Macroeconomics Of Saving Finance And Investment

Saving rates vary considerably across countries and over time. Policies that spur development are an indirect but effective way to raise private saving rates, which rise with the level and growth rate of real per capita income.

At the height of the Great Depression a number of leading U.S. economists advanced a proposal for monetary reform that became known as the Chicago Plan. It envisaged the separation of the monetary and credit functions of the banking system, by requiring 100% reserve backing for deposits. Irving Fisher (1936) claimed the following advantages for this plan: (1) Much better control of a major source of business cycle fluctuations, sudden increases and contractions of bank credit and of the supply of bank-created money. (2) Complete elimination of bank runs. (3) Dramatic reduction of the (net) public debt. (4) Dramatic reduction of private debt, as money creation no longer requires simultaneous debt creation. We study these claims by embedding a comprehensive and carefully calibrated model of the banking system in a DSGE model of the U.S.

economy. We find support for all four of Fisher's claims. Furthermore, output gains approach 10 percent, and steady state inflation can drop to zero without posing problems for the conduct of monetary policy. Understanding macroeconomic developments and policies in the twenty-first century is daunting: policy-makers face the combined challenges of supporting economic activity and employment, keeping inflation low and risks of financial crises at bay, and navigating the ever-tighter linkages of globalization. Many professionals face demands to evaluate the implications of developments and policies for their business, financial, or public policy decisions. Macroeconomics for Professionals provides a concise, rigorous, yet intuitive framework for assessing a country's macroeconomic outlook and policies. Drawing on years of experience at the International Monetary Fund, Leslie Lipschitz and Susan Schadler

have created an operating manual for professional applied economists and all those required to evaluate economic analysis.
These 28 essays, covering Tobin's work in macroeconomics from the early 1940s to 1970 are grouped

into three parts - macroeconomic theory, economic growth, and money and finance.
Finance, Efficiency, Incentives and Distortions
Essays in macroeconomics.
The life cycle hypothesis of saving.
The theory of finance

and other essays
Foreign Direct Investment in a Macroeconomic Framework
Financial Development and Economic Growth in Malaysia
The Great Divergence
Essays on International

Macroeconomic Aspects of Saving, Housing, and Labor Supply
This book deals with the structural origins of economic and financial crises. It explains that both economic

theories and policies need to be grounded on a monetary macroeconomic analysis of the working of domestic and international economies. The volume outlines reform proposals to

make sure that banking activities respect the nature of money.
The United States is in the midst of a major demographic shift. In the coming decades,

people aged 65 and over will make up an increasingly large percentage of the population: The ratio of people aged 65+ to people aged 20-64 will rise by 80%. This shift is *happening for two reasons: people are living longer, and many couples are choosing to have fewer children and to have those children somewhat later in life. The* *resulting demographic shift will present the nation with economic challenges, both to absorb the costs and to leverage the benefits of an aging population.*

Aging and the Macroeconomy: Long-Term Implications of an Older Population presents the fundamental factors driving the aging of the U.S. population, as well as its *societal implications and likely long-term macroeconomic effects in a global context. The report finds that, while population aging does not pose an* *insurmountable challenge to the nation, it is imperative that sensible policies are implemented soon to allow companies and households to respond. It offers four practical* *approaches for preparing resources to support the future consumption of households and for adapting to the new economic landscape. Bartlemy is approximately*

1500 years old. He resides in the village of Thornyhill. Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But, experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind. On a warm evening in

1991, a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep.
The world financial crisis of 2007-2008 dramatically showed the importance of

credit and financial relations for the efficient working of the economy. For a long time mainstream macroeconomics ignored these aspects and concentrated only on the *real sector or just took into account the most elementary picture of the financial side of the economy. This book aims at explaining why this happened through an historical*

excursion of 20th century mainstream macroeconomic theory.
The Collected Papers of Franco Modigliani
Reconstructing Macroeconomics
Saving and Investment in

the Twenty-First Century
Macroeconomics for MBAs and Masters of Finance
Aging and the Macroeconomy
Capital Formation and Economic Transformation
It is now widely

agreed that mainstream macroeconomics is irrelevant and that there is need for a more useful and realistic economic analysis that can provide a better understanding of the ongoing *global financial and economic crisis. Lance Taylor's book exposes the unrealistic assumptions of the rational expectations and real business cycle approaches and of* *mainstream finance theory. It argues that in separating monetary and financial behavior from real behavior, they do not address the ways that consumption, accumulation,* *and the government play in the workings of the economy. Taylor argues that the ideas of J. M. Keynes and others provide a more useful framework both for understanding* *the crisis and for dealing with it effectively. Keynes's basic points were fundamental uncertainty and the absence of Say's Law. He set up machinery to analyze the macro economy* *under such circumstances, including the principle of effective demand, liquidity preference, different rules for determining commodity and asset prices, distinct* *behavioral patterns of different collective actors, and the importance of thinking in terms of complete macro accounting schemes. Economists* *working in this tradition also worked out growth and cycle models. Employing these ideas throughout Maynard's Revenge, Taylor provides an analytical narrative about* *the causes of the crisis, and suggestions for dealing with it. The 2008 financial crisis poses three fundamental questions for economists and policy makers; understanding* *the origins of the crisis, understanding the consequences of this crisis for the world economy, and finally understanding why the 2008 financial crisis is not as serious as* *the 1929 crisis. The prevailing view is that the 2008 financial crisis was solely the result of inadequate financial regulation together with a very loose monetary policy* *conducted by central banks, especially the Fed. It is believed that this crisis is a temporary detour in the normal course of the events, so that in the near future capitalist economies will* *resume the high growth path observed before the crisis. In terms of the third question, there is a widespread view that the fundamental reason that explains the avoidance of the* *harmful experiences of 1929 was the fiscal and monetary policy expansions in developed countries. No important role is assigned to developing countries in* *terms of the effects of the financial crisis. This book challenges the prevailing orthodoxy surrounding the origins and the consequences of the 2008 financial crisis. The book* *demonstrates that measures in addition to a profound change in the financial regulation are required if a new financial crisis is to be avoided in the future, measures include: a change* *in the conduct of economic policy; a reform of the national and international monetary systems; and a radical change in the pattern of income distribution. This book is essential*

reading for all interested in macroeconomics, monetary policy, development economics and the global impact of the financial crisis.
This latest edition of Robert J. Barro's

established microeconomics textbook presents the most recent theoretical and empirical developments in economic growth, and recent evidence on the

macroeconomics labour markets and public finance.
This book provides new ways of analyzing the key issues in international finance and open economy macroeconomics.

The topics covered include: financial globalization and the evolution of the international financial system; international macroeconomic accounting and measurement; early balance of *payments approaches; the intertemporal model of international borrowing and lending; the significance of external deficits; the determinants of interest rate differentials and* *exchange rates; the effectiveness of monetary and fiscal policies; capital mobility and economic growth; and the causes of financial crisis in emerging economies.*

A New

Macroeconomic Analysis

Principles of Macroeconomics

The Macroeconomics of Government Finance

The Chinese Corporate Savings Puzzle

Answers to Key

Questions
The Chicago Plan Revisited
This book is concerned with the role of financial intermediation in economic development and growth in the context of

Malaysia. Using an analytical framework, the author investigates the Malaysian economy from 1960 onwards to examine how far financial development has progressed in the course of economic development, and whether it has been instrumental in promoting economic growth. A significant improvement in the Malaysian financial system, coupled with rapid economic growth and a rich history of financial sector reforms, makes Malaysia an interesting case study for this subject. The author shows that some government interventions seem to have impacted negatively on economic growth, whereas repressionist financial policies such as interest rate controls, high reserve requirements and directed credit programmes seem to have contributed positively to financial development. The analysis concludes that financial development leads to higher output growth via promoting private saving and private investment. Shedding light on the evolutionary role of financial system and the interacting mechanisms between financial development and economic growth, this book will be of interest to those interested in economic and financial development, financial libe ralization, saving behaviour and investment analysis and Asian Studies. Presenting a study of the transformation of the Korean economy from the time of the opening of the Hermit kingdom in 1876 to the end of Japanese rule in 1945, this text focuses on capital formation, economic growth, and other structural changes during this period. Lectures in Macroeconomics: A Capitalist Economy Without Unemployment provides a systematic account of the principle of aggregate demand based on the work of Polish economist Michal Kalecki, best known as one of the originators of the Keynesian Revolution in macroeconomics .The lectures demonstrate the importance of aggregate demand in determining total output and employment in the capitalist economy. They show how the investment decisions of firms affect economic growth, arguing that due to the unstable nature of investment it is important that the government has a central role in stabilizing the economy. This English translation of Kazimierz Laski's final work brings up to date fundamental concepts to give a picture of the twenty-first capitalist economy, and the obstacles that must be overcome in bringing it to full employment. It introduces the role of money and finance in the contemporary capitalist economy, as well as the central role of the labour market and wages. The analysis is illustrated with statistics and discussion around the evolution of capitalist economies and the rise of economic inequality since the Second World War, culminating in the 2008 crisis and the economic deflation affecting Europe since that crisis. Lectures in Macroeconomics remarks critically upon the neo-classical approach to economics that has brought about slow economic growth, unemployment, and inequality. Drawing together new papers by some of today's leading figures in international economics and finance, Understanding Interdependence surveys the current state of knowledge on the international monetary system and, by implication, defines the research horizon for the future. Covering topics including the behavior of exchange rates, the choice of exchange-rate regime, curren t-account adjustment in classical and Keynesian models, the extent and effects of capital mobility, international debt, the stabilization and reform of the formerly planned economies, European monetary union, and international policy coordination, the book underscores the importance of these subjects and identifies lessons for policymakers. The contributors to the volume are Michael Bruno, Ralph C. Bryant, Richard N. Cooper, Michael P. Dooley, Barry Eichengreen, Stanley Fischer, Charles A. E. Goodhart, Peter Hooper, Peter B. Kenen, Paul R.

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A Practitioner's Guide to Tactical Asset Allocation

Macroeconomics for Professionals

What Drives

Private Saving Around the World?
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Implications
"Miller and Upton is by far the most cited macroeconomics text in front line academic research journals over the last ten years. It has become a contemporary classic."—Roger C. Kormendi, University of Michigan "The most innovative approach to introducing macroeconomics that I

have seen. . . . A 'classic' in the sense that every serious student of macroeconomics is likely to want it in his or her library."—John P. Gould, University of Chicago "The task the authors set out to perform is ambitious: to write a macroeconomics textbook structured around a neoclassical growth model. And in this task they have succeeded."—Clifford W. Smith, Jr., Journal of Finance "This is a superb book. As a vehicle for teaching economics I have to place it right behind Henderson and Quant (Microeconomics) and Dorfman, Samuelson, and Solow (Linear Programming). Moreover, it is an

exciting book both to read and to think about. . . . It is not just that these authors have something to say, but their way of saying it is generally superior."—F. E. Banks, Kyklos
Principles of Macroeconomics 8th edition boils economics down to its essentials, by considering what is truly important for

students to learn in their first course in economics. In keeping with the authors' philosophy of showing students the power of economic tools and the importance of economic ideas, this edition pays careful attention to regional and global policies and economic issues – including the impacts of the contemporary macroeconomic issues, inflation, unemployment, interest rates, and monetary and fiscal policy. The resource emphasises the material that students should and do find interesting about the study of the economy, resulting in a focus on applications and policy, and less on formal

economic theory.
Principles of Macroeconomics, 8th edition encourages students to make their own judgements by presenting both sides of the debate on five controversial issues facing policy makers: the proper degree of policy activism in response to the business cycle, the choice

between rules and discretion in the conduct of monetary policy, the desirability of reaching zero inflation, the importance of balancing the government's budget, and the need for tax reform to encourage saving. Premium online teaching and learning tools are available on the MindTap platform. Learn more about the online tools cengage.com.au/mindtap

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inequality.
The standard model of optimal growth, interpreted as a model of a market economy with infinitely long-lived agents, does not allow separation of the savings decisions of agents from the investment decisions of firms. Investment is essentially passive: the "one good" assumption

leads to a perfectly elastic investment supply; the absence of installation costs for investment leads to a perfectly elastic investment demand. On the other hand, the standard model of temporary equilibrium used in macroeconomics characterizes both the savings-consumption decision and the investment decision, or, equivalently, derives a well-behaved aggregate demand which, in equilibrium, must be equal to aggregate supply. Often, however, we want to study the movement of the temporary equilibrium over time in response to a particular shock or policy. The discrepancy between the treatment of investment in the two models makes imbedding the temporary equilibrium model in the growth model difficult. This paper characterizes the dynamic behavior of the optimal growth model with adjustment costs. It shows the similarity between the temporary equilibrium of the corresponding market economy and the short-run equilibrium of standard macroeconomic models: consumption depends on wealth, investment on Tobin's q. Equilibrium is maintained by the endogenous adjustment of the term structure of interest rates. It then shows how the equivalence can be used

to study the dynamic effects of policies; it considers various fiscal policies and exploits their equivalence to technological shifts in the optimal growth problem
An Intertemporal Model of Saving and Investment
An Integrated Approach
Puzzles and Policies
Structuralist Proposals

and Critiques of the Mainstream
National Saving
A Neoclassical Introduction
An innovative textbook that provides a concise explanation of the foundations of modern macroeconomic theory and its methods.

The absolute and relative performance of various asset classes is systematically related to macroeconomic trends. In this new book, Robert McGee provides a thorough guide to each stage of the business cycle and analyzes the investment implications using real-world examples linking economic dynamics to investment results. China's high corporate savings rate is commonly claimed to be a key driver for the country's large current account surplus. The mainstream explanation for high corporate savings is a combination of windfall profits in state-owned firms, especially in resource sectors, and mis-governance of state-owned firms represented by their low dividend payout. The paper casts doubt on these views by comparing the savings of 1557 Chinese listed firms with those of 29330 listed firms from 51 other countries over 2002-07. First, Chinese firms do not have a significantly higher savings rate (as a share of total assets) than the global average because corporations in most countries have a high savings rate. The rising corporate savings rate is also consistent with a global trend. Second, there is no significant difference in the savings behavior and dividend patterns between Chinese majority state-owned and private listed firms, contrary to the received wisdom. Macroeconomics is in disarray. No one approach is dominant, and an increasing divide between theory and empirics is evident. This book presents both a critique of mainstream macroeconomics from a structuralist perspective and an exposition of modern structuralist approaches. The fundamental assumption of structuralism is that it is impossible to understand a macroeconomy without understanding its major institutions and distributive relationships across productive sectors and social groups. Lance Taylor focuses his critique on mainstream monetarist, new classical, new Keynesian, and growth models. He examines them from a historical perspective, tracing monetarism from its eighteenth-century roots and comparing current monetarist and new classical models with those of the post-Wicksellian, pre-Keynesian generation of macroeconomists. He contrasts the new Keynesian

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Development Theories 1. New Growth Theories and Say's Law 2. Distribution and Growth 3. Models with Binding Resource or Sectoral Supply Constraints 4. Accounting for Growth 5. Other Perspectives 6. The Mainstream Policy

Response 7. Where Theory Might Sensibly Go References Index Reconstructing Macroeconomics is a stunning intellectual achievement. It surveys an astonishing range of macroeconomic problems and approaches in a

compact, coherent critical framework with unfailing depth, wit, and subtlety. Lance Taylor's pathbreaking work in structural macroeconomics and econometrics sets challenging standards of rigor, realism, and insight for the field. Taylor shows why the structuralist and Keynesian insistence on putting accounting consistency, income distribution, and aggregate demand at the center of macroeconomic analysis is indispensable to understanding real-world macroeconomic events in both developing and developed economies. The book is full of new results, modeling techniques, and shrewd suggestions for further research. Taylor's scrupulous and balanced appraisal of the whole range of macroeconomic schools of thought will be a source of new perspectives to macroeconomists of every persuasion. --Duncan K. Foley, New School University Lance Taylor has produced a masterful and comprehensive critical survey of existing macro models, both mainstream and structuralist, which breaks considerable new ground. The pace is brisk, the level is high, and the writing is entertaining. The author's sense of humor and literary references enliven the discussion of otherwise arcane and technical, but extremely important, issues in macro theory. This book is sure to become a standard reference that future generations of macroeconomists will refer to for decades to come. --Robert Blecker, American University While there are other books dealing with heterodox macroeconomics, this book surpasses them all in the quality of its presentation and in the careful treatment and criticism of orthodox macroeconomics including its recent contributions. The book is unique in the way it systematically covers heterodox growth theory and its relations to other aspects of heterodox macroeconomics using a common organizing framework in terms of accounting relations, and in the way it compares the theories with mainstream contributions. Another positive and novel feature of the book is that it takes a long view of the development of economic ideas, which leads to a more accurate appreciation of the real contributions by recent theoretical developments than

is possible in a presentation that ignores the history of macroeconomics. --Amitava Dutt, University of Notre Dame
Poisoned Crown
Macroeconomics
A Historical Perspective
International Macroeconomics in the Wake of the

Global Financial Crisis

A Summary Report

Economic and Financial Crises

The economy of the 21st century in the OECD countries and in China, is characterized by a new phenomenon:

the structural surplus of private savings in relation to private investment. This is true even in a situation of prosperity and very low interest rates. On the one hand, this excess saving is due to people's increasing inclination to save in light of rising life expectancy, driven by the desire to have sufficient assets in old age. On the other hand, the demand for capital is not increasing to the same extent, so that investment is not keeping pace with the rising desire to save. The resulting gap between the private desire for wealth and private investment can only be closed by increasing public debt. This open access book offers a new, capital-theoretical perspective on the macroeconomic relationship between desired wealth and investment, and it presents new empirical data on private wealth and its composition in the OECD plus China area. The authors argue that a free economic and social order can only be stabilized if the wealth aspirations of individuals are met under conditions of price stability. This is not possible without substantial net public debt. A new way of thinking about the economy as a whole is required. By way of an in-depth theoretical and empirical analysis, the book demonstrates this new way of thinking and describes the current challenges facing economic policy. It will appeal to economists and students of economics who are interested in macroeconomic theory and its economic policy implications. An impressive, and convincing theoretical dive into the fundamentals behind secular stagnation, with very strong implications for actual debt policy. Public debt may be needed to improve welfare. - Olivier Blanchard, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and Professor of

Economics Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund from 2008 to 2015. Saving and Investment in the Twenty-First

Century gives a wholly new perspective on macroeconomics. (...) Weizsäcker and Krämer describe a simple, practical solution to the underemployment that has plagued Southern Europe for more than a decade. - George Akerlof, Nobel Laureate in Economics, 2001. Professor at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University and Professor of Economics

Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley. This is a profound and original contribution that can help us to understand and act on the great issues of our times. - Nicholas

Stern, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics. Author of the Stern Review Report on the Economics of Climate Change. Chief Economist at the World Bank from 2000 to 2003. This paper investigates the macroconomics of real interest rates when there are constraints on debt finance, used both for insurance against income shocks and transferability of resources over time. We amend a standard continuous-time deterministic model of international exchange, with patient and impatient countries, introducing country level shocks fully diversifiable at the global level. A series of shocks that push one country towards its leverage limit induces substantial pre-cautionary saving and a collapse of real interest rate relative to the deterministic benchmark. We discuss the resulting dynamics of interest rates and the broader implications for macroeconomic modelling. Keywords:

borrowing constraints, debt management, incomplete financial markets, international macroeconomics, finance and macroeconomics, macroeconomic propagation, precautionary saving, systemic risk.

Reconsiders many of the most basic theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented controversies embedded in the macroeconomics of saving, finance, and investment

World Bank Technical Paper No. 349. The Bank's approach to water resources development has shifted from one of construction activities to one of improved management quality, creating a new generation of water-related projects and the need for new evaluation procedures. This paper addresses the methodology for economic evaluation of this new group of projects and draws

on the experience of the recently approved Mexico Water Resources Management project.
Applied Financial Macroeconomics and Investment Strategy
Economic Theory of Bank Credit

Leverage Constraints and Real Interest Rates
Essays in Economics
Lectures in Macroeconomics
The Financial Crisis
L. Albert Hahn published the

first edition of the Economic Theory of Bank Credit in 1920 and a radically revised third edition in 1930. Economic Theory of Bank Credit is a clear exposition of a theory of credit and stands in the tradition of Harley Withers, Henry Macleod, and Knut Wicksell. A theory of credit recognizes that banks are not only intermediaries of savings but in fact create money themselves. This idea is paired with a detailed account of the technical processes of the banking sector. In Part Two, Hahn provides an economic account of the effects of credit creation on the economy: banks vary their credit creation activity for various reasons and cause fluctuations in overall economic activity. Hahn therefore develops a monetary theory of the business cycle in the spirit of Schumpeter. The first and third editions draw different conclusions about central bank policy. The first edition is optimistic that an ever-lasting boom could be achieved, whilst the third edition sees the core function of central bank policy as smoothing economic fluctuations. This edition, translated into English for the first time, enables the reader to revisit this classic contribution to monetary

theory. It features a complete translation of the first edition, key elements of the third edition, and a new introduction by Professor Harald Hagemann.
The paper

presents a simple framework for the analysis of the macroeconomic implications of de-cashing. Defined as replacing paper currency with convertible deposits, de-cashing would affect all key macroeconomic sectors. The overall macreconomic impact of de-cashing would depend on the balance of growt h-enhancing and growth-constraining factors. Starting from a traditional saving-investment balance, the paper develops a four-sector macroeconomic framework. It is purely illustrative and is designed to provide a roadmap for a systematic evaluation of de-cashing. The framework is disaggregated into the real, fiscal, monetary, and external sectors and potential implications of de-cashing are then identified in each sector. Finally, the paper draws a balance on possible positive and negative macroeconomic implications of de-cashing, and proposes policies capable of augmenting its economic and social benefits, while reducing potential costs. These original contributions celebrate and extend Tobin's contributions to macroeconomics, international economics, finance, and economic policy. This book collects selected articles addressing several currently debated issues in the field of international ma croeconomics. They focus on the role of the central banks in the debate on how to come to terms with the long-term decline in productivity growth, insufficient aggregate demand, high economic uncertainty and growing inequalities following the global financial crisis. Central banks are of considerable importance in this debate since understanding the sluggishness of the recovery process as well as its implications for the natural interest rate are key to assessing output gaps and the monetary policy stance. The authors argue that a more dynamic domestic and external aggregate demand helps to raise the inflation rate, easing the constraint deriving from the zero lower bound and allowing monetary policy to depart from its current ultraaccommodative position. Beyond macroeconomic factors, the book also discusses a supportive financial environment as a precondition for the rebound of global economic

activity, stressing that understanding capital flows is a prerequisite for economic-policy decisions.
Korea Under Siege, 1876-1945
Long-Term Implications of

an Older Population
Global Finance and the Macroeconomy
Understanding Interdependence
Saving Across the World
A Capitalist Economy

Without Unemployment
prepared by Debra Moore Patterson
Foundations of International Macroeconomics is an innovative text that offers the first integrative modern treatment

of the core issues in open economy macroeconomics and finance. With its clear and accessible style, it is suitable for first-year graduate macroeconomics courses as well as graduate courses in international macroeconomics and finance. Each chapter incorporates an extensive and eclectic array of empirical evidence. For the beginning student, these examples provide motivation and aid in understanding the practical value of the economic models developed. For advanced researchers, they highlight key insights and conundrums in the field. Topic coverage includes intertemporal consumption and investment theory, government spending and budget deficits, finance theory and asset pricing, the implications of (and problems inherent in) international capital market integration, growth, inflation and seignorage, policy credibility, real and nominal exchange rate determination, and many interesting special topics such as speculative attacks, target exchange rate zones, and parallels between immigration and capital mobility. Most main results are derived both for the small country and world economy cases. The first seven chapters cover models of the real economy, while the final three chapters incorporate the economy's monetary side, including an innovative approach to bridging the usual chasm between real and monetary models. "In this dissertation, I focus on macroeconomic aspects of international trade and finance, and the role of idiosyncratic risks in macroeconomics. In the first chapter, the emphasis is on the role of 'lea rning-by-exporting' (exporters productivity improvement accompanied by increased exports) in explaining current account surpluses of fast growing developing countries, and the last two focus on the impact of idiosyncratic risks on labor supply and housing markets. In Chapter 1, I focus on the world-wide current account imbalances. Particularly, I study how we can explain the simultaneous growth and current account surpluses of rapidly growing economies such as China and other East Asian countries which contribute to global imbalances. The standard economic theory predicts that rapid growth induces net capital inflows due to higher return to capital. This is exactly the opposite of what we observe in the data. This chapter attempts to explore if le arning-by-exporting helps explain this puzzling pattern of growth and savings of fast growing developing countries. It also examines what policies exploit learning-by-exporting, the welfare consequences for the world, and if restricting the set of policies to non-trade related policies matter. In order to answer these questions, I build up a two country general equilibrium growth model in which a developing economy benefits from learning-by-exporting as it trades with a developed economy. As the benchmark, I consider a setup in which the policies are restricted to non-trade related ones by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and compare it to a model with 'No-WTO restrictions'. The optimal policies in the presence of WTO restrictions rationalize the observed current account surpluses of rapidly growing developing economies. However, if there were no WTO restrictions, the developing countries would manipulate their terms of trade rather than their current account, which improves the welfare of both developing and developed countries. This highlights the fact that terms of trade manipulation can be 'win-win' in the presence of learning-by-exporting. This chapter also considers a 'Coordinated Policy' problem to obtain the first-best outcomes for the world. In this setup, the developing country's terms of trade deteriorate even more and it runs a greater current account deficit relative to the 'No-WTO Restrictions' case. The second chapter explores the impact of idiosyncratic risks on labor supply by skill level. It documents recent trends in relative labor supply of skilled men to unskilled men in the U.S. and attempts to explain the trends using changing wage structure. For the past four decades in the U.S., relative labor supply of skilled men to unskilled men has increased in spite of the rising college premium. This fact is in sharp contrast with previous studies supporting dominant income effects in the trends in hours worked before the 1970s. This chapter attempts to explain these recent changing patterns of labor supply using the different evolution of the second moment of wages, namely, wage volatility. Using the PSID, it documents that wage volatility rose for overall skill groups with even greater increases for skilled men than for unskilled men in recent decades. As wages become more volatile, individuals not only accumulate more precautionary savings but also increase work hours. This chapter develops a general equilibrium incomplete markets model, where heterogeneous agents receive productivity shocks drawn from skill-specific distribution. With the rising college premium and increased wage volatility for both skill groups, the model can replicate the increase in skilled-unskilled hours differentials. In Chapter 3, I attempt to explain increases in three aggregate variables in the U.S. housing market over the last 30 years: (i) the increase in the relative price of residential investment; (ii) the simultaneous increase in the share of expenditure devoted to residential investment; and (iii) the increase in the ratio of mortgage loans to GDP. As potential reasons behind these changes, I consider relatively low total factor productivity

(TFP) growth in the construction sector, an increase in earnings volatility, and a decline in housing transaction costs. A lower TFP growth in the construction sector drives up the relative price of residential investment. However, it lowers the production of residential structures even more. In order to be consistent with increases in the expenditure share on residential investment and in the mortgage loans to GDP ratio, considering demand-side factors in the housing market is essential. Adding increased earnings volatility and decreasing housing transaction costs to the model can reproduce the increases in the expenditure share on residential investment and in the mortgage loans to GDP ratio. As a decline in transaction costs makes housing assets more liquid, housing assets become more attractive to households with precautionary saving motives in response to higher earnings risks. This raises the demand for residential investment, increasing both mortgage loans and the expenditure share on residential investment. This model can explain almost all of the changes in the three housing market variables in the U.S. data"--Pages v-vii.

This paper brings together a number of interrelated issues concerning the implications of financial liberalisation for macroeconomic outcomes. Deregulation has tended to reduce the importance of liquidity constraints within and between countries, while at the same time giving markets a much greater role in utilising available information to achieve efficient outcomes. This has had implications for private spending behaviour and the transmission channels of monetary policy;

for the volatility of financial prices; for the price and credit risks which arise; and for the integration of international financial markets and the process of external adjustment ...

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