

The Role of Central Banks in Climate Change Mitigation

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Abstract. This study examines the increasingly pivotal role of central banks in addressing climate change through monetary policy. We analyze how central banks are integrating climate risks into their financial stability frameworks and explore the implications for inflation targeting and asset purchase programs. The paper also considers the potential for green financial instruments as tools for climate change mitigation and the challenges involved in implementing these strategies.

Keywords: Central Banks, Climate Change, Monetary Policy, Green Bonds, Financial Stability

Introduction

Central banks have traditionally focused on maintaining monetary stability and controlling inflation. However, the growing threat of climate change has expanded their mandate to include environmental considerations. This paper investigates how central banks are incorporating climate risks into their financial stability assessments and monetary policy decisions. By analyzing recent initiatives by leading central banks, we assess the effectiveness of these measures in promoting sustainable economic growth. We also discuss the potential for green financial instruments, such as green bonds, to serve as viable tools for climate change mitigation. Furthermore, the paper explores the challenges and potential conflicts that arise when central banks take on a more active role in environmental policy, including the risk of overstepping their traditional boundaries.

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