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## **Appendix 1: Event Study**

## **Appendix 2: Regression results**

Table 1: Complete Panel Regression with Country FE

|                         | Dependent variable:       |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                         | growth                    |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |
|                         | (1)                       | (2)                      | (3)                      | (4)                      | (5)                       | (6)                       | (7)                       | (8)                       | (9)                       | (10)                      |
| log(pop)                | -0.021<br>(0.013)         | -0.022<br>(0.013)        | -0.022<br>(0.014)        | -0.022<br>(0.014)        | -0.022<br>(0.014)         | -0.023*<br>(0.013)        | -0.023*<br>(0.013)        | -0.023*<br>(0.014)        | -0.024*<br>(0.014)        | -0.021<br>(0.014)         |
| workshare1              | 0.002***<br>(0.001)       | 0.002***<br>(0.001)      | 0.002***<br>(0.001)      | 0.002***<br>(0.001)      | 0.002***<br>(0.001)       | 0.002**<br>(0.001)        | 0.002***<br>(0.001)       | 0.002**<br>(0.001)        | 0.002**<br>(0.001)        | 0.002**<br>(0.001)        |
| log(hc)                 | -0.023<br>(0.030)         | -0.023<br>(0.030)        | -0.024<br>(0.030)        | -0.023<br>(0.030)        | -0.023<br>(0.030)         | -0.024<br>(0.031)         | -0.025<br>(0.031)         | -0.022<br>(0.031)         | -0.021<br>(0.031)         | -0.015<br>(0.030)         |
| log(gdp)                | 0.002<br>(0.007)          | 0.002<br>(0.007)         | 0.002<br>(0.007)         | 0.002<br>(0.007)         | 0.002<br>(0.007)          | 0.001<br>(0.008)          | 0.001<br>(0.008)          | 0.002<br>(0.009)          | 0.002<br>(0.009)          | 0.001<br>(0.008)          |
| diff(log(capital))      | 0.461***<br>(0.101)       | 0.463***<br>(0.101)      | 0.458***<br>(0.100)      | 0.459***<br>(0.100)      | 0.458***<br>(0.100)       | 0.466***<br>(0.109)       | 0.466***<br>(0.108)       | 0.439***<br>(0.110)       | 0.442***<br>(0.113)       | 0.443***<br>(0.119)       |
| cpi                     | 0.060***<br>(0.017)       | 0.060***<br>(0.017)      | 0.059***<br>(0.018)      | 0.059***<br>(0.017)      | 0.058***<br>(0.017)       | 0.050**<br>(0.020)        | 0.050**<br>(0.020)        | 0.044**<br>(0.020)        | 0.044**<br>(0.020)        | 0.050**<br>(0.021)        |
| restructure             |                           | 0.011<br>(0.009)         | -0.024<br>(0.017)        | -0.048<br>(0.035)        | -0.087*<br>(0.046)        | -0.102**<br>(0.044)       | -0.099**<br>(0.044)       | -0.090**<br>(0.041)       | -0.091**<br>(0.040)       | -0.093**<br>(0.040)       |
| haircut                 |                           |                          | 0.101**<br>(0.039)       | 0.278<br>(0.184)         | 0.779*<br>(0.380)         | 1.023***<br>(0.384)       | 0.905**<br>(0.378)        | 0.816**<br>(0.346)        | 0.813**<br>(0.348)        | 0.871**<br>(0.346)        |
| l(haircut_2)            |                           |                          |                          | -0.209<br>(0.187)        | -1.668*<br>(0.902)        | -2.577***<br>(0.971)      | -2.418***<br>(0.903)      | -2.186***<br>(0.826)      | -2.177***<br>(0.832)      | -2.334***<br>(0.826)      |
| l(haircut_3)            |                           |                          |                          |                          | 1.126*<br>(0.642)         | 1.978***<br>(0.720)       | 1.823***<br>(0.644)       | 1.610***<br>(0.588)       | 1.603***<br>(0.592)       | 1.722***<br>(0.587)       |
| fc regime               |                           |                          |                          |                          |                           | -0.008***<br>(0.002)      | -0.008***<br>(0.002)      | -0.008***<br>(0.002)      | -0.008***<br>(0.002)      | -0.008***<br>(0.002)      |
| haircut.fc regime       |                           |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           | 0.027***<br>(0.010)       | 0.033***<br>(0.009)       | 0.033***<br>(0.009)       | 0.031***<br>(0.009)       |
| bankcrisis              |                           |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |                           | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      |
| default                 |                           |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           | 0.001<br>(0.006)          | 0.002<br>(0.006)          |
| institutions2           |                           |                          |                          |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | -0.0001<br>(0.0003)       |
| Observations            | 6,619                     | 6,619                    | 6,619                    | 6,619                    | 6,619                     | 5,801                     | 5,801                     | 5,870                     | 5,820                     | 5,497                     |
| R <sup>2</sup>          | 0.087                     | 0.087                    | 0.087                    | 0.088                    | 0.088                     | 0.112                     | 0.112                     | 0.121                     | 0.120                     | 0.126                     |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> | 0.085                     | 0.085                    | 0.085                    | 0.086                    | 0.086                     | 0.109                     | 0.109                     | 0.118                     | 0.117                     | 0.123                     |
| F Statistic             | 102.529*** (df = 6; 6483) | 88.235*** (df = 7; 6482) | 77.500*** (df = 8; 6481) | 69.370*** (df = 9; 6480) | 62.570*** (df = 10; 6479) | 65.868*** (df = 11; 5751) | 60.428*** (df = 12; 5750) | 60.636*** (df = 13; 5729) | 55.315*** (df = 14; 5679) | 51.642*** (df = 15; 5590) |

\*p&lt;0.1; \*\*p&lt;0.05; \*\*\*p&lt;0.01

Table 2: Complete Dynamic Panel Regression with Country FE

|                          | Dependent variable:       |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | growth                    |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |
|                          | (1)                       | (2)                      | (3)                       | (4)                       | (5)                       | (6)                       | (7)                       | (8)                       | (9)                       | (10)                      |
| Growth <sub>t-1</sub>    | 0.159***<br>(0.038)       | 0.159***<br>(0.038)      | 0.158***<br>(0.038)       | 0.159***<br>(0.038)       | 0.159***<br>(0.038)       | 0.136***<br>(0.042)       | 0.135***<br>(0.042)       | 0.126***<br>(0.041)       | 0.127***<br>(0.041)       | 0.145***<br>(0.037)       |
| Growth <sub>t-2</sub>    | -0.014<br>(0.033)         | -0.014<br>(0.033)        | -0.014<br>(0.033)         | -0.014<br>(0.033)         | -0.014<br>(0.033)         | -0.027<br>(0.040)         | -0.027<br>(0.040)         | -0.033<br>(0.040)         | -0.034<br>(0.040)         | -0.037<br>(0.043)         |
| log Population           | 0.001<br>(0.004)          | 0.001<br>(0.004)         | 0.001<br>(0.004)          | 0.001<br>(0.004)          | 0.001<br>(0.004)          | 0.005<br>(0.005)          | 0.005<br>(0.005)          | 0.004<br>(0.005)          | 0.005<br>(0.005)          | 0.005<br>(0.005)          |
| Working Population Share | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)     | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0004)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0004)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0004)      |
| log Human Capital        | -0.022*<br>(0.013)        | -0.022*<br>(0.013)       | -0.022*<br>(0.013)        | -0.022*<br>(0.013)        | -0.022*<br>(0.013)        | -0.023<br>(0.015)         | -0.023<br>(0.015)         | -0.020<br>(0.015)         | -0.021<br>(0.015)         | -0.023<br>(0.015)         |
| log rGDP                 | -0.004<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.003)        | -0.004<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.004)         | -0.004<br>(0.004)         | -0.003<br>(0.004)         | -0.003<br>(0.004)         | -0.004<br>(0.004)         |
| log Investment           | 0.555***<br>(0.054)       | 0.556***<br>(0.054)      | 0.556***<br>(0.054)       | 0.555***<br>(0.054)       | 0.555***<br>(0.054)       | 0.544***<br>(0.060)       | 0.544***<br>(0.060)       | 0.534***<br>(0.061)       | 0.530***<br>(0.062)       | 0.564***<br>(0.061)       |
| Inflation                | -0.007<br>(0.010)         | -0.007<br>(0.010)        | -0.008<br>(0.010)         | -0.008<br>(0.010)         | -0.008<br>(0.010)         | -0.006<br>(0.011)         | -0.006<br>(0.011)         | -0.010<br>(0.011)         | -0.009<br>(0.011)         | -0.006<br>(0.011)         |
| Restructure              |                           | 0.008<br>(0.006)         | -0.006<br>(0.014)         | -0.045<br>(0.028)         | -0.078*<br>(0.040)        | -0.077*<br>(0.039)        | -0.076*<br>(0.036)        | -0.069*<br>(0.036)        | -0.068*<br>(0.036)        | -0.070*<br>(0.036)        |
| Haircut                  |                           |                          | 0.029<br>(0.026)          | 0.250**<br>(0.297)        | 0.602**<br>(0.297)        | 0.606**<br>(0.285)        | 0.585**<br>(0.289)        | 0.550**<br>(0.268)        | 0.553**<br>(0.269)        | 0.584**<br>(0.270)        |
| Haircut <sup>a</sup>     |                           |                          |                           | -0.213*<br>(0.110)        | -1.110*<br>(0.630)        | -1.169*<br>(0.608)        | -1.140*<br>(0.601)        | -1.082*<br>(0.556)        | -1.099*<br>(0.563)        | -1.171**<br>(0.561)       |
| Haircut <sup>b</sup>     |                           |                          |                           |                           | 0.612<br>(0.397)          | 0.667*<br>(0.387)         | 0.654*<br>(0.378)         | 0.616*<br>(0.352)         | 0.629*<br>(0.359)         | 0.677*<br>(0.357)         |
| FX regime                |                           |                          |                           |                           |                           | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      |
| Haircut × FX regime      |                           |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | 0.008<br>(0.012)          | 0.008<br>(0.012)          | 0.007<br>(0.013)          |
| Banking Crisis           |                           |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | -0.023***<br>(0.003)      | -0.023***<br>(0.003)      | -0.022***<br>(0.003)      |
| Default                  |                           |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | -0.002<br>(0.003)         | -0.002<br>(0.003)         |
| Institutional Quality    |                           |                          |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | 0.0004**<br>(0.0002)      |
| Observations             | 6,359                     | 6,359                    | 6,359                     | 6,359                     | 6,359                     | 5,682                     | 5,682                     | 5,661                     | 5,613                     | 5,325                     |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.126                     | 0.126                    | 0.126                     | 0.127                     | 0.127                     | 0.134                     | 0.134                     | 0.142                     | 0.142                     | 0.150                     |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>  | 0.123                     | 0.123                    | 0.124                     | 0.124                     | 0.124                     | 0.130                     | 0.130                     | 0.139                     | 0.138                     | 0.146                     |
| F Statistic              | 111.923*** (df = 8, 6221) | 99.677*** (df = 9, 6220) | 89.888*** (df = 10, 6219) | 82.300*** (df = 11, 6218) | 75.543*** (df = 12, 6217) | 65.796*** (df = 13, 5540) | 61.116*** (df = 14, 5539) | 61.044*** (df = 15, 5518) | 56.438*** (df = 16, 5470) | 53.914*** (df = 17, 5186) |

Note:

\*p&lt;0.1; \*\*p&lt;0.05; \*\*\*p&lt;0.01

Table 3: Robustness check for different subsamples

| <i>Dependent variable:</i> |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                              |                           |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| growth                     |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                              |                           |                           |
| Complete Sample            |                           | 1970 - 2011               |                           | OECD + HIC + UMI          |                           | 1970-2011 & OECD + HIC + UMI |                           |                           |
|                            | FE                        | DYN + FE                  | FE                        | DYN + FE                  | FE                        | DYN + FE                     | FE                        | DYN + FE                  |
|                            | (1)                       | (2)                       | (3)                       | (4)                       | (5)                       | (6)                          | (7)                       | (8)                       |
| lag(growth)                |                           | 0.145***<br>(0.013)       |                           | 0.201***<br>(0.016)       |                           | 0.116***<br>(0.017)          |                           | 0.177***<br>(0.020)       |
| lag(growth, k = 2)         |                           | -0.037***<br>(0.013)      |                           | -0.062***<br>(0.015)      |                           | -0.132***<br>(0.017)         |                           | -0.170***<br>(0.019)      |
| log(pop)                   | 0.001<br>(0.005)          | 0.005<br>(0.005)          | -0.017**<br>(0.007)       | 0.020***<br>(0.008)       | -0.017**<br>(0.007)       | -0.010<br>(0.007)            | -0.021*<br>(0.011)        | -0.001<br>(0.011)         |
| workshare1                 | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0003)      | 0.002***<br>(0.0004)      | 0.001**<br>(0.0004)       | 0.002***<br>(0.0004)      | 0.001***<br>(0.0004)         | 0.002***<br>(0.001)       | 0.001**<br>(0.001)        |
| log(hc)                    | -0.024**<br>(0.012)       | -0.023*<br>(0.012)        | -0.010<br>(0.014)         | -0.039**<br>(0.018)       | -0.010<br>(0.014)         | -0.012<br>(0.014)            | -0.015<br>(0.021)         | -0.024<br>(0.021)         |
| log(gdp)                   | -0.003<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.003)         | -0.003<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.004)         | -0.003<br>(0.003)         | -0.004<br>(0.003)            | 0.001<br>(0.005)          | 0.001<br>(0.005)          |
| diff(log(capital))         | 0.548***<br>(0.030)       | 0.504***<br>(0.031)       | 0.527***<br>(0.037)       | 0.435***<br>(0.037)       | 0.527***<br>(0.037)       | 0.566***<br>(0.040)          | 0.443***<br>(0.047)       | 0.465***<br>(0.050)       |
| cpu                        | -0.008<br>(0.006)         | -0.006<br>(0.006)         | 0.022***<br>(0.008)       | 0.010<br>(0.006)          | 0.022***<br>(0.008)       | 0.022***<br>(0.008)          | 0.050***<br>(0.009)       | 0.048***<br>(0.009)       |
| restructure                | -0.067**<br>(0.032)       | -0.070**<br>(0.030)       | -0.094***<br>(0.034)      | -0.071**<br>(0.031)       | -0.094***<br>(0.034)      | -0.096***<br>(0.033)         | -0.093***<br>(0.036)      | -0.093***<br>(0.034)      |
| haircut                    | 0.542**<br>(0.271)        | 0.584**<br>(0.259)        | 0.906**<br>(0.370)        | 0.600**<br>(0.264)        | 0.906**<br>(0.370)        | 0.959***<br>(0.354)          | 0.871**<br>(0.383)        | 0.935**<br>(0.365)        |
| I(haircut <sup>2</sup> )   | -1.071*<br>(0.651)        | -1.174*<br>(0.621)        | -2.416**<br>(1.060)       | -1.236*<br>(0.633)        | -2.416**<br>(1.060)       | -2.630***<br>(1.013)         | -2.334**<br>(1.095)       | -2.603**<br>(1.044)       |
| I(haircut <sup>3</sup> )   | 0.608<br>(0.444)          | 0.677<br>(0.424)          | 1.804**<br>(0.879)        | 0.724*<br>(0.432)         | 1.804**<br>(0.879)        | 2.000**<br>(0.841)           | 1.722*<br>(0.969)         | 1.978**<br>(0.866)        |
| fxregime                   | -0.008***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      | -0.007***<br>(0.001)      | -0.007***<br>(0.001)      | -0.007***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)         | -0.008***<br>(0.001)      | -0.006***<br>(0.001)      |
| bankerisis                 | -0.024***<br>(0.003)      | -0.022***<br>(0.003)      | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      | -0.020***<br>(0.003)      | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      | -0.022***<br>(0.004)         | -0.023***<br>(0.004)      | -0.021***<br>(0.004)      |
| default                    | 0.0004<br>(0.003)         | -0.002<br>(0.003)         | 0.003<br>(0.004)          | -0.0001<br>(0.003)        | 0.003<br>(0.004)          | -0.0005<br>(0.004)           | 0.002<br>(0.004)          | -0.001<br>(0.004)         |
| institutions2              | 0.0004**<br>(0.0002)      | 0.0004*<br>(0.0002)       | -0.0001<br>(0.0003)       | 0.0003<br>(0.0002)        | -0.0001<br>(0.0003)       | -0.0001<br>(0.0003)          | -0.0001<br>(0.0003)       | -0.00003<br>(0.0003)      |
| haircut.fxregime           | 0.009<br>(0.010)          | 0.007<br>(0.009)          | 0.027<br>(0.018)          | 0.007<br>(0.010)          | 0.027<br>(0.018)          | 0.027<br>(0.017)             | 0.031*<br>(0.018)         | 0.029*<br>(0.017)         |
| Observations               | 5,497                     | 5,325                     | 3,408                     | 4,052                     | 3,408                     | 3,297                        | 2,503                     | 2,433                     |
| R <sup>2</sup>             | 0.126                     | 0.150                     | 0.146                     | 0.158                     | 0.146                     | 0.175                        | 0.137                     | 0.181                     |
| Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>    | 0.123                     | 0.146                     | 0.142                     | 0.153                     | 0.142                     | 0.171                        | 0.132                     | 0.174                     |
| F Statistic                | 51.642*** (df = 15; 5360) | 53.914*** (df = 17; 5186) | 37.703*** (df = 15; 3321) | 43.319*** (df = 17; 3913) | 37.703*** (df = 15; 3321) | 40.147*** (df = 17; 3208)    | 25.464*** (df = 15; 2416) | 30.381*** (df = 17; 2344) |

Note:

\*p&lt;0.1; \*\*p&lt;0.05; \*\*\*p&lt;0.01