



*Legal Sabotage and the Financial Crisis:
Bankers, Lawyers and Responsibility*

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This seminar takes the banking crisis as a case study for analysing the role of the legal profession in what I have elsewhere dubbed 'whiter than white collar crime' - the practice, routine in big business, of circumventing and undermining legal regulation through 'creative compliance'. Drawing on empirical research, the seminar examines issues of responsibility in and for the banking crisis. It considers the practice of 'financial engineering' underlying the crisis, demonstrates how this crucially involves 'legal engineering' and asks whether this might better be described as legal sabotage, raising questions about both corporate and professional responsibility.

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