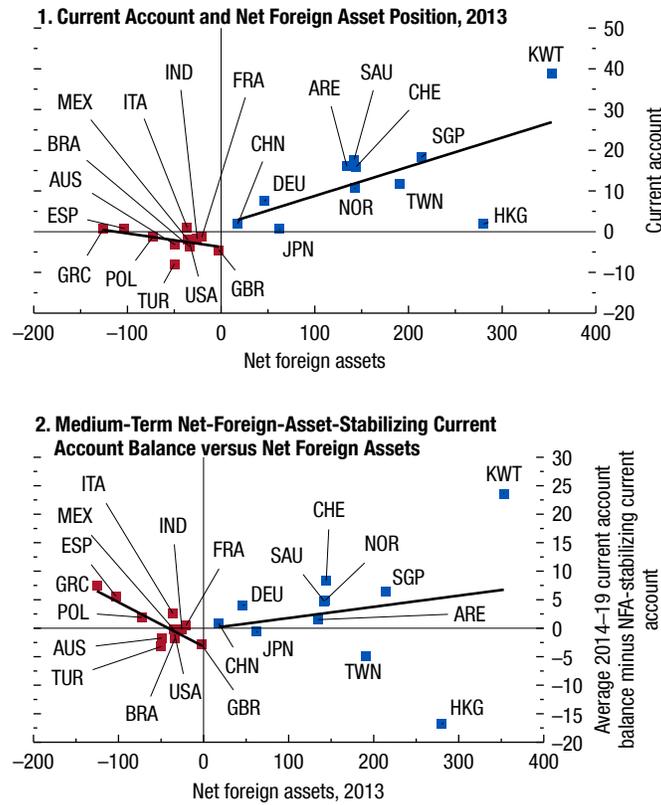


Figure 4.17. Determining Net Foreign Asset Sustainability
(Percent of GDP)

For creditor economies there is a positive association between current account balances and net foreign asset (NFA) positions both in the short and medium term. In contrast, for debtor economies the association between current account balances and NFAs is negative, indicating that the more indebted the economy, the smaller its current account deficit (or the larger its surplus).



Source: IMF staff calculations.

Note: Red data points are largest debtor economies, 2006 and 2013; blue data points are largest creditor economies, 2006 and 2013. Data labels in the figure use International Organization for Standardization country codes.