

EMPLOYMENT FLUCTUATIONS, REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND PROPERTY TAXES

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residential

Commercial Real Estate (CRE)

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 - Housing Wealth Channel
 - Firm Collateral Channel

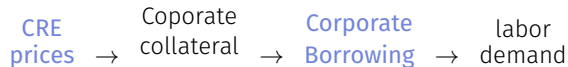
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residential prices \rightarrow residential collateral \rightarrow consumer demand \rightarrow labor demand

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- Main issues
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 - ii. tease out other mechanisms

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 - '12 Italian property tax reform + **DID** empirical design
 - estimate effect \uparrow property taxes (**residential** vs **CRE**)
 - (i) employment
 - (ii) consumption expenditure
 - (iii) residential prices
 - (iv) CRE prices

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MAIN RESULT: both channels explain **more than 80%**

↓ employment drop after ↓ real estate prices

\implies induced by ↑ **property taxes**

ROAD MAP

- (1) MODEL
- (2) MAIN DECOMPOSITION RESULTS
- (3) EMPIRICAL STRATEGY & ESTIMATION RESULTS
- (4) HOUSING WEALTH AND FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL ON EMPLOYMENT
- (5) CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE WORK

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QUANTITATIVE MODEL

MODEL SETUP

- closed economy, one period
- firms produce differentiated goods $\implies j \in [0, 1]$
- two type of real estate properties
 - houses $H^h \implies$ households
 - CRE $H^f \implies$ firms
- real estate used as collateral
 - loans paid within period $\implies R = 0$
- dual property tax rate set by government
 - $\tau^h \implies$ Houses
 - $\tau^f \implies$ CRE

HOUSEHOLDS

- first stage
 - house purchase $\Rightarrow H^h$
 - non-housing expenditure $\Rightarrow C$
 - labor supply $\Rightarrow L$
- second stage
 - expenditure on varieties $\Rightarrow c_j$ for $j \in [0, 1]$

HOUSEHOLDS

- first stage $\Rightarrow H^h, C,$ and L

$$\max_{\{C, L, H^h\}} C^\beta (H^h)^{1-\beta} - \frac{\chi}{1 + \frac{1}{\nu}} L^{1+\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

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$$\max_{\{C, L, H^h\}} \underbrace{C^\beta (H^h)^{1-\beta} - \frac{\chi}{1 + \frac{1}{\nu}} L^{1+\frac{1}{\nu}}}_{\text{separable preferences}} \Rightarrow \text{wealth effect } L^s \neq 0$$

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$$\max_{\{C, L, H^h\}} \underbrace{C^\beta (H^h)^{1-\beta}}_{\text{Cobb Douglass aggregator} \Rightarrow \beta} - \frac{\chi}{1 + \frac{1}{\nu}} L^{1 + \frac{1}{\nu}}$$

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foc's

solution

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- second stage $\Rightarrow c_j$ for $j \in [0, 1]$

$$\min_{(c_j)_{j \in [0,1]}} \int_0^1 p_j c_j dj$$

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$$p_j = \left(\frac{C}{c_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}$$

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FIRM PRODUCING VARIETY j

- profit maximization

- invest in Commercial Real Estate (CRE) $\Rightarrow H_j^f$
- hire labor $\Rightarrow L_j$

FIRM PRODUCING VARIETY j

- profit maximization $\Rightarrow H_j^f$ and L_j

$$\Pi_j = \max_{\{L_j, H_j^f\}} p_j c_j(L_j, H_j^f) - W L_j - P^f H_j^f (1 + \tau^f)$$

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$$\Pi_j = \max_{\{L_j, H_j^f\}} \underbrace{p_j c_j(L_j, H_j^f)}_{\text{operating revenues}} - W L_j - P^f H_j^f (1 + \tau^f)$$

FIRM PRODUCING VARIETY j

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$$\Pi_j = \max_{\{L_j, H_j^f\}} \underbrace{p_j c_j(L_j, H_j^f)}_{\text{CRE technology} \Rightarrow c_j = L_j^\alpha (H_j^f)^{1-\alpha}} - W L_j - P^f H_j^f (1 + \tau^f)$$

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$$\text{subject to } p_j = \underbrace{\left[\frac{C}{c(L_j, H_j^f)} \right]^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}}_{\text{inverse demand}}$$

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collateral
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$$\underbrace{W L_j}_{\text{working capital}} \leq \phi_f P^f H_j^f$$

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SUPPLY REAL ESTATE ASSETS

- construction sector represented by supply functions

$$H^h(P^h) = (P^h)^{\sigma_h}$$

$$H^f(P^f) = (P^f)^{\sigma_f}$$

supply
price-elasticity $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_h \rightarrow \text{Residential properties} \\ \sigma_f \rightarrow \text{CRE properties} \end{array} \right.$

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DECOMPOSING BOTH CHANNELS: PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

COMPETITIVE EQUILIBRIUM AND EFFECT OF A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

- model's constrained equilibrium

$$\Rightarrow \Theta = [\beta, \nu, \alpha, \epsilon, \phi_h, \phi_f, \sigma_h, \sigma_f]$$

$$\text{allocations} \rightarrow L(\Theta, \tau^h, \tau^f) \quad C(\Theta, \tau^h, \tau^f)$$

$$\text{prices} \rightarrow P^h(\Theta, \tau^h, \tau^f) \quad P^f(\Theta, \tau^h, \tau^f)$$

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equilibrium definition

binding borrowing constraints

log-lin solution

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\Rightarrow compare equilibrium for high/low tax regimes

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- equilibrium $Y = \{L, C, P^h, P^f\} \implies$ log-lin

$$\begin{cases} Y_1(\Theta, \tau_1^h, \tau_1^f) \\ Y_0(\Theta, \tau_0^h, \tau_0^f) \end{cases} \implies y = \log(Y_1) - \log(Y_0)$$

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- equilibrium employment L is log-lin $\implies \log(L_1) - \log(L_0)$

$$l = \beta_{l,h}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^h + \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

$$\Delta\tau^i = \tau_1^i - \tau_0^i$$

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coeff. $\Delta\tau_h$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{model's} \\ \text{reduced form} \\ \text{effect} \end{array} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{l,h}(\Theta) = \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Delta\tau_h} \\ \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) = \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Delta\tau_f} \end{array} \right.$$

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- complete equilibrium $\implies Y = \{L, C, P^h, P^f\}$

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$$c = \beta_{c,h}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^h + \beta_{c,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

$$p^h = \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^h + \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

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FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL ON EMPLOYMENT

- equilibrium response for employment $\implies \Delta\tau^f > 0$ & $\Delta\tau^h = 0$

$$l = \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL ON EMPLOYMENT

- equilibrium response for employment $\implies \Delta\tau^f > 0$

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- $\beta_{l,f}(\Theta)$ capture firm collateral channel

$$\beta_{l,f}(\Theta) = \delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) + \delta_f^w(\Theta) + \delta_f^{p^h}(\Theta)$$

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for $w = p^h = 0$

$$\delta^{\text{coll}} = \frac{\partial l^d}{\partial p^f} \frac{\partial p^f}{\partial \Delta\tau^f}$$

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GE adjustment \implies response $\{p^h, W\}$ to $\Delta\tau^f > 0$

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$$\beta_{l,f}(\Theta) = \delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) + \delta_f^w(\Theta) + \delta_f^{p^h}(\Theta)$$

- closed form expression for $\delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta)$

$$\delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1 + \phi_f} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_f}{1 + \sigma_f + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon - 1)} \right)$$

- defined by $\implies \sigma_f$ and ϕ_f

HOUSING WEALTH CHANNEL ON EMPLOYMENT

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$$\beta_{l,h}(\Theta) = \underbrace{\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta)}_{\substack{\text{housing wealth} \\ \text{channel}}} + \delta_h^w(\Theta) + \delta_h^{p^f}(\Theta)$$

for $w = p^f = 0$

$$\delta^{\text{wealth}} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial \Delta\tau^h} = \frac{\partial l^d}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial p^h} \frac{\partial p^h}{\partial \Delta\tau^h}$$

HOUSING WEALTH CHANNEL ON EMPLOYMENT

- equilibrium response for employment $\implies \Delta\tau^h > 0$

$$\beta_{l,h}(\Theta) = \delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) + \underbrace{\delta_h^w(\Theta) + \delta_h^{p^f}(\Theta)}_{\substack{\text{GE} \\ \text{adjustment}}}$$

GE adjustment \implies response $\{p^f, W\}$ to $\Delta\tau^h > 0$

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- closed form expression for $\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta)$

$$\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{1 + \nu}{1 + \phi_h} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_h}{1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu} \right)$$

- depends $\implies \sigma_h$ and ϕ_h

NEXT STEP

- equilibrium response for employment

$$l = \beta_{l,h}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^h + \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

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- discipline the model $[\sigma_h, \phi_h, \sigma_f, \phi_f] \implies$ empirical estimates $\{\hat{\beta}_{y,h}, \hat{\beta}_{y,f}\}$
 - employment
 - consumption expenditure
 - Residential and CRE prices

NEXT STEP

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- empirical estimates $\{\hat{\beta}_{y,h}, \hat{\beta}_{y,f}\}$
 - employment
 - consumption expenditure
 - Residential and CRE prices
- Empirical analysis \implies '12 Italian property tax reform + DID

EMPLOYMENT FLUCTUATIONS, REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND PROPERTY TAXES

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS: THE ITALIAN TAX REFORM

WHY THE ITALIAN ECONOMY?

- (1) Dual tax rate \implies house-owners vs CRE-owners
- (2) Property taxes defined independently by municipalities each year
- (3) '12 Property Tax Reform \implies force municipalities \uparrow property taxes

WHY THE ITALIAN ECONOMY?

(1) **Dual tax rate** \implies house-owners **vs** CRE-owners

- **principal** $\implies \tau^h$

house-owners \implies if used as main residence

- **secondary** $\implies \tau^f$

other properties \implies firms that own CRE

WHY THE ITALIAN ECONOMY?

(1) Dual tax rate \implies house-owners **vs** CRE-owners

(2) Property taxes **defined** independently **by municipalities** each year

$$\implies \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow \{ \tau^h, \tau^f \} \in [\bar{\tau}, \underline{\tau}]$$

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 - higher τ^h & τ^f [Details](#)
 - variation across municipalities [Details](#)

EMPLOYMENT FLUCTUATIONS, REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND PROPERTY TAXES

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS: DATA

- Municipal level data
 - Balance panel
 - 6,220 municipalities
 - Period 2008-2014

representativeness

stat: main var

stat: add var

non-trad employment

consumption

real estate prices

- Variables of interest

1. Property tax rate (τ^h, τ^f)
2. Employment (L)
3. Consumption Expenditure (C)
4. Real Estate Prices (P^h, P^f)

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- Variables of interest

1. Property tax rate (τ^h, τ^f)

- From official acts issued each year by municipalities

2. Employment (L)

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- Variables of interest

1. Property tax rate (τ^h, τ^f)

2. Employment (L)

- yearly census on establishments
- employees working in establishments located in municipality
- focus \implies Non-Tradable sector
- exclude \implies Construction sector

3. Consumption Expenditure (C)

4. Real Estate Prices (P^h, P^f)

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- Variables of interest
 1. Property tax rate (τ^h, τ^f)
 2. Employment (L)
 3. Consumption Expenditure (C)
 - proxy \implies new vehicles household expenditure
 4. Real Estate Prices (P^h, P^f)

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- Variables of interest

1. Property tax rate (τ^h, τ^f)
2. Employment (L)
3. Consumption Expenditure (C)
4. Real Estate Prices (P^h, P^f)
 - Houses \Rightarrow residential properties
 - Commercial real estate \Rightarrow retail stores properties

representativeness

stat: main var

stat: add var

non-trad employment

consumption

real estate prices

EMPLOYMENT FLUCTUATIONS, REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND PROPERTY TAXES

EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS: ESTIMATION STRATEGY

SPECIFICATION: TWO-WAY FIXED EFFECT MODEL

- **NOTATION:** m, t = municipality, year
 - $Y_{m,t}$: outcome variable $\Rightarrow Y = \{L, C, p^h, p^f\}$
 - $y_{m,t} = \frac{Y_{m,t} - Y_{m,t-1}}{(Y_{m,t} + Y_{m,t-1})/2} \Rightarrow y = \{l, c, p^h, p^f\}$
 - $\Delta \tau_{m,t}^i = \tau_{m,t}^i - \tau_{m,t-1}^i$ for $i = \{h, f\}$
 - ★ Principal tax rate: τ^h
 - ★ Secondary tax rate: τ^f

SPECIFICATION: TWO-WAY FIXED EFFECT MODEL

- Baseline specification \Rightarrow DID

$$y_{m,t} = FE_m + FE_t + \beta_{y,h} \Delta\tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\} + \beta_{y,f} \Delta\tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\} + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

- FE_m : Municipality FE
- FE_t : Year FE
- $\epsilon_{m,t} \Rightarrow$ unobserved trend components

Covariance matrix $\epsilon_{m,t}$

\Rightarrow clustered across municipalities within same local labor market

SPECIFICATION: TWO-WAY FIXED EFFECT MODEL

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- coefficients of interest $\Rightarrow \beta_{y,h}$ & $\beta_{y,f}$
 - $\Delta\tau_{m,t}^i \times 1\{t = 2012\}$ = treatment intensity \times post-tax reform
- Interpreting $\beta_{y,i}$
 - 1 pp. $\Delta\tau^i$ higher \implies change y by $\beta_{y,i}$ pp.

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EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS: RESULTS

BASELINE RESULTS

	Non-Tradable Employment $\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	Consumption Expenditure $\hat{\beta}_{c,i}$	Housing Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^h,i}$	Commercial RE Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^f,i}$
$\Delta\tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\}$				
$\Delta\tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\}$				
N_{mun}				
R^2				

* $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

BASELINE RESULTS

$$\cdot \uparrow \tau^h, \tau^f \implies \downarrow l^{nt}$$

	Non-Tradable Employment $\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	Consumption Expenditure $\hat{\beta}_{c,i}$	Housing Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^h,i}$	Commercial RE Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^f,i}$
$\Delta \tau_{m,t}^h \times 1 \{t = 2012\}$	-0.087*** (0.015)			
$\Delta \tau_{m,t}^f \times 1 \{t = 2012\}$	-0.045*** (0.011)			
N_{mun}	6.220			
R^2	0.13			

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BASELINE RESULTS

• $\uparrow \tau^h \implies \downarrow c$

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$\Delta \tau_{m,t}^f \times 1 \{t = 2012\}$	-0.045*** (0.011)	-0.177 (0.120)		
N_{mun}	6.220	6.104		
R^2	0.13	0.12		

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BASELINE RESULTS

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$\Delta \tau_{m,t}^f \times 1 \{t = 2012\}$	-0.045*** (0.011)	-0.177 (0.120)	-0.017*** (0.006)	
N_{mun}	6.220	6.104	5.534	
R^2	0.13	0.12	0.33	

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BASELINE RESULTS

$$\cdot \uparrow \tau^f \implies \downarrow p^f$$

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N_{mun}	6.220	6.104	5.534	3.687
R^2	0.13	0.12	0.33	0.31

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more results

BASELINE RESULTS

- **baseline results**

⇒ credible identification

⇒ robust

BASELINE RESULTS

- baseline results

⇒ credible identification

- systematic pre-tax reform trend differences

⇒ event study approach implementation

$\Delta\tau^h$ results

$\Delta\tau^f$ results

BASELINE RESULTS

- baseline results

⇒ credible identification

- balancing across municipalities with different treatment intensities implementation
- eco & fin conditions results
- migration patterns employment shares results
- local governments finances results

BASELINE RESULTS

- baseline results

⇒ robust results

- adding regressors implementation

BASELINE RESULTS

- baseline results

⇒ robust results

– spillover effects implementation

BASELINE RESULTS

- baseline results

⇒ robust results

- alternative hypothesis

- (i) uncertainty implementation

- (ii) productivity implementation

- (iii) credit supply implementation

BASELINE RESULTS

- **baseline results**

- ⇒ credible identification

- ⇒ robust

EMPLOYMENT FLUCTUATIONS, REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND PROPERTY TAXES

CALIBRATION

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- recall \implies main decomposition result

$$\beta_{l,h}(\Theta) = \delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) + \delta_h^w(\Theta) + \delta_h^{p^f}(\Theta)$$

$$\beta_{l,f}(\Theta) = \delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) + \delta_f^w(\Theta) + \delta_f^{p^h}(\Theta)$$

$$\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{1 + \nu}{1 + \phi_h} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_h}{1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu} \right)$$

$$\delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1 + \phi_f} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_f}{1 + \sigma_f + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon - 1)} \right)$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- defined externally $\implies \Theta_{\text{out}} = [\alpha, \epsilon, \nu, \beta]$

$$\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{1 + \nu}{1 + \phi_h} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_h}{1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu} \right)$$

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CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- defined externally $\implies \Theta_{\text{out}} = [\alpha, \epsilon, \nu, \beta]$

	Parameter	Value	Target
Labor Share	α	0.6	Common in literature
Frisch elasticity	ν	1	Common in literature
Elasticity of demand	ϵ	4	Common in literature
Exp. share goods	β	0.8	Berger et al.(2018)

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- internal calibration $\implies \Theta_{\text{in}} = [\sigma_h, \sigma_f, \phi_h, \phi_f]$

$$\delta^{\text{wealth}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{1 + \nu}{1 + \phi_h} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_h}{1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu} \right)$$

$$\delta^{\text{coll}}(\Theta) = - \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1 + \phi_f} \right) \left(\frac{1 + \sigma_f}{1 + \sigma_f + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon - 1)} \right)$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- calibrate $\Theta_{in} = [\sigma_h, \sigma_f, \phi_h, \phi_f] \implies \{\hat{\beta}_{y,h}, \hat{\beta}_{y,f}\}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{l,h} & \hat{\beta}_{l,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{c,h} & \hat{\beta}_{c,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^f,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{DATA}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{l,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{c,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{c,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MODEL}}$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- Won't target $\hat{\beta}_{l,h}$, $\hat{\beta}_{l,f}$ \implies Model validation test

Compare $\beta_{l,h}(\Theta)$, $\beta_{l,f}(\Theta)$ to $\hat{\beta}_{l,h}$, $\hat{\beta}_{l,f}$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{l,h} & \hat{\beta}_{l,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{c,h} & \hat{\beta}_{c,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^f,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{DATA}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{l,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{l,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{c,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{c,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MODEL}}$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- Exclude $\hat{\beta}_{c,f}$, $\hat{\beta}_{p^f,h}$ \implies Non-statistically significant

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{c,h} & \hat{\beta}_{c,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^f,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{DATA}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{c,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{c,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MODEL}}$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

- Target moments

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{c,h}, \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h}, \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f}, \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{c,h} & \hat{\beta}_{c,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f} \\ \hat{\beta}_{p^f,h} & \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{DATA}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{c,h}(\Theta_{out}, \phi_h) & \beta_{c,f}(\Theta) \\ \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta_{out}, \sigma_h) & \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta_{out}, \phi_f) \\ \beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) & \beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta_{out}, \sigma_f) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{MODEL}}$$

$$\phi_h \rightarrow \beta_{c,h}(\Theta) = \hat{\beta}_{c,h} \text{ and } \phi_f \rightarrow \beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) = \hat{\beta}_{p^h,f}$$

$$\sigma_h \rightarrow \beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) = \hat{\beta}_{p^h,h} \text{ and } \sigma_f \rightarrow \beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) = \hat{\beta}_{p^f,f}$$

CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

$$\text{calibrate } \Theta_{in} = [\sigma_h, \sigma_f, \phi_h, \phi_f] \implies \{\hat{\beta}_{y,h}, \hat{\beta}_{y,f}\}$$

	Parameter	Value	Target
Supply elast. houses	σ_h	4.87	$\hat{\beta}_{ph,h}$
Supply elast. CRE	σ_f	2.40	$\hat{\beta}_{pf,f}$
LTV HH's	ϕ_h	0.23	$\hat{\beta}_{C,h}$
LTV firms	ϕ_f	0.35	$\hat{\beta}_{ph,f}$

- calibration is consistent with similar estimates in literature [details](#)

VALIDATION TEST

- Won't target $\hat{\beta}_{l,h}$, $\hat{\beta}_{l,f}$ \implies validation test
- model's predictions vs data \implies employment

	Model	Data	
	$\beta_{l,i}(\Theta)$	$\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	95 % CI
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^h}$			
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^f}$			

VALIDATION TEST

- model's predictions vs data \implies **employment**

$\implies \beta_{l,h}(\Theta)$ slightly underpredicts $\hat{\beta}_{l,h} \approx 15\%$

	Model	Data	
	$\beta_{l,i}(\Theta)$	$\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	95 % CI
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^h}$	0.074	0.087	
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^f}$			

VALIDATION TEST

- model's predictions vs data \implies **employment**

$\implies \beta_{l,f}(\Theta)$ overpredicts $\hat{\beta}_{l,f} \approx 34\%$

	Model	Data	
	$\beta_{l,i}(\Theta)$	$\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	95 % CI
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^h}$	0.074	0.087	
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^f}$	0.061	0.045	

VALIDATION TEST

- model's predictions vs data \implies **employment**

$\implies \beta_{l,h}(\Theta), \beta_{l,f}(\Theta)$ within 95% CI

	Model	Data	
	$\beta_{l,i}(\Theta)$	$\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	95 % CI
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^h}$	0.074	0.087	[0.6,0.12]
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^f}$	0.061	0.045	[0.02,0.07]

VALIDATION TEST

- model's predictions vs data \implies **employment**

$\implies \beta_{l,h}(\Theta), \beta_{l,f}(\Theta)$ within 95% CI

	Model	Data	
	$\beta_{l,i}(\Theta)$	$\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	95 % CI
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^h}$	0.074	0.087	[0.6,0.12]
$\Delta_{\mathcal{T}^f}$	0.061	0.045	[0.02,0.07]

\implies model does a fair job predicting $\hat{\beta}_{l,h}$ & $\hat{\beta}_{l,f}$

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MEASURING THE HOUSING WEALTH AND FIRM COLLATERAL
CHANNEL

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- decomposition result

$$\beta_{l,h} = \delta^{\text{wealth}} + \delta_h^W + \delta_h^{P^f}$$

$$\beta_{l,f} = \delta^{\text{coll}} + \delta_f^W + \delta_f^{P^h}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

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- Housing wealth channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^h \text{ 1 pp} \implies -0.074 \text{ pp}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

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- Housing wealth channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^h \text{ 1 pp} \implies -0.074 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.073 \text{ pp}}_{98 \%}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- decomposition result

$$\beta_{l,h} = \delta^{\text{wealth}} + \delta_h^W + \delta_h^{Pf}$$

$$\beta_{l,f} = \delta^{\text{coll}} + \delta_f^W + \delta_f^{Ph}$$

- Housing wealth channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^h \text{ 1 pp} \implies -0.074 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.073 \text{ pp}}_{98\%} + (-0.001) \text{ pp}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- decomposition result

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$$\beta_{l,f} = \delta^{\text{coll}} + \delta_f^W + \delta_f^{P^h}$$

- Firm collateral channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^f \text{ 1 pp} \implies -0.061 \text{ pp}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- decomposition result

$$\beta_{l,h} = \delta^{\text{wealth}} + \delta_h^W + \delta_h^{P^f}$$

$$\beta_{l,f} = \delta^{\text{coll}} + \delta_f^W + \delta_f^{P^h}$$

- Firm collateral channel

$$\uparrow \Delta \tau^f 1 \text{ pp} \implies -0.061 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.052 \text{ pp}}_{84 \%}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

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- Firm collateral channel

$$\uparrow \Delta \tau^f \text{ 1 pp} \implies -0.061 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.052 \text{ pp}}_{84\%} + (-0.009) \text{ pp}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- explain more than 80% decline in employment due to drop in real estate prices

- Housing wealth channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^h 1 \text{ pp} \implies -0.074 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.073 \text{ pp}}_{98\%} + (-0.001) \text{ pp}$$

- Firm collateral channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^f 1 \text{ pp} \implies -0.061 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.052 \text{ pp}}_{84\%} + (-0.009) \text{ pp}$$

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS: HOUSING WEALTH & FIRM COLLATERAL CHANNEL

- explain more than 80% decline in employment due to drop in real estate prices
⇒ induced by higher property taxes

- Housing wealth channel

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- Firm collateral channel

$$\uparrow \Delta\tau^f 1 \text{ pp} \implies -0.061 \text{ pp} = \underbrace{-0.052 \text{ pp}}_{84\%} + (-0.009) \text{ pp}$$

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FUTURE WORK

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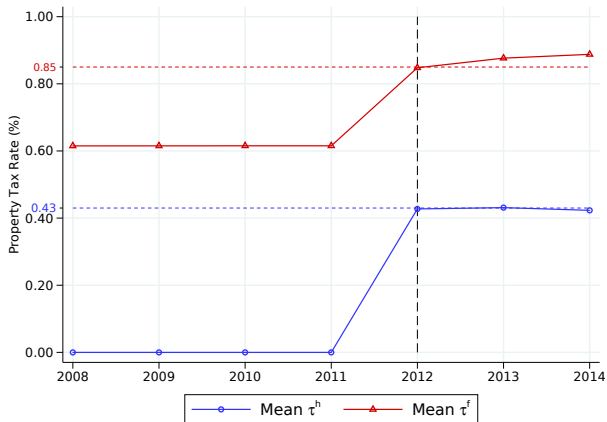
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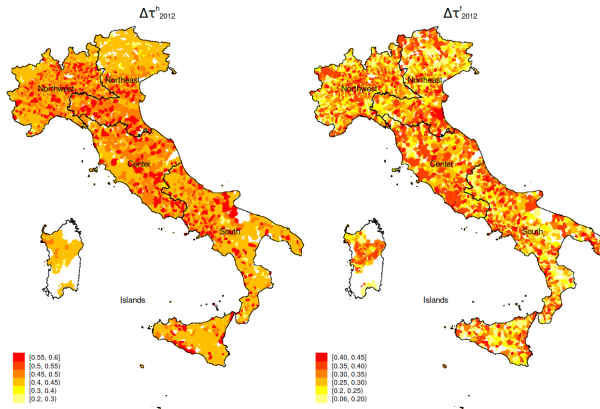
SHARP INCREASE IN τ^h & τ^f [BACK](#)

$\Delta\tau_{2012}^h \approx 322$ euros and $\Delta\tau_{2012}^f \approx 200$ euros



LARGE VARIATION IN τ^h & τ^f [BACK](#)

$$\text{Var}(\Delta\tau_{2012}^i) \approx 5 \times \text{Var}(\Delta\tau_{t \neq 2012}^i) \quad i = \{h, f\}$$



- HH's multipliers λ : budget constraint and μ^h collateral constraint. solution

$$\{C\} : \beta C^{\beta-1} (H^h)^{1-\beta} = \lambda + \mu^h$$

$$\{L\} : \chi L^{\frac{1}{\nu}} = \lambda W$$

$$\{H^h\} : (1 - \beta) C^\beta (H^h)^{-\beta} = \lambda P^h (1 + \tau^h) - \mu^h \phi_h P^h$$

$$C + P^h H^h (1 + \tau^h) = WL + \Pi$$

$$\mu^h [C - \phi_h P^h H^h] = 0$$

- With **foc's** 1st stage, solving for $\{C, H^h, L^s, \mu^h, \lambda\}$:

$$C = \frac{\phi_h}{1 + \tau^h + \phi_h} (WL + \Pi)$$

$$H^h = \frac{1}{P^h (1 + \tau^h + \phi_h)} (WL + \Pi)$$

$$L^s = \left[\frac{W \phi_h^\beta}{\chi (P^h)^{1-\beta} (1 + \tau^h + \phi_h)} \right]^\nu$$

$$\mu^h = \frac{1}{(\phi_h P^h)^{1-\beta}} \left[\beta - \frac{\phi_h}{1 + \tau^h + \phi_h} \right]$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\phi_h^\beta}{(P^h)^{1-\beta} (1 + \tau^h + \phi_h)}$$

- Firm's multiplier μ_j^f collateral constraint. [solution](#)

$$\{L_j\} : \alpha \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right) C_j^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} L_j^{\alpha \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right) - 1} (H_j^h)^{(1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right)} = W(1 + \mu_j^f)$$

$$\{H_j^f\} : (1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right) C_j^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} L_j^{\alpha \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right)} (H_j^h)^{(1 - \alpha) \left(\frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right) - 1} = P^f (1 + \tau^f - \phi_f \mu_j^f)$$

$$\mu_j^f [WL_j - \phi_f P^f H_j^f] = 0$$

- With firms' [foc's](#), solving for $\{L_j^d, H_j^f, \mu_j^f\}$:

$$L_j^d = \left[\alpha \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right]^\epsilon \frac{C}{W^{1+\alpha(\epsilon-1)} (\phi_f P^f)^{(1-\alpha)(\epsilon-1)} (1 + \mu_j^f)^\epsilon}$$

$$H_j^f = \left[(1 - \alpha) \frac{\epsilon - 1}{\epsilon} \right]^\epsilon \frac{\phi_f^{\alpha(\epsilon-1)} C}{W^{\alpha(\epsilon-1)} (P^f)^{1+(1-\alpha)(\epsilon-1)} (1 + \tau^f - \phi_f \mu_j^f)^\epsilon}$$

$$\mu_j^f = \frac{\alpha (1 + \tau^f + \phi_f)}{\phi_f} - 1$$

COMPETITIVE EQUILIBRIUM (DEFINITION 1) BACK

A competitive equilibrium with binding constraints in this economy is defined by

- Prices $\{W, P^h, P^f, p_j\}$, allocations $\{L, H^h, H^f, C, c_j\}$
- Shadow values $\{\mu^h, \mu^f\}$ and property tax rates $\{\tau^h, \tau^f\}$

Such that:

1. Given $\{W, P^h, P^f, p_j\}$ and $\{\tau^h, \tau^f\}$
 - 1.1 L, H^h and C solve 1st stage problem with $\mu^h \geq 0$ and (c_j) solve 2nd stage problem.
 - 1.2 L and H^f maximize profits for firms with $\mu^f \geq 0$.
 - 1.3 H^h and H^f are consistent with real estate supply functions.
2. Given a $\{L, H^h, H^f\}$ and $\{\tau^h, \tau^f\}$
 - 2.1 $\{W, P^f, P^h\}$ clear the markets for labor, houses and commercial real estate respectively.

BINDING COLLATERAL CONSTRAINTS (PROPOSITION 2) BACK

Let $\{W, P^h, P^f, \}$ and $\{L, H^h, H^f, C, \}$ denote the equilibrium price and allocation vector.

- Then, the household's borrowing constraint binds (i.e., $\mu^h > 0$) if and only if:

$$\frac{C}{WL + \Pi} < \beta$$

- Furthermore, the firm's collateral constraint binds (i.e., $\mu_j^f > 0$) if and only if:

$$\frac{WL_j}{WL_j + P^f H^f (1 + \tau^f)} < \alpha$$

LOG-LINEAR EQUILIBRIUM (PROPOSITION 3) BACK

Let $\Theta = [\alpha, \beta, \nu, \epsilon, \sigma_f, \sigma_h, \phi_h, \phi_f]$. Then, the competitive equilibrium with binding financial constraints is represented by the following equations.

$$A_h \log(P^h) = \kappa_{ph}(\Theta) + (1 + \nu) \left[\log(W) - \log(1 + \tau^h + \phi_h) \right] + \log(1 + \tau^f + \epsilon \phi_f)$$

$$A_f \log(P^f) = \kappa_{pf}(\Theta) + (1 + \sigma_h) \log(P^h) - \alpha(\epsilon - 1) \log(W) - \epsilon \log(1 + \tau^f + \phi_f)$$

$$\log(L) = \log(\phi_f) + (1 + \sigma_f) \log(P^f) - \log(W)$$

$$\log(C) = \log(\phi_h) + (1 + \sigma_h) \log(P^h)$$

- $A_h = 1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu$
- $A_f = 1 + \sigma_f + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon - 1)$
- $\kappa_{ph}(\Theta)$, $\kappa_{pf}(\Theta)$, $\kappa_W(\Theta)$ are a functions of Θ .

TAX INCREASE REDUCED FORM EFFECT (PROPOSITION 3) BACK

For a given Θ , if $\frac{\tau^h}{1+\phi_h}$, $\frac{\tau^f}{1+\phi_f}$ and $\frac{\tau^f}{1+\epsilon\phi_f}$ are small enough the equilibrium response of $Y = \{P^h, P^f, L, C\}$ to an increase in property taxes equal to $(\Delta\tau^h, \Delta\tau^f)$ can be characterized as follows:

$$y = \beta_{y,h}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^h + \beta_{y,f}(\Theta) \Delta\tau^f$$

where $i = \{h, f\}$ and $\beta_{y,i}(\Theta)$ is the reduced form effect of a change in $\Delta\tau^i$ on y .

- $\Delta\tau^i = \tau_1^i - \tau_0^i$: percentage point change in the tax rate
- $\beta_{y,i}(\Theta)$: reduced form effect of change in $\Delta\tau^i$ on y .

$$\beta_{l,h}(\Theta) = (1 + \sigma_f)\beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) - \beta_{w,h}(\Theta)$$

$$\beta_{c,h}(\Theta) = (1 + \sigma_h)\beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta)$$

$$\beta_{p^h,h}(\Theta) = -\frac{(1 + \nu) [\alpha(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \sigma_f) + (1 + \nu)A_f]}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_h)}$$

$$\beta_{p^f,h}(\Theta) = \frac{(1 + \nu) [(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_h) - \alpha(\epsilon - 1)(1 - \beta)\nu]}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_h)}$$

$$\beta_{w,h}(\Theta) = -\frac{(1 + \nu) [\sigma_f(1 - \alpha)(1 + \nu) + \alpha\nu(1 + \sigma_f)] + \epsilon\phi_f(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_f)}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_h)}$$

$$A_f = 1 + \sigma_f + (1 - \alpha)(\epsilon - 1), A_h = 1 + \sigma_h + (1 - \beta)\nu$$

$$A_{hf} = \alpha(1 + \sigma_f)A_h + (1 - \alpha)(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_h)$$

$$\beta_{l,f}(\Theta) = (1 + \sigma_f)\beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) - \beta_{w,f}(\Theta)$$

$$\beta_{c,f}(\Theta) = (1 + \sigma_h)\beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta)$$

$$\beta_{p^h,f}(\Theta) = -\frac{(1 + \phi_f) [(1 - \alpha)(1 + \nu)\sigma_f + \alpha\nu(1 + \sigma_f)] + \epsilon\phi_f(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_f)}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_f)(1 + \epsilon\phi_f)}$$

$$\beta_{p^f,f}(\Theta) = -\frac{(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_h)(1 + (\epsilon + 1)\phi_f) + \alpha(1 - \beta)\nu(1 + \phi_f)}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_f)(1 + \epsilon\phi_f)}$$

$$\beta_{w,f}(\Theta) = -\frac{[1 + \phi_f(\epsilon + 1)] [(1 + \sigma_h) + \sigma_f A_h] + (1 - \beta)\nu [\alpha + (\epsilon + 1)\phi_f]}{A_{hf}(\epsilon - 1)(1 + \phi_f)(1 + \epsilon\phi_f)}$$

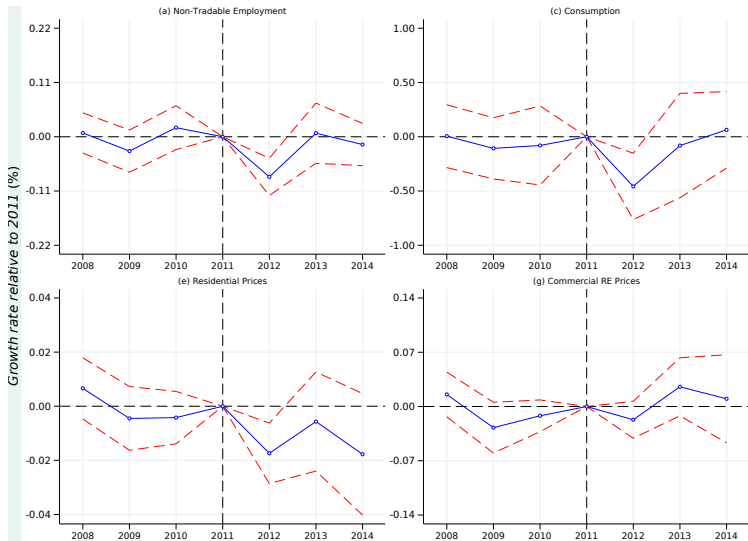
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$$A_{hf} = \alpha(1 + \sigma_f)A_h + (1 - \alpha)(1 + \nu)(1 + \sigma_h)$$

- sample of 6,220 municipalities
 - ⇒ representative for whole Italian economy
- for 2012
 - (1) 77.75% of total municipalities ($\approx 8,000$)
 - (2) 88% total population
 - (3) 89.5% total employment
 - (4) 93% total income

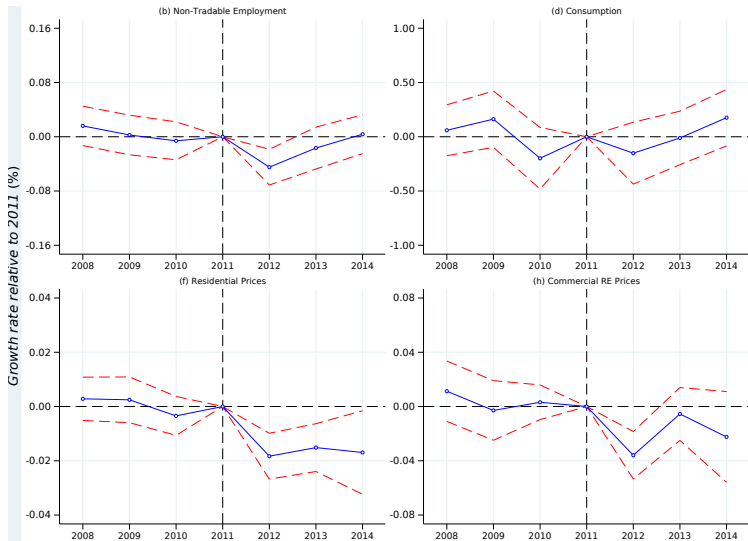
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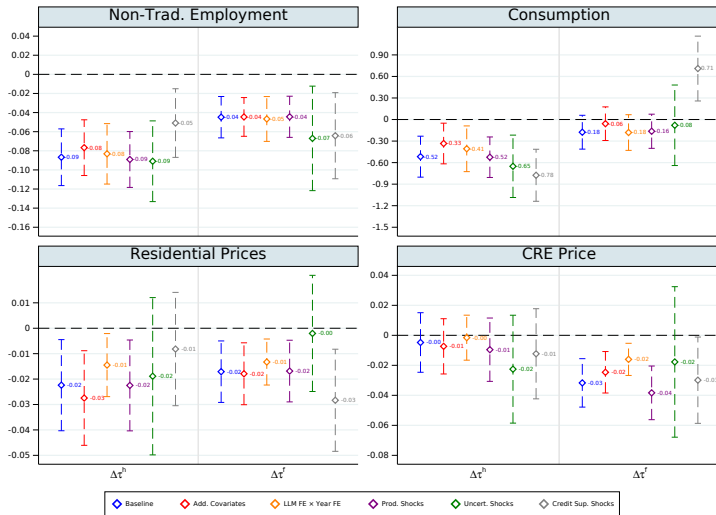
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ROBUSTNESS CHECKS: RESULTS

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- Following Mian and Sufi (2014).

- ★ Tradable Industries:

- Sectoral world trade (Exports+Imports) important magnitude relative sector size/output.
- Economies of scale required \Rightarrow sector concentrated across the territory.

- ★ Non-Tradable Industries:

- No trade across locations or with rest of the world.
- Non-tradable sectors satisfy local demand \Rightarrow uniformly dispersed across territory.

- Let s be a 2-Digit (NACE Rev.2) industry code.
- using 2011 cross-section distribution:
 - Sector s Total Trade with ROW per employed person:

$$\text{Trade}_s^E = \frac{X_s + M_s}{E_s}$$

- Sector s Total Trade with ROW relative to Gross Output:

$$\text{Trade}_s^Y = \frac{X_s + M_s}{Y_s}$$

- Sector s Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI):

$$HHI_s = \sum_m \left(\frac{E_{s,m}}{\sum_{m'} E_{s,m}} \right)^2$$

- Procedure:

1. If $X_s + M_s > 0$:

$$\text{Trade}_s^E > \text{Trade}_{\text{Median}}^E \text{ or } \text{Trade}_s^Y > \text{Trade}_{\text{Median}}^Y \Rightarrow s \in \text{Tradable}$$

2. If $X_s + M_s > 0$ and 1. is not satisfied:

$$HHI_s > HHI_{p75^{\text{th}}} \Rightarrow s \in \text{Tradable}$$

3. If $X_s + M_s = 0$:

$$HHI_s > HHI_{p75^{\text{th}}} \Rightarrow s \in \text{Tradable}$$

$$HHI_s < HHI_{p25^{\text{th}}} \Rightarrow s \in \text{Non-Tradable}$$

- Thresholds:

$$\text{Trade}_{\text{Median}}^E = 56487 \text{ \& } \text{Trade}_{\text{Median}}^Y = 0.16$$

$$HHI_{p25^{\text{th}}} = 0.0045 \text{ \& } HHI_{p75^{\text{th}}} = 0.015$$

NON-TRADABLE NACE INDUSTRIES BACK

- # Non-Tradable Industries = 7 (Exclude Construction Sector)
- Mean HHI Non-Tradables = 0.0068

Division	Division Name	Section	HHI
49	Land transport and transport via pipelines	H	0.0092
55	Accommodation	I	0.0075
46	Wholesale trade	G	0.0078
56	Food and beverage service activities	I	0.0074
47	Retail trade	G	0.0056
33	Repair & inst. of machinery & equip.	C	0.0051
45	Wholesale and retail trade vehicles & motorcycles	G	0.0043
43	Specialised construction activities	F	0.0032
42	Civil Engineering	F	0.0034
41	Construction of buildings	F	0.0035

TRADABLE NACE INDUSTRIES: PART A

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- # Tradable Industries = 28
- Mean HHI Tradables = 0.017

Division	Name	Section	Trade ^E	Trade ^Y	HHI
19	Manuf. coke & petroleum	C	595208	0.31	0.03
20	Manuf. chemicals	C	487905	0.79	0.013
29	Manuf. vehicles	C	336130	0.79	0.03
24	Manuf. basic metals	C	285574	0.6	0.017
26	Manuf. computer/elect/opt	C	239425	0.44	0.027
21	Manuf. Pharma	C	218005	0.9	0.013
30	Manuf. other transport equip.	C	156098	0.17	0.013
10	Manuf. food products	C	138202	0.2	0.002
28	Manuf. machinery and equip.	C	135429	0.27	0.003
17	Manuf. paper/products	C	131726	0.29	0.004
27	Manuf. electrical equip.	C	116954	0.24	0.003
15	Manuf. leather/products	C	108611	0.67	0.009

TRADABLE NACE INDUSTRIES: PART B BACK

Division	Name	Section	Trade ^E	Trade ^Y	HHI
32	Other manuf.	C	89349	0.13	0.008
22	Manuf. rubber/plastic	C	82638	0.23	0.002
13	Manuf. textiles	C	75699	0.44	0.009
14	Manuf. wearing apparel	C	73500	0.59	0.003
23	Manuf. other non-metalic	C	49033	0.25	0.003
31	Manuf. furniture	C	28915	0.22	0.005
61	Telecom.	H			0.03
53	Postal/courier serv.	J			0.03
63	Information serv.	J			0.035
62	Computer programming serv.	J			0.036
93	Sport/Recreation activ.	R			0.06
50	Water transport	H			0.115
65	Insurance/pension funding	K			0.132
60	Broadcast. activ.	J			0.17
51	Air transport	H			0.305
12	Manuf. tobacco	C			0.338

- Idea: Mian, Rao and Sufi (2013)

$$X_{m,t}^{\text{cars}} = \omega_{m,t} \cdot X_t^{\text{cars}}, \quad \omega_{m,t} = \frac{P_{m,t}^{\text{Cars}} Q_{m,t}^{\text{Cars}}}{P_t^{\text{Cars}} Q_t^{\text{Cars}}}$$

- Assume:

$$\frac{P_{m,t}^{\text{Cars}}}{P_t^{\text{Cars}}} = p_m^{\text{cars}} \Rightarrow X_{m,t}^{\text{cars}} \propto \omega_{m,t}^Q \cdot X_t^{\text{cars}} = \frac{Q_{m,t}^{\text{Cars}}}{Q_t^{\text{Cars}}} \cdot X_t^{\text{cars}}$$

- Data new vehicles registrations 2009-2015

$$\hat{\omega}_{m,t}^Q = \frac{\text{New Cars Registered}_{m,t}}{\sum_m \text{New Cars Registered}_{m,t}}$$

- Durable Expenditure proxy $C_{m,t}^{\text{dur.}}$

$$C_{m,t}^{\text{dur.}} = \hat{\omega}_{m,t}^Q \cdot C_t^{\text{cars}}$$

C_t^{cars} = Household Final Expenditure, Purchase of Vehicles at t

Vehicle categories:

- (1) Cars.
- (2) Bus.
- (3) Trucks for Goods Transport.
- (4) Vehicles for Special Use.
- (5) Motorcycles.
- (6) Motorcycles & Quadricycles for Special Use.
- (7) Trailers & Semi-Trailers for Goods Transport.
- (8) Trailers & Semi-Trailers for Special Use.
- (9) Tractors.

Cars

Vehicles intended for the transport of persons, with a maximum of nine seats, including that of driver

- **Homogeneous real state markets** within m (OMI zones).
- Data on property and rental values (per m^2)
 - Based on restricted data on transactions across Italy + Surveys local housing markets.
 - Only Minimum and maximum values reported.
 - By type of property and maintenance state.
 - Biannual frequency, period 2007H1-2014H2.
- **Annual real state price:** Average values across OMI zones for second semester of each year.

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Debt/ T^c	90.1	65.6	42.5	78.3	124.7
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- baseline specification

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- productivity shocks $\implies Z_{m,t-1}$

$$y_{m,t} = y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} + \omega_{y,h}^z \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^h \times Z_{m,t-1} + \omega_{y,f}^z \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^f \times Z_{m,t-1} + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

- $Z_{m,t}$ = Real total income per employee (2010=100)
- $z_{m,t} = \frac{Z_{m,t} - Z_{m,t-1}}{(Z_{m,t} + Z_{m,t-1})/2}$

- baseline specification

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- credit supply shocks $\implies \left(\frac{\text{Loan}}{\text{Deposits}}\right)_{m,t-1}$

$$y_{m,t} = y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} + \omega_{y,h}^{\text{loan}} \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^h \times \left(\frac{\text{Loan}}{\text{Deposits}}\right)_{m,t-1} + \omega_{y,f}^{\text{loan}} \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^f \times \left(\frac{\text{Loan}}{\text{Deposits}}\right)_{m,t-1} + \epsilon_{m,t}^4$$

- Loans and Deposits of all bank branches within municipality

- baseline specification

$$y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} = FE_m + FE_t + \beta_{y,h} \Delta\tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\} + \beta_{y,f} \Delta\tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\}$$

- uncertainty shocks $\implies \sigma_{P,t-1}^z$

$$y_{m,t} = y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} + \omega_{y,h}^{\text{uncert}} \Delta\tau_{m,2012}^h \times \sigma_{P,t-1}^z + \omega_{y,f}^{\text{uncert}} \Delta\tau_{m,2012}^f \times \sigma_{P,t-1}^z + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

- $\sigma_{P,t-1}^z$: sample standard deviation z across municipalities within province P

$$\sigma_{P,t}^z = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{m \in P} - 1} \sum_{m \in P} [z_{m,t} - \bar{z}_{P,t}]^2}$$

$$\bar{z}_{P,t} = \frac{1}{N_{m \in P}} \sum_{m \in P} z_{m,t}$$

- baseline specification

$$y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} = FE_m + FE_t + \beta_{y,h} \Delta \tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\} + \beta_{y,f} \Delta \tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\}$$

- controlling for municipal time varying covariates $\implies \mathbf{X}_{m,t-1}$

$$y_{m,t} = y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} + \mathbf{X}_{m,t-1} \mathbf{\Gamma} + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

$\mathbf{X}_{m,t-1}$ includes:

- Local economic conditions [details](#)
- Supply Side Controls [details](#)
- Local Government Controls [details](#)
- Other Local Tax Policy Changes [details](#)

- (1) Growth rate income per-capita (2010=100).
- (2) Log-level income per-capita (2010=100).
- (3) Growth rate total employment.
- (4) Growth rate total employment in local labor market.
- (5) Net Internal Migration rate:

$$\frac{\# \text{ Move in to } m - \# \text{ Move out from } m}{\text{Population}_m}$$

(1) Employment share 1-digit NACE Rev.2: For $j = \{C, D, E, F, \dots, R, S\}$.

$$\text{Share Employment}_{m,j} = \frac{E_{m,j}}{\sum_{j=C}^S E_{m,j}}$$

- Example:
 - $C =$ Manufactures.
 - $F =$ Construction.
 - $G =$ Wholesale and Retail Trade.
- Employment for A and B is restricted data, so I exclude both divisions from sample.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTROLS [BACK](#)

- (1) Growth rate Current Revenues (2010=100).
- (2) Growth rate Current Expenditure (2010=100).
- (3) Share Revenues Income Surcharge (IRPEF).
- (4) Share Revenues Property Taxes.
- (5) Share Revenues Transfers General and Regional Government.
- (6) Total Debt-Current Revenue ratio.
- (7) Interest Expenditure-Current Expenditure ratio.
- (8) Capital Expenditure-Current Expenditure ratio.
- (9) Revenues from Transfers-Current Revenue ratio.
- (10) Property Taxes Revenue-Current Revenue ratio.

(1) 2008 Exemption of Main Residence from households:

$$1 \{t = 2008\} \times \Delta \tau_{m,2008}^{prin}$$

(2) 2011 Tax Income changes.

$$1 \{t = 2011\} \times \ln \left(\frac{R_{m,IRPEF}}{\text{Population}_{m,2011}} \right)$$

(3) 2014 Property tax changes.

$$1 \{t = 2014\} \times \ln \left(\frac{R_{m,TASI}}{\text{Population}_{m,2013}} \right)$$

- baseline specification

$$y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} = FE_m + FE_t + \beta_{y,h} \Delta \tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\} + \beta_{y,f} \Delta \tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\}$$

- controlling for local labor market trends $\implies \delta_{m \in \text{LLS},t} = FE_{\text{LLS}} \times FE_t$

$$y_{m,t} = y_{m,t}^{\text{Baseline}} + \delta_{m \in \text{LLS},t} + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

Local Labor Market (LLS) \implies Commuting Zones

- Group of neighbor municipalities
- Labor force lives and works
- Establishments can find most of the labor force

- event study analysis approach

$$y_{m,t} = FE_m + FE_t + \sum_{\tilde{t} \neq 2011} \beta_{y,h}^{\tilde{t}} 1\{t = \tilde{t}\} \times \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^h + \sum_{\tilde{t} \neq 2011} \beta_{y,f}^{\tilde{t}} 1\{t = \tilde{t}\} \times \Delta \tau_{m,2012}^f + \epsilon_{m,t}$$

- lead coefficients \implies pre-tax reform trend differences

- $\beta_{y,i}^{2008} \beta_{y,i}^{2009} \beta_{y,i}^{2010}$

- Base year 2011 $\implies \beta_{y,i}^{2011} = 1$

- testing for parallel trends

$$H_0 : \beta_{y,i}^{2008} = \beta_{y,i}^{2009} = \beta_{y,i}^{2010} = 0$$

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- RESULTS \Rightarrow no trend differences

– for $\Delta\tau^h$: [results](#)

– for $\Delta\tau^f$: [results](#)

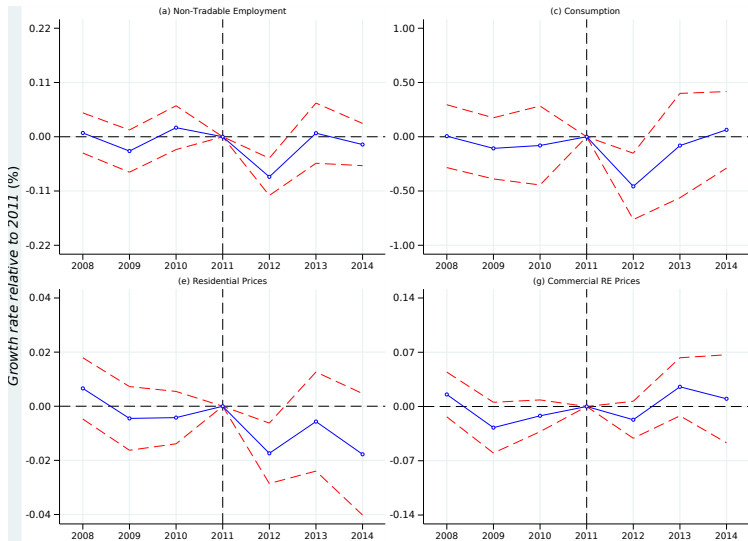
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- **no trend differences** \implies consistent with **Alesina and Paradisi (2017)**
 - Primarily explained by the staggered timing of local elections
 - Completely unrelated to business cycle fluctuations determinants
 - Timing of elections is as good as random assignment

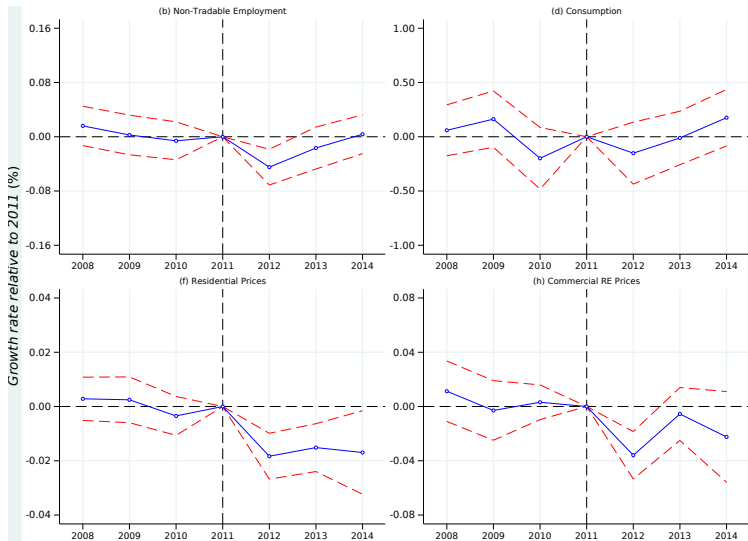
EVEN STUDY: DYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS $\Delta\tau^h$

BACK



EVEN STUDY: DYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS $\Delta\tau^f$

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- examine the similarities across municipalities with different $\Delta\tau^h$ & $\Delta\tau^f$
- $\Delta\tau^h$ & $\Delta\tau^f \iff$ compositional changes for other observable characteristics
- following Wing et al.(2018)

$$x_{m,t} = FE_m + FE_t + \theta_{x,h} \Delta\tau_{m,2012}^h + \theta_{x,f} \Delta\tau_{m,2012}^f + \mu_{m,t} \quad (8)$$

$x_{m,t}$

- local economic and financial conditions [details](#)
- industry employment shares [details](#)
- migration patterns [details](#)
- financial conditions of local governments [details](#)

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- testing for no compositional changes

$$H_0 : \theta_{x,h} = \theta_{x,f} = 0$$

\implies **RHo** \implies evidence of imbalances across municipalities

- (1) growth rate of income per capita ($\Delta \text{Income}^{pc}$)
- (2) log of income per capita (Income^{pc})
- (3) log deposits (Depos)
- (4) log loans (Loan)

(1) Employment share 1-digit NACE Rev.2:

$$\text{Share Employment}_{m,j} = \frac{E_{m,j}}{\sum_{j=C}^S E_{m,j}}$$

- For $j = \{C, F, G\}$.
 - $C = \text{Manufactures } (shL_{\text{man}})$
 - $F = \text{Construction } (shL_{\text{cons}})$
 - $G = \text{Wholesale and Retail Trade } (shL_{\text{ret}})$

(1) In-Migration rate (Mig^{In})

$$\frac{\# \text{ Move in to } m}{\text{Population}_m}$$

(2) Out-Migration rate (Mig^{Out})

$$\frac{\# \text{ Move out from } m}{\text{Population}_m}$$

- (1) per capita real growth rate for current revenues (ΔT_C)
- (2) per capita real growth rate for current expenditures (ΔG_C)
- (3) investment rate (G^k/G^c) \implies capital expenditure-current expenditure ratio
- (4) Total Debt-Current Revenue ratio.
- (5) deficit-to-revenues ratio ($\text{Deficit}/T_C$)

COVARIATE BALANCE: LOCAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

BACK

	Income Growth ($\theta_{\Delta \text{Inc}^{pc},i}$)	Income ($\theta_{\text{Inc}^{pc},i}$)	Loans ($\theta_{\text{Loans},i}$)	Deposits ($\theta_{\text{Depos},i}$)
$\Delta \tau_{m,2012}^h$	-0.001 (0.007)	-0.002 (0.004)	-0.009 (0.025)	0.028 (0.022)
$\Delta \tau_{m,2012}^f$	-0.008 (0.005)	-0.002 (0.004)	-0.001 (0.016)	0.004 (0.017)
$H_0 : \theta_{x,h} = \theta_{x,f} = 0$ (p-val)	0.25	0.77	0.93	0.42
N_{obs}	43,540	43,540	14,185	14,185
N_{mun}	6,220	6,220	2,089	2,089
\bar{R}^2	0.10	0.99	0.99	0.99

	Migration Rate		Employment Share		
	In ($\theta_{\text{Mig}^{\text{in}},i}$)	Out ($\theta_{\text{Mig}^{\text{out}},i}$)	Manuf. ($\theta_{\text{sh } L^{\text{man}},i}$)	Const. ($\theta_{\text{sh } L^{\text{cons}},i}$)	Retail ($\theta_{\text{sh } L^{\text{ret}},i}$)
$\Delta\tau_{m,2012}^h$	0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)	0.004 (0.005)	0.010** (0.005)	0.000 (0.005)
$\Delta\tau_{m,2012}^f$	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.004 (0.004)	0.002 (0.004)	-0.001 (0.003)
$H_0 : \theta_{x,h} = \theta_{x,f} = 0$ (p -val)	0.39	0.73	0.51	0.10	0.94
N_{obs}	43,540	43,540	43,540	43,540	43,540
N_{mun}	6,220	6,220	6,220	6,220	6,220
\bar{R}^2	0.40	0.62	0.96	0.90	0.90

	Rev. Growth ($\theta_{\Delta T^c,i}$)	Expend. Growth ($\theta_{\Delta G^c,i}$)	Investment Rate ($\theta_{G^k/G^c,i}$)	Deficit-to- T^c Ratio ($\theta_{\text{Deficit}/T^c,i}$)	Debt-to- T^c Ratio ($\theta_{B/T^c,i}$)
$\Delta \tau_{m,2012}^h$	0.072** (0.032)	-0.065** (0.029)	-0.025 (0.057)	-0.137*** (0.024)	-0.122* (0.069)
$\Delta \tau_{m,2012}^f$	0.20*** (0.024)	-0.006 (0.025)	-0.052 (0.046)	-0.175*** (0.015)	-0.143*** (0.047)
$H_0 : \theta_{x,h} = \theta_{x,f} = 0$ (p -val)	0.00	0.10	0.46	0.00	0.01
N_{obs}	43,519	43,519	43,540	43,519	43,519
N_{mun}	10,158	10,158	6,220	10,158	10,158
\bar{R}^2	0.92	0.93	0.53	0.27	0.59

- Using 2012 Survey of Households, Income and Wealth (SHIW) for Italy
- Average LTV-ratio

	Parameter	Value	Target
Supply elast. houses	σ_h	4.87	$\hat{\beta}_{ph,h}$
Supply elast. CRE	σ_f	2.40	$\hat{\beta}_{pf,f}$
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CALIBRATION VS LITERATURE BACK

- Using 2012 Survey of Households, Income and Wealth (SHIW) for Italy
- Average LTV-ratio
 - For hh's that own single home \Rightarrow 0.42
 - For hh's own CRE and don't rent it \Rightarrow 0.50

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- For $\sigma_h \Rightarrow$ benchmark Saiz (2010)
 - Instrument $\Delta H^{h,d} \Rightarrow$ industrial shares, migration and hours of sun
 - Estimated value ≈ 16.67 (See TABLE III, column (4))
 - Use data change in housing prices for 1970-2000

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	Non-Tradable Employment $\hat{\beta}_{l,i}$	Consumption Expenditure $\hat{\beta}_{c,i}$	Housing Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^h,i}$	Commercial RE Price $\hat{\beta}_{p^f,i}$
$\Delta\tau_{m,t}^h \times 1\{t = 2012\}$	-0.087*** (0.015)	-0.517*** (0.145)	-0.022** (0.009)	-0.005 (0.010)
$\Delta\tau_{m,t}^f \times 1\{t = 2012\}$	-0.045*** (0.011)	-0.177 (0.120)	-0.017*** (0.006)	-0.032*** (0.008)
$IQR_y / \widehat{IQR}_{y,h}(\%)$	11.0	5.9	5.5	1.6
$IQR_y / \widehat{IQR}_{y,f}(\%)$	8.5	0.87	6.3	15.7

* $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

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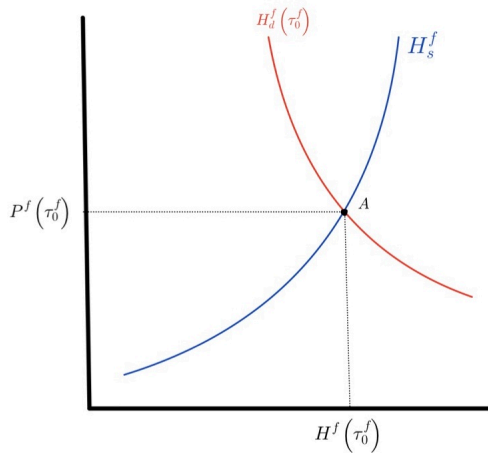
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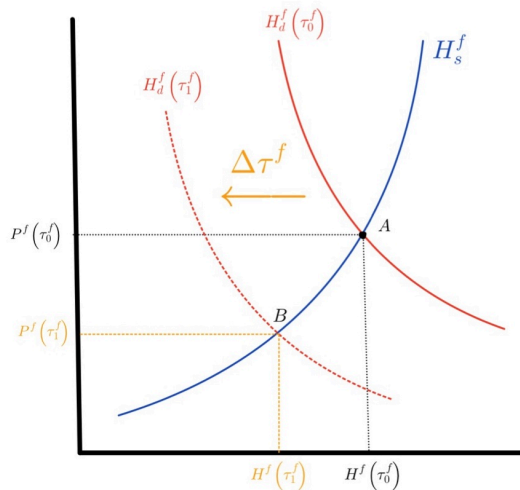
- CRE market



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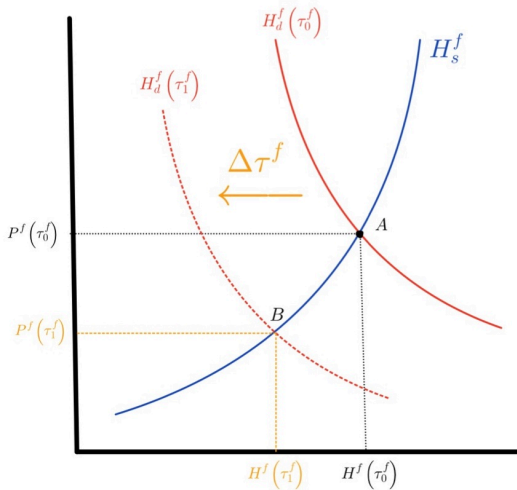
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- CRE market $\implies \uparrow \tau^f$



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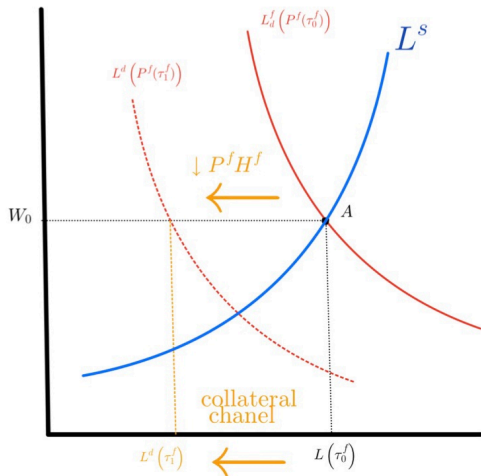
- CRE market $\implies \uparrow \tau^f \implies \downarrow P^f$ and $\downarrow H^f$



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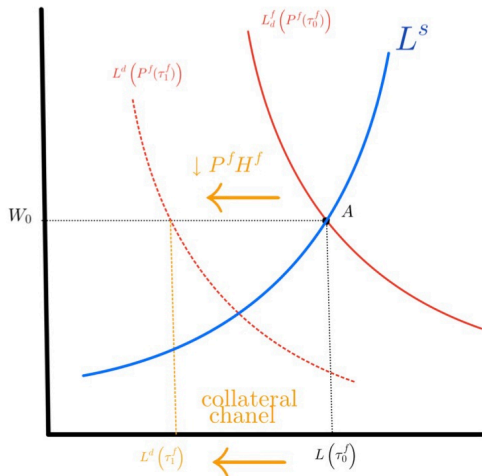
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- Labor market $\rightarrow \uparrow \tau^f \implies \downarrow P^f H^f$



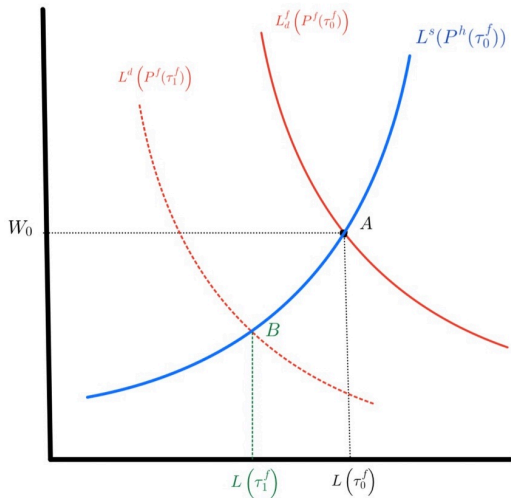
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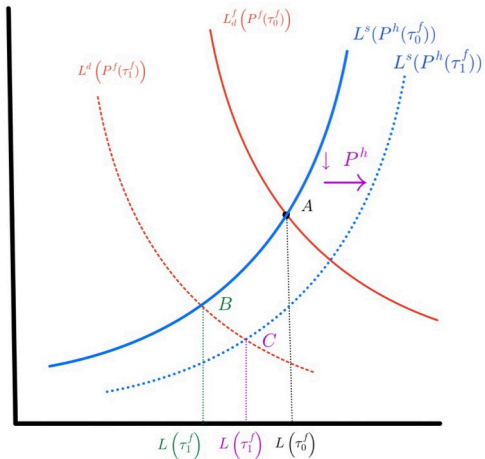
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- Labor market $\rightarrow \uparrow \tau^f \implies$ adjustment along labor supply



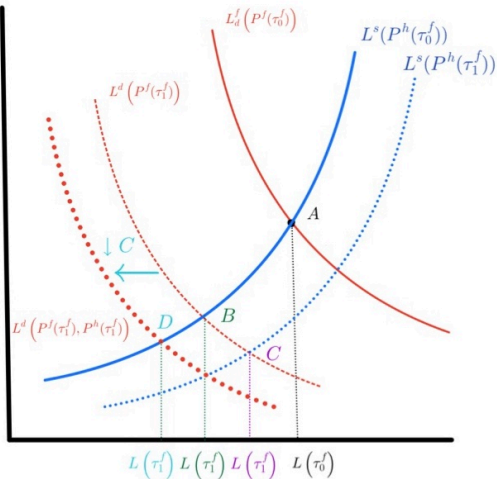
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- Labor market $\rightarrow \uparrow \tau^f \rightarrow \downarrow P^h \Rightarrow$ wealth effect labor supply



GE ADJUSTMENT: INTUITION BACK

- Labor market $\rightarrow \uparrow \tau^f \rightarrow \downarrow C \implies \downarrow L^d$



GE ADJUSTMENT: INTUITION BACK

- Labor market $\rightarrow \uparrow \tau^f \implies$ GE adjustment of P^h and W

