

CIPF Podcast Series

Financial Innovation from a Global Perspective: Part II

In this podcast, Mahesh Uttamchandani provides updates on current innovations in his work, and his thoughts on the potential implications from recent bank failures. He also discusses the research that his team conducted on firm and household debt coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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