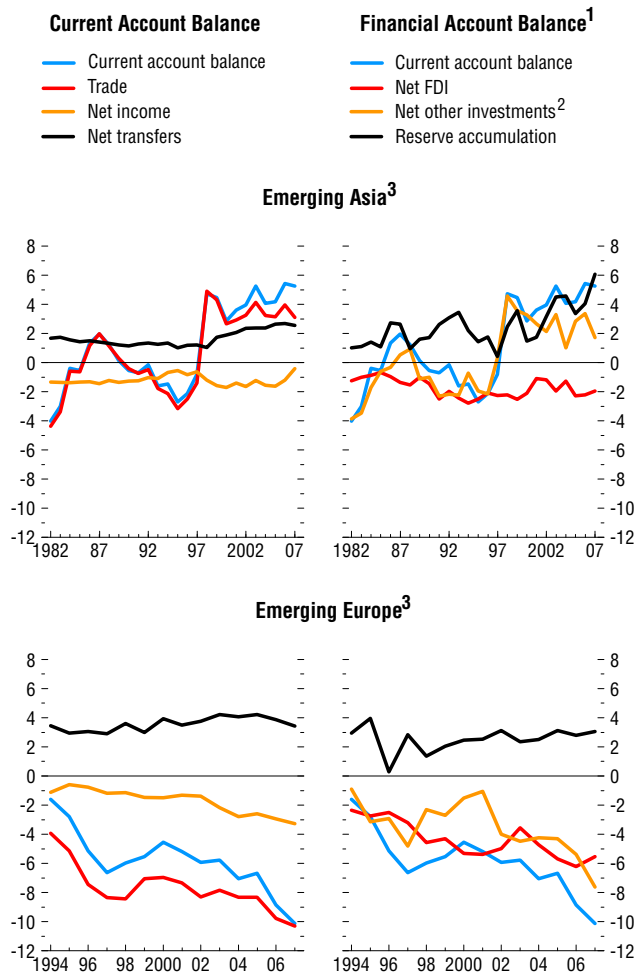


**Figure 6.2. External Balances by Component**  
*(Percent of GDP; simple average)*

Developments in the current account are mostly driven by the trade balance. In emerging Asia the current transfers balance has also improved after 1997, whereas in emerging Europe rising deficits were associated with a deterioration of the net income balance.



Sources: IMF, *Balance of Payments Statistics*; and IMF staff calculations.

<sup>1</sup>Financial account transactions have been multiplied by -1.

<sup>2</sup>Includes net portfolio investments and net other investments.

<sup>3</sup>See footnote 1 and 2 in Figure 6.1 for regional breakdowns.