Codebook for "Economic Policy, Institutions, & Capital Flows"

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Within-country models were estimated in Stata 9.0 using the xtpcse command and the pairwise option for dealing with missingness. The between country models and all graphics were done in R 2.1.1, using the hccm command from the car library to generate White SEs.

The attached datafile is sufficient for constructing the country-mean and differenced variables, which was done in Stata 9.0. For example,

egen meandeficit = mean(deficit), by(cid)
gen deficitdiff = deficit - meandeficit

Sources for all variables are identified in the text and appendix of the article. Variable names in the associated .csv file are as follows:

Variable Description

id unique country-year identifier
cid numerical country identifier
wbcode World Bank 3-letter country code
polcode Polity IV 3-letter country code

country | Country name

year year

fdi | FDI (net inflows % GDP)

gdp GDP (\$US MM)

l.gdp | log GDP

gdp.pc GDP per capita log GDP per capita

growth growth

govex | Government expenditure (% GDP)

deficit
r.usa
polity
polpersist

Deficit (% GDP)
US real interest rate
Polity IV score (0-20)
Polity persistance

varpol.5 | Polity variance (5-year moving window)

bonds net bond inflows (\$US MM)
eqty net.port.in sum of bonds and equities

portin.gdp | net.port.in / GDP

external.debt | external debt (\$US MM) external.debt.gdp | external debt (% GDP)

official.xr.pct % change in official exchange rate

inflation.deflt inflation deflator

default Dummy indicating in default or renegotiation of external debt

cum.default.60 | number of years in default since 1960

pct.default.60 % years in default since 1960

cum.default.80 | number of years in default since 1980

pct.default.80 % years in default since 1980

TOR80s Central Bank turnover ratio, 1980-89
TOR90s Central Bank Turnover ratio, 1990-98

events Number of central bank governors resigning in a year

TOR5 moving 5-year window of turnover ratio

turn Dummy indicating a year in which a central bank governor resigned