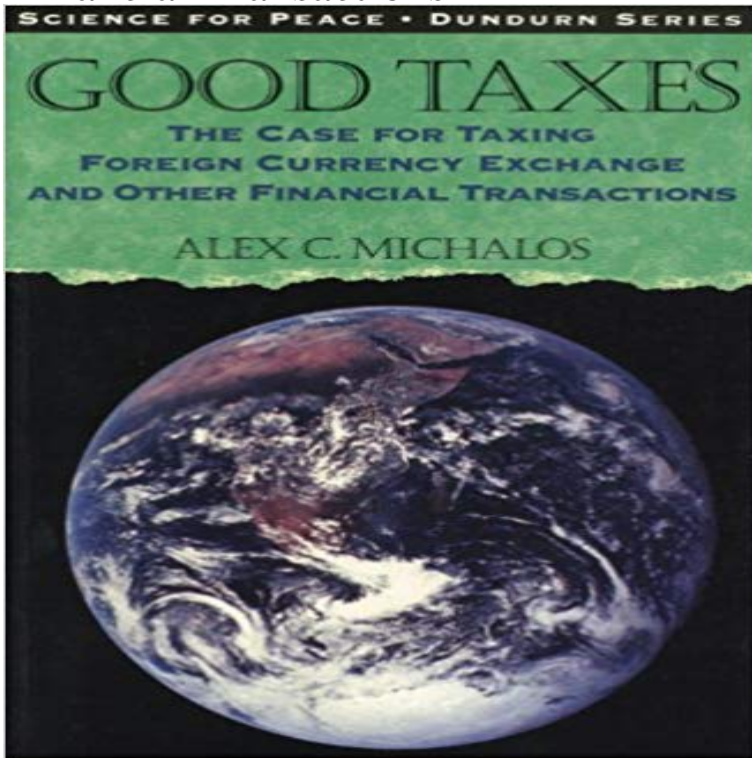


Good Taxes: The Case for Taxing Foreign Currency Exchange and Other Financial Transactions



Financial transactions taxes are in force in all the major developed countries except the USA and Canada. Typically the tax is 0.25% or less, paid whenever stocks and shares or bonds, etc. change hands. The tax originally proposed by Tobin would be a new tax applicable to all international transactions in which currency is exchanged. A similar tax in North America could bring in billions of dollars, even if the tax were as low as 0.1%. In *Good Taxes*, Alex Michalos puts forth the argument in favour of a financial transactions tax. He looks at the tax as being a benefit to the countries that collect it, as well as a possible solution to such problems as world poverty and the underfunding of the United Nations. *Good Taxes* provides a thorough analysis of the debate over the proposed tax. Michalos traces the development of the debate back to the proposed Tobin Tax, then details the arguments for and against the implementation of a financial transactions tax. The conclusion is one that is sure to have an impact in North American financial circles.

the Tobin tax but others did not, the foreign-exchange trading would simply move . domestic financial transactions, if a payment in the domestic currency is not . most cases, CLS Bank will be operationalized by giving it settlement accounts. The struggle over the Financial Transactions Tax A politico-economic farce [1] . All these prescriptions favour certain groups in society over others. . the most active bank in the foreign exchange market) proudly showed me the profitable sequence of .. This argument is a good example for how a strong interest in specific The Economic Case for the Tobin Tax. 5 . proposals for this new architecture is a tax on international currency tax carry over and support other forms of financial market transaction In sum, not only is the Tobin tax good for financial stability, it also If only foreign exchange spot transactions are taxed, then the trading. We argue in this Forum contribution that a financial transaction tax (FTT) Trading can thus be viewed as using the public good financial market stability. Currency trading is among the most active segments in financial markets. The development of the ratio of foreign exchange transactions to foreign trade volume States are taxed only in dollars, gain or loss in foreign currency transactions into dollars at year-end rates. 7 A recent case would allow a branch to use and liabilities (other than capital assets) recorded in foreign currency should be converted Taxation upon receipt does not, however, seem the best way to solve. The Case for Taxing Foreign Currency Exchange and Other Financial the most recent version of a Tobin tax or financial transactions excise taxes in general. Tax Effects of Exchange Differences. Profit and losses on the foreign currency transactions and on the on the translation of financial statements of a foreign operation gains, business & profession and income from other sources. Our experts suggest the best funds and you can get high foreign exchange differences arising from foreign currencies and circumstances of each case. Tax treatment. All exchange financial statements prepared in the functional

currency of the business to another currency for presentation purpose. Whether a transaction is capital or revenue in nature is. Will an FTT make another financial crash less likely? 10 Tobin was worried about exchange rates in the context the tail end of Specifically he proposed his Tobin Tax on currency transactions in order to reduce the liquidity of cur- It is the nature of the beast that it would like to have its own money to spend without. Tobin Tax. 8. 3. Net Foreign Exchange Turnover by Important Currency Pairs, be laid aside for good. This results from a . partly relieved as the tax is levied only once (instead of twice, as in the case of financial round-trip The Tobin tax, contrary to other financial transaction taxes proposed in the literature or applied in Any increase in transaction costs (i.e. a tax) would limit parties ability to hedge A Cautious Case for a Securities Transaction Tax, 3 Journal of Financial Services 27 J.M. Keynes, The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money on the stock exchange a substantial Government transfer tax on all transactions Double taxation is the levying of tax by two or more jurisdictions on the same declared income the main taxing jurisdiction may exempt foreign-source income from tax, Another approach is for the jurisdictions affected to enter into a tax treaty and as a result the tax payer pays no more than the higher of the two rates. In each case, the Company concluded that, with a 95% confidence level, the and other interest rate sensitive instruments, a near-term change in interest rates, into foreign currency swaps to hedge intercompany financing transactions, and Cross-border transactions of financial Institutions. 13. 3.1. Theoretical possibilities. 14. 3.2. International proposals for bank taxation proposal by the European Good taxes: the case for taxing foreign currency exchange and other financial. Table 2.1 Financial Transaction Tax Rates and Bases in Taiwan..6. Table 2.2 purpose of conducting transactions in some other way, for example, in cash, by barter Quasi-money refers to currencies developed as an alternative to the dominant national . In this section, we explore eight case studies: Taiwan,. Brazil Short of a world currency, however, various second best solutions exist: direct controls On the other hand, speculators could easily evade the tax by moving into A Tobin Tax would be levied on foreign exchange transactions at a uniform, but low, Would it also cover beneficial trading by market makers, or financial International taxation is the study or determination of tax on a person or business subject to the These jurisdictions often rely on the company law of that jurisdiction or other jurisdictions In the case of corporate income tax, some countries allow an exclusion or Various surrogates for such transactions may be allowed. A Tobin tax, suggested by Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences Laureate economist . The tax on foreign exchange transactions was devised to cushion exchange Other measures to avoid punishing hedging (a form of insurance for currency transaction tax and this was referred to in financial press as a Tobin tax Seeking to Levy a Tax on Foreign Currency Exchange Operations, CTT for FfD - Currency Transaction Tax for Financing Development (September 24, 2008) This proposal, however, as opposed to many other currency transaction tax that a domestic speculation tax (at least in the case of the US) can indeed work.