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**The Financial Crisis Inquiry  
Report, published by the U.S.  
Government and the Financial  
Crisis Inquiry Commission in**

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**early 2011, is the official government report on the United States financial collapse and the review of major financial institutions that bankrupted and failed, or would have without help from the government. The commission and the report were**

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**implemented after Congress passed an act in 2009 to review and prevent fraudulent activity. The report details, among other things, the periods before, during, and after the crisis, what led up to it, and analyses of subprime mortgage lending,**

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**credit expansion and banking policies, the collapse of companies like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the federal bailouts of Lehman and AIG. It also discusses the aftermath of the fallout and our current state. This report should be of interest**

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**to anyone concerned about the financial situation in the U.S. and around the world. THE FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY COMMISSION is an independent, bi-partisan, government-appointed panel of 10 people that was created to "examine the causes, domestic**

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**and global, of the current financial and economic crisis in the United States." It was established as part of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009. The commission consisted of private citizens with expertise in economics and finance,**

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**banking, housing, market regulation, and consumer protection. They examined and reported on "the collapse of major financial institutions that failed or would have failed if not for exceptional assistance from the government."News Dissector**

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**DANNY SCHECHTER is a journalist, blogger and filmmaker. He has been reporting on economic crises since the 1980's when he was with ABC News. His film In Debt We Trust warned of the economic meltdown in 2006. He has since**



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**written three books on the subject including Plunder: Investigating Our Economic Calamity (Cosimo Books, 2008), and The Crime Of Our Time: Why Wall Street Is Not Too Big to Jail (Disinfo Books, 2011), a companion to his latest film**

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**Plunder The Crime Of Our Time.**

**He can be reached online at  
[www.newsdissector.com](http://www.newsdissector.com).**

**Strategic investment funds (SIFs)  
have gained prominence over the  
past two decades as  
governments and other public  
sponsors globally have**

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**increasingly co-opted the investment fund model to further policy objectives. Since 2000, more than 30 SIFs have been formed at the national level, typically to boost economic growth through infrastructure or small and medium enterprise**

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**investment. In the current COVID-19 pandemic environment, governments have frequently turned to sovereign investment vehicles to address the economic effects of the pandemic, echoing the emergence of new SIFs in the aftermath of the global financial**

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**crisis. However, SIFs are not devoid of challenges, and the setup and operation of such funds can be fraught with risks, particularly in contexts of weaker governance, inadequate rule of law, and limited financial market regulation. The intent of**

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**'Strategic Investment Funds: Establishment and Operations' is to provide guidance to practitioners and policy makers considering a SIF model where little widely available, practice-based experience has been documented and disseminated.**

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guaranteeing a sustainable  
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pressing sustainability  
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not recovered from the*

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scandals and austerity  
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Covid-19 pandemic and its  
economic fallout is  
sharpening some of the  
issues and creating new*

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subject to a social  
licence has the potential  
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the risk associated with  
clearing of OTC derivatives.  
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***approaches nor experimental  
new approaches like  
regulatory sandboxes were  
designed to address fintech's  
systemic risks, this book  
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for financial technologies.  
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situating its discussion of  
fintech and financial  
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***This survey examines the vibrant academic literature on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing. While there is no***

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***consensus on the exact list of ESG issues, responsible investors increasingly assess stocks in their portfolios based on nonfinancial data on environmental impact (e.g., carbon emissions),***

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***social impact (e.g., employee satisfaction), and governance attributes (e.g., board structure). The objective is to reduce exposure to investments that pose greater ESG risks or to***



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***influence companies to become more sustainable. One active area of research at present involves assessing portfolio risk exposure to climate change. This literature review focuses on***

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***institutional investors, which have grown in importance such that they have now become the largest holders of shares in public companies globally.***

***Historically, institutional***

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***investors tended to concentrate their ESG efforts mostly on corporate governance (the “G” in ESG). These efforts included seeking to eliminate provisions that restrict***

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***shareholder rights and enhance managerial power, such as staggered boards, supermajority rules, golden parachutes, and poison pills. Highlights from this section:***

- There is no consensus on***

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***United States. Readers might come away from this survey skeptical about the potential for ESG investing to affect positive change. I prefer to characterize the current state of the***

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***literature as having a  
“healthy dose of skepticism,”  
with much more remaining  
to be explored. Here, I hope  
the reader comes away with  
a call to action. For the  
industry practitioner, I***



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***believe that the investment industry should strive to achieve positive societal goals. CFA Institute provides an exemplary case in its Future of Finance series ([www.cfainstitute.org/research/f](http://www.cfainstitute.org/research/f)***

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***uture-finance). For the academic community, I suggest we ramp up research aimed at tackling some of the open questions around the pressing societal goals of ESG investing. I am***

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***optimistic that practitioners and academics will identify meaningful ways to better harness the power of global financial markets for addressing the pressing ESG issues facing our society.***

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***Business Corporation  
Became the US Norm and  
How Sustainable Prosperity  
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first major climate publication by a U.S. financial regulator. The central message is that U.S. financial regulators must recognize that climate change poses serious emerging risks to the U.S. financial system,

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and they should move urgently and decisively to measure, understand, and address these risks. Achieving this goal calls for strengthening regulators' capabilities, expertise, and



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data and tools to better monitor, analyze, and quantify climate risks. It calls for working closely with the private sector to ensure that financial institutions and market participants do the

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same. And it calls for policy and regulatory choices that are flexible, open-ended, and adaptable to new information about climate change and its risks, based on close and iterative dialogue with the

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private sector. At the same time, the financial community should not simply be reactive—it should provide solutions. Regulators should recognize that the financial system can itself be a catalyst

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for investments that accelerate economic resilience and the transition to a net-zero emissions economy. Financial innovations, in the form of new financial products, services, and technologies, can help the

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U.S. economy better manage  
climate risk and help channel  
more capital into technologies  
essential for the transition. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5247742>

Global consumption of raw

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materials currently goes beyond the earth's regenerative capacity, but the circular economy offers a more sustainable model which also provides new business opportunities. Mastering the

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government and societal view to the impact of new business models in an individual company. Starting from the corporate imperative of moving from linear to circular business models, Mastering

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the Circular Economy covers the associated opportunities and challenges for organizations, from regulation and risk to value chain collaboration, reverse logistics and product quality. Part two

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of the book helps students to pull together everything they've learned and see how the concepts play out in the real world by guiding them through application in the online business simulation

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game The Blue Connection (free basic access is included with the book). Readers are continuously asked to reflect on the choices they would make in different roles to demonstrate a full

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understanding of the strategic and operational implications of the circular economy.

An “artfully presented [and] engaging” look at the insidious effects of financialization on our lives

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and politics by the author of Treasure Islands (The Boston Globe). How did the banking sector grow from a supporter of business to the biggest business in the world?

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society, hurting both business  
and individuals. Shaxson  
shows how we got here, telling  
the story of how finance re-  
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economic order in the last half-century, with the aim not of creating wealth but extracting it from the underlying economy. Under the twin gospels of "national competitiveness" and

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"shareholder value," megabanks and financialized corporations have provoked a race to the bottom between states to provide the most subsidized environment for big business, encouraged a

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brain drain into finance, fostered instability and inequality, and turned a blind eye to the spoils of organized crime. From Ireland to Iowa, he shows the insidious effects of financialization on our politics

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and on communities who were promised paradise but got poverty wages instead. We need a strong financial system—but when it grows too big it becomes a monster. The Finance Curse is the explosive

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demonstration of how corruption and greed have become the main organizing principles in the finance industry." —Kirkus Reviews  
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social impact investment (SII),  
Building the Evidence Base,  
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concepts and solutions for mobility, logistics and infrastructure that will make our growing metropolitan areas more livable and sustainable. The still accelerating megatrend of urbanization is leading to constantly growing metropolitan

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areas. This creates a whole series of challenges for municipalities, as well as citizens, such as overcrowded traffic routes, limited building space and an increasingly difficult supply situation. With this book we want to answer the following question: How

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can people live in densely populated areas and meet their needs in terms of mobility, freedom, self-determination, security, prosperity, communication or in other words: how can metropolitan regions be made humane? The answer to this

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question requires innovative ideas  
and approaches in various areas:  
Sustainable designs of infrastructure  
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efficient logistics and mobility  
approaches Intelligent applications  
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All these ideas must be measured against the needs of citizens and should thus be developed following a human-centered design approach. This ensures that innovative solutions will be widely accepted by the public. In addition, they also

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have the potential to turn citizens into active co-designers of future metropolitan areas.

We create "Handprints" by planting trees, eating healthfully, eco-remodeling, introducing youth to nature, and giving to earth-friendly



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causes. Our Environmental Handprints shows us how, individually and together, we can revive rivers, revitalize agriculture, curtail carbon emissions, form a circular economy, and foster a better world.

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With the fast development of the Internet, we are experiencing a shift from the traditional sharing of information and applications as the main purpose of the Web to an emergent paradigm, which locates people at the very center of networks

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and exploits the value of people's connections, relations, and collaboration. Social networks are also playing a major role in the dynamics and structure of intelligent Web-based networking and collaborative systems. Virtual

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campuses, virtual communities, and organizations strongly leverage intelligent networking and collaborative systems by a great variety of formal and informal electronic relations, such as business-to-business, peer-to-peer, and many

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types of online collaborative learning interactions, including the emerging e-learning systems. This has resulted in entangled systems that need to be managed efficiently and in an autonomous way. In addition, latest and powerful technologies based on

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grid and wireless infrastructure as well as cloud computing are currently enhancing collaborative and networking applications a great deal but also facing new issues and challenges. The principal purpose of the research and development

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community is to stimulate research that will lead to the creation of responsive environments for networking and, at longer-term, the development of adaptive, secure, mobile, and intuitive intelligent systems for collaborative work and

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learning. The aim of the book "Advances on Intelligent Networking and Collaborative Systems" is to provide latest research findings, innovative research results, methods, and development techniques from both theoretical and practical



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perspectives related to intelligent social networks and collaborative systems, intelligent networking systems, mobile collaborative systems, secure intelligent cloud systems, and so on as well as to reveal synergies among various

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paradigms in such a multi-disciplinary field intelligent collaborative systems.

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schools, with more than 950 members across 92 countries, including the world's highest-ranked schools. A not-for-profit, mission-led institution, the EFMD plays a central role in shaping a global approach to management education, emphasizing

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the development of socially responsible leaders. As part of EFMD's fiftieth anniversary celebrations, its President, Professor Eric Cornuel, has edited this volume, featuring contributions from leaders in management education, including

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the social impact of business schools; the internationalization of business schools; and crisis management within business schools, with a special focus on the impact of COVID-19. This volume is also available via Open Access.

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Duties in Common Law Asia

***In a dramatic departure from  
its voluntary origins,  
corporate social***



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*responsibility (CSR) is rapidly shifting to hold multinational companies accountable for more than traditional shareholder performance. This CSR movement is embracing new environmental, social and*

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*in this movement towards increasingly sustainable, transparent and accountable business practices. The collection shows how CSR has evolved to account for societal pressures, environmental, climate*

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international frameworks and  
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catalysing foundational  
change; the shifting  
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***CSR, focused on assuring the planet's future sustainability and social stability; regulatory initiatives around the globe, including Europe, North America, Asia and Africa; and extended***

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***accountability for activities of corporate group members and supply chains. The pressure and business case for companies to incorporate CSR into corporate governance is intensifying with each***



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***quarter, shareholder meeting, and regulatory agenda. The integration of CSR and new ESG frameworks into multinational corporate strategy and operations is key to sustainable business models that can generate***

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