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Sommario/riassunto	América Central, Panamá y la República Dominicana sobrellevaron bien la crisis financiera mundial de 2008-09. El impacto fue en general menos severo y de menor duración que en episodios anteriores, el ajuste de la balanza de pagos fue ordenado, y la estabilidad del sistema financiero no se vio comprometida. Esta capacidad de resistencia puede atribuirse en gran medida al fortalecimiento de los marcos fiscales, a la gestión monetaria y a las reformas financieras introducidas en los años anteriores a la crisis internacional. Sin embargo, la región se enfrenta a considerables desafíos en el período venidero, entre ellos el de elevar el crecimiento a mediano plazo por encima de los niveles históricos y el de proteger la estabilidad macroeconómica y financiera. Este libro sostiene que la respuesta a estos desafíos deberá provenir de la demanda interna, considerando que se prevé un magro crecimiento de la demanda en los países que son socios comerciales. Por lo tanto, para estimular el crecimiento en la región será esencial adoptar reformas estructurales que generen mejoras sustanciales de la productividad. La reconstrucción del espacio fiscal y el logro de la sostenibilidad de la deuda dependerán de las medidas que se tomen para aumentar los ingresos fiscales y reorientar los gastos en función de las prioridades sociales y de inversión. En las economías no oficialmente dolarizadas también será fundamental fortalecer los marcos de política monetaria a fin de mantener la inflación en un bajo nivel y flexibilizar el tipo de

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Essentials of Cognitive Neuroscience guides undergraduate and early-stage graduate students with no previous neuroscientific background through the fundamental principles and themes in a concise, organized, and engaging manner. Provides students with the foundation to understand primary literature, recognize current controversies in the field, and engage in discussions on cognitive neuroscience and its future. Introduces important experimental methods and techniques integrated throughout the text. Assists student comprehension through four-color images and thorough pedagogical resources throughout the text. Accompanied by a robust website with multiple choice questions, experiment videos, fMRI data, web links and video narratives from a global group of leading scientists for students. For Instructors there are sample syllabi and exam questions.
