Record Nr. UNINA9910792591703321 Other people's money [[electronic resource]]: debt denomination and **Titolo** financial instability in emerging market economies / / edited by Barry Eichengreen and Ricardo Hausmann Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-58468-5 9786612584688 0-226-19457-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (306 p.) Altri autori (Persone) EichengreenBarry J HausmannRicardo Disciplina 332/.042/091724 Soggetti Capital movements - Developing countries Debts, External - Developing countries Finance - Developing countries Monetary policy - Developing countries Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto The pain of original sin -- Must original sin cause macroeconomic damnation? -- A fiscal perspective on currency crises and "original sin" -- Original sin, balance-sheet crises, and the roles of international lending -- How original sin was overcome: the evolution of external debt denominated in domestic currencies in the United States and the British dominions, 1800-2000 -- Old sins: exchange clauses and European foreign lending in the nineteenth century -- Why do emerging economies borrow in foreign currency? -- Why do countries borrow the way they borrow? -- The mystery of original sin -- Original sin: the road to redemption. Recent crises in emerging markets have been heavily driven by Sommario/riassunto balance-sheet or net-worth effects. Episodes in countries as far-flung as Indonesia and Argentina have shown that exchange rate adjustments that would normally help to restore balance can be destabilizing, even

> catastrophic, for countries whose debts are denominated in foreign currencies. Many economists instinctually assume that developing

countries allow their foreign debts to be denominated in dollars, yen, or euros because they simply don't know better. Presenting evidence that even emerging markets with strong policies and institutions experience this problem, Other People's Money recognizes that the situation must be attributed to more than ignorance. Instead, the contributors suggest that the problem is linked to the operation of international financial markets, which prevent countries from borrowing in their own currencies. A comprehensive analysis of the sources of this problem and its consequences, Other People's Money takes the study one step further, proposing a solution that would involve having the World Bank and regional development banks themselves borrow and lend in emerging market currencies.