

Homework #6: Government Debt

Econ 590: Current Topics in Macro

Due at 11:59 p.m., Friday of Sixth Week

Monetary Policy

- Choose a country that has defaulted (or restructured debt) in the recent past (see two tables below for some options)
- Find historical data on its debt, GDP, exchange rates, imports, exports
- Plot them and analyze them, along with any other interesting outcomes you might think of to look at
- Summarize the effects of default: is there clear loss? Gain? Does it seem like a good idea or impossible to avoid?

Recent Past (1976-1989)	
Country	Year of Default
Poland	1981
Romania	1981
Serbia/Yugoslavia	1983
Turkey	1978
Argentina	1982
Bolivia	1980
Brazil	1983
Chile	1983
Costa Rica	1983
Cuba	1982
Dominican Republic	1982
Ecuador	1982
Honduras	1981
Mexico	1982 (close in 1994)
Nicaragua	1980
Panama	1982
Paraguay	1986

Recent Past (1998-2004)	
Country	Year of Default
Moldova	2002
Russia	1998
Ukraine	1998, 2000
Argentina	2001, 2014
Dominica	2003
Ecuador	1999
Grenada	2004
Paraguay	2003
Cote d'Ivoire	2001
Gabon	1999, 2002
Seychelles	2002
Indonesia	1999
Pakistan	1999