

- **The BIAS-FD Tool.**
  - Tool to calculate the quality of a banknote to determine whether it is usable (FIT-UNFIT) using supervised Machine Learning algorithms.
- **The Minijourney.**
  - Six NCBs perform extraction of information of banknotes (S/N + 12 properties) using banknotes processing machines.
  - Storage in a Hadoop cluster at the ECB for analysis.
- **Neurometrics.**
  - Applied to the design of banknotes and their security features.
  - Neurometrics measured on participants performing a visual and physical evaluation of different banknotes.

- **New economic policy uncertainty index for Spain (EPU), and Latam**
- **Extraction of structured data from mortgage loan agreements.**
- **Semi-Automated review of certain aspects in consumer credit.**
- **Extraction of Climate-related disclosures from financial reports.**
- **Sentiment analysis of Bank of Spain's Quarterly reports.**
- **Sentiment analysis of Financial Stability Reports.**
- **Text mining of press bulletin to aid weekly economic situation report.**
- **Topic modelling of Statements and press conferences of Central Banks.**

- **Detecting faults & outliers in CBSO questionnaires.**
  - Detect alternative patterns to assess data quality and perform data imputation of missing values via machine learning for questionnaires sent by corporations to the Central Balance Sheet Data Office.
- **Data Analytics on Basel III reports to improve data quality.**
  - Detect anomalies, quality problems and inconsistencies not covered by the XBRL validations in the COREP and FINREP reports.

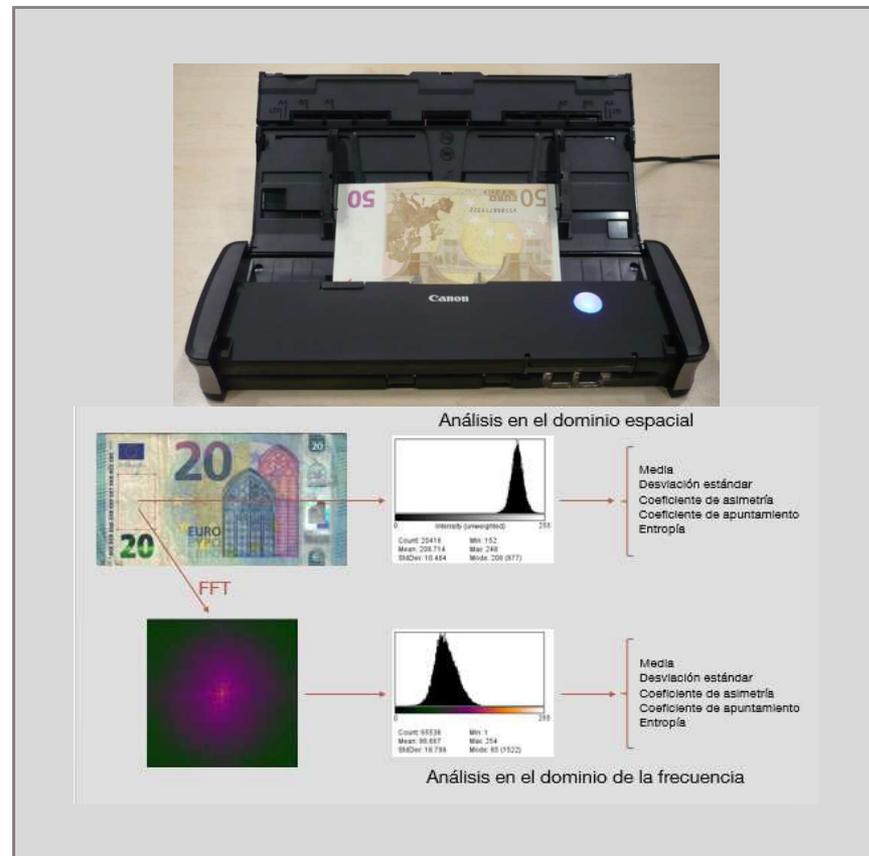
Some selected, ongoing, research papers

- **“Financial Frictions and the Wealth Distribution”. Fernández-Villaverde, J.; Hurtado, S.; Nuño, G. (2019).**
- **“The effects of tax changes on economic activity: a narrative approach to frequent anticipations”. García-Urbe, S. (2018).**
- **“Nowcasting private consumption: traditional indicators, uncertainty measures, and the role of internet search query data”. Pérez, J.J.; Urtasun, A. (2017).**

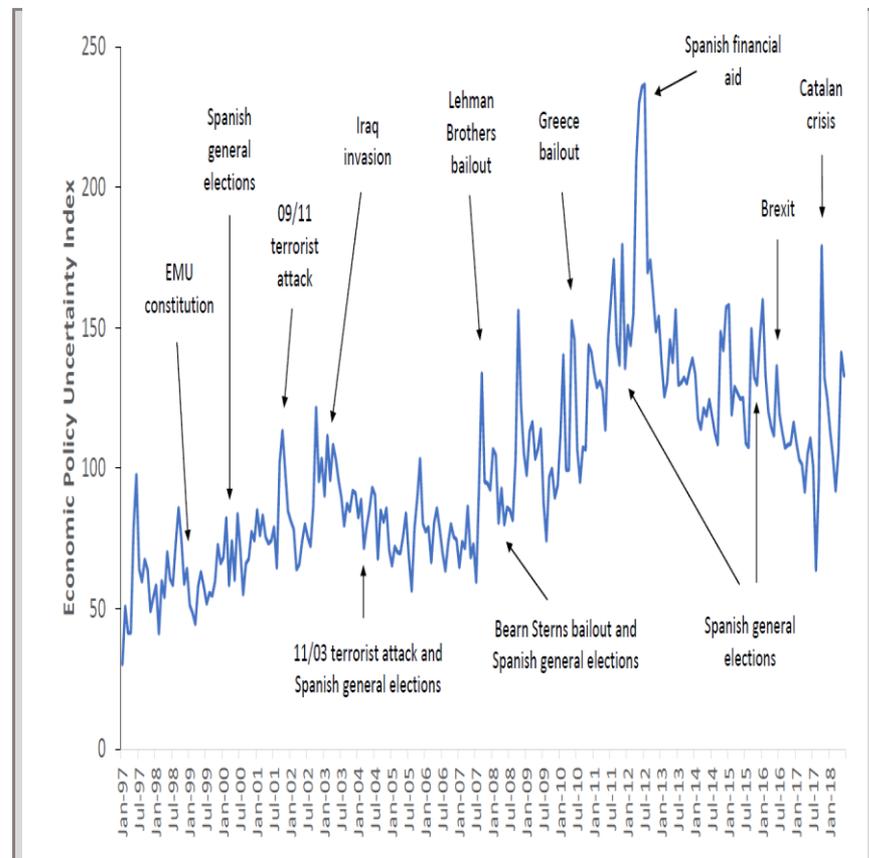
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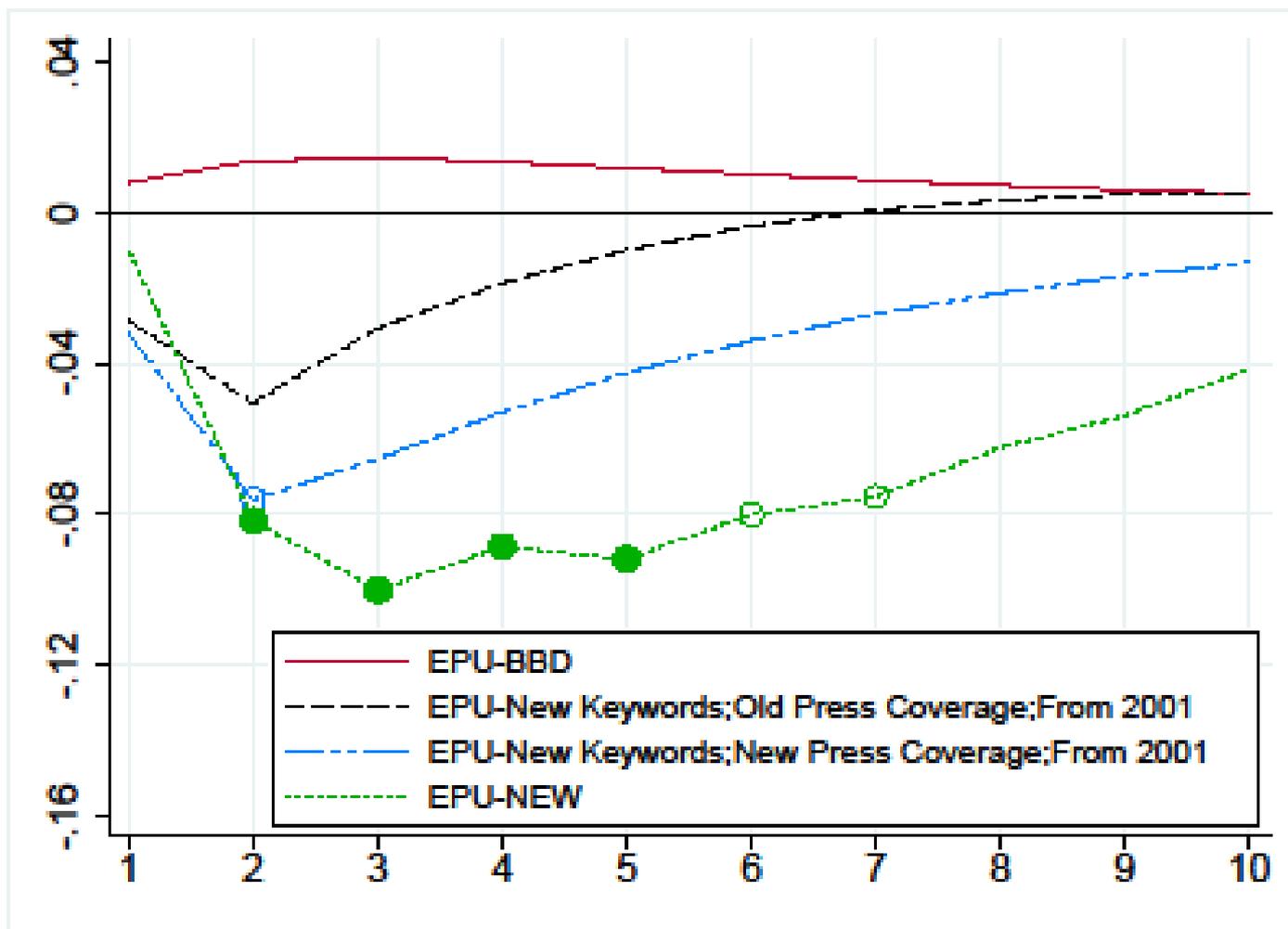
- **Banknote Image Analysis in the Spatial and Frequency Domains (European Patent EP2911123B1).**
- **Tool to calculate the quality of a banknote to determine whether it is usable. Fitness classification:**
  - FIT for recirculation.
  - UNFIT for recirculation.
- **Supervised Machine Learning algorithms based on spatial and frequency information.**



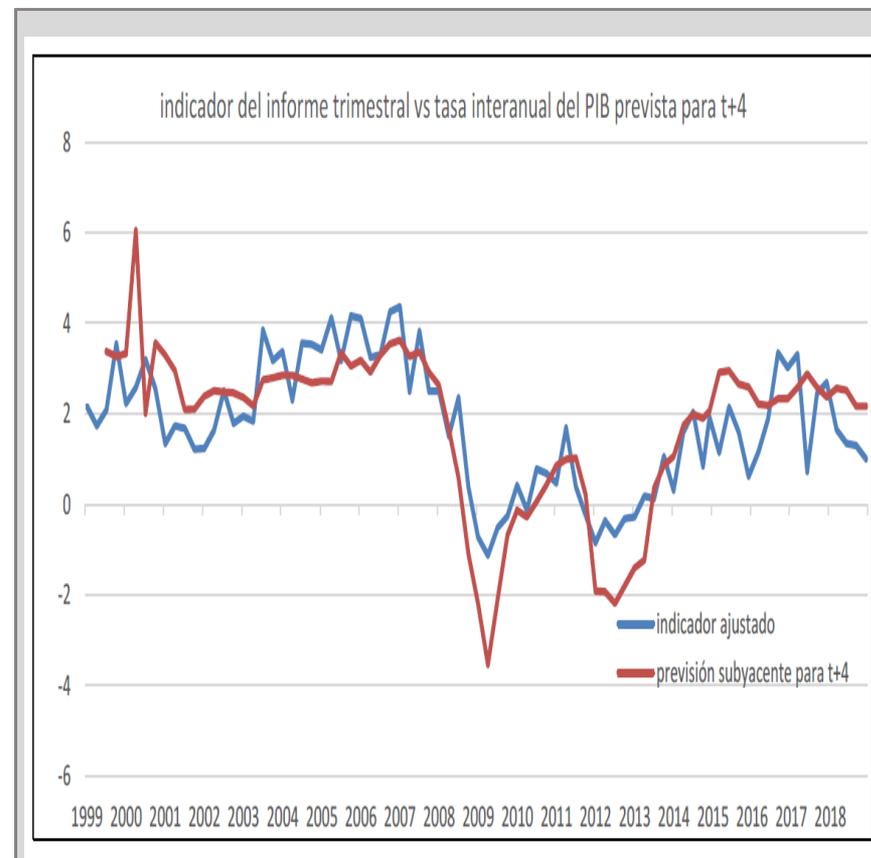
- Refines the Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU) index (Baker et al., 2016) for Spain.
- Fine-tunes richness of expressions and newspaper coverage.
- Based on 7 relevant Spanish national newspapers from January 1997 to the present.
- New EPU shows more consistent chronology of relevant events.
- Available at:  
[http://www.policyuncertainty.com/spain\\_GPU.html](http://www.policyuncertainty.com/spain_GPU.html)



## Relative contribution of keywords, press, and time coverage: GDP responses



- **Study on sentiment evolution in Quarterly Reports on the Spanish Economy (mainly in the Overview section).**
- **Creation of dictionary of positive and negative terms (90 + variants) in Spanish.**
- **Evaluation of evolution of sentiment and the PIB since Q1 1999.**
- Some recent related literature: Clements and Reade (2016); Stekler and Symington (2016); Hollrah, Sharpe, Sinha (2017); Catalfamo (2018); Jones, Sinclair and Stekler (2018)



### Quarterly Reports on the Spanish economy published online (PDF) since 1999Q1

Since 1999: description of the economic situation and qualitative risk assessment

As of 2007: quantitative projections published once per year (in March)

As of 2014: quantitative projections published four times per year

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### Economic Bulletin

The Economic Bulletin, which has been published quarterly since 2017, comprises the Quarterly report on the Spanish Economy, and the Analytical Articles and Economic Notes published during the related quarter. The quarterly report analyses recent developments in the Spanish economy, within the international and euro area context. The analysis includes a series of boxes addressing relevant economic issues.

#### Access by year

2019 ▾

2018 ▲

2017 Documents are available in PDF format 📄

2016

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2010 Quarterly report on the Spanish economy (1 MB)

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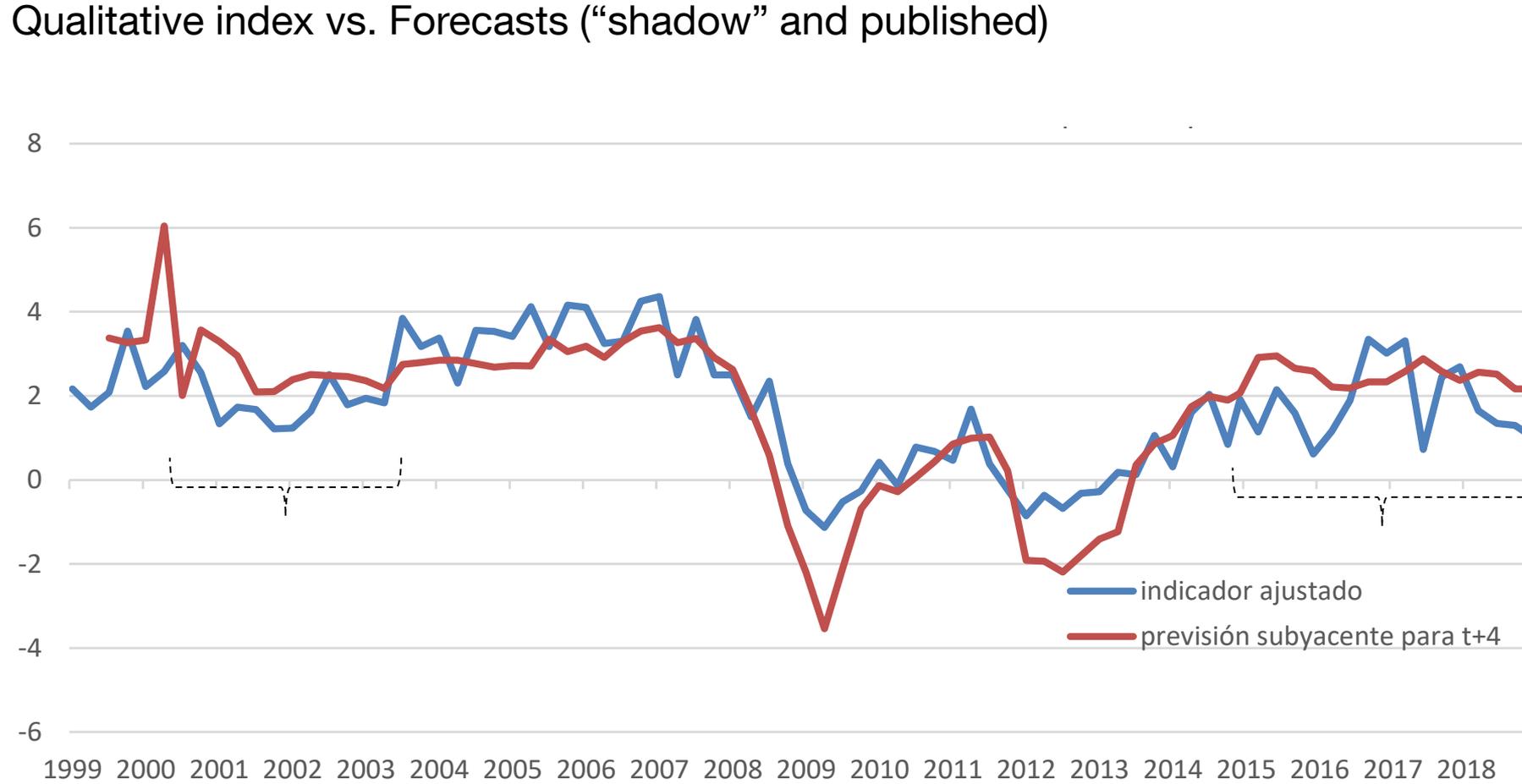
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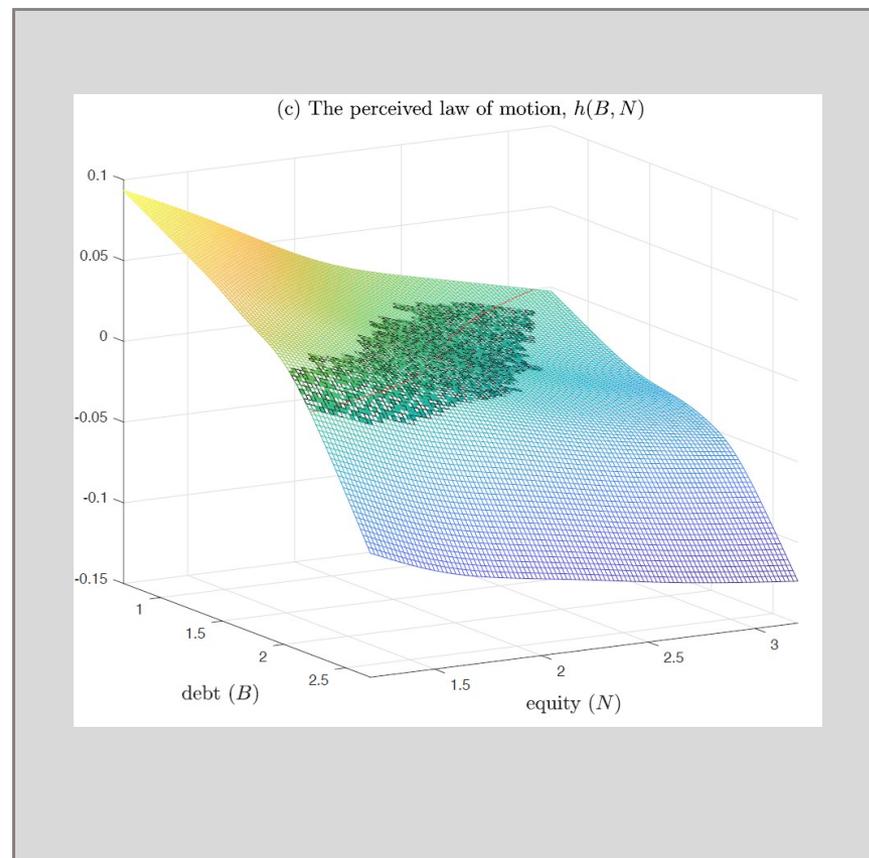
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### Qualitative index vs. Forecasts (“shadow” and published)



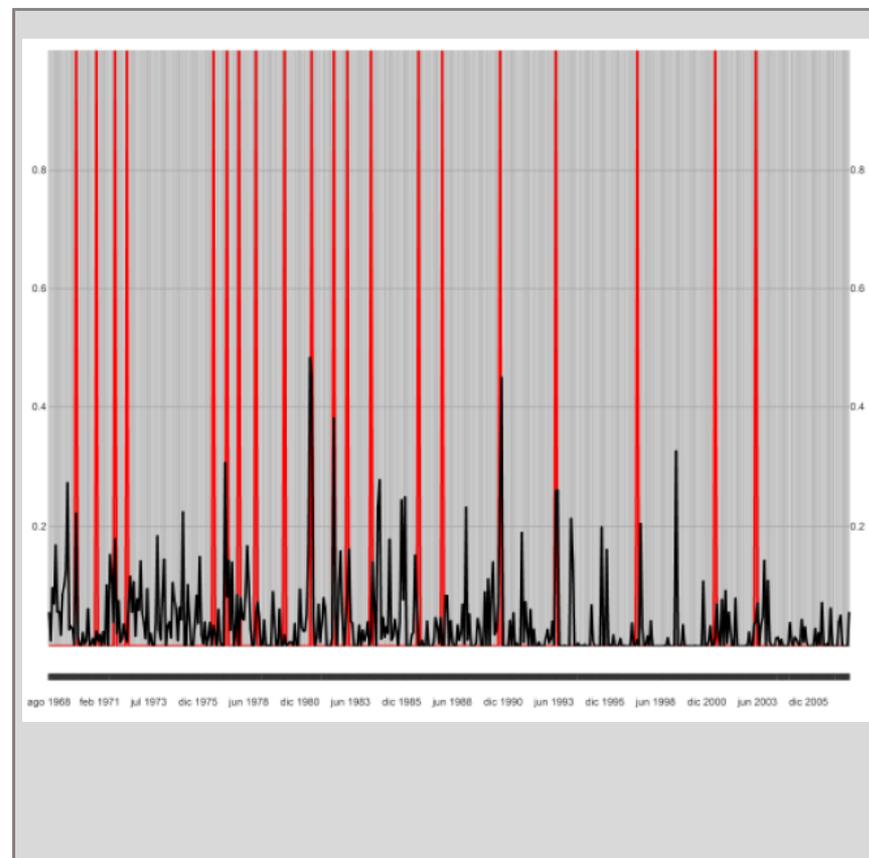
***Financial Frictions and the Wealth Distribution.* Fernández-Villaverde, J.; Hurtado, S.; Nuño, G. (2019).**

- **Dynamic stochastic general equilibrium modeling (DSGE) is a method in macroeconomics that attempts to explain economic phenomena through models based on general equilibrium theory and microeconomic principles.**
- **This paper shows how these models can be computed through neural networks on simulated data.**
- **Allows model estimation using micro-data.**



## *The effects of tax changes on economic activity: a narrative approach to frequent anticipations. García-Urbe, S. (2018)*

- **Uses summaries of TV news from 1968 to 2007 to create a new information measure on potential tax policy reforms in the USA.**
- **Applies Random Forests and Fuzzy Forests algorithms.**
- **Results reveal that one-month-ahead anticipations of tax approvals significantly stimulate current economic activity.**
- **Figure: predicted probability for tax bill approvals one month ahead based on new media measure.**



***Nowcasting private consumption: traditional indicators, uncertainty measures, and the role of internet search query data. Pérez, J.J.; Urtasun, A. (2017)***

- **Focuses on nowcasting and forecasting quarterly private consumption.**
- **Uses proxy indicators of economic and policy uncertainty indicators such as consumption-related search queries.**
- **Google-based and uncertainty indicators perform notably when combined with traditional ones at estimation horizons beyond the nowcasting one, consistent with capturing information about future consumption decisions.**

