

A Macroprudential policy exercise for Mexico

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Ingredients of the DSGE model

- The model used in the exercise is a simpler version of the one presented in Adame, Roldán, and Zerecero (2013)
- This version features:
 - ✓ Patient households (depositors)
 - ✓ Impatient entrepreneurs (borrowers)
 - ✓ Collateral constraints for entrepreneurs
 - ✓ Nominal rigidities
 - ✓ Open economy with incomplete FX pass-through
 - ✓ Banking sector with staggered deposit and lending rates
- The model was re-estimated for the Mexican economy for the period 2001-2013, including 14 variables among which
 - Consumption, investment, output, inflation, interest rate spreads, real exchange rate, a foreign sector, etc.

Credit boom and macroprudential policies

- The credit boom was generated by a **greater appetite towards risk** not related to fundamentals (similar to Alpanda et al., 2013)
 - \checkmark **Perceived returns** on savings falls, whereas the one on capital increases
 - Households shift savings towards consumption
 - ✓ Entrepreneurs **buy more capital** and increase borrowings
- The credit boom is demand-side driven
- We consider two macroprudential policies
 - ✓ **Benchmark:** Tax on credit supply (loans are more expensive)
 - ✓ *Alternative:* Tax on credit demand (stricter collateral requirements)
- **Remark:** In this version of the model, credit supply is perfectly elastic, whereas **credit demand** is downward sloping.



Benchmark case, tax on credit supply



Benchmark case, decomposition of the response of loans



Benchmark policy plus subsidizing savings



Alternative policy, tax on credit demand



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- If credit supply would be upward sloping, a tax on credit demand will reduce the relative cost of investment

Conclusions

- We estimated a DSGE model with financial constraints for Mexico.
- We simulated a credit boom generated by a non-fundamental risktaking shock (
 higher consumption and investment)
- The credit boom was moderated through a stronger regulation in the supply of credit (benchmark policy: tax on loans supply)
- The benchmark policy might be strengthen if savings are also encouraged
- An alternative policy based on discourage credit demand has ambiguous effects,
 - ✓ Consumption might respond
 - ✓ Final effect on investment demand is not clear





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