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Index-based Insurance for Risk Management

Abstract

The insurance policies should be modified to endure increasingly volatile catastrophic weather events. We propose a natural disasters index (NDI) to forecast the degree of future risk and validate it through option pricing, risk budgeting, and stress testing. These financial instruments for hedging the intrinsic risk could forewarn the insurers and corporations to transfer insurance risk to capital market investors. Following the financial management principles in the NDI, we construct index-based insurance for crime in the United States and provide a basis for the securitization of insurance risk from certain crimes. Our index-based insurances intend to help investors envision risk exposure in our indices, gauge investment risk based on their desired risk level, and hedge strategies.



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