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Weeks 1-6: Angelos Kanas, Professor

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Course Description – Weeks 1-6

The course will provide a thorough presentation of policy-related quantitative analysis for issues in international finance. It will focus on international financial risk management issues with emphasis on currency markets, and banking crises. Forecasting in international institutions (IMF, European Commission) will also receive attention. Measuring banking risks using various quantitative approaches (including VaR, and stress testing) will also be covered. Finally, financial derivatives of both first and second generation and their role in risk management will be presented.

Course Outline for Weeks 1-6 – Angelos Kanas

1. Currency markets, and market efficiency. Types, operations, exchange rate risks, and hedging. Empirical methodologies in currency markets, statistical implications, econometric extensions. (Gujarati, Chapter 21; Kanas, 1998, Applied Financial Economics)
2. Determination of exchange rates. Models, applications. Empirical studies.
3. Using EVIEWS for financial econometric analysis of currency markets.
4. Exchange rate risk and management using currency futures, currency options. Second generation options: Asian options, lookback options, barrier options, quanto options (Kanas, Angelos, Management International Review, 1996; Shapiro, Chapter 6).
5. International financial risks, stock index risks, and management using stock index options, stock index futures.
6. Banking risks, Basel III, and recent financial crises. Econometric implications: Stress testing, VaR. (Kanas, Economic Modelling 2005)

Book (Weeks 1-6):

Angelos Kanas, 2021, Principles of Investments and Financial Analysis, Benos Co Pubs, Athens (In Greek)

Material: Weeks 1-6

The following material provides a good coverage of most of the topics presented in this course:

- EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG ECFIN (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), European Economic Forecast Spring 2019, Institutional Paper No 102, May 2019, pp 207.
- EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG ECFIN (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), European Economic Forecast Summer Interim Forecast 2019, Institutional Paper No 108, July 2019.
- Shapiro, A., 1996, Multinational Financial Management, 5th edition., Prentice Hall.
- Brealey R. and S Myers (BM) (2017) Principles of Corporate Finance, *McGraw Hill*, 12th edition.
- Gujarati, D., 1995, Basic Econometrics, McGraw Hill.
- Greene, W. H., *Econometric Analysis*, Prentice Hall, 2003.
- Mills, T., *The Econometric Modeling of Financial Time Series*, Second Edition, Cambridge University Press, 1999.
- Frank Fabozzi, and Franco Modigliani, 1996, Capital Markets, Institutions and Instruments, 2nd editions, Prentice Hall International, New Jersey, ISBN: 0-13-509093-8.
- Bodie, Z., A Kane, and A Marcus, 1996, Investments, 3rd edition, Irwin.