

Who Is Afraid of Eurobonds?

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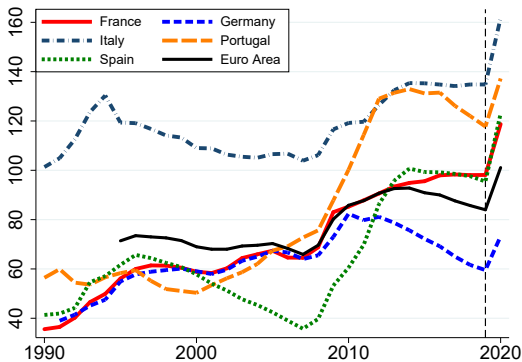
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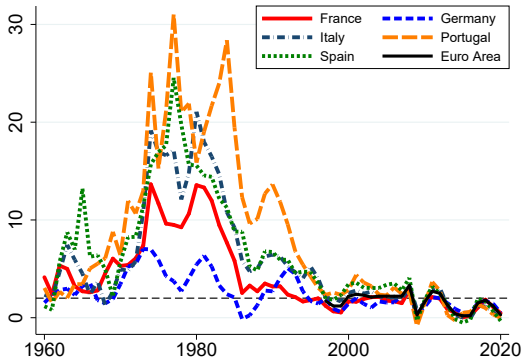
Figure: EA debt-to-GDP ratio



- Required fiscal adjustments likely to be persistent drag on economy

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Figure: CPI inflation rate



- Low inflation rates constrain the ECB's ability to alleviate this drag

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- + How do we pin $\hat{s}_{EA,t}^P$ and $\hat{\pi}_{EA,t}^P$ down?

Emergency Budget

We construct a **counterfactual economy** where:

- + Symmetric recessionary shocks are shut down
- + The ZLB never binds
- + Policymakers follow Fiscal Discipline

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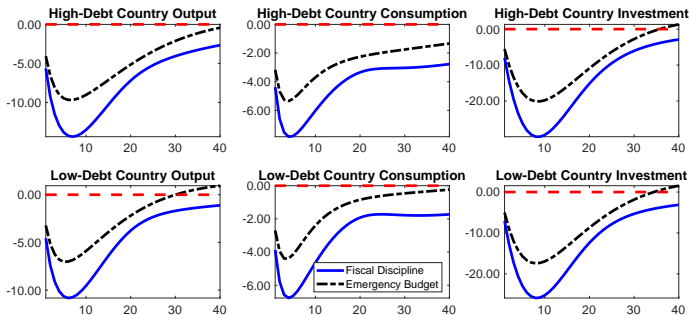
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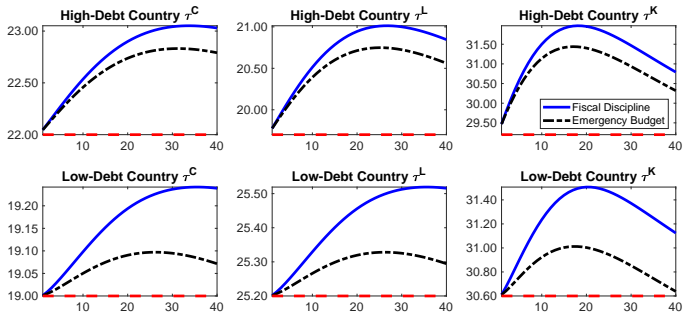
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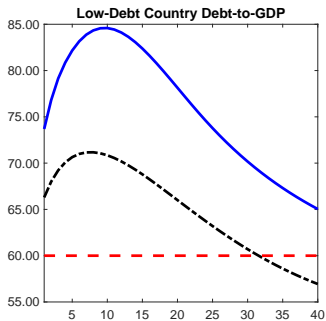
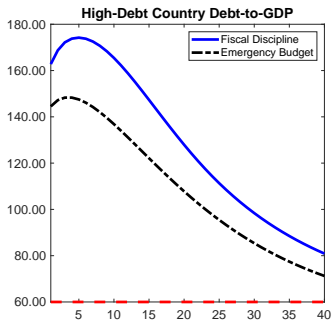
- Fiscal discipline in response to shock costly for both countries
- Using EA emergency budget mitigates recession in both countries

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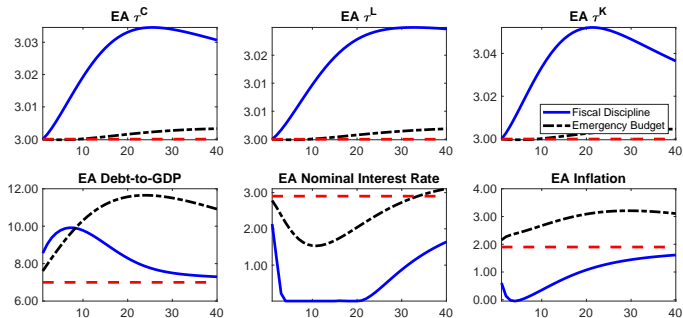
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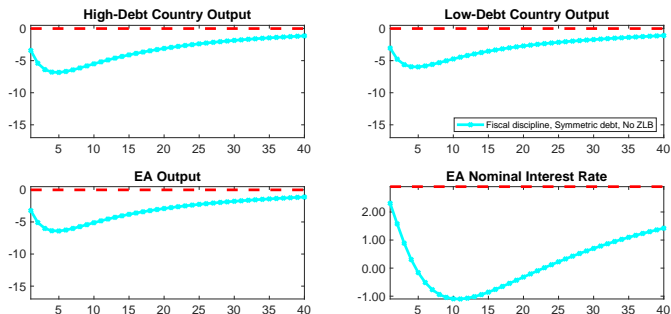
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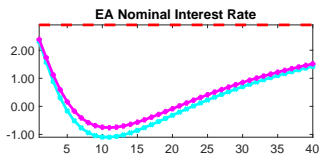
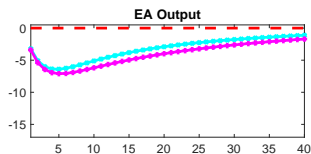
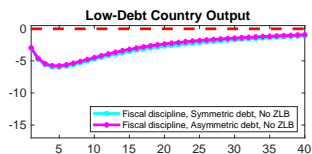
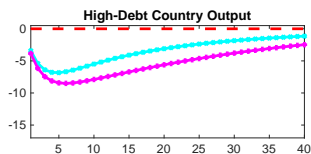
- Some increase in inflation
- Higher nominal rates lowers ZLB risk \rightarrow lower frequency of ZLB
- Central bank can escape ZLB

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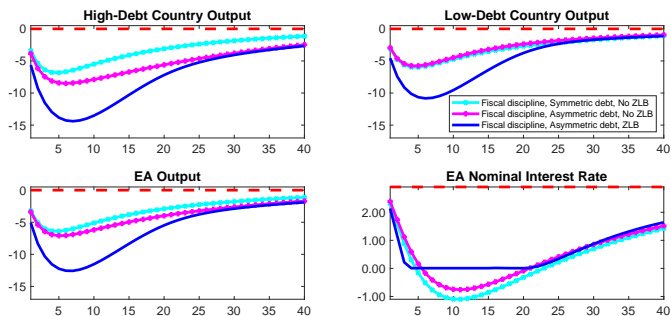
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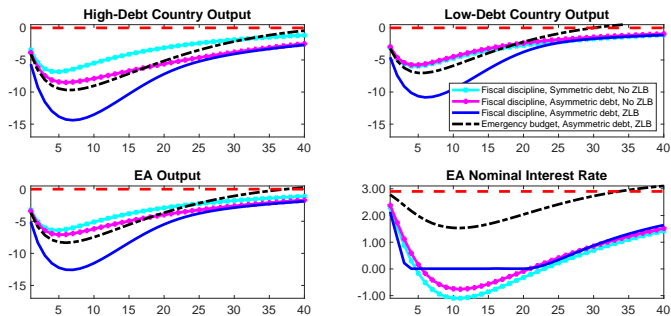
- Large national debt matters somewhat for recovery under fiscal discipline

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- If ZLB binds, no stabilisation tools for high-debt countries under fiscal discipline
- Very costly, also for low-debt countries because EA integrated

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- Scope for Eurobonds as **stabilisation tool** if ZLB binds and large national debt

Welfare Implications

Volatilities	Fiscal Discipline	Emergency Budget
Euro Area Output	16.797	11.707
Euro Area Inflation	0.617	0.427
High-Debt Country Output	18.103	12.273
High-Debt Country Inflation	0.640	0.426
Low-Debt Country Output	15.516	11.147
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ZLB Frequency	0.210	0.089

Table: Volatilities of Output and Inflation for 1000 simulations of 40 periods under *Fiscal Discipline* and *Emergency Budget*.

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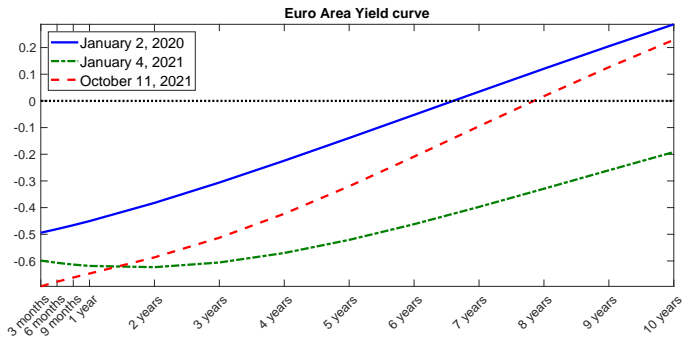
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- Limited space for the ECB to stabilize the EA economy in recession

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● EA monetary authority

Policy Authorities

● National governments

- + issue national debts with a maturity structure to domestic savers
- + levy distortionary taxes on domestic households
- + purchase goods and transfer resources to domestic households

$$P_t^B B_t + \tau_t^K R_t^K K_t + \tau_t^L W_t L_t + \tau_t^C P_t^C C_t = (1 + \rho P_t^B) B_{t-1} + P_t^C G_t + P_t^C Z_t$$

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Final Goods Firms

- + Final good produced combining C_t^H and C_t^F with technology

$$Q_t^C = \left[(1 - \nu_c)^{\frac{1}{\mu_c}} C_t^H^{\frac{\mu_c - 1}{\mu_c}} + \nu_c^{\frac{1}{\mu_c}} C_t^F^{\frac{\mu_c - 1}{\mu_c}} \right]^{\frac{\mu_c}{\mu_c - 1}}$$

ν_c degree of openness & μ_c elasticity of sub. between H & F goods

- Demand for H and F intermediate goods i and i^* by final consumption good firm:

$$C_t^H(i) = \left[\int_0^1 C_t^H(i)^{\frac{1}{1+\eta_p}} \right]^{1+\eta_p} \quad C_t^F(i) = \left[\int_0^1 C_t^F(i^*)^{\frac{1}{1+\eta_{p,x}}} \right]^{1+\eta_{p,x}}$$

$\eta_p, \eta_{p,x} > 0$ related to the intratemporal elasticities of sub. between the differentiated outputs supplied by the H and F intermediate firms

- Demand for H and F good bundles by final consumption good firm:

$$C_t^H = (1 - \nu_c) \left(\frac{P_t^H}{P_t^C} \right)^{-\mu_c} Q_t^C \quad C_t^F = \nu_c \left(\frac{P_t^F}{P_t^C} \right)^{-\mu_c} Q_t^C$$

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Intermediate Goods Firms

+ Intermediate goods firms

- Continuum of monopolistically competitive firms
- Use technology: $Y_t(i) = K_t(i)^\alpha (A_t L_t(i))^{1-\alpha} - A_t \Omega$
- Calvo-price setters
- Price indexation: $p_t^H(i) = (\pi_{t-1}^H)^{\chi_p} (\pi^H)^{1-\chi_p} P_{t-1}^H(i)$
- Face perfectly competitive factor markets for capital and labor

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Wages

- Both savers and non-savers supply differentiated labor service
- Labor packer produces composite labor $L_t = \left[\int_0^1 L_t(l)^{\frac{1}{1+\eta_w}} dl \right]^{1+\eta_w}$
- Profit maximisation yields labor demand $L_t(l) = L_t \left(\frac{W_t(l)}{W_t} \right)^{-\frac{1+\eta_w}{\eta_w}}$
- Wage set optimally by savers with prob ω_w
- Wage indexation $W_t(l) = W_{t-1}(l)(\Pi_{t-1}e^\gamma)^{\chi_w}(\Pi e^\gamma)^{1-\chi_w}$

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Households' Preferences

- + Savers
- + Hand-to-mouth

Same preferences

$$u_t = \left((\ln C_t^*(j) - \tilde{C}_{t-1}^*) - \frac{L_t(j)^{1+\xi}}{1+\xi} \right),$$

where $C_t^*(j) \equiv C_t(j) + \alpha_G G_t$

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Households' Budget Constraints

- The nominal flow budget constraint for hand-to-mouth $j \in [0, \mu]$

$$P_t^C (1 + \tau_t^C + \tau_t^{EA,C}) C_t^N(j) = (1 - \tau_t^L - \tau_t^{EA,L}) \int_0^1 W_t(l) L_t^N(j, l) dl + P_t^C Z_t^N(j)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P_t^C (1 + \tau_t^C + \tau_t^{EA,C}) C_t^S(j) + P_t^I I_t(j) + E_t \left(\underbrace{\frac{Q_{t,t+1} B_{s,t+1}}{\epsilon_t^{rp}}}_{\text{AD securities}} \right) + \underbrace{P_t^B B_t(j)}_{\text{national bond}} + \underbrace{P_t^{B,EA} B_t^{EA}(j)}_{\text{Eurobond}} \\ = B_{s,t}(j) + (1 + \rho P_t^B) B_{t-1}(j) + (1 + \rho P_t^{B,EA}) B_{t-1}^{EA}(j) \\ + (1 - \tau_t^L - \tau_t^{EA,L}) \int_0^1 W_t(l) L_t^S(j, l) dl \\ + (1 - \tau_t^K - \tau_t^{EA,K}) R_t^K v_t(j) \bar{K}_{t-1}^S(j) - \psi(v_t) \bar{K}_{t-1}^S + P_t^C Z_t^S(j) + D_t(j) \end{aligned}$$

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Price Indices

$$P_t^C = \left[(1 - \nu_c) P_t^H^{1-\mu_c} + \nu_c P_t^F^{1-\mu_c} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\mu_c}}$$

$$P_t^{C*} = \left[\nu_c P_t^{H*1-\mu_c} + (1 - \nu_c) P_t^{F*1-\mu_c} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\mu_c}}$$

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- + Steady-state EA debt-to-GDP: 7%

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Calibration I

Parameter	Description	Value	Target/Source
Preferences			
β	Discount factor	0.999	Annual SS real rate of 1.35%
ξ	Inverse Frisch elasticity	2	Coenen et al. (2013)
θ	Habit in formation	0.59	Coenen et al. (2013)
α^G	Substitutability of private vs. gov. consumption	-0.24	Leeper et al. (2017)
Frictions and technology			
μ	Share of hand-to-mouth households	0.11	Leeper et al. (2017)
α	Elasticity in production function	0.33	SS share of labour income in total output of 70%
δ	Capital depreciation rate	0.025	Implies annual depreciation of 10%
s	Investment adjustment cost	5.56	Coenen et al. (2013)
ψ	Capital utilization cost	0.16	Leeper et al. (2013)
ω_p	Price Calvo parameter	0.93	Coenen et al. (2013)
ω_w	Wage Calvo parameter	0.78	Coenen et al. (2013)
χ_p	Price indexation	0.38	Coenen et al. (2013)
χ_w	Wage indexation	0.54	Coenen et al. (2013)
η_p	Price markup	0.163	Leeper et al. (2013)
η_w	Wage markup	0.286	Leeper et al. (2013)
$\nu_{C,IT}$	Degree of openness for IT	0.205	Albonico et al. (2019)
$\nu_{C,DE}$	Degree of openness for DE	0.261	Albonico et al. (2019)
$\mu_{C,IT}$	Elasticity of sub. between IT & DE	1.130	Albonico et al. (2019)
$\mu_{C,DE}$	Elasticity of sub. between DE & IT	1.300	Albonico et al. (2019)

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Calibration II

Parameter	Description	Value	Target/Source
Monetary authority			
ϕ_π	Interest rate response to EA inflation	1.89	Coenen et al. (2013)
ϕ_y	Interest rate response to EA output	0.16	Coenen et al. (2013)
ρ_r	Interest rate smoothing	0.88	Coenen et al. (2013)
Risk Premium Shock			
ρ	Persistence of shock	0.96	Match average EABCN peak-to-trough
σ	Volatility of shock	0.011	Match output volatility over 1999Q1-2019Q4

Table: Calibrated values for model parameters and steady-state targets.

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Calibration III

Parameter	Description	Value	Target/Source
Steady-state calibration targets			
$s_{b,IT}$	Quarterly debt-to-GDP in IT	2.4	Annualized 60%, Maastricht Treaty parameter
$s_{b,DE}$	Quarterly debt-to-GDP in DE	2.4	Annualized 60%, Maastricht Treaty parameter
$s_{b,EA}$	Quarterly debt-to-GDP in EA	0.28	Annualized 7%
$s_{gc,IT}$	Gov. expenditure-to-GDP ratio IT	0.187	Quarterly average in 2019, Eurostat
$s_{gc,DE}$	Gov. expenditure-to-GDP ratio DE	0.205	Quarterly average in 2019, Eurostat
τ_{IT}^L	Steady-state tax rate on labor IT	19.7%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{DE}^L	Steady-state tax rate on labor DE	25.2%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{EA}^L	Steady-state tax rate on labor EA	3%	
τ_{IT}^K	Steady-state tax rate on capital IT	29.2%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{DE}^K	Steady-state tax rate on capital DE	30.6%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{EA}^K	Steady-state tax rate on capital EA	3%	
τ_{IT}^C	Steady-state tax rate on cons. IT	22%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{DE}^C	Steady-state tax rate on cons. DE	19%	EC, DG Taxation and Customs Union, 2018
τ_{EA}^C	Steady-state tax rate on cons. EA	3%	
Debt maturities			
ρ_{IT}	Debt maturity decay rate IT	0.963	Target yearly average maturity of 6.87 in 2019
ρ_{DE}	Debt maturity decay rate DE	0.964	Target yearly average maturity of 5.94 in 2010
ρ_{EA}	Debt maturity decay rate EA	0.958	Target yearly average maturity of 6.6 in 2010

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Calibration IV

Parameter	Description	Value	Target/Source
Fiscal authorities			
ρ_{IT}^L	Persistence of τ^L in IT	0.735	Estimated 2004-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{DE}^L	Persistence of τ^L in DE	0.735	Estimated 2004-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{EA}^L	Persistence of τ^L in EA	0.726	Estimated 2004-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{IT}^K	Persistence of τ^K in IT	0.606	Estimated 2006-2018, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{DE}^K	Persistence of τ^K in DE	0.662	Estimated 2006-2018, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{EA}^K	Persistence of τ^K in EA	0.502	Estimated 2006-2018, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{IT}^C	Persistence of τ^C in IT	0.884	Estimated 2000-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{DE}^C	Persistence of τ^C in DE	0.833	Estimated 2000-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{EA}^C	Persistence of τ^C in EA	0.895	Estimated 2000-2020, EC, DG Taxation & Customs Union
ρ_{IT}^G	Persistence of G in IT	0.659	Estimated over 2007-2019, Eurostat
ρ_{DE}^G	Persistence of G in DE	0.365	Estimated over 2007-2019, Eurostat
ρ_{IT}^Z	Persistence of transfers rule	0.785	Estimated over 1996-2019, Eurostat
ρ_{DE}^Z	Persistence of transfers rule	0.636	Estimated over 2002-2019, Eurostat
ρ_{EA}^Z	Persistence of transfers rule	0.880	Estimated over 2002-2019, Eurostat
γ^G	Debt response for G	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years
γ^Z	Debt response for transfers	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years
γ^L	Debt response for τ^L	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years
γ^K	Debt response, for τ^K	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years
γ^C	Debt response for τ^C	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years
ϕ_Y	Automatic stabilizers	0.11	IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years

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$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} p^{MM} & 1 - p^{EB} & 1 - p^{CC} & 0 \\ 1 - p^{MM} & p^{EB} & 0 & 1 - p^{CC} \\ 0 & & p^{CC} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p^{CC} \end{pmatrix}$$

Calibration V

Transition matrix Q between the four regimes is the following:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} p^{MM} & (1 - p^{FC} - p^{FF}) & 0 \\ (1 - p^{MM} - p^{MC}) & p^{FF} & 1 - p^{CC} \\ p^{MC} & p^{FC} & p^{CC} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transition probabilities:

- $p^{MM} = 0.9995$,
- $p^{FF} = 0.9995$,
- $p^{CC} = 0.9$.
- $p^{MC} = p^{FC} = 0$

The conflict is assumed to last 10 quarters

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+ 10-period conflict as Markov-switching model with fiscally-led resol.

Parameter	Description	Fiscal Discipline	Emergency Budget	Conflict
ϕ_π	Monetary response to π_{EA}	1.89	0.9	1.89
$\gamma_{J,IT}$	Fiscal response for IT	0.11	0.11	0.001
$\gamma_{J,DE}$	Fiscal response for DE	0.11	0.11	0.11
$\gamma_{J,EA}$	Fiscal response for EA	0.11	0.001	0.11

Table: Parameters of the monetary and fiscal rules under *Fiscal Discipline*, *Emergency Budget*, and *Conflict*.

+ $J \in \{C, L, K, G, Z\}$

+ $\gamma_J = 0.11$, IT debt-to-GDP to SS in 15 years under fiscal discipline

+ $\phi_\pi = 1.89$ as estimated in Coenen, Straub, & Trabandt (2013)

+ Transition probabilities across regimes as in Bianchi & Melosi (2019)

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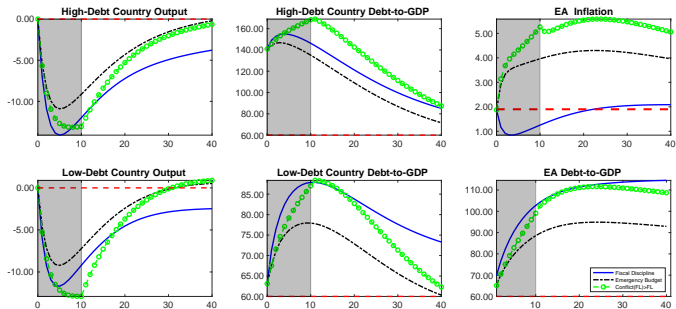
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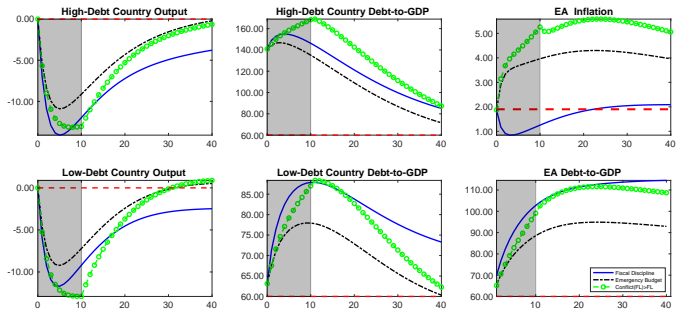
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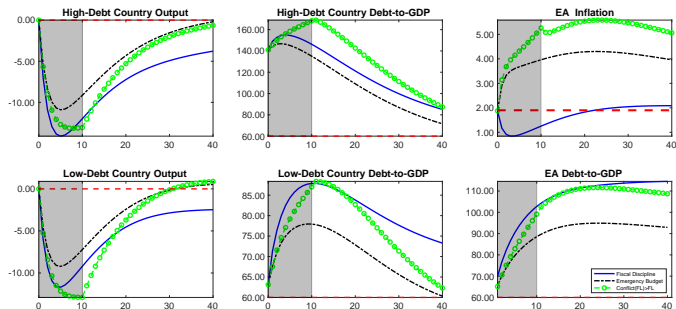
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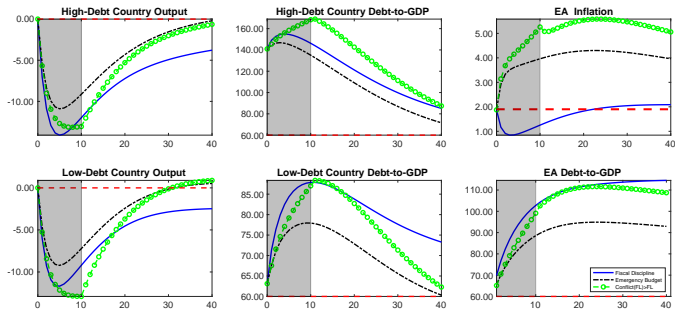
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- Spiral of growing inflation, deeper recession, and debt accumulation

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Facing a Recession

