

# LKI - Trade & Investment

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# Agenda

- The Global Economy Programme at LKI
- Sri Lanka-Singapore FTA – maximising the benefits of the agreement
- Risks to the global economy and the implications for Sri Lanka

# The Global Economy Programme at LKI

- LKI has two research programmes:
  - Global Governance
  - Global Economy
- The focus of the Global Economy programme is Sri Lanka's trade and investment links:
  - Economic diplomacy
  - Global economic issues

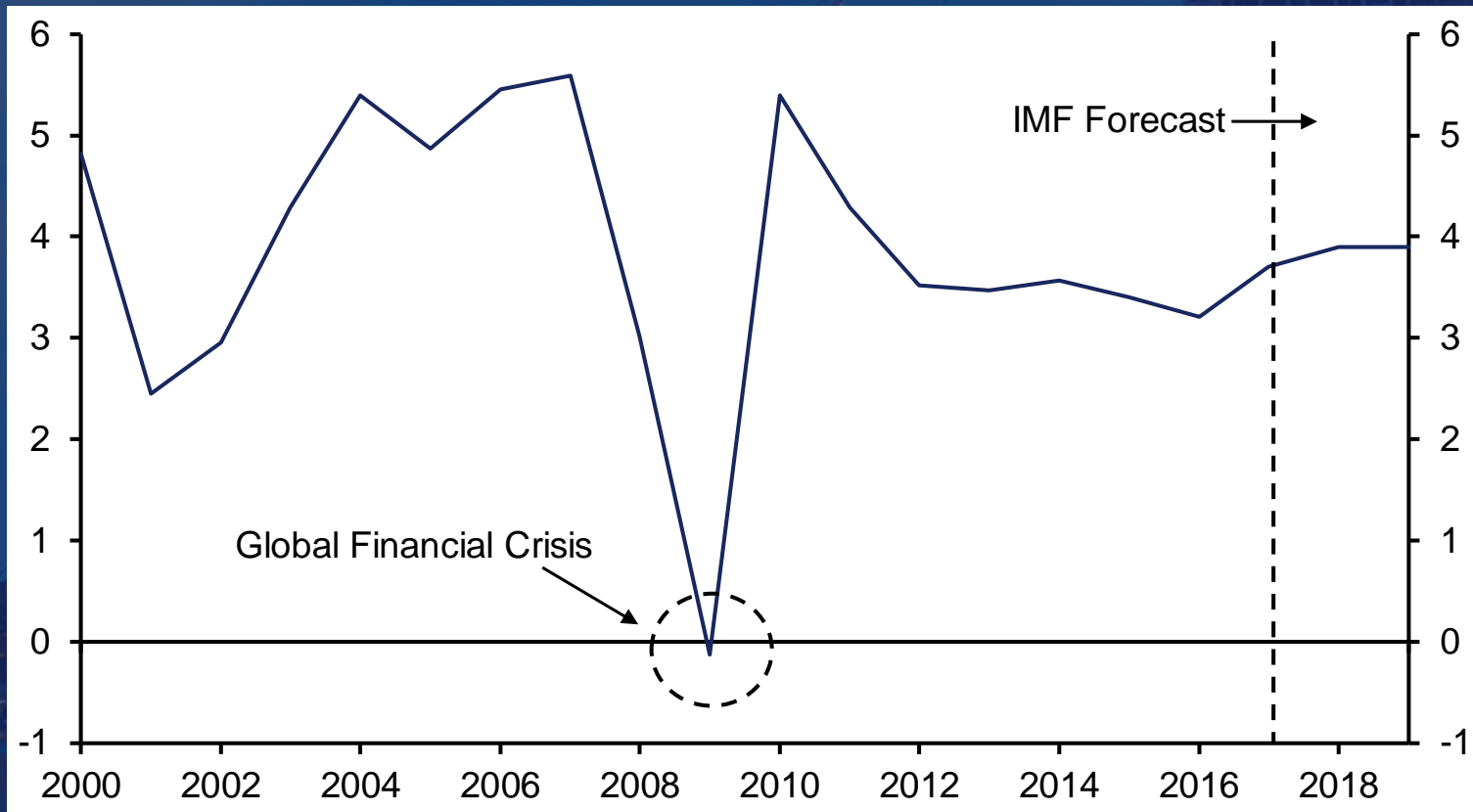
# Economic Diplomacy

# Sri Lanka-Singapore FTA – Maximising the Benefits

- Sri Lanka's first bilateral FTA since 2005 and the most comprehensive, but lower trade barriers are not the key focus
- Main benefits:
  - Investment facilitation
  - Signal that Sri Lanka is 'open for business'
- How can Sri Lanka maximize these benefits?
  - Seek Singapore's expertise on attracting FDI
  - Use agreement as stepping stone to RCEP membership

# Global Economic Issues

# World GDP Growth (% y/y)



Source: IMF

# Three Major Risks to the Global Economy

- Greater trade protectionism
- A sharp slowdown in China
- Tighter monetary policy in developed economies

## Conclusions

- A (very) brief overview of LKI's work
- More detailed work is in the pipeline
- Our goal is to raise the level of the public discourse and add to policy debates