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Issue Review

Modern economy deals with risk management problem. There is no doubt that managing risk is the crucial part of the financial stability achieving process both from macro and micro perspective. More to say, risk management is just logical response to the vulnerabilities and complexities of our world. Being sometimes nebulous or undefined it is perhaps the only solution for the business challenges that the modern economy develops. Managing risk is not only a question of adjusting the quantitative methods we know but it is also a problem of identifying new types of risk – often unmeasurable but of a great importance. Can we solve all the modern risks assessment problems? Definitely no, but we have to do our best not to be stuck in the world of uncertainty.

This TIBE issue is divided into four parts covering the important problems that modern economy has to face with. They are: evaluation of decision making under the risk, transformation of financial markets, stock market modelling and forecasting and analysis of changes in consumption and consumer behaviour. They all deal with risk management in different areas.

The first part thesis refer to risk in modern finance. The concept of model risk opens the discussion reflecting an important problem of interaction between models and their applications - often leading to unexpected results. Moreover, in this part the systemic risks problems were presented as well as skewness of financial return distribution issues. Financial risk questions can be also found in the thesis dealing with the analysis of the coverage of personal injury claims as well as comparative analysis of the rates of return on open-end debt investment funds in Poland. This part ends with an interesting paper presenting a solution approach for the inventory-routing problem in rolling horizon planning environment.

The second part covers the topics dealing with transformation of financial markets. The first question asked in this part is: Have financial sectors in post-communist countries managed to catch up with the „world leaders” over the last 20 years? Some historical point of view can be also found in the paper describing abenomics in Japan. Two other thesis refer to banking issues, presenting both Polish banking sector analysis as well as international evidence on banks performance.

Stock market modeling and forecasting issues are presented in the third part. Stock trend predictions analysis and managerial sentiment problems are always important as they allow us for better understanding of the market that becomes more and more uncertain. This part of the issue ends with the discussion on the equity markets of Central and Eastern Europe in the context of local equity valuation premium.

The last part touches the analysis of changes in consumption and consumer behaviour problems. It starts with interesting green consuming discussion followed by the analysis of customer preferences in mobile payment system in Poland. The issue ends up with a thesis covering cropping pattern adjustment in China’s grain production problems.

This issue is definitely worth reading. Presented papers deal with up to date real cases from the perspective of scientific researches outcomes and practical solutions. The main value of this issue can be found in putting risk management problems in the context of today's business challenges, not only financial but also social.

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