

Economics 662 – Fall 2008
International Macroeconomics
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Learning Objectives

The study of international economics is usually divided into two parts: trade (micro-analysis) and finance (monetary/open macroeconomics). We define the field and introduce the major concepts of macroeconomics as they relate to open economies (output, exchange rates, etc.). We then develop intertemporal models that help us evaluate policies that affect the determination of output, unemployment, price levels, and exchange rates. We continue with a survey of selected topics in international finance based on the class and the instructor's interests and preferences. Throughout, we also analyze the current state of the empirical literature. At the end of this course, students should be able to initiate their own research projects in the field of international macro.

Lectures should only be considered a supplement to the readings. The lectures are designed to cover the most fundamental issues and provide a foundation for the readings. The exam may include topics covered by the required readings that were not dealt with in class (required readings are indicated by an asterisk).

Readings

Required Textbook

[OR] Obstfeld, Maurice, and Kenneth Rogoff. *Foundations of International Macroeconomics* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1996).

Class Requirements

A. Presentations

Each student will present at least two papers chosen by the instructor (from the reading list). The presentation should include both the main arguments and ideas of the paper, the methodology used, a technical description of results and your own critique. This information should also be included in a handout provided to the class before the lecture. A presentation should last about 30-45 minutes. If you want, your presentation can be posted online ahead of time.

B. Exam

A take-home exam will cover the first part of the course (date: TBA).

C. Referee report

You will be asked to write a professional referee report on a paper chosen by the instructor (date: TBA).

D. Final paper

The final paper will discuss a topic of your choice (out of the topics we choose in the latter half of the course). It will describe the major contributions on the topic, the current state of the literature, and will propose in detail at least one possible extension/addition to that literature.

Grading

Presentations	30%
Exam	20%
Referee report	10%
Final paper	20%
Attendance & participation	20%
Grades awarded will include +/- notation	

Disability Needs

If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please, (1) contact the KOKUA program at 956-7511 or 956-7612 (rm. 013 at QLCSS) and (2) discuss with me any specific needs related to your documented disability.

THIS IS NOT A FINAL READING LIST!

1. THE INTERTEMPORAL APPROACH TO THE CURRENT ACCOUNT

*OR, sections 1.1-1.5, 2.1-2.3, 2.5.

*Bergin, P. and Sheffrin, S., 2000. Interest rates, exchange rates and present value models of the current account. *Economic Journal*, 110, 535-558.

Kano, Takashi, 2008. A structural VAR approach to the intertemporal model of the current account. *Journal of International Money and Finance* 27, 757-779.

*Nason, James M. and John H. Rogers, 2006. The present-value model of the current account has been rejected: Round up the usual suspects. *Journal of International Economics* 68, 159-187.

Svensson, L., and A. Razin, 1983. The Terms of Trade and the Current Account: The Harberger-Laursen-Metzler Effect. *Journal of Political Economy*, 91, 97-125.

*Tornell, Aaron, and Philip Lane (1998). Are windfalls a curse? A Non-Representative Agent Model of the Current Account. *Journal of International Economics*, 44, 83-112.

2. FISCAL POLICY IN THE OPEN ECONOMY

*OR, sections 3.1-3.5.

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Frenkel, J. and A. Razin (1986). "Fiscal Policies in the World Economy." *Journal of Political Economy*, 94, 564-594.

3. EXCHANGE RATES AND PRICES

*OR, sections 4.2, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.

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*Cheung, Yin-Wong, Menzie Chinn, and Antonio Garcia Pascual (2003). Empirical Exchange Rate Models of the Nineties: Are Any Fit to Survive? *Journal of International Money and Finance*.

Chinn, M.D. and R.A. Meese, 1995, "Banking on Currency Forecasts: How Predictable is Change in Money," *Journal of International Economics* 38, 161–178.

Chinn, Menzie D. (2006). The (partial) rehabilitation of interest rate parity in the floating rate era: Longer horizons, alternative expectations, and emerging markets. *Journal of International Money and Finance* 25(1), 7-21.

*Crucini, Mario J., Chris I. Telmer, and Marios Zachariadis (2005), Understanding European Real Exchange Rates. *American Economic Review* 95(3).

Engels, C. and J. Hamilton, 1990, "Long Swings in the Exchange Rate: Are They in the Data and Do Markets Know It?" *American Economic Review* 80, 689–713.

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*Engels Charles and K. West (2005). "Exchange Rates and Fundamentals." *Journal of Political Economy* 113(3), 485-517.

Evans and Lyons (2002). Order Flow and Exchange Rate Dynamics. *Journal of Political Economy*. 110(1).

Goldberg, Penny K. and Michael Knetter (1997). "Goods Prices and Exchange Rates: What have we Learned?" *Journal of Economic Literature* 35, 1243-72.

*Gopinath and Rigobon (2008). Sticky Borders. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Imbs, J., H. Mumtaz, M. Ravn and H Rey (2005). "PPP Strikes Back: Aggregation and the Real Exchange Rate." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 120(1), 1-43.

Kilian, L. and M.P. Taylor (2003). "Why is it so Difficult to beat the Random Walk Forecast of Exchange Rates." *Journal of International Economics* 60, 85–108.

Hanno Lustig and Adrien Verdelhan, 2007. The Cross Section of Foreign Currency Risk Premia and Consumption Growth Risk. *American Economic Review* 97(1).

Mark, N., (1995). "Exchange Rates and Fundamentals: Evidence on Long Horizon Predictability," *American Economic Review* 85, 201–218.

*Parsley, David C. and Shang-Jin Wei, 2007. A prism into the PPP puzzles: The micro-foundations of Big Mac real exchange rates. *Economic Journal*, 117, 1336–1356.

Steinsson, Jón (2008). The Dynamic Behavior of the Real Exchange Rate in Sticky Price Models. *American Economic Review* 98:1, 519–533.

Taylor, M.P. (1995). "The Economics of Exchange Rates." *Journal of Economic Literature* 33(1), 13-47.

Taylor, Alan M. and Mark P. Taylor (2004). The Purchasing Power Parity Debate. *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18(4).

4. MONEY AND THE NEW (NEO-KEYNESIAN) OPEN ECONOMY MODELS

*OR, sections 8.2, 9.2-9.3, 10.1-10.2.

*Corsetti, Giancarlo and Paolo Pesenti (2001). "Welfare and Macroeconomic Interdependence," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 421-445.

*Dornbusch, Rudiger (1976). "Expectations and Exchange Rate Dynamics." *Journal of Political Economy*, 24, 1161-1176.

Obstfeld, Maurice (2002). "Exchange Rates and Adjustment: Perspectives from the New Open Economy Macroeconomics." NBER WP 9118.

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*Obstfeld, Maurice and Kenneth Rogoff (2000). "New Directions in Stochastic Open Economy Models." *Journal of International Economics*, 48, 117-153

*Philip Lane (2001). "The New Open Economy Macroeconomics: A Survey." *Journal of International Economics*, 54, 235-266.

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OR, pp. 558-67, 576-78, 648-653.

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*Drzen, Allen and Paul Masson (1994). "Credibility of Policies versus Credibility of Policymakers." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 109(3), 735-754.

Flood, Robert P., and Peter M. Garber, 1991, "The Linkage between Speculative Attacks and Target Zone Models of Exchange Rates." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 106, 1367-72.

*Gopinath, Gita (2004). "Lending Booms, Sharp Reversals and Real Exchange Rate Dynamics". *Journal of International Economics* 62, 1-23.

Hellwig, C., 2006. Self-Fulfilling Currency Crises: The Role of Interest Rates. *American Economic Review*, 96(5).

*Krugman, Paul (1979). "A Model of Balance of Payment Crisis." *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, 11, 311-325.

Mendoza, Enrique G. 2006. Lessons from the Debt-Deflation Theory of Sudden Stops. *American Economic Review* 96(2), 411-416.

Morris, Stephen and Hyun Song Shin (1998). "Unique Equilibrium in a Model of Self-Fulfilling Currency Attacks." *American Economic Review* 88, 587-97.

*Obstfeld, Maurice (1994). "The Logic of Currency Crises." *Cahiers économiques et monétaires* 43, 189-213.

Schneider, Martin and Aaron Tornell (2004). "Balance Sheet Effects, Bailout Guarantees and Financial Crises". *Review of Economic Studies* 71, 883-913.

6. MISCELLENOUS

*Obstfeld, Maurice and Kenneth Rogoff (2000). "The Six Major Puzzles in International Macroeconomics: Is there a Common Cause?" in Ben Bernanke and Kenneth Rogoff (eds.), *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2000*. Also NBER WP 7777.

7. ELECTIVES

A. Currency Unions

B. Exchange Rate Regimes

C. Balance Of Payments and Banking Crises - Empirics

D. Sovereign risk

E. Dollarization

F. History of the International Financial System

G. Capital Flows and Capital Controls

H. Macroeconomics and Disasters

I. Open-Economy Monetary Policy