



**Why Should We Care About Development Finance? ...because it's our money!**

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## The Economy This Week!

An unprecedented [economic crisis that hit our southern neighbour Sri Lanka](#) is a lesson in economic self-reliance. It shows what an excessive dependence on imports and reckless borrowing could lead to. Back home, it is [predicted](#) that India could be staring into a long period of stagflation as our trade, investments and finances become more intertwined with the global economy.

Meanwhile, things are shaking up at the SBI, while the government prepares for selling more banks.

-Team CFA

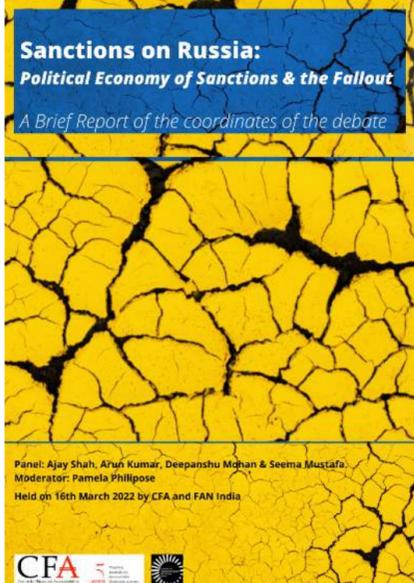
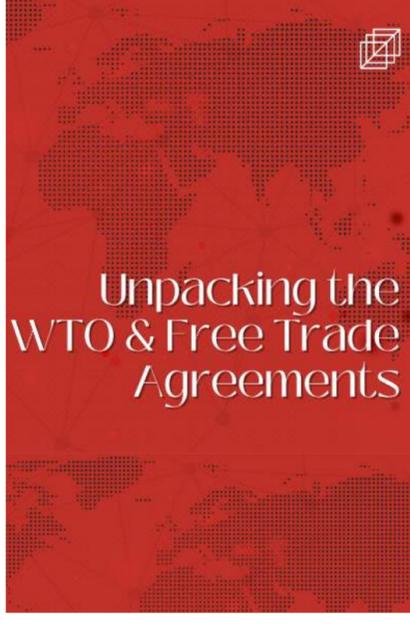


## Has the SBI become too big to govern?

"The rot within" is the title of an article of Ms. Purnima. S. Tripathi, wrote in the Frontline magazine, in its March 25, 2022 issue. The article further states – 'State Bank of India, India's largest bank, is plagued with a host of problems, mostly related to wages, perks, and pensions and the latest addition to that list is management high-handedness in HR issues, which is bringing down the moral of the staff.' [Read more.](#)

## Unpacking the WTO and Free Trade Agreements

With the growing integration of economic activities around the world, international trade has become an interesting arena for observers of international political economy and development practices. The challenge, however, is that the global trade landscape is quite cluttered, you have the WTO dynamics, regional free trade agreements then the bilateral trade agreements and investment treaties. [Read more.](#)



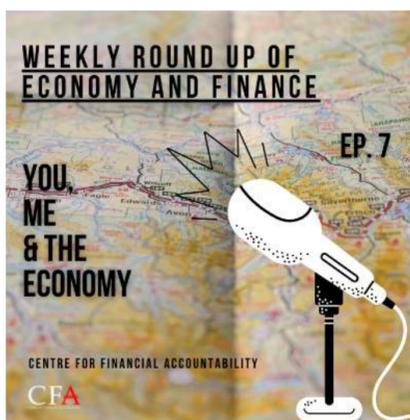
## Sanctions on Russia: Political Economy of Sanctions & the Fallout

The Russian belligerence and the unfolding war has led to an immense humanitarian crisis and the sanctions, while purportedly aimed at hurting the Govt of the aggressor, also have the potential of causing immense hardships to the people. Pamela Philipose made this important distinction between the Govt and the people, and Seema Mustafa reminded us of the excruciatingly dehumanizing impact of sanctions on Iraq. [Read more.](#)

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