

# Macroprudential Policy and Housing

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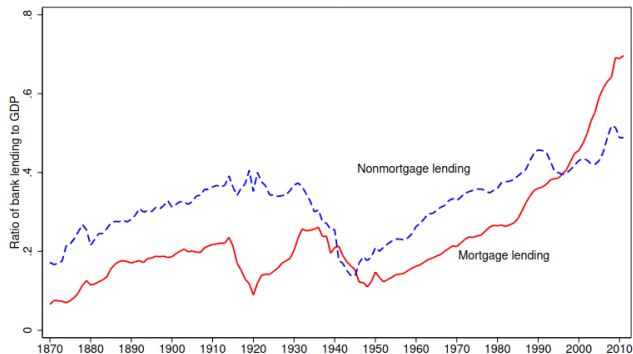
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# Motivation

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

*Bank mortgage and non-mortgage lending to GDP, 1870–2011: Average ratio to GDP by year for 17 countries*



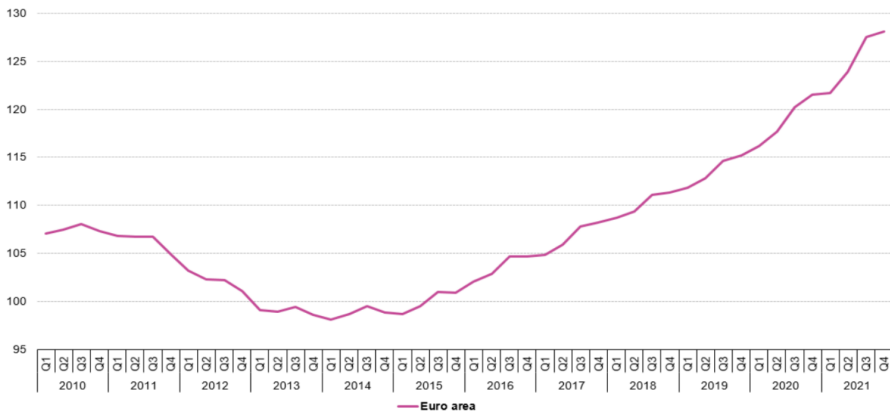
*Notes:* Mortgage (residential and commercial) and non-mortgage lending to the business and household sectors. Average across 17 countries.

Òscar Jordà & Moritz Schularick & Alan M. Taylor, 2016

# Motivation

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

Deflated House Prices – Euro area – Index levels (2015 = 100),  
2010Q1-2021Q4



# Brief literature review

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

- Occasionally-binding collateral constraints on credit:
  - Fisher (1933)
  - Auernheimer and Garcia-Saltos (2000)
  - Caballero and Krishnamurthy (2001)
  - Kiyotaki and Moore (2007)
  - Lorenzoni (2008) and Korinek (2009)
  - **Bianchi (2011)**
  
- Studies that built on Bianchi's model:
  - Bianchi et al. (2012)
  - Benigno et al.(2013)
  - Bengui and Bianchi (2014)
  - **Bianchi and Mendoza (2016)**
  
  - In general: no housing
  - Housing as capital

# Research questions

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Q1: I extend Bianchi and Mendoza's 2016 model in order to provide a quantitative assessment of the optimal macroprudential policy in a framework for small open economies that considers news shocks, shifts in global liquidity **and housing**.

Q2: I use the aforementioned model in order to study how an **exogenous rise in external demand** for housing changes the optimal macroprudential policy.

# Model - Assumptions

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- Preferences:  $U_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i \frac{c_{t+i}^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma} \right]$

- Basket of consumption:

$$c_t = \left( \alpha \left[ \omega (c_t^T)^{-\eta} + (1 - \omega) c_t^N \right]^{\frac{\eta_D}{\eta}} + (1 - \alpha)(A_t)^{-\eta_D} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\eta_D}}$$

- Budget constraint:  $\frac{b_{t+1}}{R_t} + c_t^T + p_t^N c_t^N = b_t + y_t^T + p_t^N y_t^N$

- Markets clear:  $c_t^N = y_t^N$

- Collateral constraint:  $q_t b_{t+1} \geq -\kappa_Y (y_t^T + p_t^N y_t^N) - \kappa_A p_t^H A_t$

# Model - Assumptions

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

- Stochastic process for the production of tradable goods:

$$y_t^T = (1 - \rho)\mu + \rho y_{t-1}^T + \epsilon_t^T$$

- Assume  $y_t^N = y^N = 1$ ,  $A_t = A = 1$ : land does not increase or depreciate.

- News are modeled as a noisy signal:

$$p(s_t = i | y_{t+1}^T = l) = \begin{cases} \theta & , \quad i = l \\ \frac{1-\theta}{N-1} & , \quad i \neq l \end{cases}$$

- Regime changes in global liquidity:

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{hh} & F_{lh} \\ F_{hl} & F_{ll} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p(R_{t+1} = R^h | R_t = R^h) & p(R_{t+1} = R^l | R_t = R^h) \\ p(R_{t+1} = R^h | R_t = R^l) & p(R_{t+1} = R^l | R_t = R^l) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Model - Decentralized Equilibrium

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

- Budget constraint and market clearing:  $q_t b_{t+1} + c_t^T = b_t + y_t^T$
- Dynamic programming problem of the agent:

$$V(b_t, A_t, y_t^T, y_t^N, s_t, q_t) = \max_{c_t^T, c_t^N, A_t, b_{t+1}} \left[ \frac{(c(c_t^T, c_t^N, A_t))^{1-\sigma} - 1}{1-\sigma} + \beta \mathbb{E}_t V(b_{t+1}, A_{t+1}, y_{t+1}^T, y_{t+1}^N, s_{t+1}, q_{t+1}) \right]$$

where:

$$q_t b_{t+1} + c_t^T = b_t + y_t^T$$

$$c_t^N = y_t^N$$

$$q_t b_{t+1} \geq -\kappa_Y (y_t^T + p_t^N y_t^N) - \kappa_A p_t^H A_t$$



# Model - Decentralized Equilibrium Prices

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

- Prices denoted in tradables:  $p_t^X = \frac{\frac{\partial U(X_t)}{\partial X_t}}{\frac{\partial u(c_t^T)}{\partial c_t}}$

- Price of non-tradables:  $p_t^N = \left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega}\right) \left(\frac{c_t^T}{c_t^N}\right)^{1+\eta}$

- Price of land:

$$p_t^H = \frac{1}{\alpha\omega} c_t^{\sigma-1-\eta_D} \left[ \omega (c_t^T)^{-\eta} + (1-\omega) c_t^N \right]^{\eta_D-\eta} (c_t^T)^{\eta+1} \frac{\partial U_t}{\partial A_t}$$

- To obtain  $\frac{\partial U_t}{\partial A_t}$ , two disconnected states:

- $A^+ = A + \epsilon$
- $A^- = A - \epsilon.$

# Model - Macroprudential policy

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

- Social planner: takes prices into account

$$\frac{\partial u(c_t)}{\partial c_t^T} + \mu_t \psi_t = \frac{\beta}{q_t} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\partial u(c_{t+1})}{\partial c_{t+1}^T} + \mu_{t+1} \psi_{t+1} \right] + \mu_t \psi_t = \kappa_Y \frac{\partial p_t^N}{\partial c_t^T} + \kappa_A \frac{\partial p_t^H}{\partial c_t^T}$$

- Macroprudential policy: constraint does not bind today but may bind tomorrow

- Optimal tax: decentralize  $\tau_t = \frac{\mathbb{E}_t[\mu_{t+1} \psi_{t+1}]}{\mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{\partial u(c_{t+1})}{\partial c_{t+1}^T} \right]}$

# Model - Numerical approach

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

- Global solution method necessary.
- Value function iteration method
  - interpolated decision rules (linear interpolation)
  - occasionally binding constraints
- With the policy function obtained: simulate the economy
  - unconditional moments
  - moments conditional on sudden stops
  - event analysis of sudden stops

# Calibration - Argentina

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Table 1: Previous baseline model parameters

Parameter	Values
$y^N$	1
$\mathbb{E}[y^T]$	1
$\rho_y^T$	0.540
$Var[y^T]$	0.059
$N_y^T$	3
$\gamma$	2
$\eta$	0.205
$\omega$	0.310
$R^h$	1.0145
$R^l$	0.9672
$F^{hh}$	0.9833
$F^{ll}$	0.90
$\theta$	0.66

Table 2: Parameters for the baseline-housing comparison when  $\kappa_A = 0$

Parameter	Baseline setting	Housing setting
$\alpha$	1	0.595
$\eta_D$	0.282	0.282
$\beta$	0.910	0.910
$\kappa_Y$	0.320	0.320
$\kappa_A$	0	0

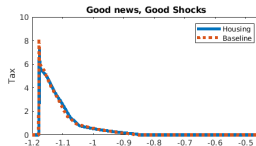
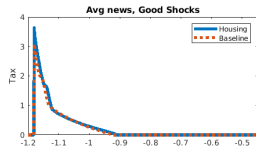
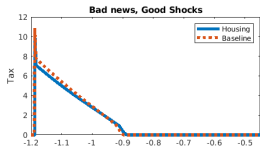
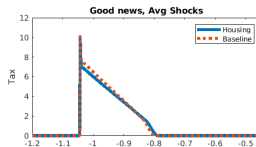
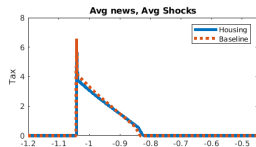
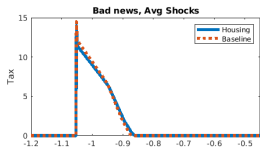
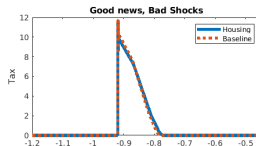
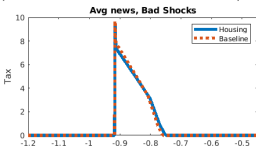
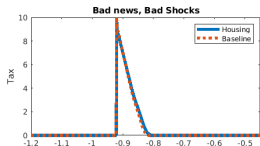
Table 3: Parameters for the full baseline-housing comparison

Parameter	Baseline setting	Housing setting
$\alpha$	1	0.595
$\eta_D$	0.282	0.282
$\beta$	0.9375	0.9375
$\kappa_Y$	0.29	0.29
$\kappa_A$	0.03	0.03

# Results - Introducing Housing only with DTI condition, low liquidity

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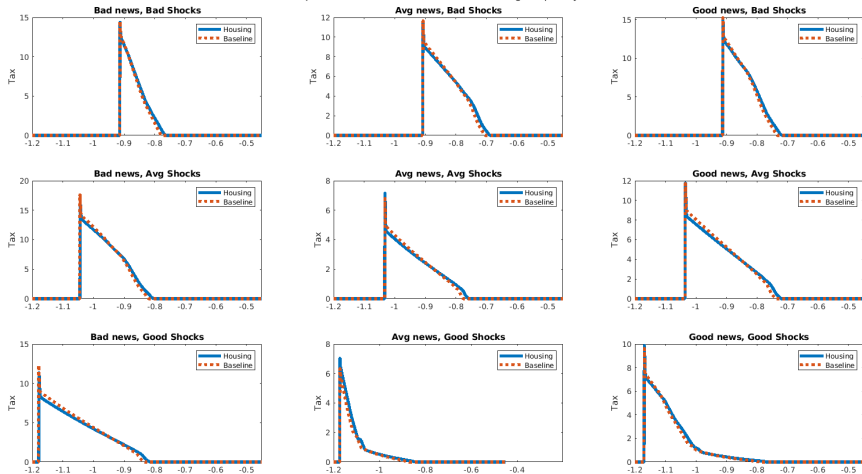
Comparison between both scenarios - Low liquidity



# Results - Introducing Housing only with DTI condition, high liquidity

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# Results - Introducing Housing only with DTI condition

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

Macprudential policy effects ( $\kappa_A = 0$ )

Moment	Without housing	With housing	Variation
$P(SS)$	-27.40 %	-25.76 %	-5.78 %
$\sigma_{CA/Y}$	-36.68 %	-36.16 %	-1.42 %
$\Delta\epsilon$	-33.49 %	-33.47 %	-0.06 %
$\Delta Y$	-22.27 %	-21.93 %	-1.51 %
$\Delta c$	-29.13 %	-28.94 %	-0.64 %

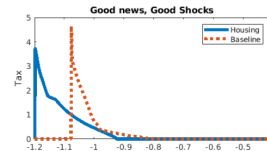
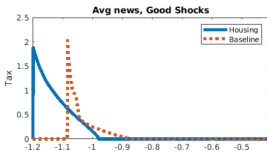
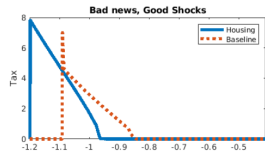
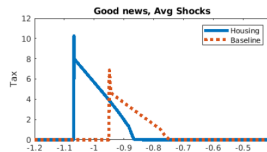
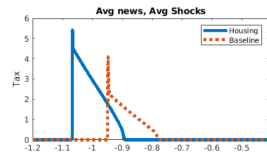
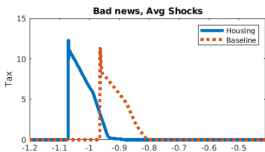
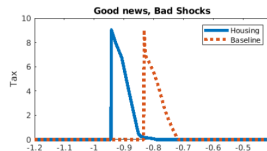
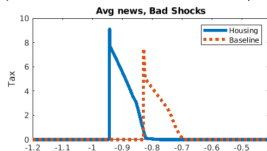
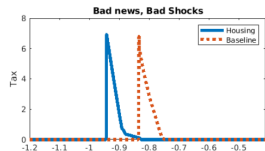
↓ 6.64%  
→

Moment	Without housing	With housing
$\bar{r}$	3.028 %	2.827 %

# Results - DTI and LTV, Low liquidity

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

Comparison between both scenarios - Low liquidity

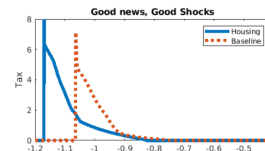
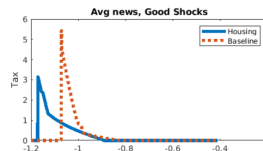
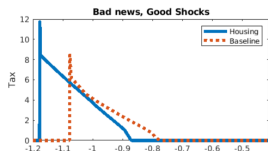
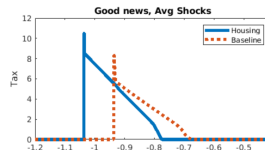
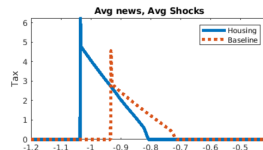
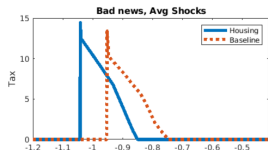
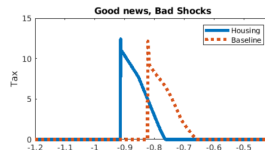
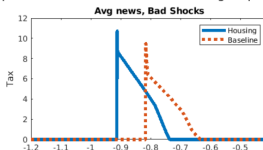
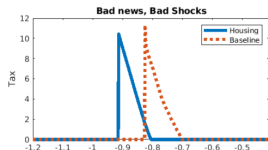




# Results - DTI and LTV, High liquidity

Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Comparison between both scenarios - High liquidity



# Results - DTI and LTV

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Comparison between model moments ( $\kappa_A > 0$ )

Moment	Without housing	With housing
$P_{DE}(SS)$	3.764 %	3.897 %
$P_{SP}(SS)$	2.160 %	2.341 %
$P(\tau \neq 0)$	75.89 %	82.54 %
$\bar{B}/\bar{Y}_{DE}$	-26.61 %	-29.34 %
$\bar{B}/\bar{Y}_{SP}$	-26.46 %	-29.36 %
$\sigma_{CA/Y_{DE}}$	2.03 %	2.49 %
$\sigma_{CA/Y_{SP}}$	1.32 %	1.54 %
$\Delta\epsilon_{DE}$	-31.29 %	-38.29 %
$\Delta\epsilon_{SP}$	-21.62 %	-23.72 %
$\Delta Y_{DE}$	-25.91 %	-29.30 %
$\Delta Y_{SP}$	-20.27 %	-21.46 %
$\Delta C_{DE}$	-10.04 %	-11.89 %
$\Delta C_{SP}$	-7.23 %	-7.83 %
$\bar{\tau}$	1.550 %	2.150 %

↑ 38.7% →

# Q1's Conclusions

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

- No assets in the collateral condition: housing decreases the need for macroprudential policy (-6.64% in the average tax).
- With assets in the collateral condition: housing increases the need for macroprudential policy, and significantly so (+38.7% in the average tax).
- With assets in the collateral condition: housing eases implementation.

# Model - The surge in House prices

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

- Comparative statics
- e proportion of land rented to foreign buyers
  - 10% increase in prices
  - increase in income:  $e \frac{1}{p} p_t^H A_t$
- The effect of the surge in prices is, *a priori*, ambiguous.

# Calibration - Spain

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Table 1: Baseline model parameters

Parameter	Values	
$y^N$	1	] Normalization
$\mathbb{E}[y^T]$	1	
$\rho_y^T$	0.3478	] Spain 1970-2008, Martín-Moreno et al. (2014)
$Var[y^T]$	$1.369 \times 10^{-2}$	
$N_y^T$	3	] Standard DGSE literature
$\sigma$	2	
$\eta$	0.205	] Empirical estimates: 0.40 - <u>0.83</u>
$\eta_D$	0.51	
$\beta$	0.9617	] Spain 1970-2008, Martín-Moreno et al. (2014)
$\omega$	0.3213	
$\alpha$	0.933	] Davis and Martin (2005)
$R^h$	1.00194	
$R^l$	0.98406	] ECB, real interest rates
$F^{hh}$	0.7465	
$F^{ll}$	0.7755	
$\theta$	0.75	] ECB, GDP growth forecasts vs GDP growth

### Parameters matched

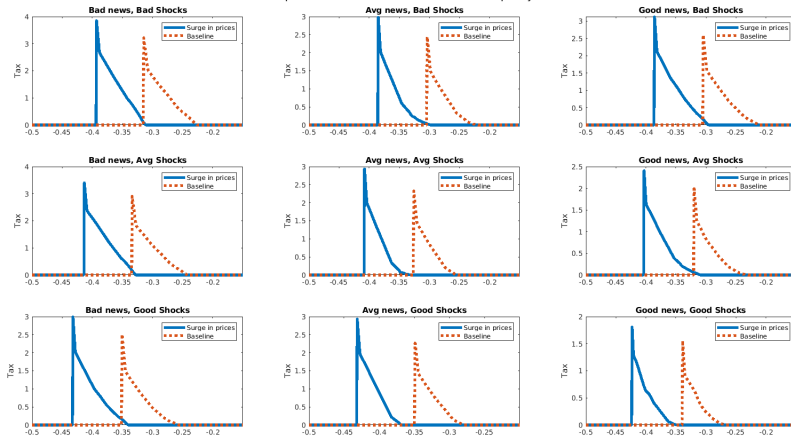
Parameter	Values
$\kappa_Y$	0.110
$\kappa_A$	0.010
$\alpha$	0.69

Probability of crisis: 2.5% - Betrán et al. (2012), 150 years  
Price to Income Ratio, Banco de España  
Rent to Price Ratio: 25, Banco de España

# Results - Low liquidity

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

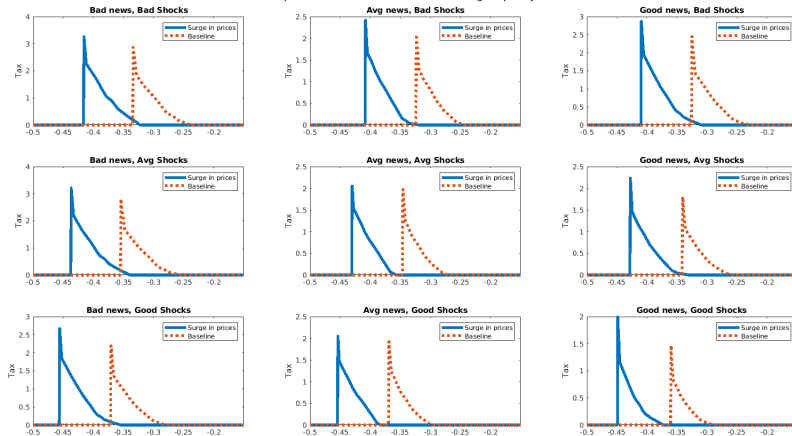
Comparison between both scenarios - Low liquidity



# Results - High liquidity

## Macprudential Policy and Housing

Comparison between both scenarios - High liquidity



# Results

## Macroprudential Policy and Housing

Table 6: Increase in taxes as a result of the high external demand

Liquidity Regime	Shock to $y^T$	News	Increase (%)
Low liquidity	Bad Shock	Bad News	35.88
		Avg News	48.81
		Good news	49.45
	Avg Shock	Bad News	38.72
		Avg News	42.67
		Good news	59.59
	Good Shock	Bad News	52.88
		Avg News	41.91
		Good news	66.16
High liquidity	Bad Shock	Bad News	39.08
		Avg News	40.30
		Good news	49.18
	Avg Shock	Bad News	41.87
		Avg News	40.69
		Good news	55.11
	Good Shock	Bad News	47.10
		Avg News	43.62
		Good news	48.83

Table 5: Comparison between the effect of macroprudential policy in both settings

Effect of policy	Baseline	Price Surge
$\Delta P(SS)$	87.5 %	64.0 %
$\Delta \sigma_{CA/Y}$	21.2 %	18.2 %
$\Delta(\Delta \epsilon)$	14.2 %	17.2 %
$\Delta(\Delta Y)$	12.2 %	14.9 %
$\Delta(\Delta c)$	14.0 %	16.9 %

→ 45.27%

$\bar{\tau}$	0.6211 %
↓	45.42%
$\bar{\tau}$	0.9032 %



## Q2's Conclusions

### Macroprudential Policy and Housing

- Even when - by construction - the increase in average land prices was completely exogenous and permanent, macroprudential policy should lean against the wind. This is a novel result when using the pecuniary externality approach.
- The strengthening of optimal macroprudential policy should be commensurate with the average increase in prices (45.4% increase for a 10% increase in prices).
- Implementation eases with the increase in prices (and vice-versa)