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an intelligent analysis of the dangers opportunities and consequences of global sovereign

debt sovereign debt is growing internationally at a terrifying rate as nations seek to prop up their collapsing economies one only needs to look at the sovereign risk pressures faced by greece spain and ireland to get an idea of how big this problem has become understanding this dilemma is now more important than ever that s why robert kolb has compiled sovereign debt with this book as your guide you ll gain a better perspective on the essential issues surrounding sovereign debt and default through discussions of national defaults systemic risk associated costs and much more historical studies are also included to provide a realistic framework of reference contains up to date research and analysis on sovereign debt from today s leading practitioners and academics details the dangers of defaults and their associated systemic risks explores the past present and future of sovereign debt the repercussions of a national default are all encompassing as global markets are intricately interwoven in the modern world sovereign debt examines what it will take to overcome the challenges of this market and how you can deal with the uncertainty surrounding it

this book is an attempt to build some structure around the issues of sovereign debt to help guide economists practitioners and policymakers through this complicated but not intractable subject

re imagining sovereign debt examines the extent to which sovereign debtors contractual obligations may be honoured where the socio economic rights of their citizens face clear danger of non realisation it critiques the foundational legal paradigm that influences and shapes the substance of the sovereign debt regime in doing this the author employs legal theory to show the inadequacies of the regime in terms of its failure to embrace the dynamism of sovereign debt which he characterises as a debt with a complex mix of public private elements hybridity of norms and multiplicity of interests beyond the two sided creditor debtor matrix by locating socio economic rights in all critical phases of the regime the author shows that the recurring circles of debt crises are linked to the continuing influence of the private law paradigm the book offers a fresh perspective to re imagine sovereign debt using insights from transnational legal theorists and advocates prioritising socio economic rights considerations in debt contracting restructuring and adjudication through a more concrete recognition of creditors responsibilities re imagining sovereign debt will interest lawyers policymakers diplomats scholars and researchers interested in the law history and politics of sovereign debt

sovereign debt is necessary for states to function yet its impact on human rights is

underexplored bantekas and lumina gather experts to conclude that imposing structural adjustment programmes exacerbates debt injures the entrenched rights of peoples and their state s economic sovereignty and worsens the borrower s economic situation

recent events have shown that sovereigns just like banks can be subject to runs highlighting the importance of the investor base for their liabilities this paper proposes a methodology for compiling internationally comparable estimates of investor holdings of sovereign debt based on this methodology it introduces a dataset for 24 major advanced economies that can be used to track us 42 trillion of sovereign debt holdings on a quarterly basis over 2004 11 while recent outflows from euro periphery countries have received wide attention most sovereign borrowers have continued to increase reliance on foreign investors this may have helped reduce borrowing costs but it can imply higher refinancing risks going forward meanwhile advanced economy banks exposure to their own government debt has begun to increase across the board after the global financial crisis strengthening sovereign bank linkages in light of these risks the paper proposes a framework sovereign funding shock scenarios fss to conduct forward looking analysis to assess sovereigns vulnerability to sudden investor outflows which can be used along with standard debt sustainability analyses dsa it also introduces two risk indices investor base risk index iri and foreign investor position index fipi to assess sovereigns vulnerability to shifts in investor behavior

the last time global sovereign debt reached the level seen today was at the end of the second world war and this shaped a generation of economic policymaking international institutions were transformed country policies were often draconian and distortive and many crises ensued by the early 1970s when debt fell back to pre war levels the world was radically different it is likely that changes of a similar magnitude for better and for worse will play out over coming decades sovereign debt a guide for economists and practitioners is an attempt to build some structure around the issues of sovereign debt to help guide economists practitioners and policymakers through this complicated but not intractable subject sovereign debt brings together some of the world s leading researchers and specialists in sovereign debt to cover a range of sub disciplines within this vast topic it explores debt management with debt sustainability debt reduction policies with crisis prevention policies and the history with the conjuncture it is a foundation text for all those interested in sovereign debt with a particular focus real world examples and issues

the crisis that hit the globalised financial system has had serious consequences for developed country governments in order to avoid a slump in activity these governments at the end of the 2000s allowed their budget deficits to widen in so doing they sowed the seeds of another crisis namely the sovereign debt crisis with debt levels that are in many cases already high and with modest long term growth prospects these governments now have to stem the rise in their debt ratios if they do not want to see their creditworthiness called into question they cannot do this rapidly however without dangerously curbing activity faced with this dilemma japan and the united states have opted to give priority to a return to growth whereas the eurozone countries have preferred a return to budgetary equilibrium what are the risks associated with each of these two strategies and what room for maneuver do the countries policy makers have on top of these challenges there is another arising from the fact that these countries debt securities play a crucial role in the international monetary and financial system if at some stage in the future these securities cease to be regarded as a riskless asset how will this change in perception affect the functioning of the system we have not heard the last of the sovereign debt crisis book jacket

this paper surveys the literature on sovereign debt from the perspective of understanding how sovereign debt differs from privately issue debt and why sovereign debt is deemed safe in some countries but risky in others the answers relate to the unique power of the sovereign one the one hand a sovereign has the power to tax making debt relatively safe on the other it also has control over its territory and most of its assets making debt enforcement difficult the paper discusses debt contracts and the sovereign debt market sovereign debt restructurings and the empirical and theoretical literatures on the costs and causes of defaults it describes the adverse impact of sovereign default risk on the issuing countries and what explains this impact the survey concludes with a discussion of policy options to reduce sovereign risk including fiscal frameworks that act as commitment devices state contingent debt and independent and credible monetary policy

this is a comprehensive overview of the problems associated with third world debt and describes new and practical approaches to overcoming them as contributions come from leading thinkers across a range of disciplines the text offers a timely guide for understanding and influencing the debt debate

this work examines the ongoing debate on resolving sovereign debt defaults and alleviating the debt burden of heavily indebted poor countries concentrating primarily on

the period from the 1982 and focusing on money owed to both the public and the private sector the volume examines the origins of debt crises rescheduling tactics and efforts to create a more enduring solution to the problem of coping with debt as well as its efficacy policy recommendations are put forward for dealing with the onerous problem of debt default and rescheduling

sd also called public debt or gov t debt refers to debt incurred by governments since the global financial crisis of 2008 2009 public debt in advanced economies has increased substantially a number of factors related to the financial crisis have fueled the increase including fiscal stimulus packages the nationalization of private sector debt and lower tax revenue even if economic growth reverses some of these trends aging populations in advanced economies are expected to strain gov t debt levels in coming years contents of this report def and concepts trends in sd addressing high debt levels is the u s headed for a eurozone style debt crisis implications for the u s economy u s bank exposure overseas illus a print on demand report

learn about sovereign debt with iminds money s insightful fast knowledge series sovereign debt is the debt of a country or government this debt is usually comprised of bonds issued by the government sovereign debt can be contrasted with government debt government debt is when bonds are issued in a nation s own currency therefore this debt is mostly created within a country s own economic boundaries sovereign debt however is created from bonds issued in foreign currencies or through loans from international financial institutions the total of debts owed to both domestic and foreign le

contributes to a better understanding of the policy economic and legal options of countries struggling with debt problems

the sovereign debt market is an essential section of the global financial market in essence it is the main route for governments to cover any fiscal deficit in their budget as of end of 2018 the market was us 188 trillion according to the imf report on 17 december 2019 the market was long regarded as a safe haven for investors especially the us treasuries and german bunds however in recent years the market has suffered several crises leaving investors questioning their high quality ratings in this book we look at the efficiency and stability of the sovereign debt markets at the heart of the crises us german greek italian portuguese and spanish sovereign debt markets we ask ourselves are these markets moving according to the efficient market hypothesis or behavioural finance

#### theory

this paper surveys the literature on sovereign debt that deals with the issues of a country s ability to pay its willingness to pay and the policy responses to the debt crisis of the 1980s the existence of an ability to pay problem suggests a need for debt reduction but plans for debt relief face potential incentive problems and sovereign debt repurchases are not always a welfare maximizing method of debt restructuring the paper synthesizes the main conclusions on these issues with a willingness to pay problem the potential penalties for debt repudiation are important in the endogenous determination of the repayment outcome penalties that are intertemporal in nature have different implications for debt repudiation than do intratemporal penalties in addition the asymmetric distribution of the costs of default can lead to a recurrent cycle of debt accumulation and default

yvonne wong s book is one of the best treatments of the odious debt problem in the literature it is thorough balanced and yet manages to be creative i have already used an early version in my international debt class and the discussions that were generated were excellent for anyone seeking to tackle this age old problem i highly recommend this book mitu gulati duke university us with some excellent historical research and important analysis of odious debt accumulation and sovereign debt restructuring mechanisms in modern times this book is placing the issue of odious debt at the heart of international law thus it will prove an indispensable companion to any scholar or policy maker who wishes to gain a multi prismatic understanding of odious debt illegality and its implications for the welfare of entire nations emilios avgouleas university of edinburgh uk whenever a strict application of the law produces a result that is at variance with a general sense of what is morally right trouble is surely in the offing this is the central thesis of yvonne wong s sovereign finance and the poverty of nations when is it legally permissible when is it ethically acceptable for a sovereign borrower to disavow a debt incurred in the name of the sovereign state but not for its or its citizens benefit and if debts incurred by unscrupulous politicians in one era can be disowned by their successors later on under gauzy notions of illegitimacy or odiousness what will prevent future unscrupulous politicians from casually dishonoring sovereign obligations that they would just prefer not to pay these are deep waters legally and morally wong has given us a fascinating insight into one of the most disquieting issues in international financial law lee c buchheit cleary gottlieb steen hamilton llp us this book provides a very valuable contribution to the discussion about odious debts in that it quite successfully structures

the often rather elusive argumentation by developing a new and stringent approach to the emergence of a valid legal concept of odious debts the author presents a fresh perspective to its underlying evaluations and allows thus a re consideration of the need for effective rules in this context this book will certainly influence fundamentally the future debate of odious debts christoph g paulus humboldt universitat zu berlin germany saddam hussein was overthrown and executed but his successors to power are still liable for the debts that he contracted for the nation odious regimes can create debts without consent or benefit of their citizens who must subsequently repay them this fact puzzles both international law specialists and intellectuals who read magazines like the economist theresult seems wrong but the right solution is elusive yvonne wong s important and timely book solves some of the puzzles by using methods and theories from international law economics and political science it explains the law and politics inherent in sovereign debt arrangements and proposes a new legal framework for odious debt from the foreword by robert cooternational debts incurred by illegitimate regimes against the best interests of the citizens is a serious problem of international economics and politics these sovereign debts often referred to as odious debts deplete the public purse and create an ongoing financial liability that serves to constrain investment and economic growth and conspires to keep millions in poverty this important and timely book explains the legal principles and politics involved in the issue of odious debts and sovereign debt arrangements more generally the author goes beyond abstract arguments and proposes legal rules and international regulation that should be put in place to create the right incentives to stop the transmission of odious debts her proposal is for a registration scheme for sovereign debt and the imposition of positive duties on financiers who provide loans to sovereign borrowers sovereign finance and the poverty of nations will appeal to students academics debtactivists policymakers international finance practitioners and anyone with a general interest in sovereign finance affairs

we study the relationship between default and the maturity structure of the debt portfolio of a sovereign under uncertainty the sovereign faces a trade off between a future costly default and a high current fiscal effort this results into a debt crisis in case a large initial issuance of long term debt is followed by a sequence of negative macro shocks prior uncertainty about future fundamentals is then a source of default through its effect on long term interest rates and the optimal debt issuance intuitively the sovereign chooses a portfolio implying a risk of default because this risk generates a correlation between the future value of long term debt and future fundamentals long term debt serves as a

hedging instrument against the risk on fundamentals when expected fundamentals are high the sovereign issues a large amount of long term debt the expected default probability increases and so does the long term interest rate

an integrated approach to the economics of sovereign default fiscal crises and sovereign default repeatedly threaten the stability and growth of economies around the world mark aguiar and manuel amador provide a unified and tractable theoretical framework that elucidates the key economics behind sovereign debt markets shedding light on the frictions and inefficiencies that prevent the smooth functioning of these markets and proposing sensible approaches to sovereign debt management the economics of sovereign debt and default looks at the core friction unique to sovereign debt the lack of strong legal enforcement and goes on to examine additional frictions such as deadweight costs of default vulnerability to runs the incentive to dilute existing creditors and sovereign debt's distortion of investment and growth the book uses the tractable framework to isolate how each additional friction affects the equilibrium outcome and illustrates its counterpart using state of the art computational modeling the novel approach presented here contrasts the outcome of a constrained efficient allocation one chosen to maximize the joint surplus of creditors and government with the competitive equilibrium outcome this allows for a clear analysis of the extent to which equilibrium prices efficiently guide the government s debt and default decisions and of what drives divergences with the efficient outcome providing an integrated approach to sovereign debt and default this incisive and authoritative book is an ideal resource for researchers and graduate students interested in this important topic

the global financial crisis saw many eurozone countries bearing excessive public debt this led the government bond yields of some peripheral countries to rise sharply resulting in the outbreak of the european sovereign debt crisis the debt crisis is characterized by its immediate spread from greece the country of origin to its neighbouring countries and the connection between the eurozone banking sector and the public sector debt addressing these interesting features this book sheds light on the impacts of the crisis on various financial markets in europe this book is among the first to conduct a thorough empirical analysis of the european sovereign debt crisis it analyses using advanced econometric methodologies why the crisis escalated so prominently having significant impacts on a wide range of financial markets and was not just limited to government bond markets the book also allows one to understand the consequences and the overall impact of such a debt crisis enabling investors and policymakers to formulate diversification strategies and

#### create suitable regulatory frameworks

the book sheds light on the perhaps most important legal conundrum in the context of sovereign debt restructuring the holdout creditor problem absent an international bankruptcy regime for sovereigns holdout creditors may delay or even thwart the efficient resolution of sovereign debt crises by leveraging contractual provisions and in an increasing number of cases by seeking to enforce a debt claim against the sovereign in courts or international tribunals following an introduction to sovereign debt and its restructuring the book provides the first comprehensive analysis of the holdout creditor problem in the context of the two largest sovereign debt restructuring operations in history the argentine restructurings of 2005 and 2010 and the 2012 greek private sector involvement by reviewing numerous lawsuits and arbitral proceedings initiated against argentina and greece across a dozen different jurisdictions it distils the organizing principles for ongoing and future cases of sovereign debt restructuring and litigation it highlights the different approaches judges and arbitrators have adopted when dealing with holdout creditors ranging from the denial of their contractual right to repayment on human rights grounds to leveraging the international financial infrastructure to coerce governments into meeting holdouts demands to this end it zooms in on the role the governing law plays in sovereign debt restructurings revisits the contemporary view on sovereign immunity from suit and enforcement in the international debt context and examines how creditor rights are balanced with the sovereign s interest in achieving debt sustainability finally it advances a new genealogy of holdouts distinguishing between official and private sector holdouts and discussing how the proliferation of new types of uncooperative creditors may affect the sovereign debt architecture going forward while the book is aimed at practitioners and scholars dealing with sovereign debt and its restructuring it should also provide the general reader with the understanding of the key legal issues facing countries in debt distress moreover by weaving economic financial and political considerations into its analysis of holdout creditor litigation and arbitration the book also speaks to policymakers without a legal background engaged in the field of international finance and economics

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