Discussion on Effectiveness of Fiscal Policy

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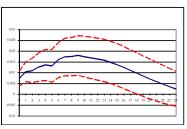
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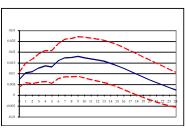
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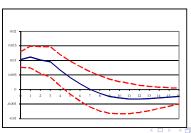


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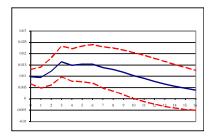


Fiscal multipliers by income levels

	Impact	Peak	Cumulative
	multiplier	multiplier	multiplier
G7	0.40	1.32	1.17
High income	0.36	0.92	1.34
Emerging	0.60	0.64	0.31
Developing	0.70	0.70	0.76

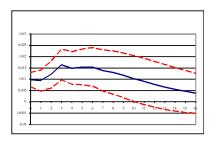
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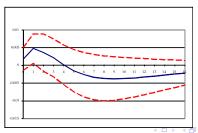


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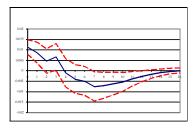


Fiscal multipliers by exchange rate regime

	Impact	Peak	Cumulative
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Fixed	0.63	1.06	2.50
Flexible	0.11	0.30	-0.77

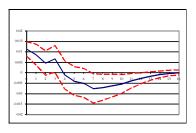
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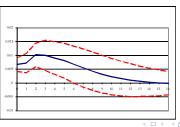


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Closed



Developing countries: Multipliers by degree of openness

	Impact	Peak	Cumulative
	multiplier	multiplier	multiplier
Open	0.73	0.73	-0.38
Closed	0.43	0.66	1.06

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Key: Stop being procyclical!