in the US market	rating agencies
financial derivatives	sharp decline in housing prices	Lehman Brothers
	subprime lending	

2. (*Work in pairs*) The first part of the video (0:00 – approx. 4:00) explains what caused the financial crisis. Extend your knowledge using the video by connecting the aforementioned terms in a meaningful relationship in a diagram (e.g. in a chronological or cause-effect relationship).

Link: <http://www.mediatheque.lindau-nobel.org/videos/31586/this-mini-lecture-addresses-causes-and-possible-solutions-of-the-global-financial-crisis-2013>

3. (*Group work*) Evaluate the metaphor used in the film of the “monster created by the financial sector”. What speaks in favour of using metaphor like this? Where do the limits of this kind of metaphorisation of political and economic conditions lie?

4. (*Plenary session*) Gather all the questions to which you are looking for answers in the plenary session to understand the causes of the financial crisis and to assess possible solutions.