After the crisis: a research programme on the political economy of the future

The After the Crisis theme at the Pufendorf Institute

This research programme is focused on the origins of economic crises, how they are understood and how they are managed, and how crisis management influences the design of new policies for economic growth. The interest in economic crises, so topical today, can therefore be used as a starting-point for understanding how stable economic governance models emerge, how they are established and transformed, and how they are articulated with other policy spheres, such as welfare, employment, family, international relations, environment policy, et cetera.

In more general and abstract terms, the programme aims to refine and further develop established perspectives on economic development, which often identify phases (paradigms or development blocks) characterized by a relatively stable interaction between technology, production, finance, and public regulation. Understanding how such seemingly stable models emerge and how they are transformed and eventually break down is one of the programme’s goals.