The 2007-2008 Crisis in the Global Context:

Historical Perspectives

An International Conference at Luiss University, Rome,

September 29-30, 2022

Call for papers

What started in 2007 as a subprime crisis in the US soon spread to a global financial crisis resulting in what some have called the Great Recession. The economic anxiety in the aftermath of the crisis sparked across the global a political backlash, crucial and devastating social, cultural, and institutional consequences, and the deepening of series of gaps between citizens and politicians, rich and poor citizens and more in general North and South of the globe. Despite occurring over a decade ago, it is hard to find socio-political, economic, and cultural lives today that has not in some way been impacted by the global financial crisis of 2007/8.

From the many left destitute at the hands of austerity to our collective ability to respond to Covid-19, its ongoing legacies are profound and ubiquitous, operating at the social, political, cultural, economic levels within nations and across borders.

The question seems pertinent again, given the economic and social trauma caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. And yet, most commentators and scholars do not fully understand what happened in those fateful months in 2007-2008, which now seem more like a passing memory than historical turning point, and what were the consequences of that crucial historical turning point.

This conference wants to provide an historical perspective on the crisis. What are the meanings, characteristics, and consequences of the crisis? Was part of a perennial pattern or was an unprecedented process? Did it affect democratic institutions and societies in southern and northern European countries in the
same way? Has it developed common features at transnational level? Did it have destabilizing political effects? Did it push the surge of populist parties? How did affect the social vulnerabilities of societies, social mobilization and political participation? What kind of long-term effect the crisis put in motion? Did it halt or accelerate the neoliberal transformation of global economy? Did the memory of past crises play a role in how the new crisis was experienced and dealt with?

The conference calls for papers that explore these questions and others related to the crisis of 2007-2008 and its social, political, institutional, cultural, and economic consequences in historical perspective, at the national and transnational levels. We welcome theoretical as well as empirical works.

**Please submit your proposal** (max 250 words) with a short biographical note to: cavaforle@luiss.it

The closing date for receipt of abstract is **April 30, 2022**. Presenting authors will be notified by **May 31, 2022**, if their abstract has been accepted. Covid permitting the conference will be held at Luiss University, Rome. Should the circumstances not allow it, the conference will be held online.

Reimbursement for travel costs may also be available, particularly for younger scholars without institutional funding.

We plan to join those presentation that are of high quality and form a coherent unity into an edited volume, for publication with an international high profile publisher.

Please feel free to contact us if you any queries and requests for clarification (cavaforle@luiss.it).

We look forward to receiving your proposals,

Maria Elena Cavallaro and Rosario Forlenza