Insurance Market Development: Observations

Insurance in emerging markets: determinants of growth and the case of climate change

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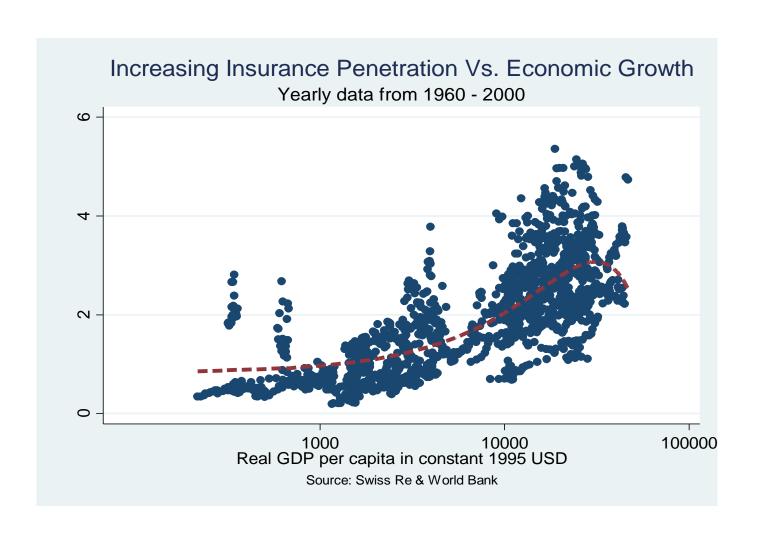
Empirical Evidence: Contribution to Economic Development

Objectives/Reach of Empirical Analysis

- Causality & correlation
 - Limits of econometric analysis
 - Importance of economic models and "a good story"
 - Previous econometric analysis of financial sector

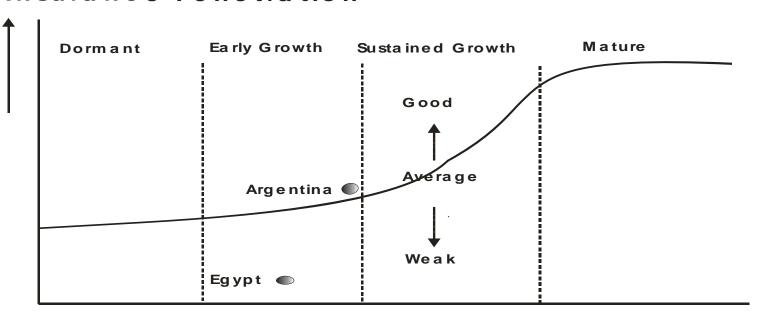
General consensus: insurance is strong predictor of economic growth across countries at different stages of development

Insurance – GDP Growth Relationship: "S" Curve



Stages of Insurance Market Development and Balanced Growth Between Insurance and the Economy

Non-Life Insurance Penetration



→ GDP per Capita

Empirical Evidence: Role in Financial Sector Development

Insurance and the Financial Sector

- Greater Financial Sector Depth (Complement)
 - Non-diversifiable risk (credit, investment)
 - Savings instruments
 - Retirement risk vehicles
 - Long-term finance
- Greater Financial Sector Efficiency (Compete)
 - Institutional investor project monitoring and transparency pressure
 - Enhancing focus of banking through competition
 - Lowering cost of risk

Stages of Insurance Market Development

Stages

- Dormant preconditions missing
- Early market exists but growth is constrained
- Sustained growth market expanding and institutional framework strengthening
- Mature full array of services, market turning to substitutes

Decisive factors at Different Stages of Insurance Market Development

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Stable Middle Income	Sustainable Growth	- Income - Judicial efficiency and transparency	 IAIS Compliance (Regulation / Supervision) Industry market conduct Consumer support Collaboration private/public sectors Market discipline
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