


**Conference**  
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**Major Financial  
Crises:  
A Historical Perspective**



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# Major Financial Crises: A Historical Perspective

Are financial crises an intrinsic part of the financial system or exceptional events threatening the very existence of capitalism? This lecture will address the question by looking at the major financial crises that broke out in the advanced economies of North America and Western Europe, including Switzerland, from the mid-nineteenth to the early twenty-first century; and discussing their causes and consequences and what has been remembered and learned from them.



**Youssef Cassis** is Professor at the European University Institute, Florence. He was previously Professor of economic and social history at the University of Geneva. His most recent books include *Capitals of Capital. The Rise and Fall of International Financial Centres 1780-2009* (Cambridge University Press, 2010); *Crises and Opportunities. The Shaping of Modern Finance* (Oxford University Press, 2011); and, with Philip Cottrell, *Private Banking in Europe. Rise, Retreat and Resurgence*

(Oxford University Press, 2015). He is currently directing an ERC funded project on “The Memory of Financial Crises. Financial Actors and Global Risk”.