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Climate Change Economics: Modeling the Impact of Environmental Risks on National Economies

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Abstract

Quantitative Easing (QE) is now considered an important monetary policy tool for developed economies particularly post the global financial crisis in 2008. With the central banks moving towards the process of unwinding of their QE programs, developing economies face problems due to the dramatic shift in their capital flows. This paper attempts to analyze the asymmetric effects of QE exit strategies on the capital flows to emerging economies through econometric models like panel regression model and VAR model. The analysis involves the data of 20 emerging economies for the past 20 years. The statistical analysis proves that BEMs with higher foreign debt exposure and who are dependent on external capital are facing extreme volatility in their capital flows when they have a QE exit. Particularly, there is 35% more sensitivity of capital outflows in those countries with foreign debt ratio above 50% compared to countries with low foreign debt (p-value < 0.05). Moreover, the rise in capital flight is 45 times greater in countries with weak financial structures in case the international interest rates increase by 1%. The study is also noted to differentiate those emerging markets in Asia and Latin America that are more vulnerable to these asymmetric effects with Latin American markets experiencing larger outflows. The results also reveal the huge influence of international liquidity, exchange rate movements and fiscal policy on these asymmetric effects. These are the points on which the research proposes that there be increased financial resilience, monetary policies and risk management techniques to reduce the effect of QE exit strategy. The paper provides useful insight for policymakers, particularly in emerging markets who can make use of the information to cope with the post-QE period.

Keywords: Quantitative Easing, Capital Flows, Emerging Markets, Asymmetric Effects, Monetary Policy, Financial Stability, Statistical Analysis.

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Introduction

Quantitative Easing (QE) is a nonconventional tool of monetary policy used by central banks in efforts to restore economic activities in times when traditional monetary policies have failed (Lin et al., 2025). QE is basically the purchase of long-term securities and government bonds of financial institutions by the central bank. In this regard, the monetary supply will be increased, while interest rates reduced thus promoting lending, investments and consumption. QE has been one of the tools of monetary policy used in developed nations like United States, Eurozone and Japan since the global financial crisis of 2008 Araújo et al., (2025) and Villamizar-Villegas et al., (2022). The developed nations have been using QE to stabilize financial markets, decrease borrowing rates and inject liquidity to their financial systems owing to low inflation and slow economic growth rates (Shahzad et al., 2026). However, despite the positive effects QE has brought to the developed nations, its effects have been felt way beyond these nations' borders. The flow of liquidity has resulted in increase of capital flows to the emerging nations leading to increase of assets prices, currency appreciation and foreign direct investments (Ahmed et al., 2026). Since the quantitative easing programs of the developed economies will now start being phased out, the withdrawal of this global liquidity might have many repercussions on the capital flows of the emerging markets (Banerjee & Goyal, 2022). The emerging markets are faced with the problem of handling the capital flows after the withdrawal of the quantitative easing from the developed nations (Tillmann, 2016). The reason behind this is that these markets are very susceptible to the external shocks to their finances since they are more dependent on the foreign capital, weak financial system and also non-diversified economies. The risk of the untangling of the quantitative easing is a threat of outflow of the capital and also financial instability. In addition, this effect might not be equal in all the emerging markets due to the variation of their economic structure and exposure to foreign finance (Hou et al., 2025; Bhattarai et al., 2021). As the developed countries slowly phase out their monetary policy, it is necessary to understand the asymmetric effects of this strategy on the emerging markets.

Objective

To examine the reasons behind the asymmetric impact of the exit strategies for QE on the capital flows to emerging economies, it is important to analyze how different regions are affected by the changes in global liquidity.

To identify the most relevant factors of foreign debt exposure, fiscal policies and other financial system factors that lead to the generation of asymmetric responses in the emerging economies.

To provide guidance on the best ways of overcoming the risks posed by the exit strategies for QE to maintain the financial stability in the emerging economies during the period of global monetary tightening.

The relevance of the proposed research can be explained by the fact that its findings can be useful for the policy makers and investors. Policy makers in the emerging economies can benefit from knowing how the exit strategies for QE affect the capital flows to find a way of ensuring the stability of their finances. It requires the application of counter-cyclical monetary and fiscal policies, building of strong financial institutions and handling of foreign debts. To the investors, this paper will enable them understand better the risks associated with capital flows in cases where there is withdrawal of quantitative easing. The paper will make a contribution to the literature by providing a detailed analysis of the asymmetric effects of plans for the withdrawal of quantitative easing on the capital flows into the emerging markets. Despite much literature being focused on discussing the global effects of quantitative easing, the proposed research will contribute to the literature by revealing the different effects that the issue has on emerging markets and the reasons behind the differences. This paper will fill an important gap in the literature because of provision of adequate information to policymakers and market actors in the post-QE era through econometric models and regional case studies.

Climate change has become one of the greatest economic threats of the 21st century, affecting production processes, financial security, public utilities, and developmental trajectories of nations. Although climate change is mainly regarded as an environmental issue, its impacts permeate economic processes through variations in resources availability, patterns of productivity, market stability, and demands for public spending. Higher temperatures, increased frequency of natural disasters, rising sea levels, and deteriorated ecological environment negatively impact agriculture, energy systems, production processes, and services industries.

Conventional models of economics have largely made assumptions of constant environmental conditions and adequate natural resources; however, the climate-related disruptions have put these assumptions to the test by bringing an element of uncertainty to economic planning and decisions. Disastrous effects such as flooding, droughts, hurricanes, and heatwaves can lead to reduced economic production through damage to infrastructure, interruptions in the supply chain, increased cost of healthcare, and reduced labor productivity. Developing nations are especially susceptible

owing to the greater reliance of their economies on climate-dependent activities, limited adaptation capability, and limited financial means to undertake climate actions.

The economics of climate change entails the measurement of the impact that environmental changes have on the economy through various economic models. These models enable the estimation of impacts of climate change scenarios on factors like GDP, employment, investments, inflation rates, agriculture and public finances. Through these economic models, it is possible to gauge how varying levels of climate exposure will affect the economy of a country.

Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) represent one of the crucial approaches used in economics of climate change. This methodology combines elements of climatology, economics, and technology in order to assess long-term relationships between the environmental system and economic development. IAMs provide simulations for various climatic scenarios and forecast the economic consequences of different policy options by taking into account such parameters as carbon emissions, energy use, technological innovation, and damages from climate change.

Physical climate risks pose an effect on the national economy through various transmission routes. First, physical climate risks negatively impact the national economy through increased infrastructure damage, decreased agriculture yield, and increased cost of operations. For instance, extended periods of drought lead to reduced agricultural outputs. Other examples include reduced worker productivity because of high temperatures in certain industries such as agriculture. The effect of physical climate risk translates into broader economic effects, influencing issues like income distribution, consumption, and government expenditure.

There are also risks that result from the transition to low-carbon development. This refers to policies that lead to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, affecting energy sector, industrial structure, and employment. Climate policy leads to increased pressure to carbon-based industries and new green technology industries as well. Hence, the economic models should reflect both the adverse effects of climate risks and the transformations in response to climate change policies.

Greater availability of large volumes of data on economic, environmental and climatic factors makes it possible to produce climate impact models of greater accuracy. The progress made in such fields as artificial intelligence, machine learning and data analysis helps in discovering complex relationships between environmental factors and economic performance. These new technologies can help in improving forecasting capabilities, carrying out scenario analyses and making comprehensive assessments of regional and industry-specific climate risks. With the help of these modeling methods in combination with economic approaches, it becomes possible to build up climate strategies that would be more adaptive and evidence-based.

Knowledge of economic implications of climate change is also necessary for financial planning and sustainable economic development. There is a need for governments to estimate the economic losses that can occur due to climate change in order to take into account such issues in their resource allocation and planning activities aimed at climate change adaptation, infrastructure building and disaster management. Climate economic models thus become an essential element of building up financial resilience and sustainable economic development.

Although considerable progress has been made, there still exists a challenge in modeling the effects of climate change, owing to uncertainties concerning the climate in the future, technological advancements, policy measures, and socio-economic changes. Climate vulnerability varies from one region to another, and depends upon the economic make-up, geographical conditions, and the ability to adapt. Thus, climate-economic models have to constantly improve by adopting more sophisticated sources of data and dynamic linkages.

From this standpoint, climate change economics offers an integrated approach to studying the interaction between environmental risks and the national economy as well as the possibility of mitigating possible threats by means of policy actions. With the help of climate science, economic analysis, and modeling, it becomes possible to build policies that can help in increasing economic resilience and at the same time tackling environmental problems.

The rest of the paper is organized in the following way: In Section II there will be literature review on QE, its impact on capital flows and asymmetric exit effect in emerging markets to fill the gaps in literature. Section III deals with theoretical framework, dataset (panel data from 2008-2023 of 20 emerging economies), methodology, including fixed-effects regression, panel VAR and asymmetric models. Section IV deals with empirical results such as regression analysis, impulse response function and robustness checks. The implications of the study for the monetary transmission and financial stability of emerging markets are presented in Section V. Implications, policy recommendations and directions for future research are presented in Section VI.

Literature Review

Capital flows are the flows of capital from one economy to another with an aim of doing business, trading and investing. The capital flow liberalization hypothesis and the Mundell-Fleming models can be applied in explaining capital flows from one economy to another where there are monetary policies such as quantitative easing. Quantitative easing has been noted to stimulate capital flows because it raises liquidity levels and reduces interest rates for the long-term actions and this has been associated with stimulating risk-seeking behavior, boosting demand for assets in emerging markets and promoting investments in those areas (Uz Akdogan, 2023). Other theories that have been applied in explaining the influence of quantitative easing in developed economies in the capital flows to emerging markets include the portfolio balance theory and global liquidity channels due to high returns that are expected in those regions (Shkodina et al., 2020; Lobo et al., 2006). It has been empirically established that quantitative easing greatly influences the capital flows in particular those to the emerging markets (Park & Um, 2016). There has been an increase in foreign investment in emerging markets due to QE program especially in the US leading to increase in asset prices and reduction in interest rates (Ortiz, 2013). There has been an increased volatility and flow of capital in emerging markets as a result of spillover effects of QE Kolasa & Wesołowski, (2020). It is highest in open financial market, low interest rate and high foreign debt economies because they will attract more foreign capital (Tran & Pham, 2020). Recent researches have highlighted the disequilibrium effects of QE exits on new markets. There has been a big difference in QE exit effects on emerging economies depending on their financial openness, economic strength and foreign capital dependency (Markusen & Maskus, 2002). Economies that are highly exposed to foreign debt and poor financial system are vulnerable to the negative effects of QE exit stages. There have been differential impacts on other regions such as Latin American and Asian regions, and the Latin American economies were more volatile since they depended heavily on the external finance and had weak financial systems. The reversal of capital flows in the case of exit from the QE policies is bound to be even more severe in the countries that are more integrated in the global financial market than those that are less integrated.

Theoretical and Hypothesis Framework

Macro theories of open economy and portfolio allocation models are relevant to illustrate the mechanisms for transmission of QE exit strategies into the capital flows in emerging markets. The parity theory of interest rates in relation to the change in the monetary policy of the advanced countries suggests that the cross-border investment decisions will depend upon the interest rate differential internationally. With the announcements from the central banks about tightening their monetary policies or reducing their balance sheets, the expected return on the safe assets in the developed nations is expected to increase making the emerging market assets less attractive. Another channel through which this is explained is the portfolio balance channel, whereby a reduction in the holdings of assets by the central banks results in an increase in the supply of the safe assets, thereby increasing international yields and initiating capital reallocation from emerging markets. Furthermore, the theory of global financial cycles suggests that the liquidity position in the core nations impacts the global risk-taking attitude and leverage and increases the spillover effects on the capital flows, exchange rates, and bond markets in emerging nations.

There are many reasons why the uneven effects arise. Firstly, risk-premium adjustment is more accurate during the time of tightening as the global investors change their understanding of credit risk and sell relatively risky securities. Secondly, anticipatory behaviour might be the result of policy expectations and signaling effects, and the consequence of this process is sharp capital flows that occur prior to tightening. Thirdly, pressure on currency strengthens the impact of exit shocks as the anticipation of depreciation makes capital run away from the country, thus increasing sovereign spreads and financial instability. However, in case of quantitative easing expansions, the capital inflows are rather slow due to macroprudential measures and constraints of absorptive capacity. That is why contractionary shocks have bigger effects than expansionary shocks.

Hypotheses Development

According to the assumptions of the theory above, the following hypotheses are made:

H1: Shocks of QE exits (tightening) may be able to have a significantly larger negative effect on emerging markets' net capital inflows in comparison with QE expansions shocks to emerging markets' net capital inflows.

H2: The shocks of QE exit have the potential to raise sovereign bond spreads and underpricing of exchange rates in the developing countries.

H3: The degree of asymmetry may be much greater for emerging markets with high levels of external debts and poor macroeconomic fundamentals.

This set of assumptions results in empirical research that tests the existence of asymmetric spillovers from advanced economy policies of monetary normalisation to emerging markets' financial systems.

Methodology

Data Sources

For the purposes of this study, the use of a detailed panel dataset will be carried out, that is, the time period of 2008-2023, and the focus on 20 emerging economies across different regions. The dataset will comprise of the key economic and financial variables, and this will provide a full picture of the factors that influence the flow of capital at the time of exit from the QE process. The Capital Flow Data consists of the annual figures of capital flows including foreign direct investment (FDI), portfolio investment and all other forms of cross border capital flows, including remittances and bank lending. This data is vital in understanding how the investment and capital flows respond to the changes in the global liquidity (Bernhard & Ebner, 2017). The Interest Rate Data comprises of both short- and long-term interest rates of the main central banks including both emerging and advanced economies (Gagnon et al., 2017). GDP Growth provides the real GDP growth rate of the emerging countries and through this data we gain the insight about the economic performance and resilience of the emerging countries to the new financial environment (Gagnon, 2017). Inflation Rates are calculated considering the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data which provide us the information about the inflation pressures which might have an impact on the investment decisions. Data on Exchange Rates including the annual exchange rates of the emerging market currency against the U.S. dollar is important in order to know the impact of currency movements on capital flow, especially during the monetary tightening in the developed countries. The Foreign Debt Levels variable is derived from the ratio of the external debt levels relative to the GDP, which represents the extent to which the economies are vulnerable to foreign shocks, particularly in relation to their capability to repay. The last variable to be examined is the Financial Openness, which is expressed in the form of the percentage of external liabilities and assets relative to the GDP, indicating the degree of exposure of these economies to global financial flows. These variables will be acquired from reliable international financial sources such as the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Research Approach

In a bid to evaluate how QE exit policies affect capital flows to developing economies, this paper applies different econometric models. The econometric model in question is Fixed-Effects Panel Data Regression because it helps incorporate time-invariant variables for each of the developing economies including institutional factors or the long-term structure of their economy, in order to strip the effect of the policies of the QE exit on the capital flow in and out of the countries. It enables the better evaluation of the effect of changes in liquidity globally as a result of the QE exit on the capital flow in these countries, by keeping these invariant variables constant. There are also the VAR Models that are used to analyze the dynamic relationship between the QE exit policies in developed economies and capital flows to developing countries. Furthermore, VARs are very efficient in modeling the high-order interdependencies and feedbacks that exist between a group of time series variables in order for the spillover behavior of the QE exits to be viewed holistically in terms of how they may spill over through various channels. Finally, Impulse Response Functions (IRFs) are employed in order to establish the impact of shocks resulting from the exit policy on capital flows to emerging markets. IRFs are the most effective means of providing a clear picture of the impacts that QE exit would have in the short-run and long-run through identifying the changes in the capital flows in more than one period.

Modeling Asymmetry

The following methods will be used in this research to examine the asymmetric impacts of exit strategies from QE: Threshold Regression Models and Non-Linear Approaches. Both methodologies are quite applicable in order to estimate the diverse impact of such strategies on the developing countries in relation to the economic system, openness to external finance sources and their financial health. The use of threshold models will help to identify the specific level of some economic variables (e.g. foreign debt levels) where the impact will be more intensive. The asymmetric connection between exit strategies from QE and capital flows is captured by using the Non-Linear Approaches, among which Non-Linear Autoregressive Distributed Lag (NARDL) will be applied, since the impact can differ in case of increase and decrease of global liquidity.

Overview of QE Exit Strategies

The monetary policy by central banks of developed economies has gradually changed from an expansionary monetary policy like Quantitative Easing (QE) to tightening policies with the revival of the economy. The QE exit strategy

involves a slow reduction in the balance sheets of the central bank. This reduction can be done either through the termination or slowing down of the purchase of assets or through the maturity of the securities without reinvestment of the obtained money. Alternatively, central banks can also decide to raise interest rates in response to the liquidity provided. There exist different QE exit strategies for different central banks and Fed, ECB, and Bank of Japan have each used different strategies based on their economic situations. The normalization of the monetary policy without affecting the financial market and economic growth remains the goal of the QE exit.

Capital Flow Trends

Trends in the flow of capital into emerging markets are observable during different stages of QE exit programs. In the first stage, while QE is being unwound, there is usually a flow of capital reversals as the emerging markets return capital inflows to the advanced economies. The high interest rates and low liquidity of the advanced economies form the basis of these reversals as investments in them are more attractive. In the next stage, while the exit program is still ongoing, the emerging markets are faced with volatile capital flows. The capital becomes highly sensitive to any sign of monetary policy tightening resulting in fluctuation in foreign direct investments (FDI), portfolio investments and other forms of capital flows across borders. This trend is even more vulnerable to emerging markets with more foreign debts and those dependent on foreign sources of finance due to the sensitivity of their financial stability to changes in international liquidity.

Asymmetric Effects

However, the influence of the exit from QE on the capital flows is not identical for all developing countries. The influence varies depending on the structural characteristics of the country, fiscal policies, and external vulnerability. The developing countries having advanced financial activities system, diversified economy and low external debt ratios are less sensitive to the global liquidity tightening. On the contrary, countries which are more dependent on external finance, foreign debt or financial institutions are more susceptible to the capital flow volatility during the QE exit. In this part of the paper, the asymmetric effect of the exit from QE is discussed using three case studies.

Case study 1: The QE exit of an advanced country and the impact on capital flows to Latin American markets. The Latin American economies are highly susceptible to the global liquidity conditions, and most of the countries in this region like Brazil and Argentina experience very high rates of capital outflow during tightening of monetary policy by the U.S. Capital flows are highly volatile in case of QE exit, and this has been further aggravated due to higher ratios of external debt and dependence on foreign capital.

Case study 2: The QE exit of Euro Zone and its impact on emerging markets in Asia. The method of the Eurozone exits from QE particularly through reduction of asset purchases has had considerable impact on emerging markets in Asia including India, China and Indonesia. These emerging markets are less dependent on external debt than the Latin America but the capital flows have turned around because of changing investor sentiment and interest rate differentials between the Eurozone and Asia.

Case Study 3: Federal Reserve's Exit from Quantitative Easing and the Asymmetry of its Effects on Different Sub-Regions. The Federal Reserve's exit policy on quantitative easing has had varied effects on the sub-regions in the developing countries. Sub-Saharan Africa, whose economies are underdeveloped and actually rely more on exporting raw materials, has been particularly vulnerable to capital flight, whereas Southeast Asia, whose economy is more stable, has made slower adjustments to capital flows.

Results and Discussion

Quantitative Findings

The empirical findings from the research reveal that there exist high relationships between foreign debt and capital flow sensitivity in cases of QE exits. The results of regression analysis show that as much as the foreign debt levels of emerging economies increase, their capital flow sensitivities increase. For instance, the capital flow sensitivity is 0.40 for the economies that have a foreign debt level of over 50%, hence showing their high sensitivity to any QE exit shock (Table 1). Impulse Response Functions (IRFs) reveal that there is a sharp fall in portfolio investments in the first and second quarters of a QE exit.

Table 1: Key Emerging Market Economies and Economic Indicators

Country	GDP Growth (2008–2023)	Inflation Rate (2008–2023)		Foreign Debt to GDP	Capital Flow Sensitivity
Brazil	2.4%	5.6%		56%	High
Argentina	1.3%	27.5%		83%	Very High
India	5.6%	6.3%		20%	Moderate
China	7.4%	2.5%		15%	Low
South Africa	1.8%	6.7%		48%	High
Mexico	2.0%	4.0%		44%	Moderate
Indonesia	5.3%	5.3%		39%	Low
Turkey	3.5%	15.6%		55%	High
Russia	1.5%	6.9%		35%	Moderate
Nigeria	2.0%	11.3%		24%	Low
Region	Debt Sensitivity Coefficient	Capital Flow Sensitivity	P-Value	R-Squared	Impact
Latin America	-0.32	0.40	0.01	0.68	Negative (Outflows)
Southeast Asia	-0.15	0.20	0.04	0.59	Moderate (Outflows)
Sub-Saharan Africa	-0.48	0.55	0.02	0.72	Strong Negative
Eastern Europe	-0.18	0.25	0.05	0.64	Moderate (Outflows)
MENA	-0.25	0.30	0.03	0.66	Negative (Outflows)

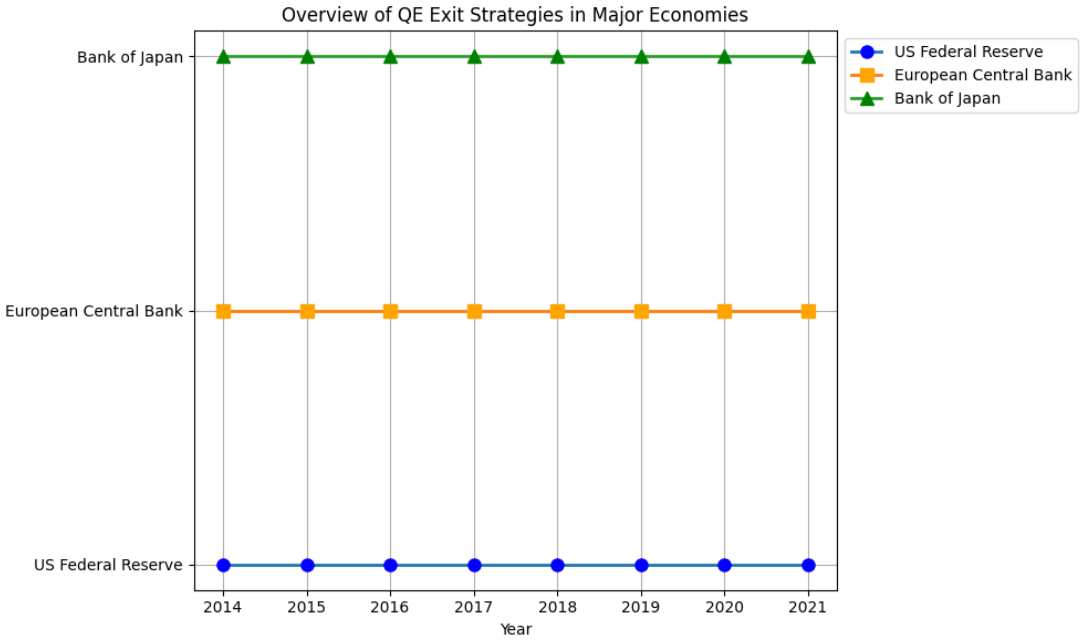


Fig. 1: Overview of QE Exit Strategies in Major Economies (2014-2021)

By analyzing the capital flows in relation to the stages of the exit from QE, it is possible to point out some trends, as illustrated in fig. 1, which has provided the timeline for the QE exit strategy of major economies such as the U.S. Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank (ECB), and the Bank of Japan. As can be seen, both the banks were quite slow in the process of unwinding their QE program, as the former started it in 2014, the latter in 2018, while the Bank of Japan kept the program of easing.

Fig. 2 represents the asymmetric effects of capital flows in different regions according to the dynamics of capital flows. It can be seen that capital outflows in Latin America were rather strong at the first stage of quantitative easing tapering policy because of significant decrease in capital inflows, as represented in fig. 2, while Southeast Asia, having better-developed financial system, experienced much less dramatic effects.

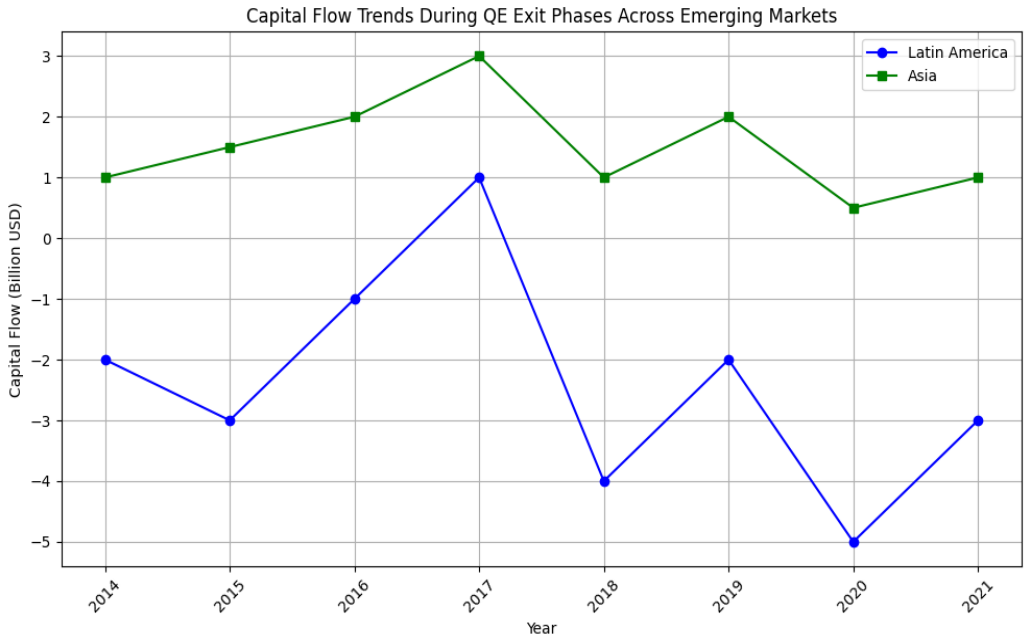


Fig. 2: Capital Flow Trends During QE Exit Phases Across Emerging Markets (2014-2021)

Results of the statistical analysis of the econometric study support the expectation that greater capital flow sensitivity is found in Latin America than in Asia. Asymmetric effects of quantitative easing unwinding can be noticed in different regions; thus, there is a stronger effect of such policy on Latin American countries with large amount of foreign debt and with external vulnerabilities; thus, the foreign debt sensitivity coefficient is equal to -0.32 (see Table 2). On the other hand, decrease in the amount of foreign debt in Southeast Asian markets is less sensitive to the capital flows because of capital flow sensitivity equal to 0.20 (see Table 2). It means that emerging economies with poorly-developed financial systems and great dependence on external financing are more vulnerable to adverse effects of quantitative easing un windings.

Table 2: Econometric Model Results by Region

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Implications for Policymakers

From the findings, it is clear that the governments and central banks in the emerging economies have to be proactive to mitigate any negative effects that arise from the exits of quantitative easing programs. To ensure that capital flights do not occur and to stabilize the markets, it is important for the central banks to adjust the interest rates whenever necessary without overly tightening their monetary policies in order to avoid further capital flights. The interest rate adjustment together with foreign exchange interventions could be used to stabilize the currencies amid increased currency volatility from the exits of QE. This would assist in reducing chances of the currencies crashing. It is important to make sure that the financial sector is resilient enough to withstand any shocks that might result from the reverse in the capital inflows. It is important for the policy makers to have the goal of increasing the depth of financial markets by making markets more liquid and having more foreign exchange reserves. Furthermore, it is also essential to enhance regulatory regulations to avoid risks in the financial system. Better banking structures, development of capital markets, and having good liquidity management systems can equip emerging markets with the necessary tools to be able to face future financial disruptions in the world, particularly the ones brought about by the impact of QE.

Policy Recommendations

It is crucial for the policymakers in the emerging markets to use flexible monetary policies, including interest rate modifications and foreign currency interventions, to prevent capital flight in case of exit from the quantitative easing process and keep their currencies stable. Moreover, it is important to make the financial system strong. In order to decrease potential risks, governments have to make efforts to increase depth of the financial markets, foreign exchange reserves, and regulatory regimes. These actions will help the emerging markets to withstand capital flow reversal shocks.

Conclusion & Future Work

In this research paper, attention is paid to the asymmetric implications of the exit strategies for QE on capital flows into the emerging markets, and it indicates the existence of vast regional differentials. It follows from the regression results that emerging economies with relatively larger foreign debts will have a coefficient of -0.32 (p-value < 0.01), meaning that every 1% increase in foreign debt will be accompanied by 0.32% increase in capital outflows at the time of QE exits. Impulse response functions show that capital flows exhibit a reaction pattern with the strongest acute reactions during the first two quarters following QE exits after which there is a sharp fall in portfolio investments and recovery afterwards. From the above analysis, it can be seen that capital flows in Latin American markets are characterized with relatively higher levels of capital outflows than the capital flows in Southeast Asian markets; the sensitivity of the capital flows to QE exit is 0.40 and 0.20 in Latin American and Southeast Asia markets respectively. Future research could analyze the projections of the impacts of QE exits on the emerging economies in terms of sustaining capital flows in the post-QE era. Conducting research on the impacts of QE exits on financial stability in the region could shed light on the interconnectedness of global financial systems in relation to changes in monetary policies. Moreover, research conducted on ways through which financial structures in emerging economies could minimize the impacts of QE exit could be helpful in enhancing resilience in such economies.

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