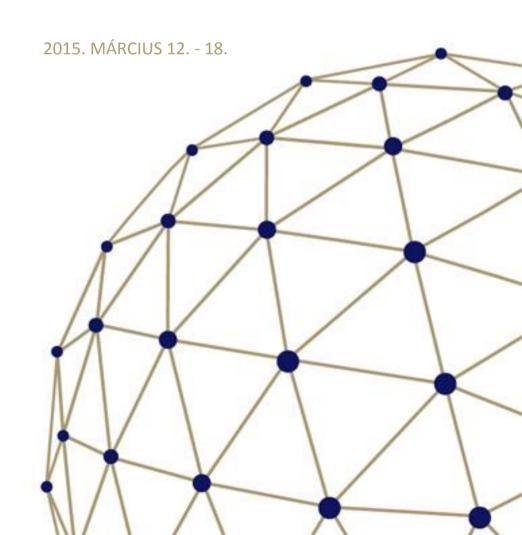


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1. MONETÁRIS POLITIKA, INFLÁCIÓ

Spillovers from Unconventional Monetary Policy - Lessons for Emerging Markets http://www.imf.org/external/np/speeches/2015/031715.htm	IMF Speech
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Effects of e-commerce on inflation, 17/03/2015 http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/eb201502 focus06.en.pdf Recent movements in the effective exchange rate of the euro, 17/03/2015	ECB Economic Bulletin Boxes
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Central Banking in Latin America: From the Gold Standard to the Golden Years, 17/03/2015 http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2015/wp1560.pdf	IMF Working Paper
This paper provides a brief historical journey of central banking in Latin America to shed light on the debate about monetary policy in the post-global financial crisis period. The paper distinguishes three periods in Latin America's central bank history: the early years, when central banks endorsed the gold standard and coped with the collapse of this monetary system; a second period, in which central banks turned into development banks under the aegis of governments at the expense of increasing inflation; and the "golden years," when central banks succeeded in preserving price stability in an environment of political independence. The paper concludes by cautioning against overburdening central banks in Latin America with multiple mandates as this could end up undermining their hard-won monetary policy credibility.	
Keywords: Latin America, central banks, inflation	
A wave of further easing, 18/03/2015 https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r_qt1503a.pdf Largely unexpected, a wave of monetary policy easing over the past few months has taken centre stage in global financial markets. Amid plunging oil prices and rising foreign exchange tensions, a large number of central banks from both advanced and emerging market economies have provided further stimulus. The ECB announced an expanded asset purchase programme, which was larger and longer lasting than market participants had anticipated. The period of unusually low market volatility seemed to be coming to an end as volatility in most asset classes reverted closer to its historical averages. This was most pronounced in commodity markets, where it spiked in early February, driven by a sharp fall in oil prices. Volatility also moved higher in foreign exchange markets, as looser monetary policies started to spill over into increasing pressures on managed exchange rates. In a surprise move, the Swiss National Bank abandoned its cap on the Swiss franc/euro rate, while several other central banks adjusted policies in defence of their exchange rate or inflation targets. The US dollar continued to appreciate against the backdrop of diverging monetary policies and sagging commodity prices.	BIS Quarterly Review Article
The costs of deflations: a historical perspective, 18/03/2015 https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r_qt1503e.pdf	BIS Quarterly Review Article
Concerns about deflation have loomed large in recent policy discussions. The debate is shaped by the deep-seated view that deflation, regardless of context, is an economic pathology that stands in the way of any sustainable and strong expansion. Even if deflation is seen as a cause, rather than a symptom, of economic conditions, its effects are not obvious. On the one hand, deflation can indeed reduce output. Rigid nominal wages may aggravate unemployment.	+ Extracts

Falling prices raise the real value of debt, undermining borrowers' balance sheets, both public and private – a prominent concern at present given historically high debt levels. Consumers might delay spending, in anticipation of lower prices. If interest rates hit the zero lower bound, monetary policy will struggle to encourage spending. On the other hand, deflation may actually boost output. Lower prices increase real incomes and wealth. They may also make export goods more competitive.

Extracts:

The Great Depression

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Financial crisis, US unconventional monetary policy and international spillovers, 16/03/2015 https://www.bis.org/publ/work494.pdf

BIS Working Paper

We study the impact of US quantitative easing (QE) on both the emerging and advanced economies, estimating a global vector error correction model. We focus on the effects of reductions in the US term and corporate spreads. The estimated effects of QE are sizeable and vary across economies. We find the QE impact from reducing the US corporate spread to be more important than that from lowering the US term spread, consistent with Blinder's (2012) argument. Counterfactual exercises suggest that US QE measures, especially the cumulative effects of successive QE measures starting with the sizeable impact of the early actions, countered forces that could have led to episodes of prolonged recession and deflation in the advanced economies. The estimated effects on emerging economies are diverse but generally larger than those found for the United States and other advanced economies. The estimates suggest that US monetary policy spillovers contributed to overheating in Brazil, China and some other emerging economies in 2010 and 2011, but supported their respective recoveries in 2009 and 2012. These heterogeneous effects point to unevenly distributed benefits and costs of monetary policy spillovers.

Keywords: emerging economies; financial crisis; global VAR; international monetary policy spillovers; quantitative easing; unconventional monetary policy

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What can capital markets deliver? https://www.bis.org/review/r150318b.pdf Speech by Dr Andreas Dombret , Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank, at the ILF	BIS Central Bankers' Speech
(Institute for Law and Finance) Conference on "The European Capital Markets Union, a viable concept and a real goal?", Frankfurt am Main, 18 March 2015	
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Shifting horizons: assessing macro trends before, during and following systemic banking crises, 17/03/2015 http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp1766.en.pdf	ECB Working Paper
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The associations vary considerably when shifting horizons. Domestic house price growth increases the probability of observing a crisis in the future, but its effect disappears when moving closer to a crisis. The inverse holds true for the effect of the global credit gap, while global credit growth consistently and significantly increases the probability of a future banking crisis. Also, banking crises seem to be spatially correlated in the very short run. In all, the results can help policy makers by shedding light on the temporal horizon of the variables they monitor in addition to evaluating their predictive power. **Keywords**: banking crisis, credit, time horizons, binary time series cross section data Financial inclusion – issues for central banks, 18/03/2015 BIS https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r qt1503h.pdf **Quarterly Review** Article Financial inclusion - access to financial services - is increasing worldwide, often with official support. This special feature discusses the implications for central banks. Greater financial inclusion changes the behaviour of firms and consumers in ways that could influence the effectiveness of monetary policy. The impact on financial stability may depend on how any improvements in financial access are achieved. Risks may rise if greater financial inclusion results from rapid credit growth, or if relatively unregulated parts of the financial system grow quickly. The Use and Effectiveness of Macroprudential Policies: New Evidence, 17/03/2015 **IMF** http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2015/wp1561.pdf **Working Paper** We document the use of macroprudential policies for 119 countries over the 2000-13 period. Emerging economies use macroprudential policies most frequently, especially foreign exchange related ones, while advanced countries use borrower-based policies more. Usage is generally associated with lower growth in credit, notably in household credit. Effects are less in financially more developed and open economies, however, and usage comes with greater cross-border borrowing, suggesting some avoidance. While macroprudential policies can help manage financial cycles, they work less well in busts. Keywords: Macroprudential policies, Effectiveness, Procyclicality, Financial cycles The Role of Bank Capital in Bank Holding Companies' Decisions, 16/03/2015 **IMF** http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/wp/2015/wp1557.pdf **Working Paper** This paper examines the role of bank capital in decision-making by bank holding companies (BHCs) in the United States. Following Chami and Cosimano's (2001) call option approach to bank capital, BHCs optimally choose the amount of capital to insure the bank against becoming capital constrained in the future. We provide empirical support for this model, and find that a higher optimal level of capital leads to higher loan rates. Furthermore, higher loan rates result in lower amounts of lending. Thus, an increase in capital requirements is likely to lead to higher loan rates and a significant reduction in lending. Keywords: Bank holding companies, capital constraints Highlights of global financing flows, 18/03/2015 BIS https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r qt1503b.pdf **Quarterly Review** Article In the second half of 2014, global banking and capital flows continued to adjust to shifting patterns of global demand. For several years after the Global Financial Crisis, the largest advanced economies **Extracts** struggled with overburdened balance sheets and weak banking systems, while capital flowed to fastgrowing emerging market economies (EMEs). This has been replaced by a "multi-speed" global economy featuring stronger growth in the United States and United Kingdom; a disappointing outlook in the euro area and Japan; and a slowdown in some, but not all, of the emerging markets. Extracts: Global liquidity indicators: background and interpretation https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r qt1503u.htm Equity issuance and share buybacks https://www.bis.org/publ/qtrpdf/r qt1503v.htm

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Drawing from a recent report by the Committee on the Global Financial System, we identify signs of	+
increased fragility and divergence of liquidity conditions across different fixed income markets.	Extracts
Market-making is concentrating in the most liquid securities and deteriorating in the less liquid ones.	
The shift reflects cyclical (eg changes in risk appetite) as well as structural (eg tighter risk management or	
regulation) forces affecting both the supply of and demand for market-making services. Although it is	
difficult to definitively assess the market implications, we outline several possible initiatives that could	
help buttress market liquidity.	
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Inventory levels and asset price sensitivity: catching the falling knife?	
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3. MIKROPRUDENCIÁLIS FELÜGYELET ÉS SZABÁLYOZÁS

What is the goal of the Capital Markets Union?	ECB
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How can prudential regulation foster growth?	ECB
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The future of European market conduct regulation	
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<u>12%20KW%20Consumer%20Protection%20Conference%20Bucharest.pdf</u> Speech by Katja Würtz, EIOPA's Head of Consumer Protection: European Conference on Consumer	
Protection in Financial Services, Bucharest, 12 March 2015	
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ESMA sees increased convergence in automated trading supervision, 18/03/2015	ESMA
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Risk Dashboard, Q4 2014, 16/03/2015	EBA
http://www.eba.europa.eu/documents/10180/1014348/EBA+Dashboard+-+Q4+2014.pdf	Publication
The EBA published an update to its periodic risk dashboard summarising the main risks and vulnerabilities in the EU banking sector on the basis of the evolution of Key Risk Indicators from 55 banks for the third quarter of 2014. This edition of the risk dashboard is the first to have balance sheet information based on the supervisory reporting standards from FINREP, the Financial Reporting framework for financial institutions across the EU.	+ Press Release
Related press release:	
http://www.eba.europa.eu/-/eba-updates-its-risk-dashboard-for-eu-banking-sect-1	
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The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) have revised the framework for margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives. The Basel Committee and IOSCO will continue to monitor progress in implementation to ensure consistent implementation across products, jurisdictions and market participants. This includes monitoring domestic rule-making as well as considering guidance on the validation and backtesting of models for margining.	+ Press Release
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4. KÖLTSÉGVETÉSI POLITIKA, ADÓZÁS

Commission communication on tax transparency to fight tax evasion and avoidance, 18/03/2015	EU
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This paper explores the impact of fiscal decentralization on the efficiency of public service delivery. It uses	
a stochastic frontier method to estimate time-varying efficiency coefficients and analyzes the impact of	
fiscal decentralization on those efficiency coefficients. The findings indicate that fiscal decentralization can	
improve the efficiency of public service delivery but only under specific conditions. Decentralization of	
expenditure needs to be accompanied by sufficient decentralization of revenue. Absent those conditions,	
fiscal decentralization can worsen the efficiency of public service delivery.	
Keywords: Decentralization, efficiency, stochastic frontier analysis	
Tax Transparency 2014 – Annual Report on Progress by the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange	OECD
of Information for Tax Purposes, 16/03/2015	Publication
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The Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes published new peer	
review reports, including a Supplementary Report for Switzerland, demonstrating continuing progress	
toward implementation of the international standard for exchange of information on request. The Global	
Forum also reviewed exchange of information practices through peer review reports in six jurisdictions.	
It allocated ratings for compliance with the individual elements of the international standard, as well as an	
overall rating for each jurisdiction. Five jurisdictions – Aruba, Cook Islands, Hungary, Portugal and Uruguay	
- received an overall rating of "Largely Compliant. Curação was rated "Partially Compliant."	
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Related press release:

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OECD Working Paper

The Slovak Republic was among the fastest growing OECD economies in the last decade. It is broadly recognised that the 2004 tax reform contributed to this success. Ten years after this fundamental reform, however, the time has come to re-evaluate some of the key characteristics of the Slovak tax system. The Slovak economy faces multiple challenges including an ageing population, a persistently high unemployment rate, significant regional disparities, skills gaps and risks related to the increasing international competition for mobile capital. The paper shows that the current tax system suffers from weaknesses that constrain its capacity to raise additional revenues and to create the conditions for inclusive and sustainable economic growth. Although measures have recently been introduced to address some of these challenges, additional tax reforms and a further strengthening of the tax administration will be needed.

Keywords: tax reform; tax policy; Slovak Republic.

5. PÉNZFORGALOM, FIZETÉSI RENDSZEREK

Guidelines on national provisional lists of the most representative services linked to a payment account and subject to a fee, 18/03/2015

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These guidelines are the first step towards developing standardised terminology across the EU. They are developed in accordance with the EU Payment Accounts Directive, which requires standardisation of terminology for services that are found to be common in at least a majority of Member States. These Guidelines have been finalised following a two-month consultation period that ended in January 2015.

Related press release:

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6. ÁLTALÁNOS GAZDASÁGPOLITIKA

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Keywords: Structural unemployment, Beveridge curve, SVAR with sign restrictions

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Keywords: Japan; Inclusive growth; Economic growth

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international investment positions large currency fluctuations during the global crisis of 2008-09 did not

cause significant financial dislocations.

This paper presents empirical evidence that for a number of OECD countries firms' increasing participation in global value chains may have contributed to reducing exchange rate pass-through to the terms of trade, which may in turn have contributed to reducing the response of trade balances to exchange rate changes. Further empirical evidence suggests that over the past two decades large net external debtor countries, including emerging market economies, have reduced net aggregate foreign currency exposures, thereby limiting direct financial effects of exchange rate fluctuations through the valuation of external assets and liabilities. However, sizable increases in foreign currency borrowing for a number of emerging market economies in the wake of the global crisis of 2008-09, including by non-financial corporations, suggest that large exchange rate movements may nonetheless cause financial stress for exposed sectors and entities that may percolate through the financial system despite limited aggregate exposures.

Keywords: current account; exchange rates; currency mismatches; financial account.

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