

Financial Development and Economic Growth. Financial Crises.

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Can financial markets cause problems to the production side of the economy?

What is a financial crisis?

Financial Crisis

Financial Crisis: Major disruptions in financial markets that are characterized by sharp declines in asset prices and the failures of many financial and nonfinancial firms

What causes financial crises?

- ① adverse selection, moral hazard
- ② sharp increases in interest rates
- ③ increases in uncertainty
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- ⑤ problems in the banking sector
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How does a financial crisis develop?

