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“Global Economic Growth Falters...Again,” by Galina Alexeenko, director of the Regional Economic Information Network at the Atlanta Fed’s Nashville Branch

Discussion questions

1. What is the forecasted economic outlook for global growth in 2014? How does that compare with 2012 and 2013?
2. What are the key features of Japan’s economic plan, dubbed “Abenomics?” What type of monetary policy is Japan’s central bank pursuing?
3. How have investors reacted to higher interest rates in the United States? Why is this an important new risk to the global economy?
4. In looking at the fiscal reforms followed by Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and Italy, what macroeconomic effect was seen across all of these countries as the result of fiscal tightening?
5. What is the fiscal multiplier? Under what conditions might this multiplier be larger? How do recessions affect multipliers?

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