The Expansionary Lower Bound by Paolo Cavallino and Damiano Sandri

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 - Tighter ex-ante monetary policy
 - Additional policy instruments including macro-pru

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 - Assumed no disutility from labor and discretion \rightarrow eq'm may not exist

- Ambitious paper
- Could make it stronger by generalizing key insights
- Very important research area
 - with an abundance of stylized models
 - and a lack of a benchmark
- Interesting point about forward guidance!