Models of Risk and Uncertainty: What is the Future?

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Structural Economic Models of Risk and Uncertainty

- investor preferences including beliefs and information
- exposure to macroeconomic risk long run and short run
- market structure access and transaction costs
- equilibrium

Challenges to existing models

- empirical work puzzles etc
- behavior challenges
- credible models of beliefs? pushed rational expectations too far? learning model selection etc.
- frictions, transaction costs, inertia etc.

Why do we care?

- sources of parameter values for dynamic economic models
- welfare assessments about the consequences of exposure to risk
- use forward looking behavior of asset prices to back out investor sentiments or beliefs - requires a valuation model