

ECO 209 – L0101 Macroeconomic Theory and Policy

Term Paper: “Fiscal Austerity and the Great Recession”

Almost all governments of the developed world have implemented expansionary monetary policy of some sort to counteract the effects of the Great Recession. Some of these governments have complemented easy money policy with expansionary fiscal policy of different degrees (e.g., the U.S., Canada and Japan) while others have favoured a combination of less aggressive monetary expansion with fiscal austerity measures (e.g., the U.K. and the euro zone countries).

Write a short academic paper on the rationale and wisdom of using “expansionary” austerity policies during the Great Recession. You may select a case study (e.g., a particular country or group of countries) to focus your essay. Your essay must have a clear thesis and include a brief introduction and conclusion. Your paper must be about 1500 words (+/- 5%) in length (5-6 double-space pages, without counting the references) and make reference to at least **five academic works** published on the topic. This essay will be due at the beginning of class on **August 3. Please note that the penalty for late submission is five percentage points per day independently of the reason (e.g., illness, computer problems, etc.).**

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