

Econ 265
International Macroeconomics
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Course Outline: This is a second-year graduate class that covers selected topics in international macroeconomics and international finance. I will begin by reviewing the standard frictionless model, and a series of papers that summarize the evidence of departures from the predictions of this baseline. Then I will turn to potential explanations for these departures, summarized (mainly) under the headings of frictions in asset markets, and frictions in goods markets. The goal of the class is first, to give you an up-to-date overview of the literature, and second, to get you started on your own research.

Prerequisites: 202, 203, 204, 210, 211, 212

Textbook: I will not follow any textbook closely. However several assigned readings will be taken from the following textbooks:

Obstfeld, M. and K. Rogoff (1996), *Foundations of International Macroeconomics*, MIT Press (abbreviated OR).

Ljungqvist, L. and T. Sargent (2004), *Recursive Macroeconomic Theory*, 2nd Edition, MIT Press (abbreviated LS).

A list of references for the topics covered in class is provided below. Starred items will be covered in detail. Apart from those taken from the two textbooks, all items on the list are available in electronic format.

Assessment: Your grade will be based on two problem sets and a short paper, to be presented in the last class of the quarter. You should talk to me early on about this. One option is to take a paper that interests you and investigate the implications of modifying certain assumptions, try to reproduce some empirical results possibly using different data. I also expect you to attend the International seminar on alternate Mondays, 3.30-5.00 in Room 315 and the Macro seminar on Wednesdays, 3.30-5.00 in Room 315. Although the focus of many of the macro seminars this quarter is straight macro, there is considerable overlap with International Macro.

Course Organization: Except when announced otherwise, we will meet as announced. I will have office hours on Tuesdays, 9am-11am. I hope to put lecture notes on Coursework after each class, though I apologize in advance for any delays.

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1 Standard frictionless model

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1.1 Facts and puzzles

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2 Frictions in asset markets

2.1 Are there frictions in asset markets?

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2. Kollmann, R. (1995), "Consumption, Real Exchange Rates and the Structure of International Asset Markets," *Journal of International Money and Finance* 14 (2), 191-211.
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2. *Lucas, R. (1990), "Why Doesn't Capital Flow from Rich to Poor Countries?" *American Economic Review* 80 (2), 92-96.
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4. Tesar, L. (1995), "Evaluating the Gains from International Risksharing," *Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy* 42, 95-143.
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1. Abraham, A. and N. Pavoni (2005), "The Efficient Allocation of Consumption Under Moral Hazard and Hidden Access to the Credit Market," *Journal of the European Economic Association* 3, 370-381.
2. Atkeson, A. (1991): "International Lending with Moral Hazard and Risk of Repudiation," *Econometrica*, Vol. 59, pp. 1069-89.
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5. *Gertler, M. and K. Rogoff (1990): "North-South Lending and Endogenous Domestic Capital Market Inefficiencies," *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 26, pp. 245-266.
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7. Ligon, E. (1998), "Risk Sharing and Information in Village Economies," *Review of Economic Studies* 65, 847-864.

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9. *OR Chapter 6.
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2.4 Exogenous incompleteness, partial equilibrium

1. Aguiar, M. and G. Gopinath (2006), "Emerging Market Business Cycles: The Cycle is the Trend," *Journal of Political Economy* forthcoming.
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1. Bai, Y. and J. Zhang (2006), “Solving the Feldstein-Horioka Puzzle With Financial Frictions,” mimeo.
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1. Aguiar, M. and G. Gopinath (2006), "Defaultable Debt, Interest Rates and the Current Account," *Journal of International Economics* 69 (1), 64-83.
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1. Albarran, P. and O. Attanasio (2005), "Empirical Implications of Limited Commitment: Evidence from Mexican Villages," mimeo.
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3. Kehoe, T. and D. Levine (1993), "Debt-Constrained Asset Markets," *Review of Economic Studies* 60 (4), 865-888.

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3 Frictions in goods markets

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1. Burstein, A., M. Eichenbaum and S. Rebelo, 2004. "Large Devaluations and The Real Exchange Rate", NBER WP No. 10986.
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1. *James Anderson and Eric van Wincoop (2003), "Gravity With Gravitas," *American Economic Review* 93, p. 170-192
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4 Firm heterogeneity

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2. Chaney, T., (2007), "Distorted Gravity: The Intensive and Extensive Margins of International Trade," mimeo.
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Schedule

1. Monday 22nd September. Introduction. Baseline multi-country endowment model. **Reading:** OR Chapter 5.
2. Wednesday 24th September. Labor supply and investment in a 2-country world. Facts. **Reading:** Backus, Kehoe, Kydland (1992); Obstfeld, Rogoff (2000).
3. Monday 29th September. Multiple goods. Non-separable leisure. Taste shocks. Different preferences. **Reading:** Cole and Obstfeld (1991).
4. Wednesday 1st October. Are there frictions in asset markets? Costs of frictions. **Reading:** Townsend (1994); Lewis (1996); Heathcote and Perri (2002); Gourinchas and Jeanne (2006).
5. Monday 6th October. Asymmetric information. **Reading:** OR Chapter 6; Gertler and Rogoff (1990); Atkeson (1991).
6. Wednesday 8th October. Exogenous asset market incompleteness, partial equilibrium. **Reading:** Mendoza (1991); Baxter (1995); Schmitt-Grohé and Uribe (2003).
7. Monday 13th October. Exogenous incompleteness, general equilibrium. **Reading:** Aiyagari (1994); Krusell and Smith (1998); Mendoza, Quadrini and Rios-Rull (2007).
8. Wednesday 15th October. One-way limited enforcement. **Reading:** Eaton and Gersovitz (1981); Bulow and Rogoff (1989a, 1989b); Kletzer and Wright (2000).
9. Monday 20th October. Default in equilibrium. **Reading:** Aguiar and Gopinath (2006); Arellano (2006); Yue (2006).
10. Wednesday 22nd October. No class.
11. Monday 27th October. Two-way limited enforcement. **Reading:** LS Chapter 20; Kocherlakota (1996); Alvarez and Jermann (2000); Kehoe and Perri (2002).
12. Wednesday 29th October. Models with collateral. **Reading:** Kiyotaki and Moore (1997); Mendoza and Smith (2006).
13. Monday 3rd November. Evidence of frictions in goods markets. **Reading:** Froot and Rogoff (1995); Goldberg and Knetter (1997); Taylor and Taylor (2004).
14. Wednesday 5th November (to be rescheduled). Exogenously non-traded goods. **Reading:** Backus and Smith (1993); Stockman and Tesar (1995).
15. Monday 10th November. Trade costs. **Reading:** Obstfeld and Rogoff (2000); Fitzgerald (2007); Coeurdacier (2005).

16. Wednesday 12th November. Sticky prices. **Reading:** Chari, Kehoe and McGrattan (2002); OR Chapters 9 and 10; Corsetti and Pesenti (2001); Lane (2001).
17. Monday 17th November. Price discrimination. **Reading:** Atkeson and Burstein (2006).
18. Wednesday 19th November. Heterogeneous firms. **Reading:** Alessandria and Choi (2005); Ghironi and Melitz (2005).
19. Monday 1st December. International finance puzzles - the forward premium and the equity premium. **Reading:** Brandt, Cochrane and Santa-Clara (2006); Lewis (2000), Lustig and Verdelhan (2006).
20. Wednesday 2nd December. In-class presentations of short papers.

Assignments

1. Problem set 1. Due Monday 27th October
2. Problem set 2. Due Monday 17th November
3. Short paper. Presentation Wednesday 3rd December. Final version due Friday 12th December.