Decomposition of the components of

long-term interest rates: Bolivia case \*

**Abstract** 

This paper assesses the relative contribution of the main components of Bolivian

government bond rates, using market return series implicit in the information on the pension funds' investment portfolio. Based on the estimation of SVAR models and

historical decomposition exercises, on a monthly basis, covering the period 2010-2023,

it is found that the dynamics of local long-term rates are marginally explained by global

factors, that the role of the "neutral component" is relevant, mainly, through monetary

policy, and that, among the most important risk factors behind the term premium, there

would be public debt, followed by the volatility of inflation expectations. In a secondary

exercise, the results of the historical decomposition of sovereign bond market rates warn

of greater volatility, with deviations from their base projection explained by both external

and internal factors.

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