

MONEY & BANKING

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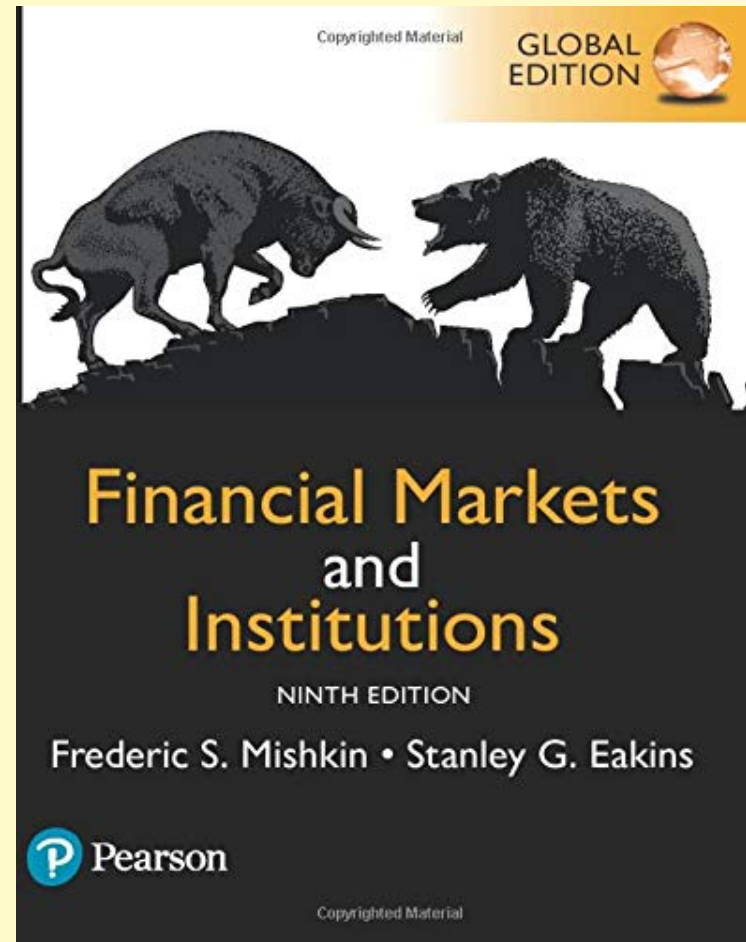
AIMS

- What is Money?
- What are the financial instruments? What are the financial markets?
- Why the financial sector is essential to the economy?
- How financial institutions such as banks, pension funds, insurance companies work;
- Financial crisis and economic meltdowns
- The role of money within the economy (monetary policy and macroeconomic management)
- Study the role of state

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

- The *preliminary* syllabus:
 - CH1: Introduction and an overview of the financial system
 - CH2: Some history
 - CH3: What is money? Interest rate
 - CH4: Financial institutions
 - CH5: Financial crisis in advanced and emerging economies
 - CH6: Central banking and banking industry
 - CH7: Tools and conduct of the monetary policy
 - CH8: The domestic financial system (monetary policy)
 - CH9: Macroeconomic management
- Course slides will be sent by email

TEXTBOOK



Financial markets and institutions – Mishkin & Eakins (9th edition, 2018)

READING SUGGESTIONS

- “Development Finance debates dogmas and new directions”- Stephen Spratt (2009)
- World bank: Global financial development report – annually
- IMF & OECD : working papers and reports
- Handbook of finance (2008) Volume I- Chapter I
- Economix : How Our Economy Works (and Doesn't Work) by Michael Goodwin

EVALUATION

- 50%
 - final exam
- 50%
 - 20 min group presentation (groups of 2 people)
 - Participation in class discussions

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION TOPICS

- The great depression and its aftermath
- Implications of behavioral economics on financial markets
- History of the International Monetary System
- Crypto Currency and its future
- Low interest rates in Europe, US and Japan
- Micro financial institutions (case of Grameen bank)
- Fintech
- Banking regulations and Basel accords
- Currency crisis
- US 2008 subprime crisis
- European debt crisis
- Tax evasion
- Pension reform (options & sustainability)