

TFCTN Public Lecture

# Understanding the Financial and Economic Crisis

By Dr Deborah Elms

**Date:** 28 May 2009 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 10.30 am - 12.00 pm  
**Venue:** Nanyang Technological University  
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Seminar Room 2 and 3

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### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

**Deborah Elms** is Head, Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN) and an Assistant Professor of International Political Economy at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University. Her research interests are negotiations and decisionmaking, particularly in trade. She received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington in 2003. Her dissertation examined bilateral market access disputes between the United States, Japan, and South Korea. She also received an MA from the University of Southern California. Dr. Elms has published articles in *International Studies Research*, *International Negotiation*, and *Political Psychology*. She has also contributed case studies on Bangladeshi child garment workers, the U.S.-Japan auto and auto parts dispute, and the discussions over intellectual property rights in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy series. Prior to joining RSIS in 2005, Dr. Elms served as a Lecturer at the University of Washington, teaching courses in international political economy, international relations, military intervention and American foreign policy.

### ABSTRACT

Unclear about how some American mortgage defaults in 2006 could have caused a global economic slowdown by late 2008? How less-than-vigorous regulation in the United States markets could have made your job search harder now or your nest egg for retirement worth less? This talk will help put the financial crisis into better perspective by uncovering the origins of the problem. I will then briefly review the twists and turns of the crash over the past few months with particular attention to the actions taken in the United States. Then we will discuss the prospects for the future. Please bring your questions and comments to this interactive presentation so you can make better sense of it all.

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