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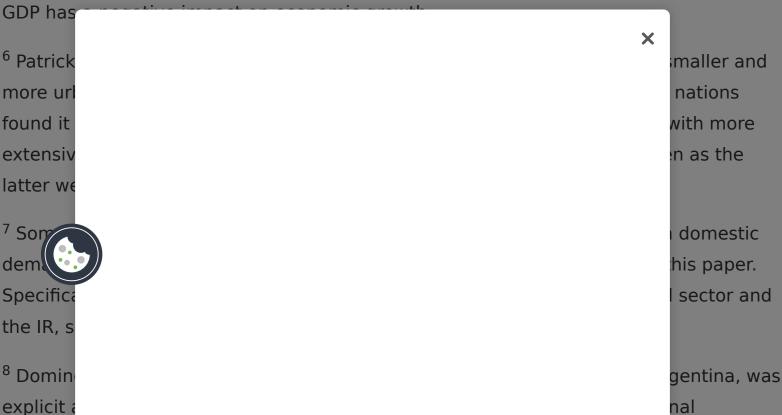
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- <sup>1</sup> C.A.E. Goodhart (2011) suggests only three periods, disregarding the early period of central banking altogether. In part, his brief history of central banking is flawed, because that early history is fundamental to understanding what central banks can do in developing countries.
- <sup>2</sup> On the concept of the developmental state, see Meredith Woo-Cumings (<u>1999</u>).
- <sup>3</sup> This section is based on Matias Vernengo (2015).
- <sup>4</sup> The monopoly over the issue of banknotes came significantly later, only after Robert Peel's Bank Charter Act of 1844. For the early history of the Bank of England, see John Clapham (1944).
- <sup>5</sup> This would be, for example, the argument in the now infamous paper by Carmen M. Reinhart and Kenneth S. Rogoff (2010), who claim that public debt above 90 percent of



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<sup>9</sup> In addition, the notion of demand-pull inflation in mainstream models hinges on the idea that the system tends to its natural rate of unemployment. The problems with this concept and its twin, the natural rate of interest – both logical, as highlighted in the capital debates, and empirical, as evidenced by its variability and path-dependency – suggest that the typical discussion of inflation in conventional models should be taken with a grain of salt.

<sup>10</sup> For a discussion of the external vulnerability of Argentina in the context of the dispute with the Vulture Funds, see Vernengo (2014).

<sup>11</sup> There is little evidence that the external accounts react to changes in the exchange rate in a very significant manner. Also, higher central bank rates could be more than compensated by lower rates provided by other public banks, as the Brazilian experience with the national development bank (BNDES) shows.

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