

Recalibrating Risk: Lessons From Financial Crises

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Three Crises

- Great Depression
 - UK, France, US
- Post-Bretton Woods Crises (1973 to 1997)
 - UK, Germany, US
- Global Financial Crisis
 - Europe, US

Common Themes

- Magnitude
- Time to recovery
 - i.e. length of crisis
- Proximity
 - Not only geographic
 - How similar to our system?
 - Could this happen to us?

Themes (cont.)

- Path Dependency
 - Underlying political assumptions, regulatory tools, discourse
 - Response patterns established by previous economic crises
- The Existing Policy Stream
- Cosmetic Changes

Themes (cont.)

- Framing/Narratives
- Political Entrepreneurs
 - Public interest groups, media, competing industry interests