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# IMA Public Lectures

## University of Minnesota

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 7:00 pm**  
175 Willey Hall, 225 19th Avenue South  
West Bank, University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

### How financial engineering can cure cancer, solve the energy crisis, and stop global warming

**Andrew W. Lo, Harris & Harris Group**  
Professor of Finance, MIT

As disruptive as the financial crisis has been, the important lessons to be learned from the spectacular failure of financial technologies gone awry may actually pave the way for some of the most significant achievements of the 21st century. In this talk, Professor Lo will provide a brief overview of the origins of the crisis, the key role that mathematics played, and how a deeper understanding of human nature may allow financial engineers to focus the enormous power of global financial markets on some of society's most pressing challenges.

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