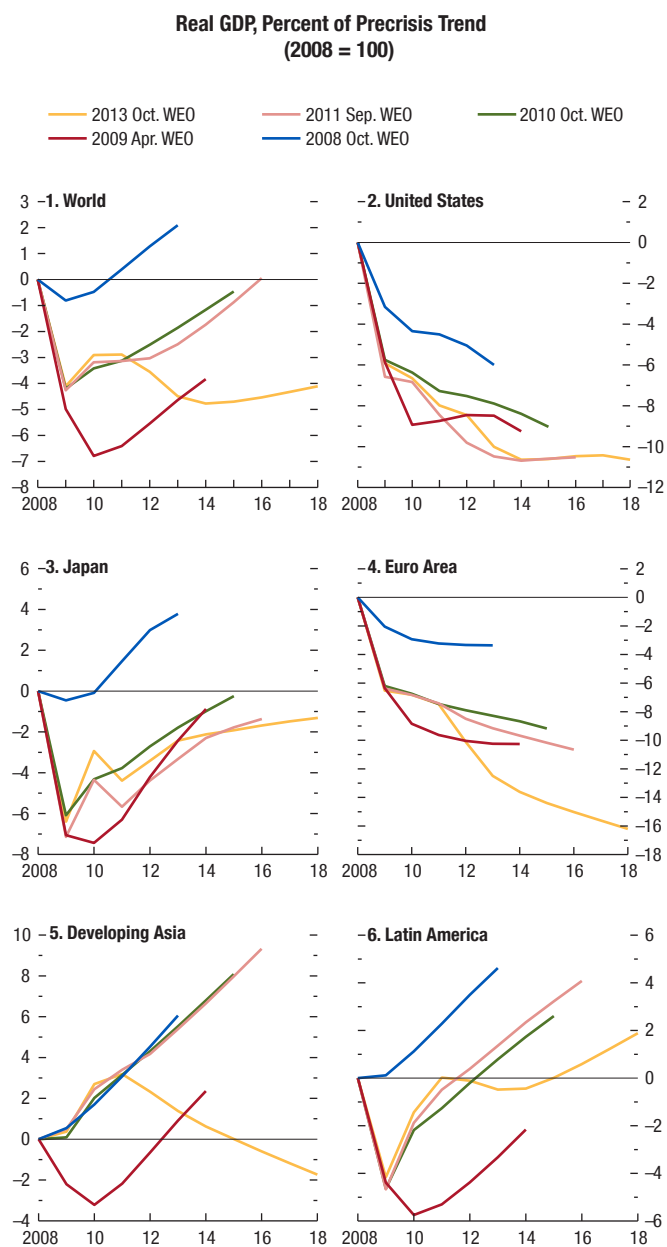


Figure 1.13. Real GDP Projections: Past and Current

An assessment of past WEO forecasts reveals that those made in September 2008, just before the Lehman failure, have proved too optimistic for all economies; the forecasts that came soon afterward, in April 2009, were too pessimistic for the emerging market economies in Asia, Latin America, and sub-Saharan Africa. During October 2010–October 2011, forecasts settled broadly around their current profile, with two notable exceptions. First, the euro area fell into a crisis, which started with Greece in spring 2010 and broadened in 2011. Second, after forecast upgrades during 2010, emerging market economies experienced serial growth disappointments.



Source: IMF staff estimates.

Note: Precrisis trend is defined as the geometric average of real GDP level growth between 1996 and 2006.