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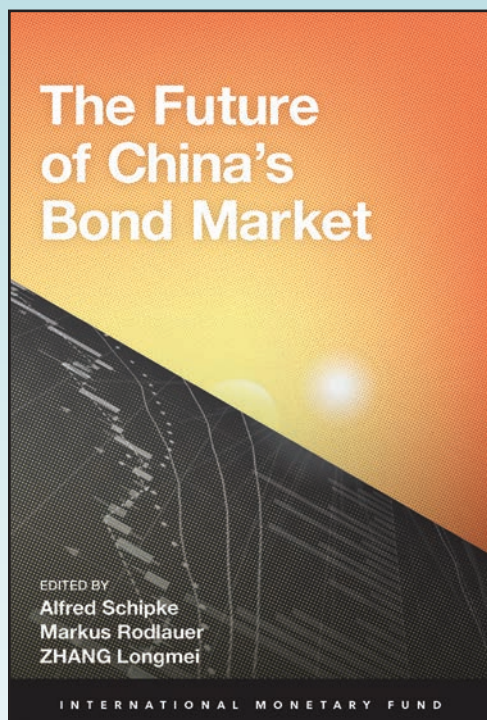
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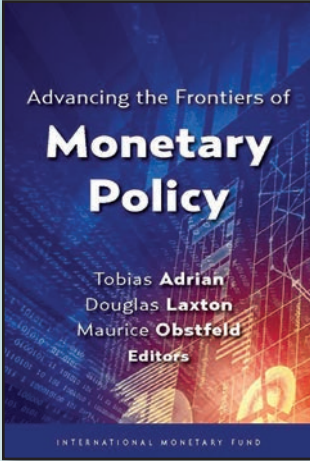
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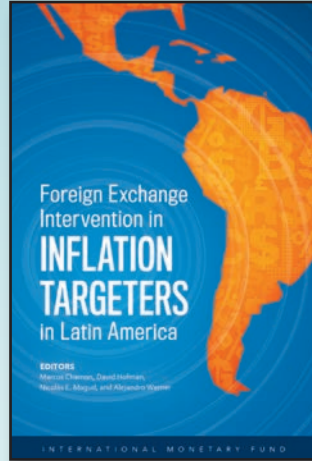
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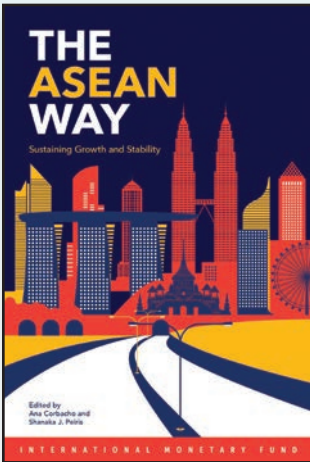
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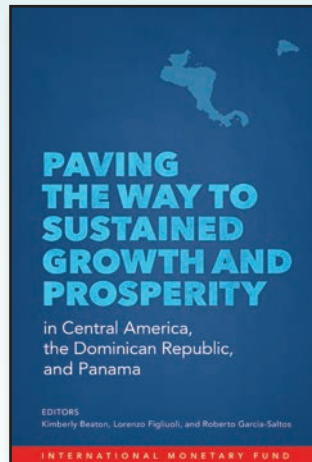
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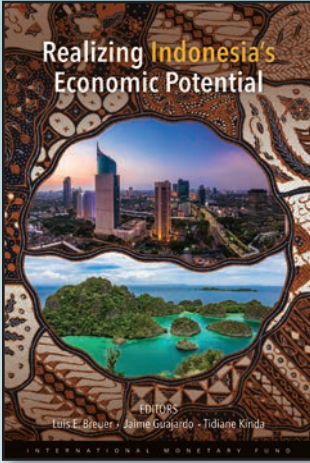
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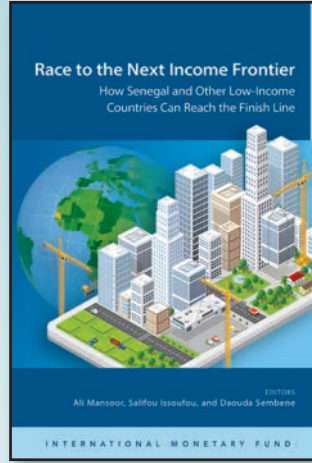
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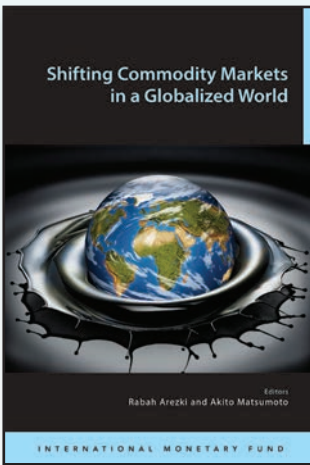
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spells (23 for the former group, 17 for the latter).<sup>16</sup> Of the emerging growth spells, two are among oil exporters, six among other resource-intensive countries, and 17 among nonresource-intensive countries, highlighting that the growth renaissance remains strong among countries that have not been adversely affected by the fall in resource prices. In fact, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania—despite its 2011 oil regime—register gains of 5 percent or higher—on all but the middle of emerging growth spells.

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While the region's record on growth spells is relatively positive, the spells have consistently tended to be shorter than elsewhere. The median length of complete growth spells in the region has been less than 10 years for resource-intensive countries, and five years for nonresource-intensive countries, compared to 19 years for other developing economies and eight years for emerging market economies (Figure 2.6).

Spells in the region are not just more likely to be shorter: it is also the case that fewer complete spells in the region last longer. For example, only one out of three spells in the region lasts at least 10 years compared to more than half of the spells in the rest of the developing world and of all countries.

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...and large swings in growth before, during, and after spells.

Furthermore, based on complete spells in the sample and consistent with the earlier finding of greater growth fluctuations in the case of oil breaks and down breaks, spells in sub-Saharan Africa tend to be characterized by the largest swings in growth, before, during, and after spells (Figure 2.7). Overall, spells in the region start from worse positions and typically end in "hard landings" or "crashes"—in sharp contrast to the rest of the world, where spells are characterized by both milder starts and softer landings. Indeed, while the median annual growth rate during growth spells is highest in sub-Saharan Africa, it swings from -4 percent before a spell to 1 percent during spells, before turning negative again at about -4 percent after the end of the spell.<sup>17</sup>

The results do not appear to be influenced by the relatively more frequent periods of conflict experienced in the region during the period. Specifically, median annual growth rates excluding conflict countries continue to be at about -1 percent before growth spells, reach about 8 percent during spells, and return to negative growth of -6 percent after the end of the spell, consistent with the patterns observed in Bangladesh, China, and Zimbabwe (2002 and Tanganda, 2012).<sup>18</sup>

These findings—shorter growth spells and larger swings in growth—point to specific difficulties in the region in engineering and sustaining growth over long periods. The subsequent sections investigate first what factors may coincide with growth up-breaks, and then what factors may influence the duration of growth spells.

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Hong Kong SAR	11.3	10.9	10.2	9.6	9.0	8.4	7.8	7.2	6.6	6.0	5.4
India	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Japan	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
South Korea	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Singapore	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Taiwan	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Thailand	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
United States	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Europe	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Mexico	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Indonesia	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Malaysia	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Philippines	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vietnam	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
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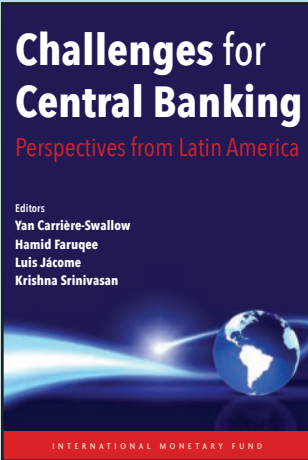
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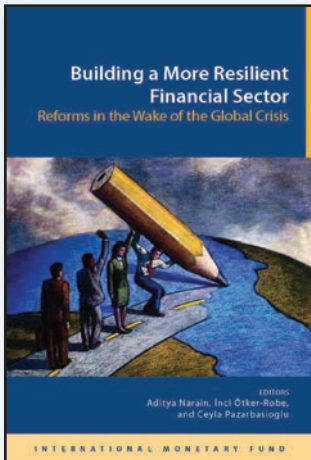
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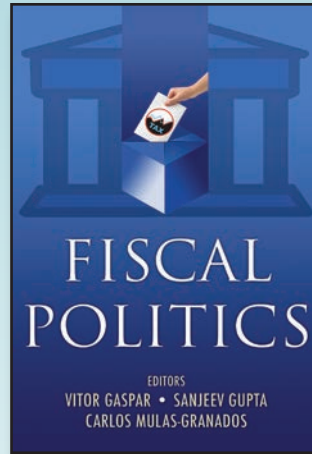
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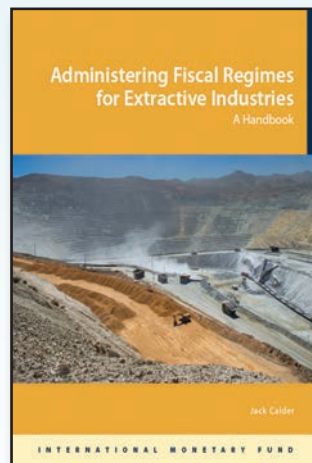
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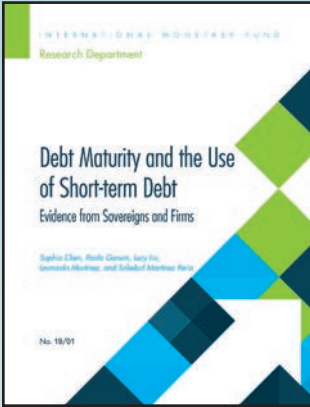
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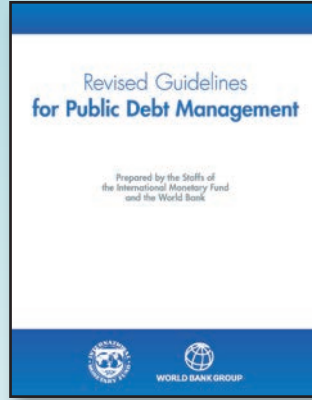
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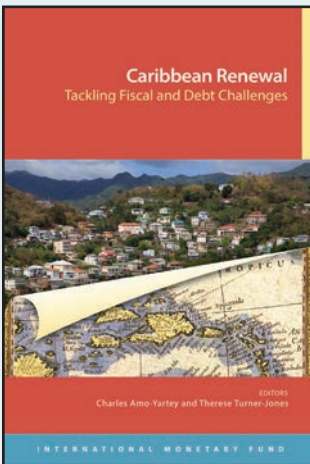
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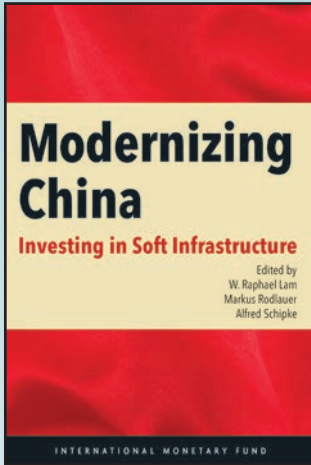


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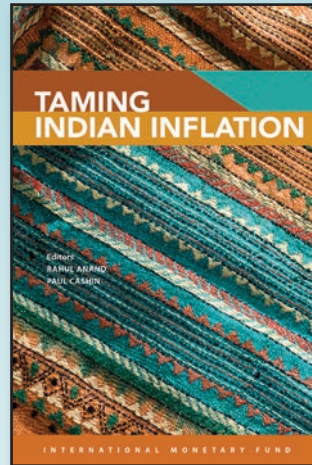
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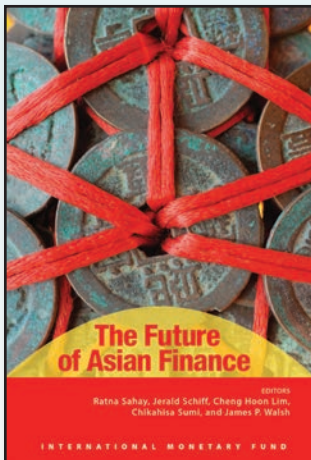
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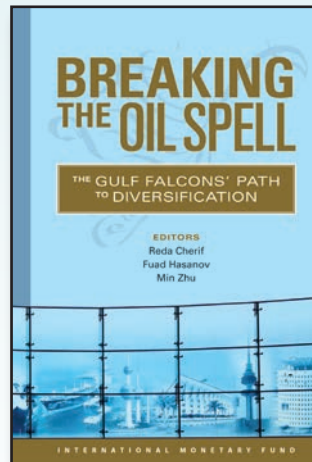
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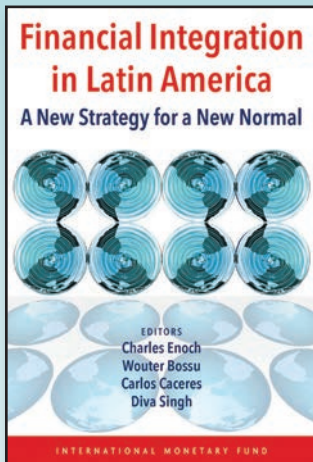
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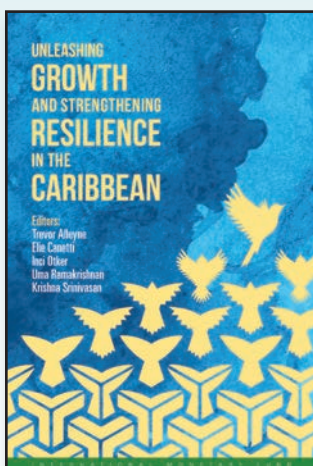
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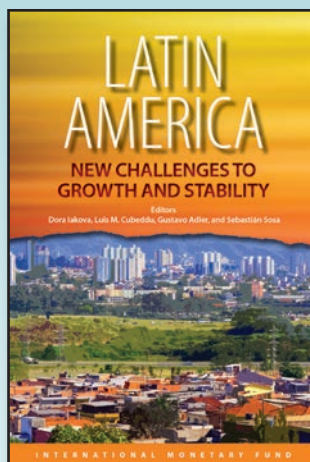
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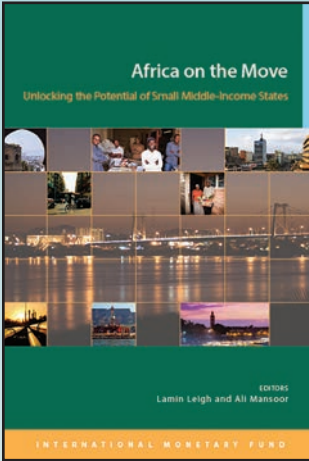
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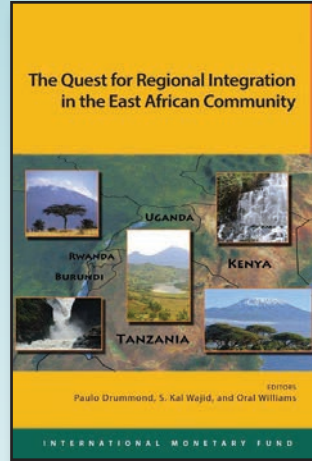
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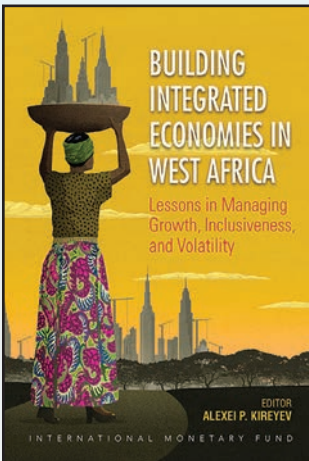
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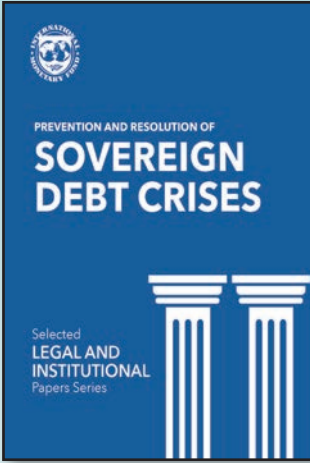
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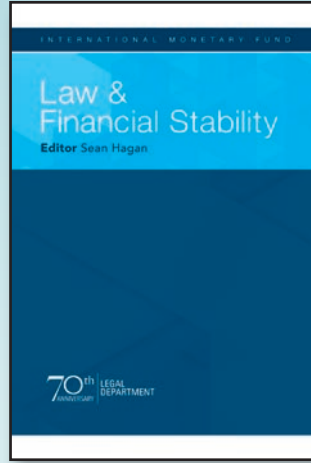
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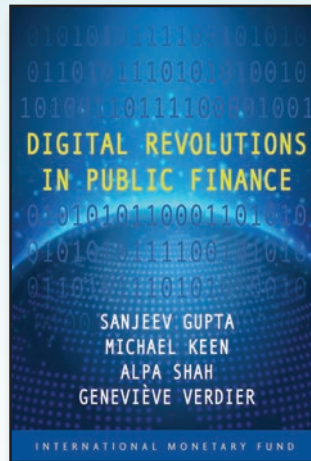
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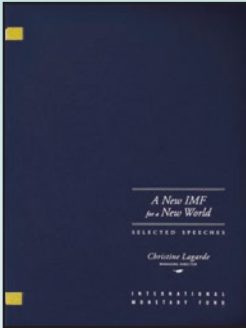
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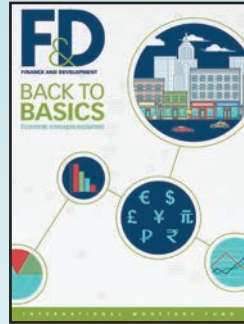
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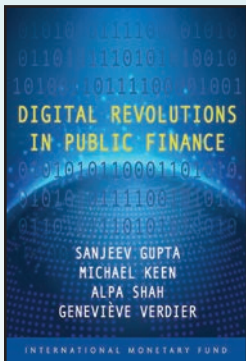
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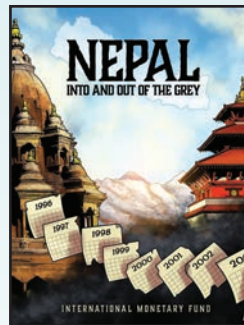
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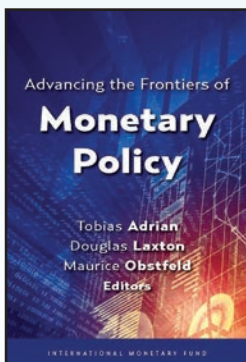
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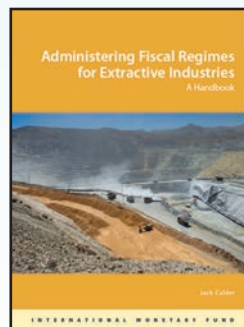
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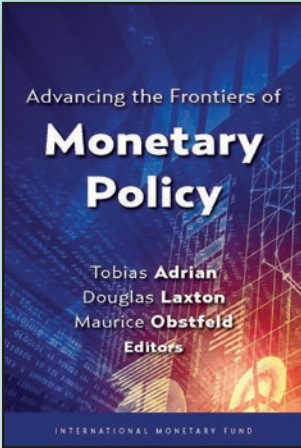


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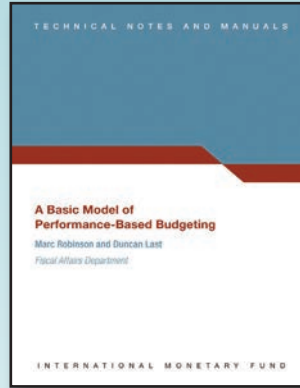
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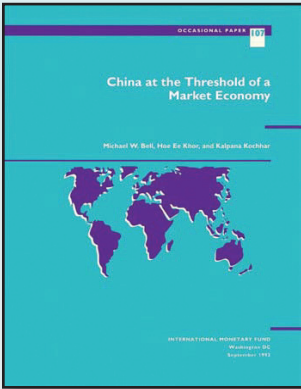
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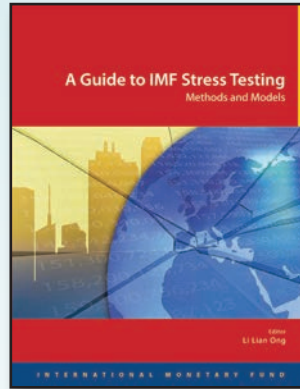
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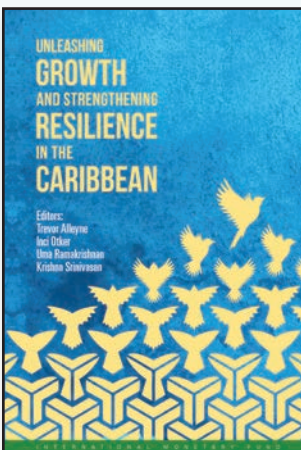
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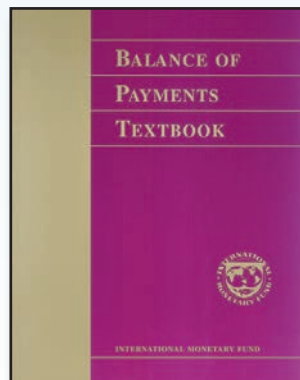
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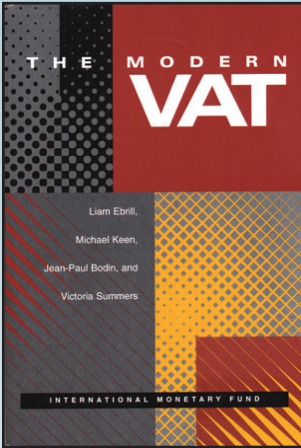
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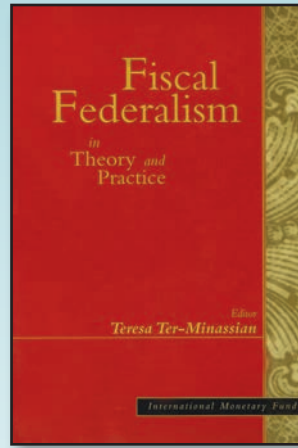
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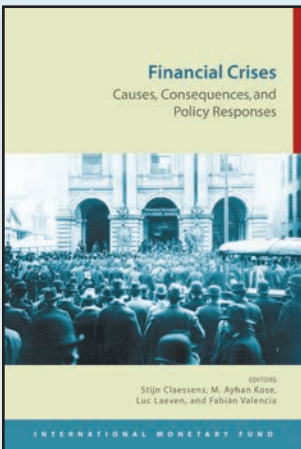
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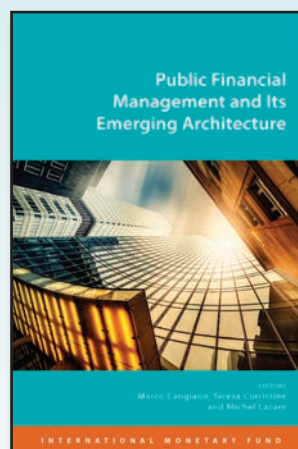
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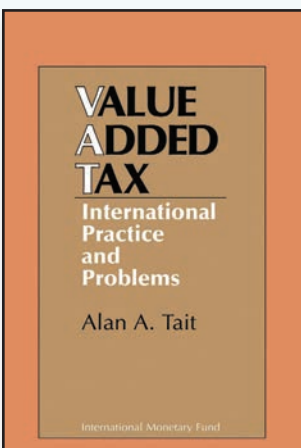
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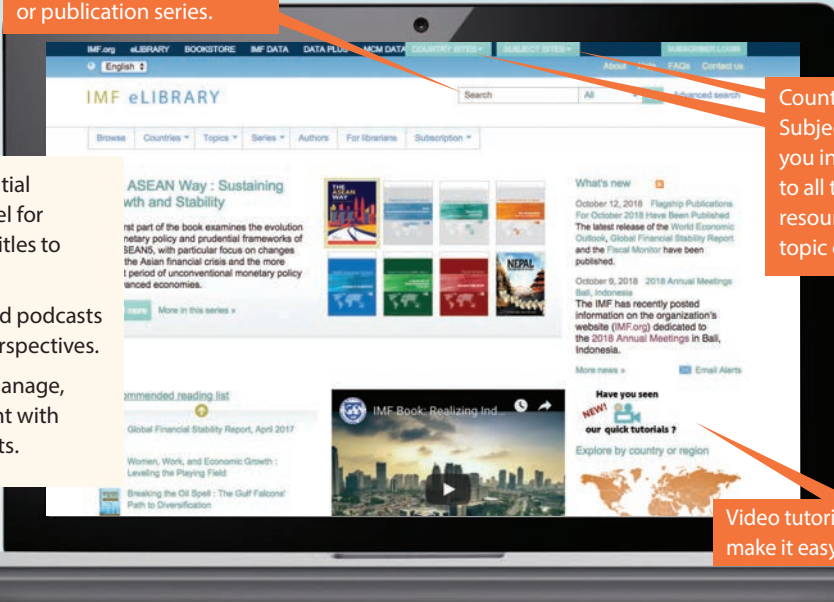
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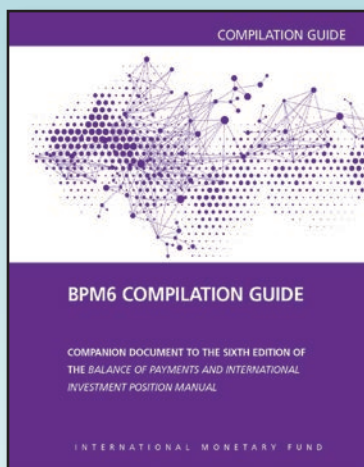


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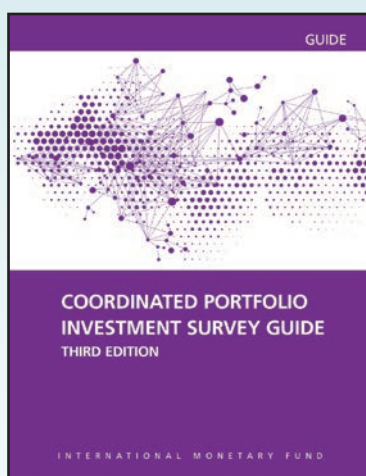
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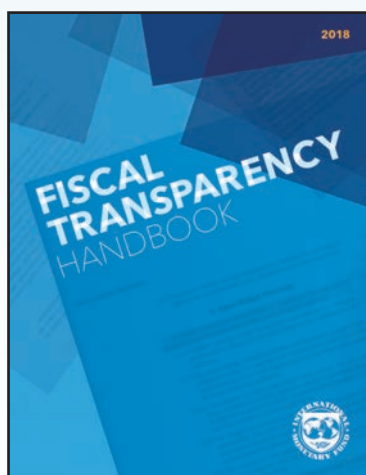


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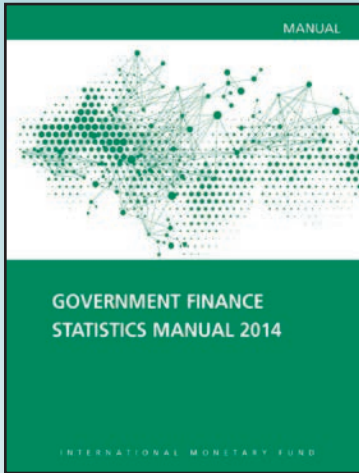


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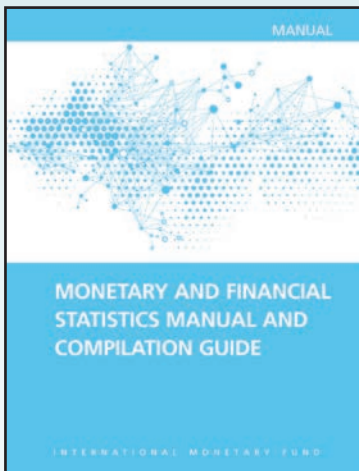
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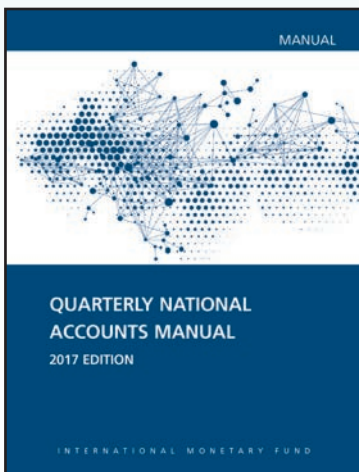


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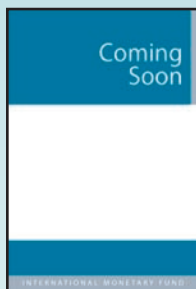
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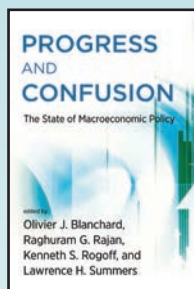


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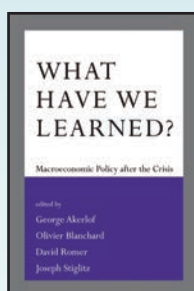
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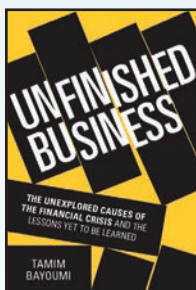
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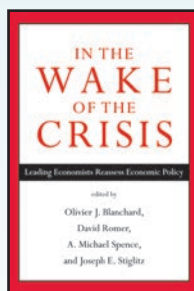
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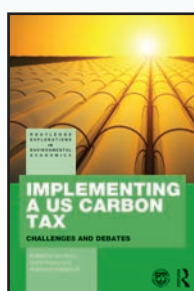
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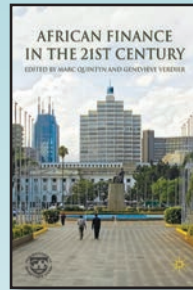
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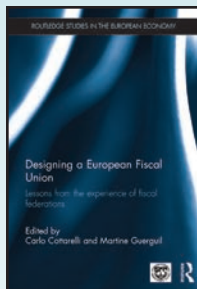
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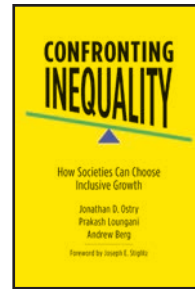
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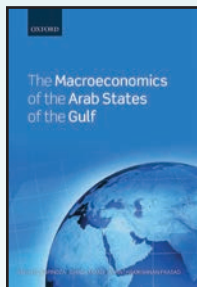
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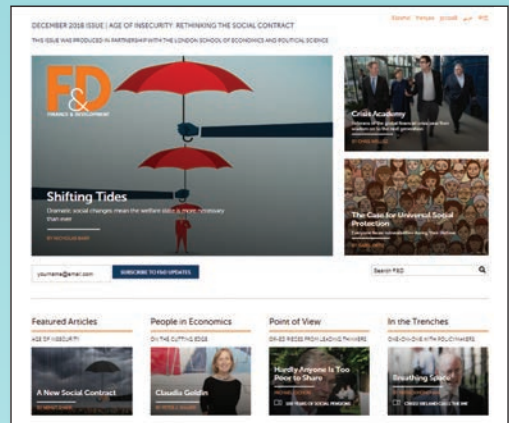
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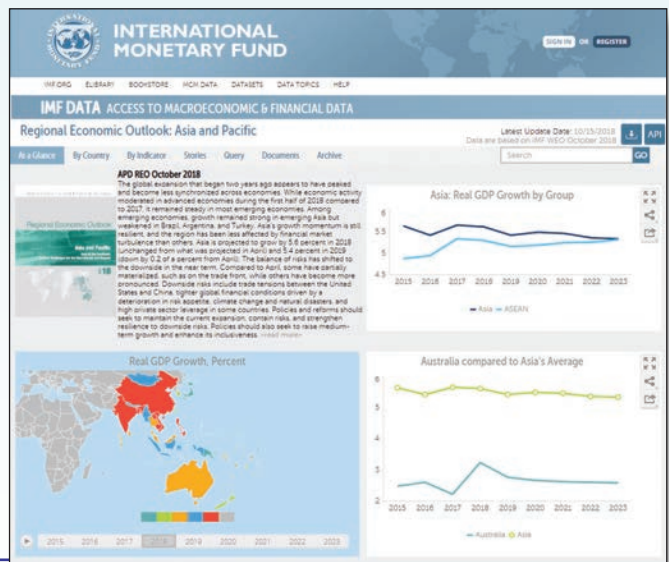
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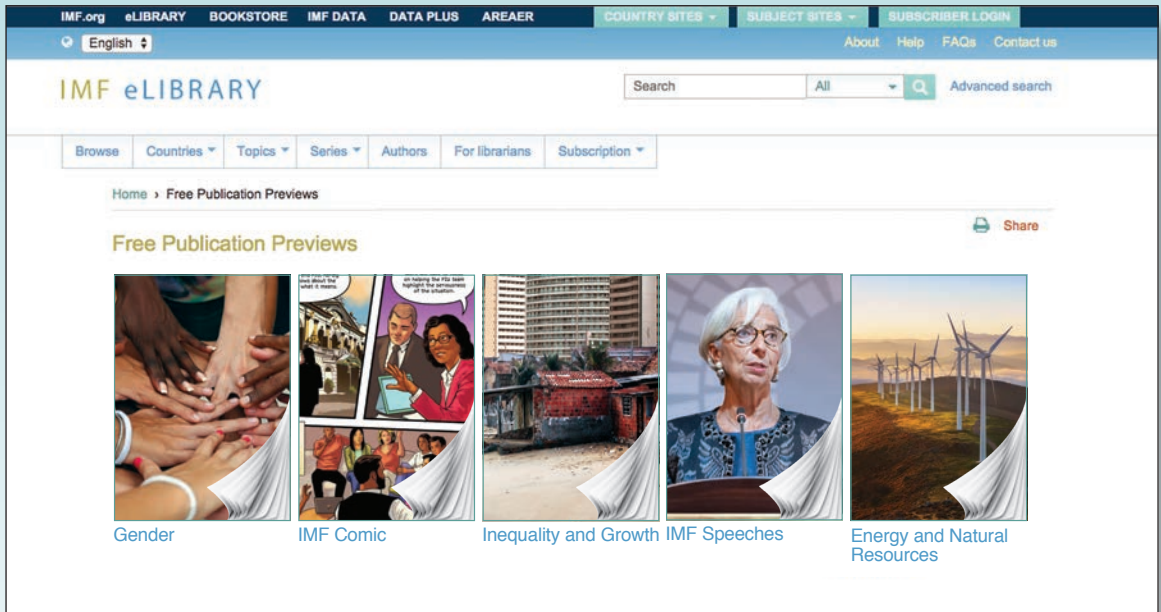


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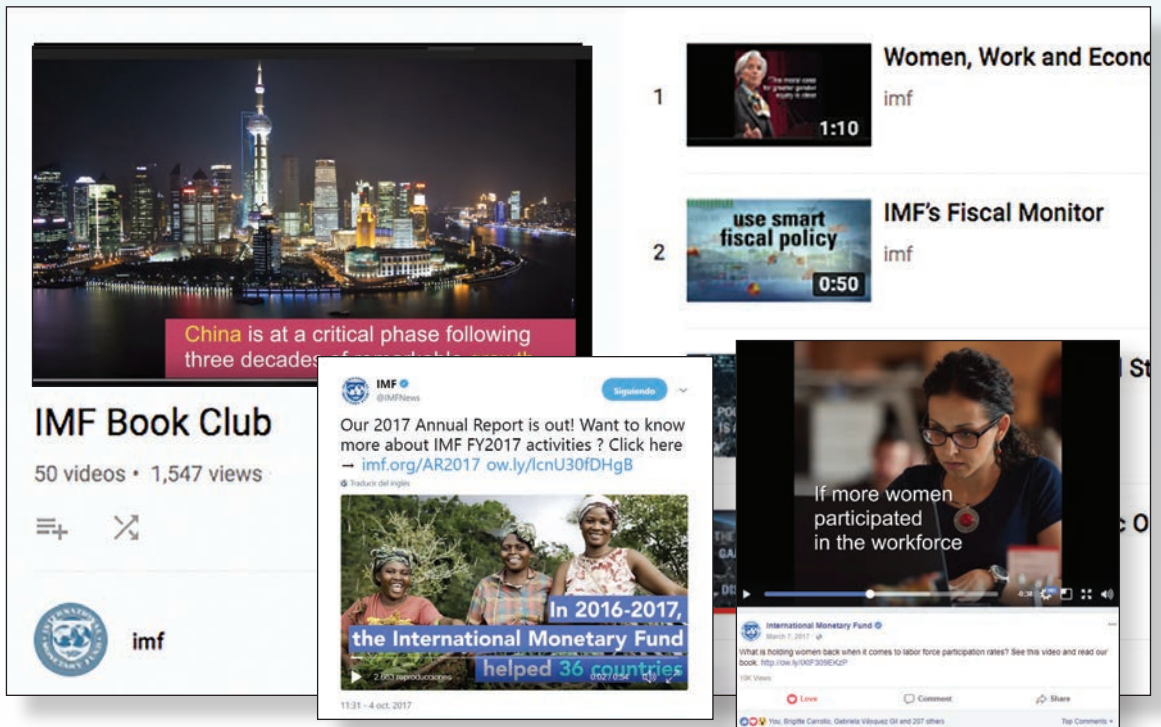
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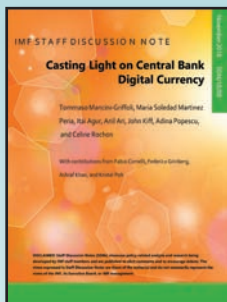
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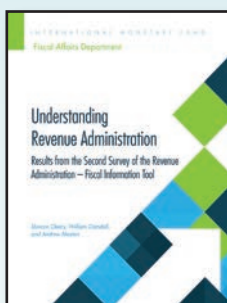
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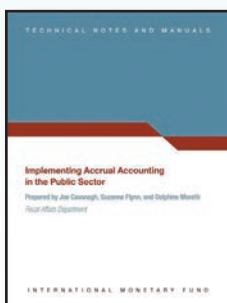
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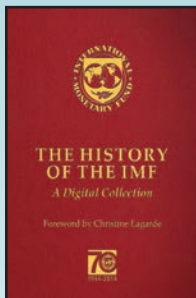
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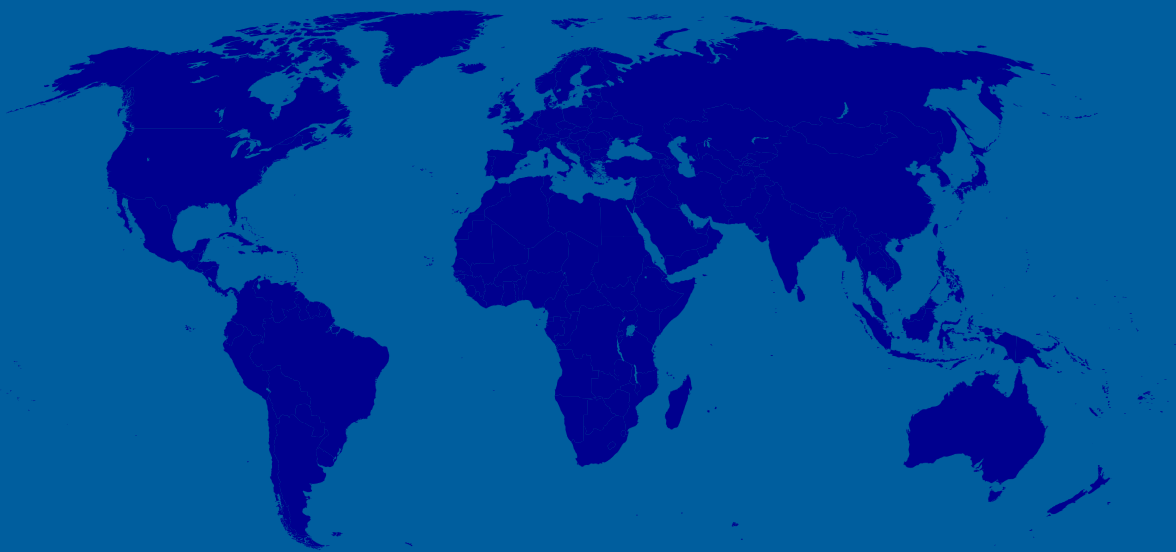


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