

Financial Dollarization:

Efficient Intranational Risk Sharing or Prescription for Disaster?

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Financial Dollarization in Emerging Markets

- Credit Dollarization → Firms borrow in foreign currency ('dollars')
- Deposit Dollarization → Households save in dollars.

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- A simple model motivated by the evidence.

Data

- 140 countries 2000-2018
 - Determinants of Dollarization + Determinants of banking crises
- 16 Small Open Economies 2000-2018
 - Who borrows/lends in FC: Households vs Firms
- Peru and Armenia: Firm level data
 - Balance sheet effects following depreciations

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- Measuring the comovement,

$$\frac{\Delta GDP_t}{\sigma_{\Delta GDP}} = \alpha + \rho \frac{\Delta \frac{S_t}{P_t}}{\sigma_{\Delta S/P}} + \epsilon_i$$

- Annual data from IFS (2000-2018)
- $\hat{\rho}$: Correlation coefficient
 - Direction-free
 - How many standard deviation movement in GDP is associated with one stdev increase in the exchange rate

Determinants of Dollarization

| | Dependent variable: | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Dollarization | | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Corr(ΔGDP , $\Delta S/P$) | -34.161*** (6.843) | -30.287*** (7.976) | -34.183*** (8.336) | -33.680*** (8.129) | -34.177*** (8.266) | -20.439** (9.849) |
| Av Inflation | | 0.027*** (0.005) | 0.025*** (0.005) | 0.025*** (0.005) | 0.025*** (0.006) | 0.022*** (0.005) |
| Gini | | | 0.170 (0.195) | 0.271 (0.196) | 0.112 (0.191) | 0.057 (0.270) |
| Commodity Export | | | -0.057 (0.091) | -0.069 (0.088) | -0.056 (0.087) | -0.073 (0.063) |
| Reserves/GDP | | | 0.026 (0.016) | 0.021 (0.016) | 0.028* (0.016) | -0.003 (0.014) |
| Institutions | | | | -0.389** (0.189) | -0.368** (0.180) | -0.239 (0.197) |
| CB Independence | | | | | -9.251 (9.361) | |
| External Debt | | | | | | 0.253*** (0.085) |
| Constant | 21.429*** (1.882) | 20.462*** (2.194) | 10.937 (7.515) | 9.519 (7.360) | 20.023** (9.656) | 12.942 (14.152) |
| Observations | 121 | 112 | 94 | 87 | 73 | 58 |
| R ² | 0.168 | 0.232 | 0.325 | 0.392 | 0.460 | 0.362 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.161 | 0.218 | 0.287 | 0.347 | 0.402 | 0.272 |
| Residual Std. Error | 19.592 (df = 119) | 19.197 (df = 109) | 17.924 (df = 88) | 17.144 (df = 80) | 15.535 (df = 65) | 16.768 (df = 50) |

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Interpretation

- Negative $cov(GDP, S/P) \rightarrow$ High Dollarization (Dalgic, 2018)
- Negative $cov(GDP, S/P)$: currency depreciates in recession
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- Reverse causality hypothesis:
 - Sunspots: fear of financial crisis motivates deposit dollarization, resulting currency mismatch in banks/firms causes anticipated crisis.
 - Will show evidence against this hypothesis.

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| | $\frac{\text{dollar deposits}}{\text{total deposits}}$ | $\frac{\text{household (hh) dollar deposits}}{\text{Total dollar deposits}}$ | $\frac{\text{firm dollars from banks}}{\text{firm dollars from everywhere}}$ | $\frac{\text{hh dollar borrowing from banks}}{\text{total dollar deposits}}$ | $\frac{\text{total dollar borrowing, firms}}{\text{total dollar deposits}}$ |
|---------|--|--|--|--|---|
| | Deposit | | | HH Share | NFC Share |
| | Dollarization | | | | |
| Average | 0.38 | 0.59 | 0.84 | 0.21 | 0.90 |
| Median | 0.36 | 0.62 | 0.91 | 0.15 | 0.94 |

- Most dollar deposits are held by households
- Most dollar credit is sourced from local banks
- Firms appear to bear the full (net) amount of the currency mismatch risk.
- Governments dollar position slightly positive due to less borrowing in dollars (Du & Scheger, 2013) and high reserves

International Versus Intra-national Insurance Flows

- Intra-national insurance

$$\min \frac{\left[\overbrace{d_t^*}^{\text{Dollar Deposits}}, \overbrace{b_t^*}^{\text{Dollar Loans}} \right]}{GDP_t}$$

- International Insurance,

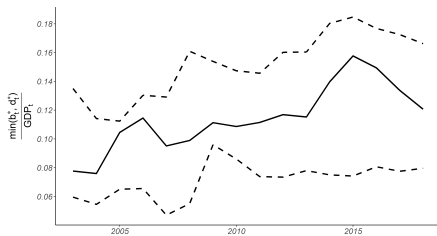
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- Intra vs International insurance

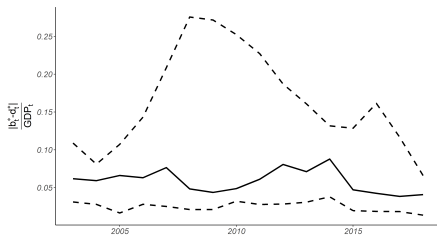
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Figure: Insider vs Across



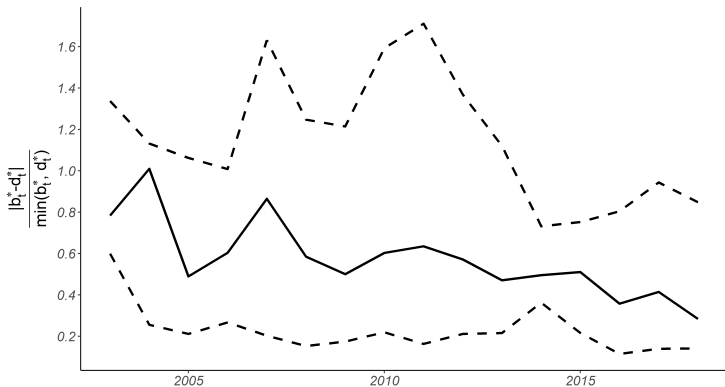
(a) Insider $\frac{\min(d_t^*, b_t^*)}{GDP_t}$



(b) Across, $\frac{|d_t^* - b_t^*|}{GDP_t}$

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Figure: Across vs Insider $\frac{|d_t^* - b_t^*|}{\min(d_t^*, b_t^*)}$



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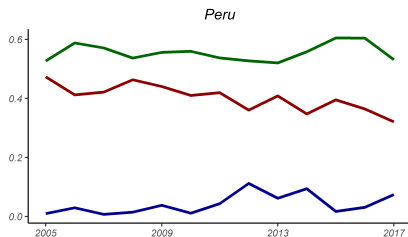
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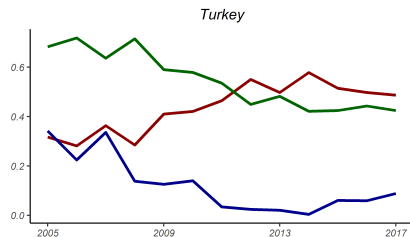
- Then, we have the following decomposition (following Chari-Christian (2020)):

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{within country insurance} \\ \overbrace{\min [d_t^*, b_t^*]} \\ \hline b_t^* + b_t^{*,f} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{within foreigner insurance} \\ \overbrace{\min [d_t^{*,f}, b_t^{*,f}]} \\ \hline b_t^* + b_t^{*,f} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{across country insurance} \\ \overbrace{|b_t^* - d_t^*|} \\ \hline b_t^* + b_t^{*,f} \end{array} = 1$$

Example: Peru and Turkey



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Deposit Dollarization as Insurance Arrangement

- Some people (ordinary households), by putting dollar deposits in banks, in effect receive business cycle insurance from others (non-financial firms).
- Dollarization of financial markets looks like many other markets (e.g., commodity futures) in which risk is reallocated among people.
 - If that is the case, deposit dollarization is Pareto improving
- Is deposit dollarization destabilizing?
 - firms owe banks a lot of money just when they don't have very much.
 - if firms can't pay money back to banks, then banks in trouble.
- Bottom line: dollarization could (in principle) destabilize the financial system.

Dollarization and Banking Crises

- Data on systemic banking crises taken from Laeven & Valencia, 2018, 'Systemic Banking Crises Revisited'
 - Crisis:
 - Significant signs of financial distress in the banking system (as indicated by significant bank runs, losses in the banking system, and/or bank liquidations).
 - Significant banking policy intervention measures in response to significant losses in the banking system.
- Relation between deposit dollarization and *frequency* of crisis?
- Relation between deposit dollarization and *intensity* of crisis when it happens?

Does Dollarization Predict Banking Crises?

- Evidence based on logit regressions [▶ results](#)
 - Levy-Yeyati (2006), Schularick and Taylor (2009). Gourinchas and Obstfeld (2012),
 - Binary variable $Dollar(20)_{i,t-1} = 1$ if dollarization exceeds 20 percent in the previous year
- Dollarization does not predict banking crisis [▶ results](#)
 - Area under the ROC curve (AUC) measure
 - Suss & Treitel (2020), Fuster et al. (2020)
 - Main predictor of crisis is
 - Foreign debt, $\frac{\text{Foreign Liabilities of Banks}}{\text{Foreign Assets of Banks}}$, (Gourinchas and Obstfeld, 2012)
 - Global financial cycle, VIX (Rey, 2015, Forbes and Warnock, 2012)
 - Too much external borrowing leads to crisis, not deposit dollarization.

Balance Sheet Effects

- Even if dollarization does not lead to *crisis*,
 - Financial channel may inefficiently reduce investment after an exchange rate depreciation
- Evidence from firms in Peru: 28 Largest Firms in Recent Depreciation [▶ results](#)
 - Firms with dollar debt suffer initially but recover quickly
- Evidence from firms in Peru: 118 firms 1999-2014 [▶ results](#)
 - Results suggest sales growth and GDP growth are main drivers of investment
 - Weak balance sheet effects
- Evidence from Armenia: Corporate Tax registry 2014-2016 [▶ results](#)
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 - FC borrowers with large leverage suffer
- Stress test [▶ results](#)
 - 100 percent depreciation → the net worth of the bankrupted firms is less than 1.5 percent of total net worth

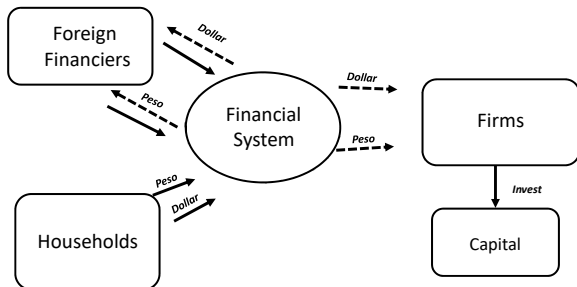
Key empirical findings

1. Exchange rate depreciates a lot in a recession → high deposit dollarization
2. High deposit dollarization → high interest rate spread [▶ results](#)
3. Most dollar debt is financed locally
4. Deposit dollarization not systematically related to:
 - 4.1 likelihood of financial crisis
 - 4.2 intensity of a crisis if it occurs.

Model

- 2 periods
 - Period 1: Saving, capital production, exports and imports
 - Period 2: Shocks realized, production, exports and imports, consumption
- Agents
 - Households: Provide labor
 - Firms: Own the capital, hire labor
 - Foreign financiers: Borrow/lend in a domestic and foreign asset
 - All agents have similar problems, differentiated by sources of income, which produce different hedging needs.
- 2 goods
 - Home good: Produced locally, exported
 - Foreign good: Imported
- 2 assets
 - Dollar: Promises r^* unit of Foreign good in period 2, per unit of period 1 domestic good.
 - Peso: r units of consumption good in period 2, per unit of domestic good.

Financial Markets, period 1



Worker Households

Period 1

- Households are endowed with Y units of Home good
- Save in dollar and peso assets

$$d + d^* = Y$$

Period 2

- Provides labor
- Consumption takes place

$$c_2^{house} = dr + d^* r^* e_2 + w_2 l_2$$

Worker Households

- Household problem,

$$\max_{d, d^*} E c_2^{house} - \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{var} (c_2^{house})$$

- Intertemporal budget constraint

$$c_2^{house} = (e_2 r^* - r) d^* + w_2 + Yr$$

- Household portfolio choice

$$d^* = \frac{\overbrace{E(e_2 r^* - r)}^{\text{Speculative motive}}}{\lambda \text{var}(r^* e_2)} - \frac{\overbrace{\text{cov}(r^* e_2, w_2)}^{\text{Hedging motive}}}{\text{var}(r^* e_2)}$$

Firm-Households

Period 1

- Firms lack internal funds
- Borrow to invest
- Need foreign goods to produce K , and p^K is shadow price:

$$p^K K = b + b^*$$

Period 2

- Production

$$Y_2^h = (A_2 K)^\alpha l_2^{1-\alpha}$$

- Consumption

$$c_2^{firm} = r_2^K K - (br + b^* e_2 r^*)$$

Firm-Households

- Firm problem,

$$\max_{b^*, b, K} E(c_2^{firm}) - \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{var}(c_2^{firm})$$

- Substitute similarly t=1 budget constraint

$$c_2^{firm} = (r_2^K - p^K r) K - b^* (e_2 r^* - r)$$

- Dollar debt choice

$$b^* = -\frac{E(e_2 r^* - r)}{\text{var}(e_2 r^*) \lambda} + \frac{\text{cov}(e_2 r^*, r_2^K)}{\text{var}(e_2 r^*)}$$

- Investment choice

$$K = \frac{E(r_2^K - p^K r)}{\text{var}(r_2^K) \lambda} + b^* \frac{\text{cov}(e_2 r^*, r_2^K)}{\text{var}(r_2^K)}$$

Foreign Financiers

- Borrow in dollar asset market \rightarrow Make loans in domestic credit market
 - Dollar loans: $x^{\$}$, Peso loans: x^D
 - Loans are in units of foreign goods (e.g., 'dollars')
 - Total position: $x^{\$} + x^D = b^f$
- Exogenous income Y_2^f : correlated with export demand shifter Y_2^*
- Period 2 income (by arbitrage, $r^{\$} = e_1 r^*$):

$$x^{\$} e_1 r^* + \frac{x^D e_1 r}{e_2} - b^f r^{\$} + Y_2^f$$

- Foreign financier problem,

$$\max_{x^D} E \left(x^D e_1 \left(\frac{r}{e_2} - r^* \right) + Y_2^f \right) - \frac{\lambda^f}{2} \text{var} \left(x^D e_1 \left(\frac{r}{e_2} - r^* \right) + Y_2^f \right).$$

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 - Related to large literature that suggests EME risk hard to diversify.

Equilibrium - Period 1

- Financial markets clearing,
 - Peso asset market

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Domestic savings} & & \text{Foreign lending} & & \text{Total Borrowing} \\ \underbrace{d} & + & \underbrace{x^D e_1} & = & \underbrace{b} \end{array}$$

- Dollar asset market

$$d^* + x^{\$} e_1 = b^*$$

- Balance of payments,

$$\underbrace{c_1^* - e_1 k_f}_{\text{Trade Balance}} = \underbrace{d + d^* - (b + b^*)}_{\text{Net Asset Acquisition}}$$

Equilibrium - Period 2

- Final consumption good

$$c_2 = A \left[\omega_c^{\frac{1}{\delta}} (c_2^h)^{\frac{\delta-1}{\delta}} + (1 - \omega_c)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} (c_2^f)^{\frac{\delta-1}{\delta}} \right]^{\frac{\delta}{\delta-1}}, \quad A = \omega_c^{\omega_c} (1 - \omega_c)^{1-\omega_c}$$

- Production

$$Y_2^h = (AK)^\alpha$$

- Goods market equilibrium

$$Y_2^h = \underbrace{c_2^h}_{\text{Domestic Consumption}} + \underbrace{c_2^*}_{\text{Exports}}$$

- Balance of Payments

$$p_2^h c_2^* - e_2 c_2^f = (b - d) r + (b^* - d^*) r^* e_2$$

Shocks - Uncertainty

- Export demand

$$Y_2^* = \xi + \nu$$

- Foreign income shock

$$Y_2^f = s\nu$$

- Export demand and foreign income shocks are correlated

$$\text{Cov}(Y_2^f, Y_2^*) = s \times \sigma_\nu^2$$

- Productivity shock A

Interest Rate Spread

- Household and firm choices

$$b^* = -\frac{E(e_2 r^* - r)}{\text{var}(e_2 r^*) \lambda} + \frac{\text{cov}(e_2 r^*, r_2^k K)}{\text{var}(e_2 r^*)}$$
$$d^* = \frac{E(e_2 r^* - r)}{\lambda \text{var}(r^* e_2)} - \frac{\text{cov}(r^* e_2, w_2)}{\text{var}(r^* e_2)}$$

Use $GDP_2 = p_2^h Y_2^h = w_2 + r_2^k K$

- For the case $b^* - d^*$ small, we have the interest rate spread,

$$E(r - e_2 r^*) = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda \text{cov}(r^* e_2, GDP_2)$$

Calibration Targets

| Variable | Description | Model | Peru |
|---|--|-------|----------------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| $\frac{b+b^*}{d+d^*}$ | Total domestic borrowing Total domestic lending | 1.02 | |
| $100 \times (r - 1)$ | Domestic Rate | -0.3% | -0.3% |
| $E(e_2 r^*)$ | Expected Dollar Rate | 0.975 | |
| $100 \times E(r - e_2 r^*)$ | Spread (domestic agents) | 2.24% | 2.20% ⁽⁶⁾ |
| $100 \times E\left(\frac{r}{e_2} - r^*\right)$ | Spread (financier) | 2.50% | |
| $d^* / (d^* + d)$ | Deposit Dollarization | 0.60 | 0.44 ⁽²⁾ |
| $\frac{b-d}{b}$ | Foreign Source of Peso Credit | 0.04 | 0.01 ⁽³⁾ |
| $\frac{d^*-b^*}{d^*}$ | Foreign Absorption of Dollar Deposits | -0.00 | -0.07 ⁽³⁾ |
| $b^* / (b + b^*)$ | Credit Dollarization | 0.59 | 0.40 ⁽³⁾ |
| $\frac{c_1^* - e_1 k_f}{Y}$ | Scaled Trade Surplus | -0.02 | -0.02 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| $100 \times \frac{E(r - r^* e_2)}{r} \frac{d^*}{d^* + d}$ | Implicit tax on dollar deposits | 1.3% | 1.5% ⁽⁵⁾ |
| ρ | Correlation, e_2 , GDP | -0.23 | -0.20 ⁽⁷⁾ |
| $std(\log(e_2))$ | Standard Deviation, e_2 | 0.04 | 0.03 ⁽⁸⁾ |

Importance of Hedging by Foreigners

- Can we explain interest rate spreads in the data without foreigners' hedging motive ?

$$x^D = \frac{E\left(\frac{r}{e_2} - r^*\right)}{e_1 \text{var}\left(\frac{r}{e_2}\right) \lambda^f} - \frac{\text{Cov}\left(\frac{r}{e_2}, Y_2^f\right)}{e_1 \text{var}\left(\frac{r}{e_2}\right)}$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_2^f, Y_2^*) = s \times \sigma_\nu^2$$

1. Set $s = 0$ in the benchmark economy
 - Spread halves
 - Large lending in LC to domestic borrowers
 - Large increase in dollarization \rightarrow Insurance provided by foreigners
2. Set $s = 0$ and target the spread with λ^f
 - Require large foreign risk aversion (45 vs 7 in the benchmark)

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| $\frac{b-d}{b}$ | Foreign Source of Peso Credit | 0.04 | 0.01 ⁽³⁾ | 1.22 | 0.16 |
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Preventing Deposit Dollarization

- Exercise: Preventing domestic dollar deposits
- Households have to save everything in peso assets
 - Spread narrows (still positive)
 - Exchange rate becomes more volatile
 - Foreigners slightly benefit

| $\Delta Spread$ | ΔV_{e_2} | ΔU_{HH} | ΔU_{Firm} | ΔU_{For} |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| -0.15% | 0.7% | -0.13% | -0.3% | 0.003% |

Concluding Observations

- Empirical results drawn mainly from 2000s, and so are conditional on the regulatory environment of this time.
 - Examples: good idea to minimize currency & dollar maturity mismatch in banks.
- We question the skepticism about credit and deposit dollarization:
 - Dollarization may have important, unrecognized benefits (intra-national insurance mechanism).
 - Financial risks associated with may not be as large as many think.

Peru: 28 Largest Firms in Recent Depreciation

- For each firm, have data on \$Assets and \$Liabilities, and S/ Assets and S/ Liabilities.
- Compute 'currency mismatch' for each firm, at start of 2014:

$$\text{Currency Mismatch} = \frac{\$Assets - \$Liabilities}{Total Assets}$$

- Compute, for 2014Q2-2016Q4 and as percent of firm equity
 - FX losses
 - Net Earnings
 - Growth in total assets (proxy for investment)

Peru: Fairly Big Depreciation Recently

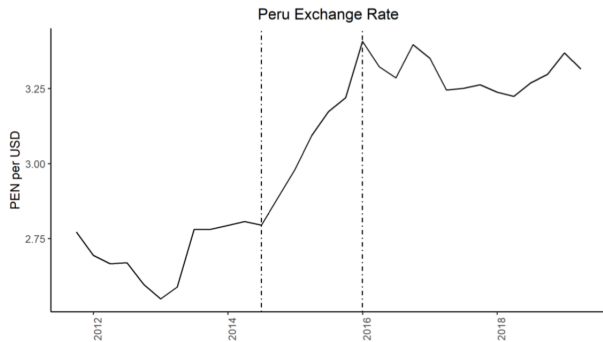


Figure 1: Nominal Exchange Rate in Peru

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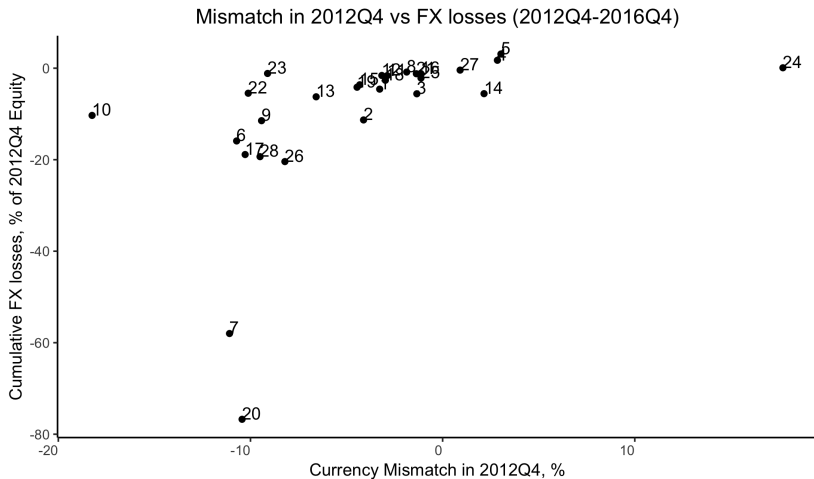


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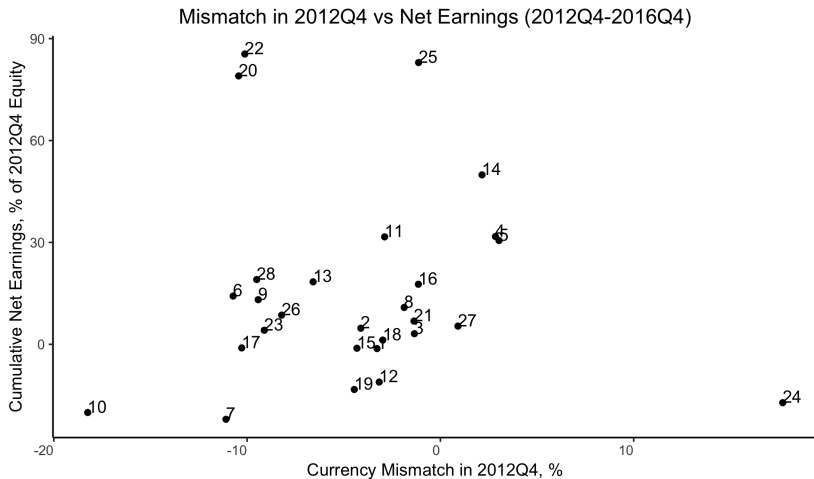


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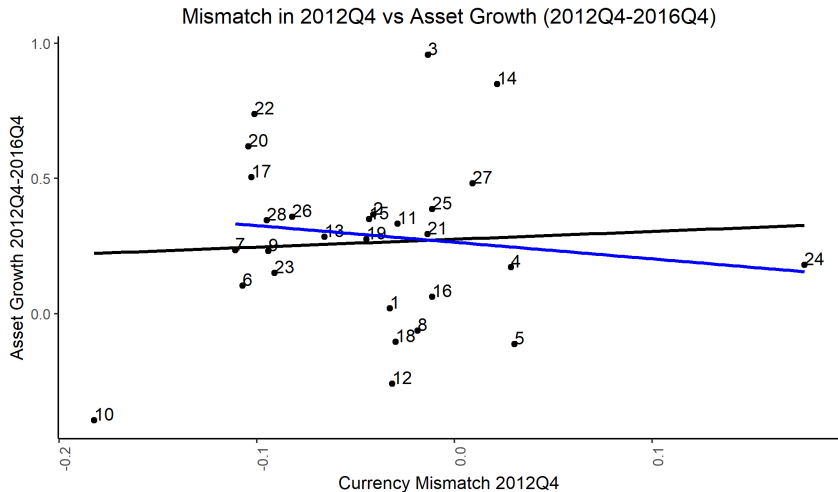


Figure: Credit Dollarization vs Asset Growth 2014Q2-2016Q4

Peru: Balance Sheet Effects

- Even if dollarization does not lead to *crisis*,
 - Financial channel may inefficiently reduce investment after an exchange rate depreciation
- Evidence from firms in Peru
 - 118 firms 1999-2014
 - Investment proxied by $\% \Delta \text{Fixed Assets}$
- Results suggest sales growth and GDP growth are main drivers of investment
- Currency mismatch does not seem to be related

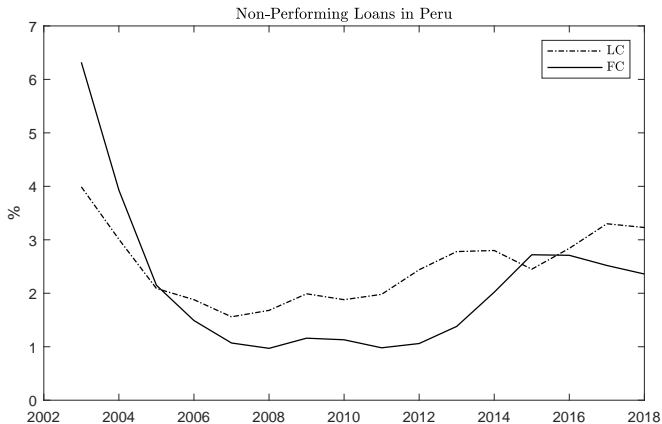
Peru: Balance Sheet Effects

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mismatch | 4.540 (3.428) | 2.705 (3.221) | 1.481 (2.387) | 2.671 (2.733) |
| Mismatch * ΔER | -0.0386 (0.202) | -0.0736 (0.192) | -0.0837 (1.580) | -0.114 (1.582) |
| ΔER | | 0.224 (0.438) | 0.545 (0.525) | 0.525 (0.568) |
| log(Assets) | -11.00 (7.098) | 2.164 (4.460) | -0.274 (0.870) | -1.939 (1.379) |
| Leverage | 0.457 (0.458) | 0.240 (0.453) | 0.148 (0.532) | 0.154 (0.496) |
| Sales/Assets | 19.72** (9.723) | 30.12*** (9.695) | 5.941** (2.902) | 5.884** (2.955) |
| GDP | | 1.464* (0.807) | 2.103** (1.019) | 2.109* (1.082) |
| Mismatch * Non Exporter * ΔER | | | -0.0425 (1.743) | 0.0608 (1.722) |
| VIX | | | 0.417 (0.293) | 0.404 (0.310) |
| Exporter | | | -0.866 (3.136) | -0.502 (3.062) |
| Exporter * ΔER | | | -0.302 (0.834) | -0.253 (0.819) |
| Large | | | | 8.456 (5.196) |
| Large * Mismatch | | | | -1.355 (4.936) |
| Large * Mismatch * ΔER | | | | -0.102 (0.851) |
| N | 1316 | 1316 | 1275 | 1275 |
| R2 | 0.174 | 0.128 | 0.0256 | 0.0299 |
| firm fe | yes | yes | no | no |
| year fe | yes | no | no | no |

Standard errors in parentheses

* p<0.1, ** p<0.05, *** p<0.01

Peru: Non-performing Local Currency (LC) and Foreign Currency (FC) Loans



Source: Central Bank of Peru

Stress Testing

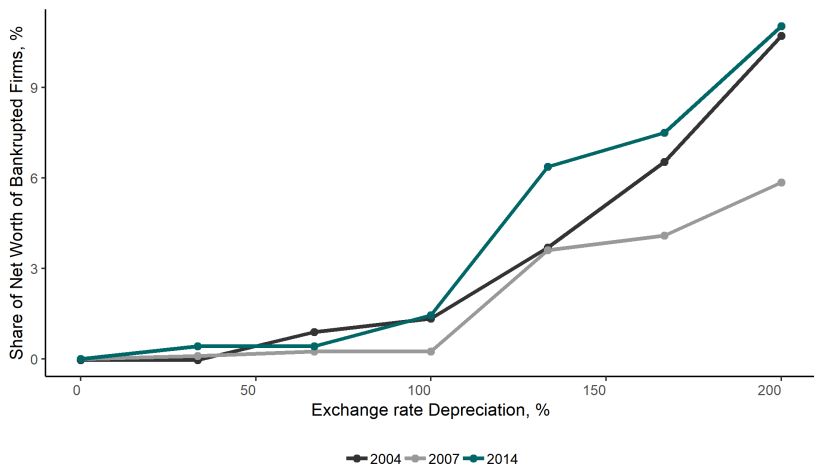
- What would be the effect of a 100% depreciation on firms?
- Data for unbalanced sample of Peruvian 118 firms covering the years 1999-2014
 - N. R. Ramírez-Rondán (*Empirical Economics*, May 2018))
- Data on dollar denominated assets and liabilities
 - $A^{\$}, A^S, L^{\$}, L^S$
 - $E_{t,i}^{S'} = A^S + A^{\$}S' - L^S - L^{\$}S'$

$$I_{t,i}^{S'} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E_{t,i}^{S'} < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\sum_i I_{t,i}^{S'} \times E_{t,i}}{\sum_i E_{t,i}}$$

- 100 percent depreciation \rightarrow the net worth of the bankrupted firms is less than 1.5 percent of total net worth
- 200 percent depreciation \rightarrow less than 10 percent of total net worth

Peru: Stress Test for Exchange Rate Depreciation



Armenia

- Large and persistent depreciation in 2015
- Currency mismatch at the end of 2013 vs investment in 2015



Source: Central Bank of Armenia

Armenia

- High credit dollarization has negative effect only for the most levered firms
- High Leverage: top 25% $\frac{\text{Total Credit}}{\text{Total Assets}}$

Table: Balance Sheet Effects in Armenia

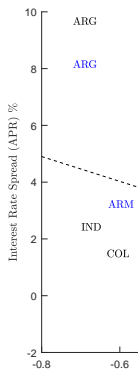
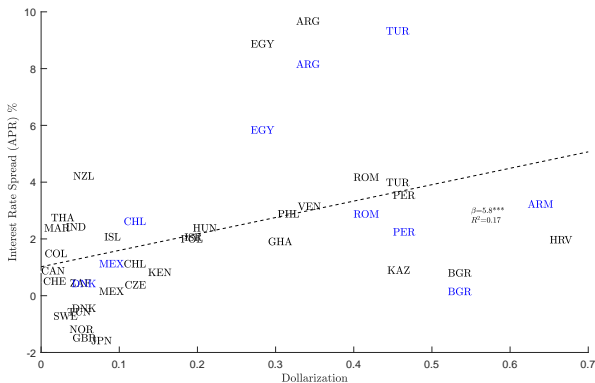
| Investment | | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|-----|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| $\frac{\text{Dollar Credit}}{\text{Total Credit}}_{2013}$ | (1) | 0.0329 | -0.0299 | 0.0749 | -0.0227 |
| | | (0.76) | (-0.87) | (0.81) | (-0.86) |
| High Leverage ₂₀₁₃ | (2) | | | 12.54 | 4.601 |
| | | | | (1.17) | (0.50) |
| $\frac{\text{Dollar Credit}}{\text{Total Credit}}_{2013} \times \text{High Leverage}_{2013}$ | (3) | | | -0.258** | -0.0420 |
| | | | | (-2.21) | (-0.39) |
| Age | (4) | 0.0754 | -0.0120 | 0.0854 | 0.0484 |
| | | (0.20) | (-0.04) | (0.23) | (0.16) |
| Employees | (5) | 0.00726 | 0.00453 | 0.00675 | 0.00423 |
| | | (1.64) | (1.23) | (1.48) | (1.45) |
| <i>N</i> | | 679 | 609 | 671 | 594 |

Notes: ; t statistics in parentheses

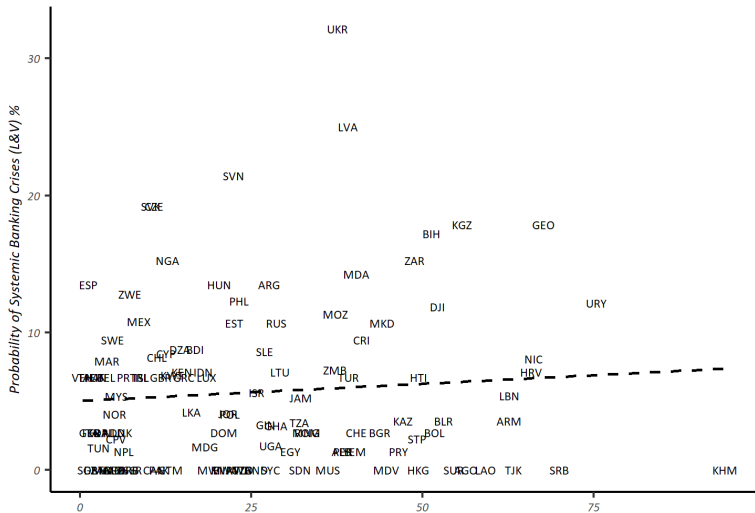
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Notes: left-hand variable is $100 \times \Delta \text{Capital}$; sources: Armenian credit registry and corporate tax reports.

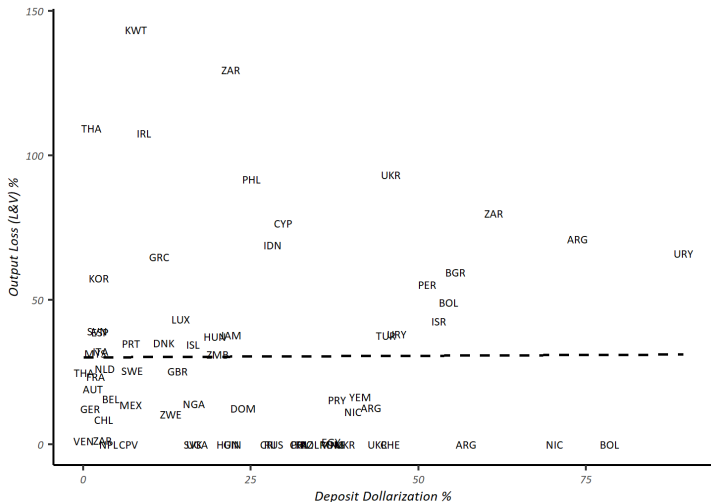
Dollarization vs Interest Rate Spreads



Probability of a Banking Crisis versus Deposit Dollarization



Loss of Output In a Banking Crisis versus Deposit Dollarization



Frequency of Banking Crises vs Dollarization

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dollar (20), $\beta(1)$ | -0.318 (-0.50) | -0.362 (-0.61) | -0.358 (-0.53) | -0.449 (-0.73) | 0.427 (0.80) | -0.105 (-0.16) | -0.455 (-0.76) | -1.083* (-1.66) |
| Δe , $\beta(2)$ | -0.939* (-1.90) | -2.122 (-1.12) | 0.710 (0.19) | 1.461 (0.38) | 0.303 (0.28) | 2.620 (1.31) | 3.501 (1.58) | 4.373 (1.39) |
| Dollar(20)* Δe , $\beta(3)$ | 1.628** (2.36) | 2.454 (1.63) | 0.780 (0.20) | 0.276 (0.07) | 0.407 (0.36) | -1.612 (-0.66) | -2.431 (-0.87) | -3.920 (-0.95) |
| High FL/FA, $\beta(4)$ | | | 1.690*** (2.83) | 1.245 (1.41) | | 1.503** (2.54) | 1.296 (1.46) | 0.899 (0.97) |
| High FL/FA * Δe , $\beta(5)$ | | | -4.526* (-1.72) | -5.221* (-1.80) | | -2.470 (-1.42) | -2.693 (-1.40) | -4.807* (-1.74) |
| Low Reserve, $\beta(6)$ | | | | -0.872 (-0.88) | | | -1.240 (-1.17) | -2.224** (-2.14) |
| Dollar(20) * Low Reserves, $\beta(7)$ | | | | 0.338 (0.42) | | | 1.022 (0.75) | 2.448* (1.75) |
| High FL/FA * Low Reserves, $\beta(8)$ | | | | 1.128 (0.98) | | | 0.580 (0.41) | 0.503 (0.32) |
| External Debt, $\beta(9)$ | | | | | | | | 0.381*** (7.37) |
| Real GDP Growth, $\beta(10)$ | -0.0386 (-0.99) | -0.0448 (-1.05) | 0.0334 (0.41) | 0.0301 (0.36) | -0.0379 (-0.94) | 0.0303 (0.35) | 0.0269 (0.31) | 0.0550 (0.72) |
| VIX, $\beta(11)$ | 0.189*** (2.65) | 0.203*** (2.83) | 0.155*** (3.09) | 0.157*** (3.15) | 0.104*** (2.67) | 0.124*** (3.02) | 0.126*** (3.07) | 0.117*** (2.87) |
| Δrer , $\beta(12)$ | | 1.211 (0.71) | -0.739 (-0.57) | -0.851 (-0.72) | -0.0942 (-0.08) | -1.411 (-1.05) | -1.640 (-1.12) | -2.365 (-1.12) |
| Constant | -8.065*** (-5.44) | -8.403*** (-5.47) | -8.775*** (-6.13) | -8.490*** (-5.40) | -6.774*** (-6.55) | -8.093*** (-6.80) | -7.679*** (-5.88) | -7.668*** (-5.96) |

Does Dollarization Predict Banking Crises?

- We use area under the ROC curve (AUC) measure
 - Suss & Treitel (2020), Fuster et al. (2020)
- Model prediction: $p(x)$
 - Signal crisis if $p(x) > \bar{p}$
 - Low \bar{p} : Predict most crisis (high TPR) but too many false positives (high FPR)
 - Good model: High TPR with low FPR
- For $\bar{p} \in [0, 1]$ plot TPR against FPR, measure the area under the curve
- Random guess: AUC is 0.5
 - Good model AUC above 0.75

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