

India and the Global Financial Crisis

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The collected essays of Y. V. Reddy, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

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—Stephen Roach, Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, in Bloomberg Markets

India and the Global Financial Crisis offers a collection of essays based on the speeches delivered by Y. V. Reddy during his tenure as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between September 2003 and September 2008, a period of rapid growth for the Indian economy as well as extraordinary challenges for the conduct of monetary policy. This volume describes India's financial situation in light of the perspectives and policies of the Reserve Bank of India, as well as its response to the financial crisis in 2007. This volume was selected as Financial Book of the Year 2010 by *China Business News*.

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