

Quantitative Easing and Financial (In)Stability

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Many central banks have introduced quantitative easing (QE) as a new policy tool where they massively buy bonds from market participants to provide liquidity to the market, reduce the cost of capital and ultimately foster economic growth. Although such monetary policy measures by the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan seem to have had the desired effect in the home market, there are still many open questions about the effectiveness of QE with respect to its global impact. These policies (and unwinding them later on) have an impact on the stability of financial markets and financial institutions, not only in the industrialized countries but also in emerging markets. The project proposes a new approach to address the topic from the banking and finance perspective. It aims to analyse the potential effect of QE, in particular on (i) the pricing of financial assets, (ii) the risk taking by banks, and (iii) the spillover effects to emerging markets.

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