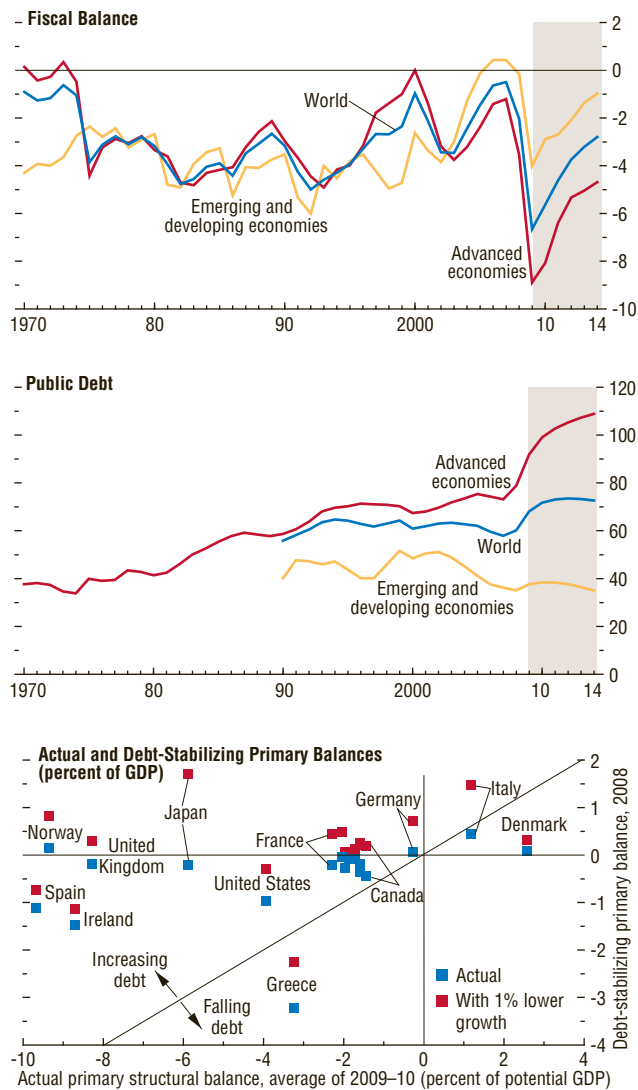


Figure 1.7. General Government Fiscal Balances and Public Debt
(Percent of GDP)

Fiscal policy is providing significant stimulus to the global economy. Public debt, however, is rising fast, particularly in advanced economies. Large corrections in fiscal balances will be necessary to reverse this trend once the recovery is on a firm footing.



Sources: World Economic Outlook database; and IMF staff estimates.