

Letter from Editors

The papers published in the present issue represent different areas of economic modelling and diversified methodological approaches. One of the papers is a study in the field of economics of contract, two other tackle macroeconomic questions using econometric methods, and one is devoted to financial econometrics.

The first paper, written by Bogumił Kamiński and Maciej Łatek, is a theoretical study of setting revenue sharing rules in a team production framework with a principal and two agents. In particular, the authors formally show that the rule of equal percentage markups can lead to inflation of project costs.

The authors of the second article, Miroslav Klůčik and Jana Juriová, show that the composite leading indicator, originally used for forecasting the turning points of the business cycle, can also be treated as a tool for quantitative prediction of the recession phase. Their empirical research focuses on the economy of Slovakia, which suffered recession in the first quarter of 2009.

In the third paper Magdalena Zachłód-Jelec develops a cointegrated VAR model of consumption, labour income and asset wealth in the Polish economy. Her empirical results, showing that labour income fluctuations explain deviations from the long run relationship much better than assets, are confronted with findings of other authors for other countries.

The last paper, by Łukasz Kwiatkowski, is a methodological study in the field of financial econometrics. The author proposes a Stochastic Variance model with risk premium (the "in-mean effect") described by a two-state Markov chain. Fully Bayesian analysis of such SV Markov Switching in Mean (SV-MS-M) specifications is developed and applied to daily stock data.