### **Another Lost Decade?**

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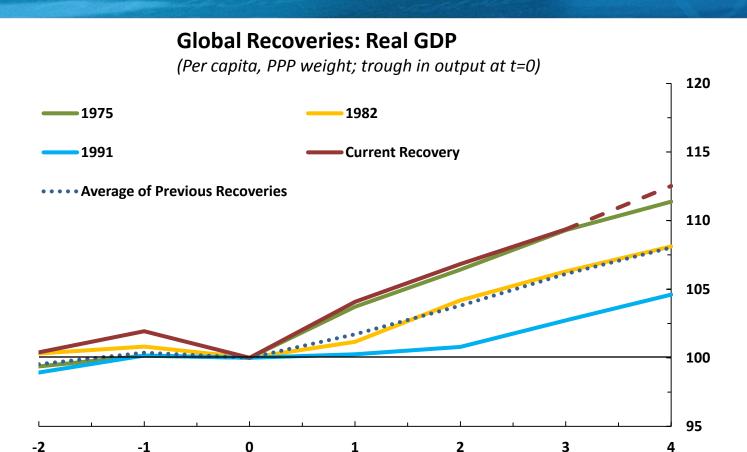
### **Another Lost Decade?**

Yes for some countries

Possibly for more—depends on policies!

No for the majority of countries

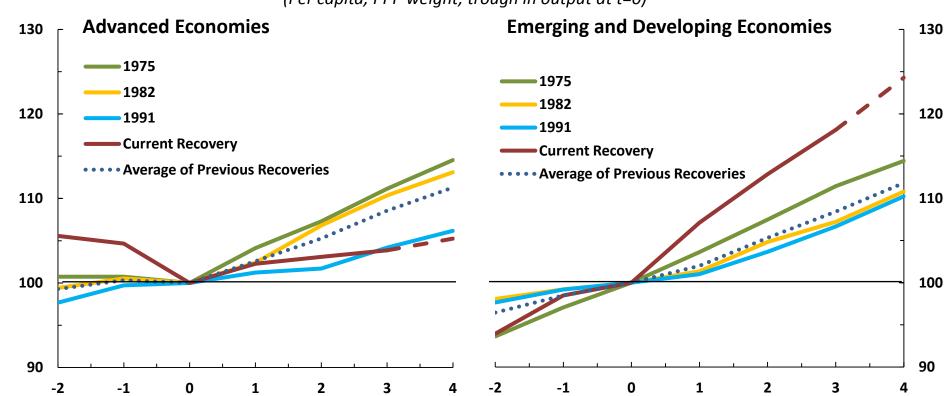
### This global recovery is not weak!



### It is weak in advanced economies, not in most emerging economies

### **Global Recoveries: Real GDP**

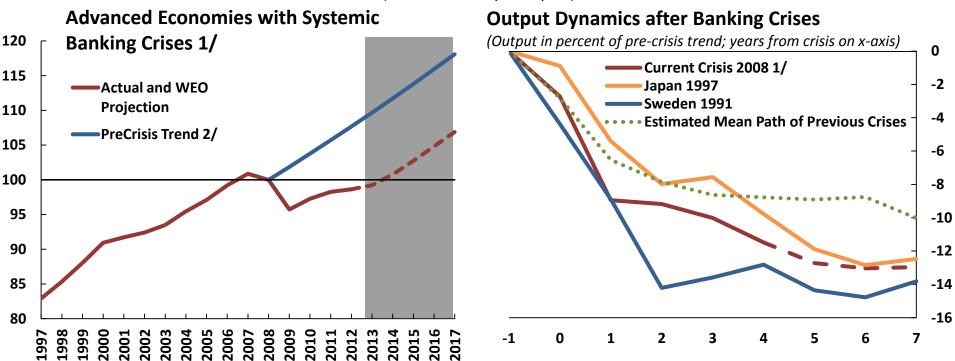
(Per capita, PPP weight; trough in output at t=0)



### This is due to widespread financial crises in advanced economies

### **Growth and Recovery in Advanced Economies**

(Real PPP GDP per capita)



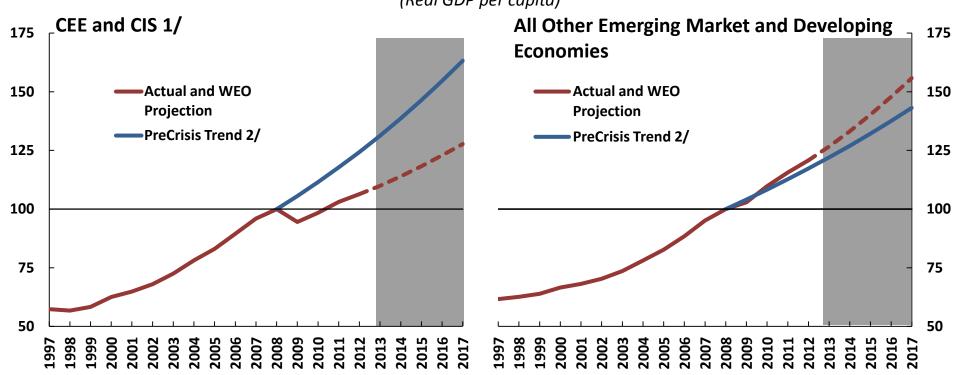
<sup>1/</sup> Crisis Countries include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

<sup>2/</sup> The precrisis trend is estimated based on the window from 10 to 3 years before the crisis. Sources: World Bank; and IMF staff estimates.

### Among emerging economies, only CEE and CIS economies suffered financial crises

### **Growth and Recovery in Emerging Economies**

(Real GDP per capita)



<sup>1/</sup> CEE: Central and Eastern Europe; CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States.

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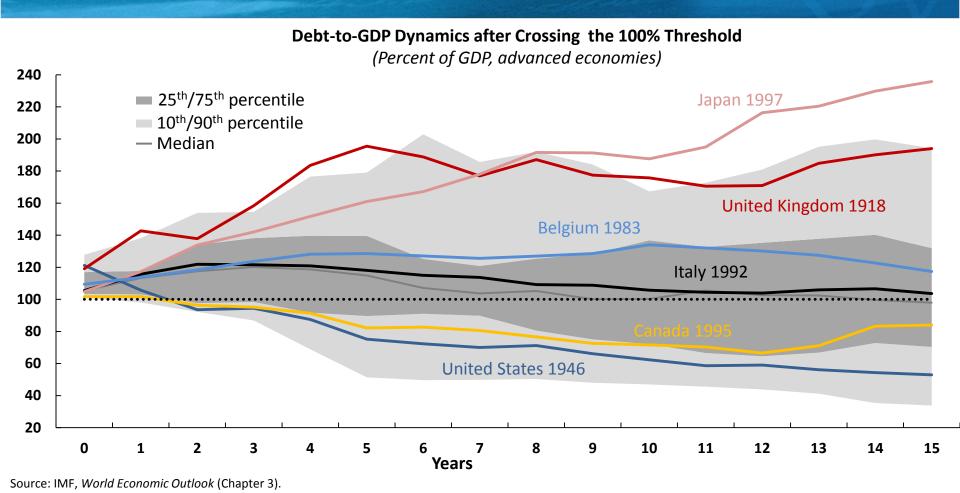
## The legacy of financial crises will weigh on growth in many advanced and various emerging economies

Large fiscal deficits and debt need to be rolled back

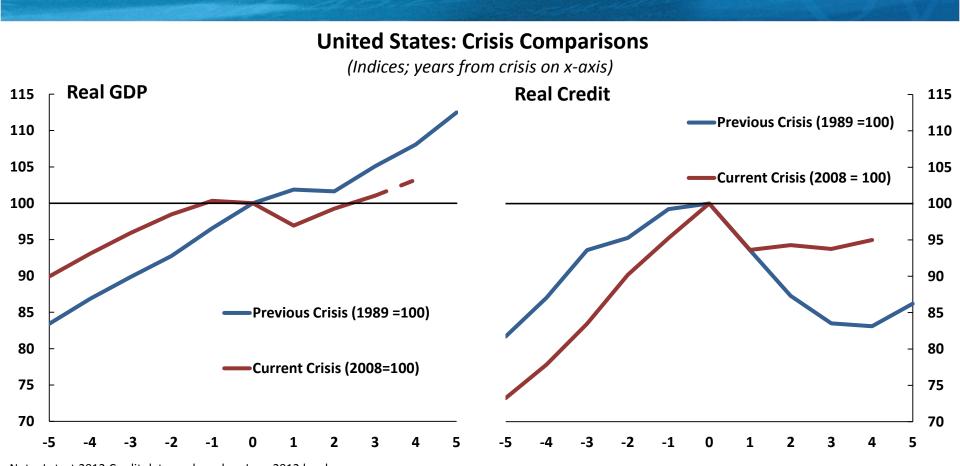
Households need to lower leverage

Banks need to build capital and change

## Rolling debt back is a marathon not a sprint and will weigh on growth. In the meantime, monetary policy must support activity.



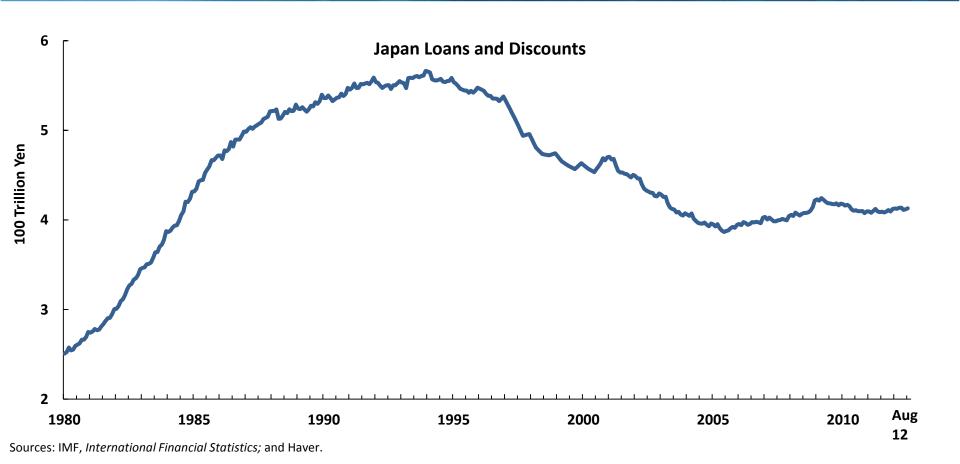
## Easy monetary policy has supported credit—without it output and fiscal developments would have been much worse



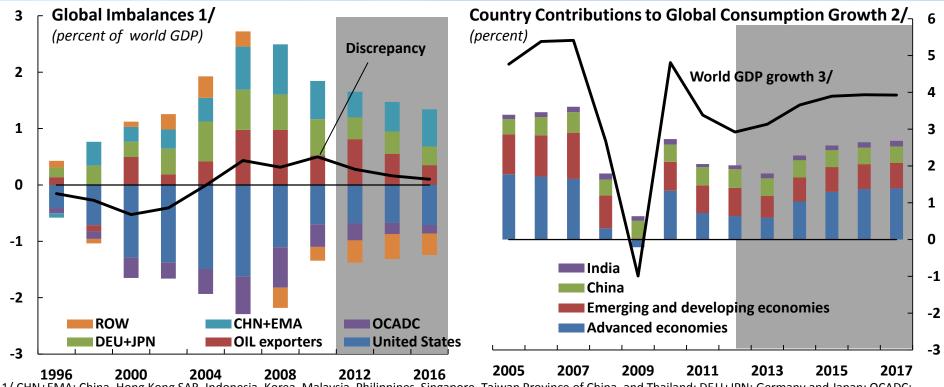
Note: Latest 2012 Credit data are based on June 2012 levels.

Sources: IMF, International Financial Statistics; and IMF staff estimates.

## But, the experience of Japan suggests that unless banks are restructured, credit may still fall



## Emerging economies are not making up for less consumption in advanced economies. How to advance global demand rebalancing?



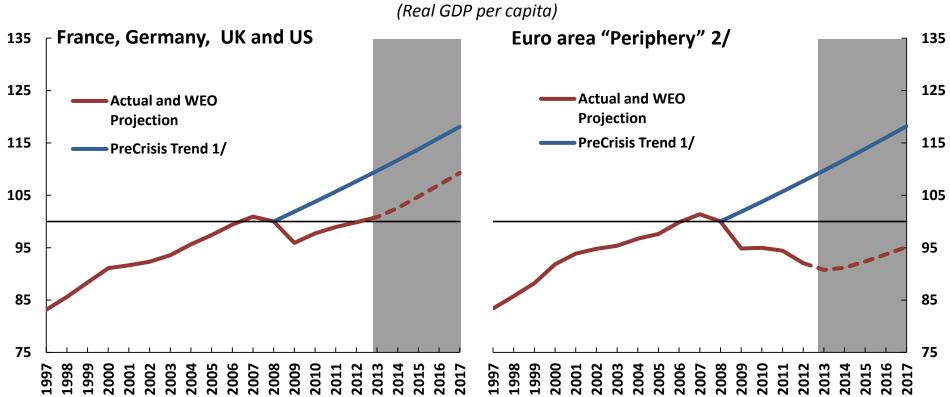
1/ CHN+EMA: China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan Province of China, and Thailand; DEU+JPN: Germany and Japan; OCADC: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and United Kingdom; ROW: rest of the world; US: United States.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on GDP at 2007 market exchange rates.

<sup>3/</sup> Based on 2007 PPP weights.

# We forecast large output losses relative to pre-crisis trends in advanced economies. The periphery of the euro area will not return to pre-crisis output per capita in the near future

### **Growth and Recovery in Advanced Economies**



<sup>1/</sup>The precrisis trend is estimated based on the window from 10 to 3 years before the crisis.

<sup>2/</sup> Portugal, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Spain. Source: IMF Staff estimates.

### Conclusion

A lost decade is inevitable for some; for others it depends on how they go about fiscal/financial restructuring

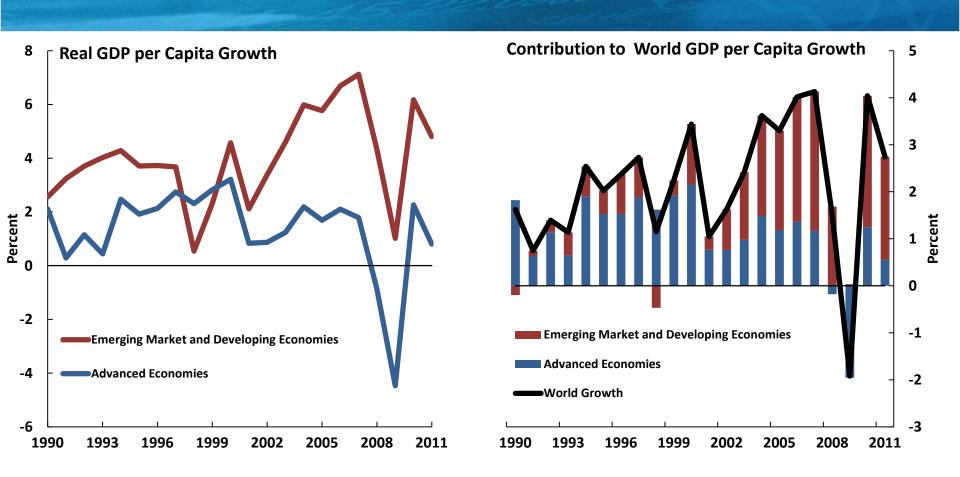
Many emerging economies may grow less fast but still do well compared to history

### Never let a crisis go to waste!

- Fiscal adjustment not too fast, not too slow
- Restructure and reform financial sectors
- Support orderly household/company deleveraging
- Maintain easy monetary policy to support adjustment
- Advance global demand rebalancing

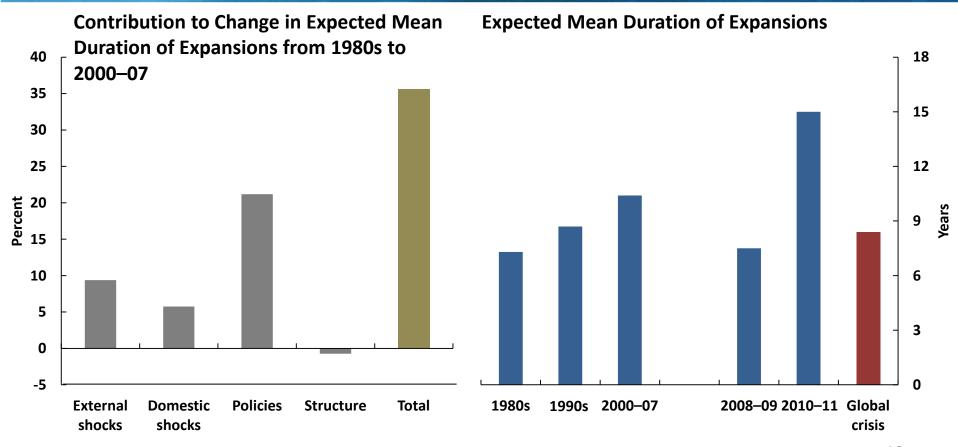
## **Backup Slides**

## EMDEs have done well over the past decade, and through the global crisis



Source: World Economic Outlook database.

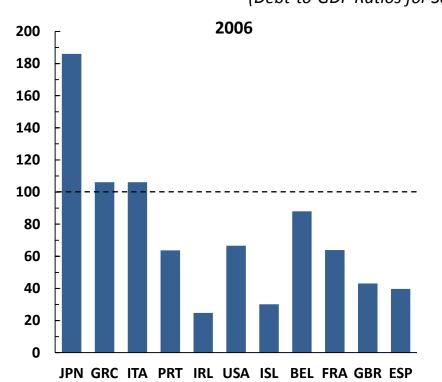
## Improved performance from the 1980s to the 2000s has been mainly due to policies and policy space

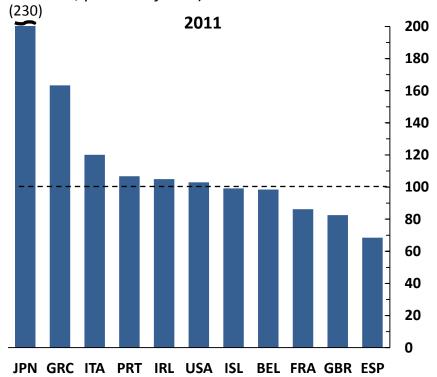


### Public debt has risen to very high levels in advanced economies

#### **Public Debt in Advanced Economies**

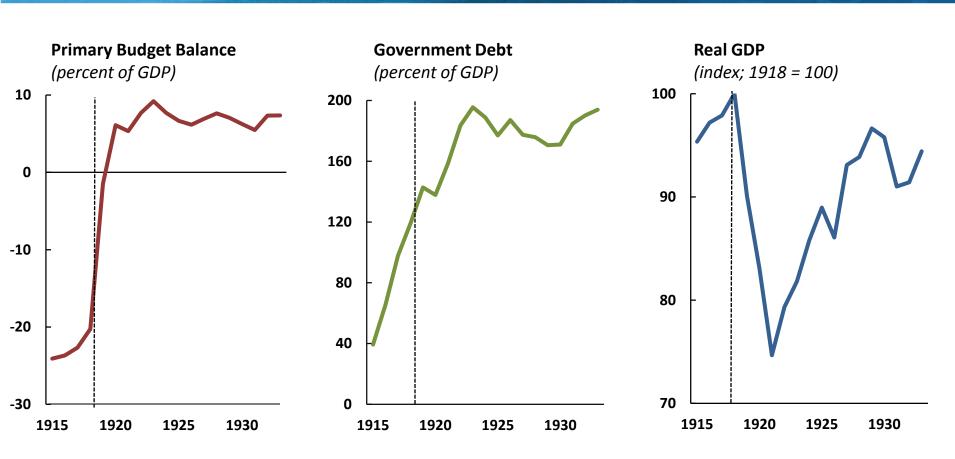
(Debt-to-GDP Ratios for Selected Economies; percent of GDP)





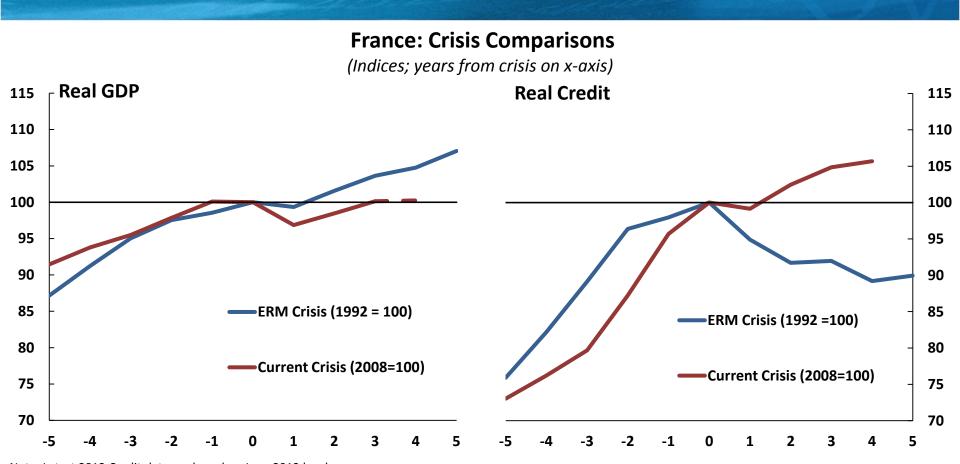
Note: JPN= Japan; GRC = Greece; ITA = Italy; PRT= Portugal; IRL = Ireland; USA = United States; ISL = Iceland; BEL = Belgium; FRA = France; GBR = United Kingdom; ESP = Spain.

## A Warning from the Past: UK after World War I—fiscal consolidation without supportive monetary policy does not work



Sources: Abbas and others (2010); Feinstein (1972); Mitchell (1998); and IMF, World Economic Outlook (Chapter 3).

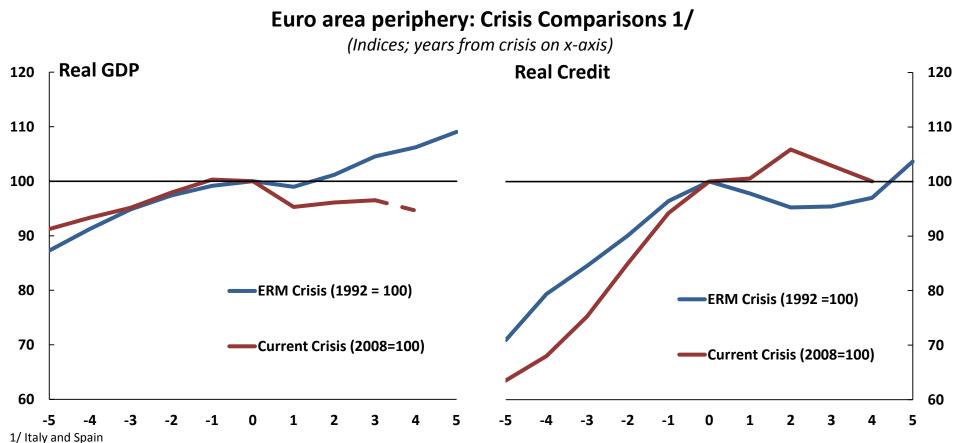
### France—Output and Credit



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### Monetary easing has also helped in the periphery of the euro area



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