

Funding the Future

There's at least one economist who realises government ...

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I'm pleased to note that at least one major economist realises that public debt owned by the central bank of the government that issued that debt isn't debt at all.

The economist is Paul Krugman. The economy he wrote about is Japan. [Japan has public debt of about 220% of GDP](#) - way, way beyond anyone else's debt. Except [as Krugman noted in 2010](#):

Oh, and about that debt; it's not good - but net debt is about 100 percent of GDP, not 200, because the BOJ holds so much of it.

Precisely. When you own your own debt it's no longer debt at all.

Now that needs to become part of the mainstream narrative.