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# Understanding the Global Financial & Economic Crisis - By David Caploe PhD

**Date :** Thursday, 12 February 2009

**Time :** Buffet Dinner served at 6.30pm  
Talk Commence at 7.30pm

**Venue :** Alumni Ballroom, Level 3

**Price :** Early Bird Special (RSVP before  
19 January 2009)  
Member (\$50) Guest (\$80)  
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Member (\$80) Guest (\$120)

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In this wide-ranging, lively and provocative talk, our speaker Dr David Caploe -- Hon AB Harvard / MA - PhD Princeton - will help us understand some of the less understood dimensions of the current global financial and economic crisis.

Dr Caploe will begin by explaining how the world has been structured into a US-centered political economy since shortly after the end of World War II. This is crucial not only in and of itself, but also for understanding the differences between the current crisis, and what happened in 1997, which was centered in Asia and counter-balanced by what was going on in other economies at the time.

In that context, Dr Caploe will explain how the US itself is currently experiencing not just a financial and economic crisis itself, but, even more worryingly, severe problems in a number of other key areas:

- Political
- Ideological
- Intellectual and
- Media

Having laid out both the structure of the world economy, as well as the nature and dimensions of the manifold crises now unfolding in the United States, he will conclude with an analytic review of the implications of this situation for Asia in general, and Singapore in particular.

There will be ample time for dialogue and question and answer, as Dr Caploe's appearances always elicit an enthusiastic and lively audience response.

### About David Caploe PhD

David Caploe holds an Honors AB [ Social Theory ] from **Harvard University**, and an MA in Political Science [ International Relations / Comparative Politics / Soviet Politics ] and a PhD in International Political Economy from **Princeton University**, where his dissertation was entitled "The Political Economy of US / Europe / Japan Relations Since 1945."

He has taught at several universities in the US, including Duke, Fordham, North Carolina State and the University of Miami. He was Professor of Humanities and Social Science at Strayer University and Mirus University, two leading adult / distance learning institutions headquartered in the Washington DC area.

David Caploe was the Founder and Director of the MA program in Media Studies at New College of California in San Francisco. His articles on the current global financial and economic crisis have appeared in the **New York Times Magazine** / the Daily **Yomiuri Shimbun** of Tokyo / and the **Straits Times** of Singapore.

He has spoken before audiences including the Asia Business Forum, the Board of Trustees of the Gleeson Library at the University of San Francisco, the Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Singapore, and numerous others in a speaking tour sponsored by the Princeton Club of Northern California / the Harvard Club of San Francisco / San Francisco State University / and the University of San Francisco Program in Peace and Justice Studies.

He is President & CEO of the Singapore-incorporated American Center for Applied Liberal Arts & Humanities in Asia [ ACALAHA ].

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