## **Finance and Synchronization**

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## **Abstract**

Financial integration exacerbates the contagion of idiosyncratic shocks between countries. This result rests on a distinction between country-specific shocks and common shocks with country-specific effects. The well-known negative association between financial linkages and cycle synchronization, documented in Kalemli-Ozcan, Papaioannou, and Peydro (2013) corresponds to permanent responses to common shocks.

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