The Global Financial Crisis: A Discussion of the International System’s Robustness and Resilience

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Economic decline in many economies has caused enormous strain on their social life and politics – including stalled dialogue among key actors, slow decision-making on important issues, and augmented extremism in mature democracies, including chauvinism and xenophobia. The crisis of the welfare state, in conjunction with rising income inequality, has weakened societies already reeling from the financial crisis. The numerous conventional and unconventional shocks test the robustness and resilience of social, economic, and technological systems. The response to these threats strains the abilities of both liberal democracies and authoritarian states. Authoritarian systems, despite their capacity to mobilize large-scale resources relatively quickly, feel vulnerable to the free movement of information and, consequently, try to limit the use of modern media, such as the internet. But liberal democracies, too, may feel vulnerable when information is manipulated. The speaker will examine why societies’ robustness and resilience have been diminishing and offer a set of proposals to address the problem.

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