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# The Great Depression

**T**he Great Depression, starting in 1929, cast a long shadow. It disrupted the global economy and led to vast suffering in countries such as Australia, Chile, Japan, Germany, Britain, and the United States. Faced with mass unemployment and immiseration, countless workers expressed doubt in capitalism and democracy and called for a “new deal.” The Depression bolstered the rise and the aggressiveness of undemocratic governments and sapped the will of the democracies to resist them. Yet, the depression years also inspired some great film and a distinctive brand of humor. Alumni College 2010 launches an inquiry into the political, cultural, and economic impact of the Great Depression in the United States and the world. It further explores the effects of economic crisis on science and technology and considers implications for the recent economic crisis, the most serious in many countries since the Great Depression.



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