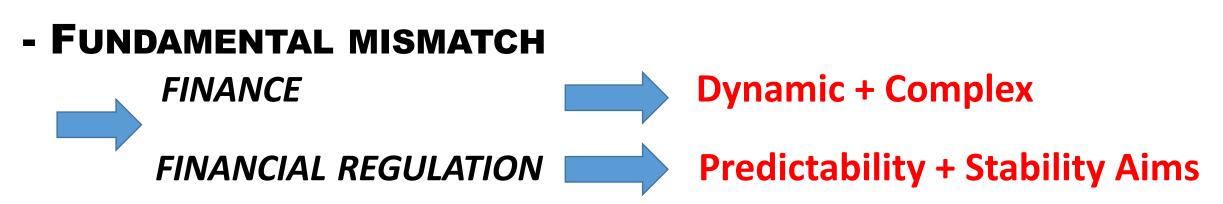
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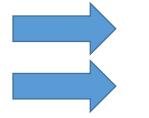
## **3 Basic Claims**



#### - REGULATORY INTERVENTION AGGAVATES MISMATCH Unintended Consequences + No anticipation + Unknowns

- Proposal : New Type of Thinking

**Commissions** 



constituted once a decade more holistic approach

## **1. Predictability + Stability in Financial Regulation**

### •As a goal

- Monopolistic regimes vs Regulatory competition
- The advantages of legal uncertainty

### In practice

- Empirical foundation (current state + impact)
- Changes in circumstances (markets, technology)
- Preferences vary among bureaucrats and judges

## **2. Regulation Aggravates** 'Undesirables'

#### • Dynamism

- Is change/arbitrage bad? Makes finance more cyclical?
- Direction of the causation?

### Complexity

- Empirical foundation
- Market Reg adjustments and non-Reg evolution

### • Unknowns

- Known unknown: Is more worse?
- Unknown unknown: Reg 'controllable' when it matters

# **3. Commission**

- 10 years Timeline
  - Stop and go vs On going work
  - Role/scope/relevance of data gathering
  - Decision-making powers? Effective/efficient pre-crisis?
- 'New type of thinking' Commissioner(s)
  - Established players: Same old, same old
  - Outsiders: 'Social' minded, wiz kid, ignorant
  - Just one great guy?
- Humans vs Technology
  - **Regulatory capture + one size fits all as critical issues**
  - Blockchain may not make that much of a ≠
  - Al could prove critical, but may lack 'social' relevance