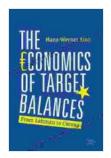
# From Lehman to Corona: A Decade of Financial Crises and the Lessons Learned



## The Economics of Target Balances: From Lehman to

**Corona** by Hans-Werner Sinn



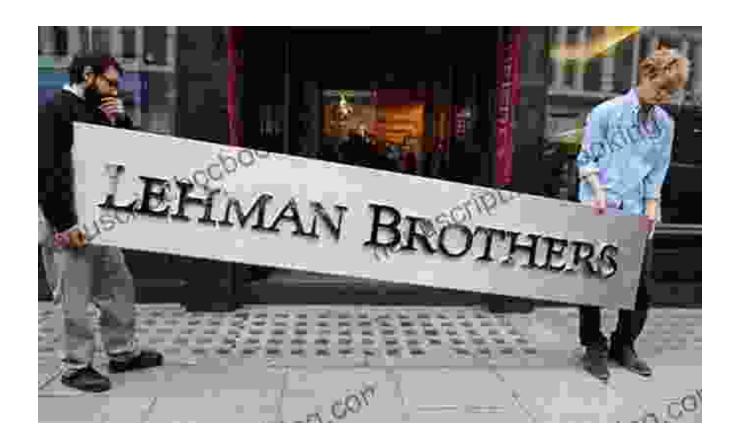
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The global financial system has been rocked by a series of crises over the past decade, from the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008 to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. These crises have had a profound impact on the global economy, leading to recessions, job losses, and financial instability. In this book, I analyze the major financial crises of the past decade, identify their root causes, and discuss the lessons that can be learned from them. My goal is to provide investors, policymakers, and the general public with the knowledge and insights they need to navigate future financial crises.

### The Collapse of Lehman Brothers

The collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008 was a watershed moment in the global financial crisis. Lehman was the fourth-largest investment bank in the United States, and its failure sent shockwaves through the global financial system. The collapse of Lehman led to a loss of confidence in the financial system, which in turn led to a freeze in credit markets and a sharp decline in economic activity. The global financial crisis had a devastating impact on the global economy, leading to the worst recession since the Great Depression. The financial crisis also led to a loss of trust in the financial system, which has had lasting consequences for the global economy.



# The European Sovereign Debt Crisis

The European sovereign debt crisis erupted in 2010, when Greece was unable to repay its debts. The crisis spread to other countries in the eurozone, such as Portugal, Ireland, Spain, and Italy. The European sovereign debt crisis was caused by a combination of factors, including the global financial crisis, excessive government spending, and weak economic growth. The crisis led to a loss of confidence in the eurozone, which in turn led to higher borrowing costs for governments and businesses. The

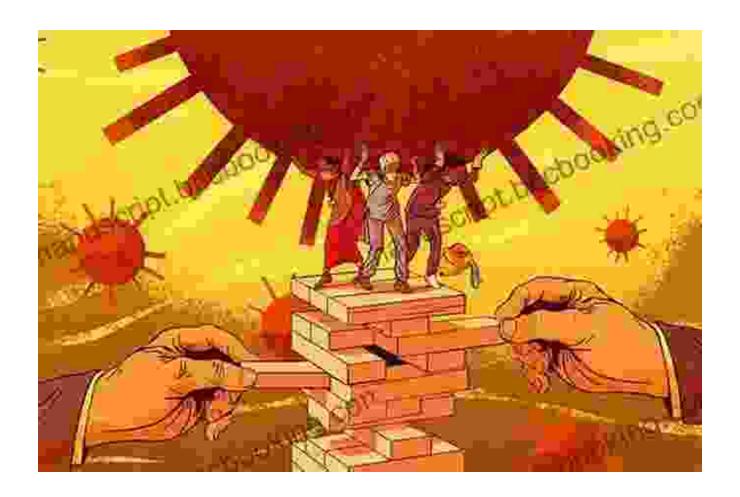
European sovereign debt crisis had a significant impact on the global economy, as it led to a slowdown in economic growth and increased financial instability.



#### The COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is the most recent global financial crisis. The pandemic has caused a sharp decline in economic activity, as governments have imposed lockdowns and travel restrictions to contain the spread of the virus. The COVID-19 pandemic has also led to a sharp decline in asset prices, as investors have sold off stocks and other risky assets. The COVID-19 pandemic is still unfolding, but it is already clear that it will have a significant impact on the global economy. The pandemic is likely to lead

to a recession, job losses, and financial instability. It is also likely to lead to a change in the global economic Free Download, as the pandemic has accelerated the trend towards globalization.



#### **Lessons Learned**

The financial crises of the past decade have taught us a number of important lessons. First, we have learned that the financial system is complex and interconnected. A crisis in one part of the financial system can quickly spread to other parts of the financial system, and even to the real economy. Second, we have learned that excessive risk-taking can lead to financial instability. The financial crises of the past decade were all caused by excessive risk-taking by financial institutions. Third, we have learned that governments play an important role in preventing and mitigating

financial crises. Governments can use their fiscal and monetary policy tools to stabilize the financial system and to promote economic growth. Fourth, we have learned that international cooperation is essential for preventing and mitigating financial crises. The financial crises of the past decade have shown that no country is immune to financial crises, and that international cooperation is essential for managing financial risks.

The financial crises of the past decade have been a wake-up call for the global community. We have learned that the financial system is complex and interconnected, that excessive risk-taking can lead to financial instability, that governments play an important role in preventing and mitigating financial crises, and that international cooperation is essential for managing financial risks. The lessons learned from the financial crises of the past decade will help us to better prepare for and manage future financial crises.



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