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paolo favilli provides both students and scholars with an original reading of themes and issues found in karl marx s das kapital and its connections with present

day challenges by way of continuous cross referencing between present and past favilli demonstrates claims that the scientific status of das kapital advanced by countless texts since its original publication are themselves deeply imbued by the spirit of the times if in 1963 jean paul sartre could write that marxism was the unsurpassable philosophical horizon of our times what could make an undergraduate student today consider such a claim plausible informed by the latest research on marxist theory and decades teaching the philosophy of history favilli employs a didactic approach stimulating student engagement and learning opportunities in the classroom this approach allows for a better understanding of relationship between the present and the multiple temporalities that characterise and periodise the contemporary era what follows is a critique of the contemporary academy for its hangover of post 1989 nuovismo cult of novelty and inability to make the proper distinctions between marxism as party state the works of karl marx and marxism as an object of history this led to the spectacle where after 1989 those who had spent most of their careers as marxist hued scholars not only abandoned this identity but also spurned any recognition that marx and marxism were worthwhile objects of inquiry this book was first published in italian as a proposito de il capitale il lungo presente e i miei studenti corso di storia contemporanea milan francoangeli 2021 this english translation includes a new foreword by the author

this issue of the yale law journal the 8th issue of volume 121 academic year 2011 2012 features articles and essays by several notable scholars principal contributors include leading scholars in their fields contributions includes articles by ian ayers on opt out provisions and an economic theory of rule altering and by james greiner and cassandra pattanayak on randomized evaluation in legal assistance as well as an essay by joshua wright on the dichotomy between antitrust policy and consumer protection student work explores discovery law after recent changes in pretrial dismissal standards a proposal for a fair mandatory arbitration scheme fair notice provisions and corporate purposes in light of the craigslist ebay litigation this is the final issue for volume 121 the june 2012 issue

the central focus of this paper is on the relationship between domestic market structure and export performance it evaluates the hypothesis that more concentrated industrial sectors can achieve more easily the transition from standardized labor intensive manufactures to sophisticated skill intensive products as such industries are better able to cope with the inevitable reputational externalities involved in producing high quality goods for foreign markets south korea and taiwan provide a good test of the theory as they have sharply different market structures the results of the empirical analysis provide strong support for the hypothesis

this paper studies the transmission of fiscal disturbances between countries and the effect of those disturbances on worldwide capital intensity in a context of growth the model developed to address these issues allows for the production of both nontradable and relatively capital intensive tradable goods a central finding is that factor markets can be a major channel for the communication of fiscal policy shocks to world interest rates to private saving decisions and ultimately to global asset supplies and their distribution among countries particular predictions of the model illustrate how changes in public debt ratios and shifts in government spending patterns affect resource allocation and welfare for example an increase in a small country s per capita public debt leads to long run crowding in of capital and the impoverishment of future generations a similar policy shift by a large country crowds out capital on a global scale impoverishes

future domestic generations and has ambiguous effects abroad

this paper analyzes the effects of government intervention in credit markets when lenders use collateral interest and the probability of granting a loan as potential screening devices equilibria with and without rationing are examined the principal theme is that credit policies operate through their effect on the incentive compatibility constraint which inhibits high risk borrowers from mimicking the behavior of low risk borrowers any policy that loosens tightens the constraint raises reduces efficiency most government credit programs explicitly attempt to fund investors that cannot obtain private financing in the model presented here these subsidies increase the extent of rationing and reduce efficiency in contrast policies that subsidize the nonrationed borrowers or all borrowers are efficiency enhancing and reduce the extent of rationing

this paper uses current population survey data on a large sample of workers to estimate the determinants of participation in state workers compensation programs in the united states the principal finding is that higher workers compensation benefits are associated with greater participation in the workers compensation program after accounting for worker characteristics state fixed effects and other aspects of the workers compensation law moreover this result holds for both manufacturing and non manufacturing workers workers compensation benefits however have an insignificant effect on program participation for the sample of women overall a 10 increase in benefits is associated with a 6.7 increase in program participation in addition the results show that the waiting period that is required before benefit payments begin has a substantial negative effect on participation in the workers compensation program finally the parameters of the cross sectional model are used to simulate the aggregate workers compensation incidence rate from 1969 to 1987 the growth in workers compensation claims in the 1970s appears to correspond reasonably well to the growth in real benefits that occurred during this time period

this paper questions recent conclusions that the trend towards defined contribution plans and away from defined benefit plans is due to increased pension regulation and or a changing economic environment using data from irs 5500 filings by pension administrators we find that at least half of the trend is due to a shifting employment mix toward firms with industry size and union status characteristics which have historically been associated with lower defined benefit plan rates not more than half of the trend can be attributed to a stampede by firms with given industry size and union status characteristics toward defined contribution pension coverage

empirical tests of the life cycle model have focused on its implications for the level of a household's total net worth and paid little attention to changes in portfolio composition over the life cycle in this paper we examine a new survey of the asset holdings of 6,010 U.S. households and show that there is a pronounced life cycle pattern to both the number and value of assets held by U.S. households direct survey evidence suggests that incomplete information is a significant determinant of household portfolio composition we test the hypothesis that information about investment opportunities arrives stochastically over time

estimating a poisson model for the arrival of new information

a corporation's securities provide the holder with particular claims on the firm's income stream and particular voting rights these securities can be designed in various ways one share of a particular class may have a claim to votes which is disproportionately larger or smaller than its claim to income in this paper we analyze some of the forces which make it desirable to set up the corporation so that all securities have the same proportion of votes as their claim to income one share one vote we show that security structure influences both the conditions under which a control change takes place and the terms on which it occurs first the allocation of voting rights to securities determines which securities a party must acquire in order to win control secondly the assignment of income claims to the same securities determines the cost of acquiring these voting rights we will show that it is in shareholders interest to set the cost of acquiring control to be as large as possible consistent with a control change occurring whenever this increases shareholder wealth under certain assumptions one share one vote best achieves this goal we distinguish between two classes of benefits from control private benefits and security benefits the private benefits of control refer to benefits the current management or the acquirer obtain for themselves but which the target security holders do not obtain the security benefits refer to the total market value of the corporation's securities the assignment of income claims to voting rights determines the extent to which an acquirer must face competition from parties who value the firm for its security benefits rather than its private benefits

this paper offers some observations on employee crime economic theories of crime limits on bonding and the efficiency wage hypothesis we demonstrate that the simplest economic theories of crime predict that profit maximizing firms should follow strategies of minimal monitoring and large penalties for employee crime finding overwhelming empirical evidence that firms expend considerable resources trying to detect employee malfeasance and do not impose extremely large penalties we investigate a number of possible reasons why the simple model's predictions fail it turns out that plausible explanations for firms large outlays on monitoring of employees also justify the payment of premium wages in some circumstances there is no legitimate a priori argument that firms should not pay efficiency wages once it is recognized that they expend significant resources on monitoring

in a questionnaire survey we asked japanese institutional investors to recall what they thought and did during the worldwide stock market crash in october 1987 the results confirm that the drop in u s stock prices was the primary factor on their minds and other news stories in the united states dominated japanese news stories a comparison with an earlier survey of u s institutional investors at the time of the crash shiller 1987 shows a remarkable similarity between japanese and u s institutional investors in a number of attitudinal and behavioral dimensions the results suggest that events in the united states were the proximate cause of the crash in japan but that the transmission mechanism of the crash was very similar in both countries

this paper tests for the existence of expectational effects in very disaggregate price equations price equations are estimated using monthly data for each of 40

products the dynamic specification of the equations is also tested including whether the equations should be specified in level form or in change form two expectational hypotheses are used one in which expectations of the aggregate price level are a function of the past values of the price level and one in which expectations are rational under the first hypothesis the lag length is estimated along with the other parameters and under the second hypothesis the lead length is estimated along with the other parameters the results strongly support the hypothesis that aggregate price expectations affect individual pricing decisions the results do not discriminate very well between the level and change forms of the price equation although there is a slight edge for the level form the lag and lead lengths are not estimated precisely but in most cases the lag length is less than 30 months and the lead length is less than 5 months

this paper explores the time series implications of introducing credit constraints into a production based asset pricing model simulations are performed choosing parameter values which generate reasonable values for aggregate fluctuations these results show that mean reversion in simulated returns series measured by variance ratio tests is enhanced with the introduction of binding credit constraints without these constraints there is very little evidence of mean reversion this is consistent with financial market data where the weak evidence for mean reversion is stronger in small firm returns other tests are run on the simulated series including checking the standard deviation skewness and kurtosis these other tests do not show strong differences between the constrained and unconstrained firms in the model

this paper examines the optimal labor contract in a small open economy with incomplete markets under international price uncertainty the effect on employment wages and profits of different realizations of the state of nature is studied and agents preferences concerning the implementation of a tariff are determined the implicit contract equilibrium is shown to be constrained pareto optimal unanticipated tariff policy cannot be pareto improving over free trade

the main aim of this paper is to assess the validity of the life cycle model of consumption in particular we address an issue that has recently received much attention especially in the macroeconomic literature that of excess sensitivity of consumption growth to income growth we do this using a time series of cross sections and a novel and flexible parameterization of preferences the former allows us to address aggregation issues directly while with the latter we can allow both the discount factor and the elasticity of intertemporal substitution  $e_{is}$  to be affected by various observable variables and lifetime wealth the main findings can be summarized as follows i the excess sensitivity of consumption growth to labor income disappears when we control for demographic variables this is true both at life cycle and business cycle frequencies ii estimation of a flexible specification of preferences indicates that the elasticity of intertemporal substitution is a function of several variables including the level of consumption the  $e_{is}$  increases with the level of consumption as expected iii the variables that change the  $e_{is}$  are also important in explaining why we observe excess sensitivity over the business cycle iv we are able to reconcile our results with those reported both in the macro and micro literature v in our specification the elasticity of intertemporal substitution is not very well determined this result however should be taken with care as we have not made an effort to construct a preferred specification which would probably include additional controls for labor supply behavior the evidence

presented shows that the life cycle model cannot be easily dismissed indeed we believe that the model does a good job at representing consumption behavior both over the life cycle and over the business cycle

according to the efficient market hypothesis news in tokyo is responsible for the exchange rate changes during the tokyo market hours while the u s news is responsible for changes in the new york hours the intra daily dynamics of the yen exchange rate from december 1931 to november 1933 is analyzed japan s decision to go off gold in december 1931 depreciated yen by 30 in a month mostly in the tokyo market during 1932 the yen depreciated another 30 mainly due to japan s aggression in china and resulting diplomatic isolation in 1933 the yen appreciated against the dollar mainly in the new york market due to the u s decision to go off gold however exchange rate volatility and its sensitivity to news declined over the two year period because of increasing capital controls changes in the interest rate differential was found insignificant for the changes in the exchange rate political regime changes such as a decision to go off gold most influenced the exchange rate for the period considered there were no policy decisions by japan to cause yen depreciation to promote export and limit import in 1931 33

the optimal diversification model of investors portfolio behavior can give a linear relationship between the exchange risk premium and the conditional exchange rate variance this note surveys recent empirical work that allows for the conditional variance itself and therefore the risk premium to vary over time in particular it examines the implications of recent empirical estimates for earlier arguments based on the assumption that the conditional variance was constant over time that the exchange risk premium had to be small in magnitude and variability

we analyze a model of optimal consumption and portfolio selection in which consumption services are generated by holding a durable good the durable good is illiquid in that a transaction cost must be paid when the good is sold it is shown that optimal consumption is not a smooth function of wealth it is optimal for the consumer to wait until a large change in wealth occurs before adjusting his consumption as a consequence the consumption based capital asset pricing model fails to hold nevertheless it is shown that the standard one factor market portfolio based capital asset pricing model does hold in this environment it is shown that the optimal durable level is characterized by three numbers not random variables say  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  where  $x$

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