

# *Financial Crisis in Latin America*

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Talk description:

The aim of the talk will be to describe the impact of the actual financial crisis in Latin America, with a comparative case study of Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Chile. We will also explain the consequences of the Washington Consensus for the region, the lessons that can be learned from the Argentine collapse in 2001 and the state-dominated models in Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador. We will try to answer what type of reforms are needed in Latin America and if the crisis is an opportunity for such changes.

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