THE WORLD ECONOMY IN THE AGE OF INSTABILITY

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〈SUMMARY〉

In this paper, we review the trends in the world economy starting the 1980s, when liberalisation and internationalisation of finance began, to the present, from the viewpoint of external imbalances. Liberalisation and internationalisation of finance have accelerated international money transfers, causing external imbalances for each country. Fluctuations in the domestic and foreign financial markets will impact the real economy of each country in various ways. The booming economy of the real economy accompanying the current account imbalance (global imbalance) of the 2000s is now undergoing adjustment in the form of secular stagnation. Furthermore, the world economy is becoming more unstable owing to the uncertainties resulting from the stagnation.

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