Circular Economy and Resource Extraction

A Replication, Robustness Analysis and Re-estimation

Do circular economy policies reduce European domestic extraction?

Context

- Environmental damage
- Sustainable economic growth
- Circular economy: reuse & recycling
 Study: Bianchi & Cordella (2023)
- Empirical evidence of impact circular economy policies
- Prominent study
- Useful for policymakers

Problem

- Credibility & robustness concern:
 - Hansen-Sargan test p-value of 1.00
- Instrument proliferation?

Methodology

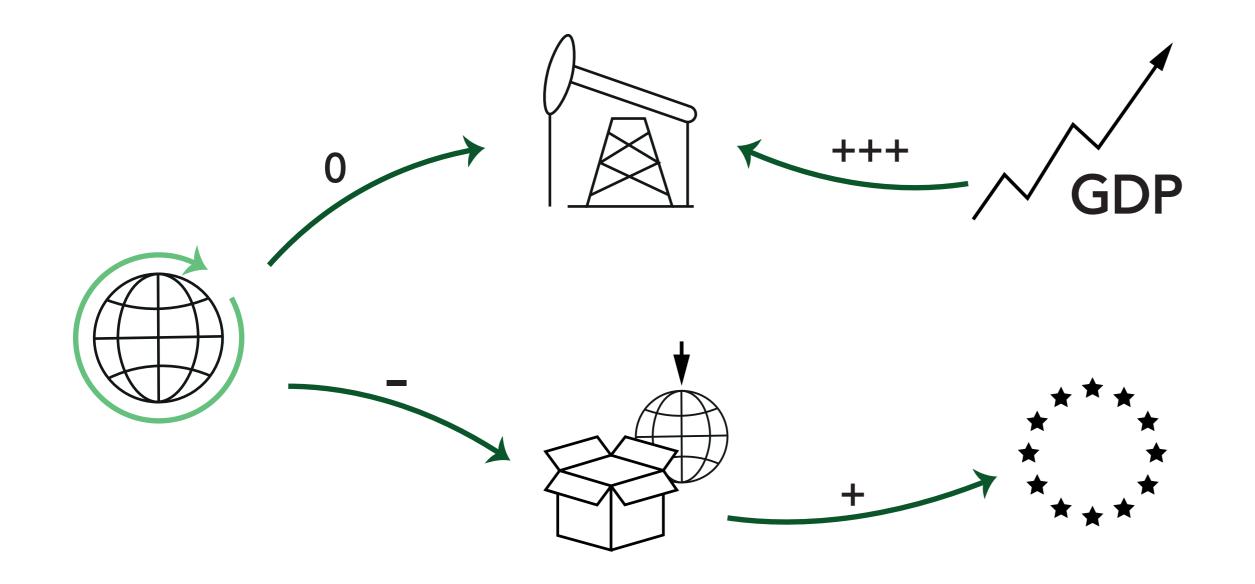
	Panel data model	Original data (28 countries, 2010-2019)	Extended data (27 countries, 2010-2022)	Specification adjustments?	Resource trade inclusion?
Verification	System GMM, etc.		X	X	X
Reanalysis	System GMM				X
Re-estimation (1)	2SLS	X			X
Re-estimation (2)	2SLS	X			

100 bn. tonnes virgin

resources

Results

Successful verification exposed methodological flaws



Contribution

yearly extraction

~10%

- Extends empirical evidence of impact circular economy policies
- Strengthens research credibility through replication and robustness tests
- Offers practical approach to handle endogeneity in challenging panel data settings (applied Lewbel, 2012)



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