



Research in Financial Fragility: Causes, Effects and Measurements

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The debate on financial stability vs financial instability is well rooted in the academic literature, following the debate between neo-classical mainstream finance and post-Keynesian economists. The concept of “financial fragility” is an indicator of vulnerability of the financial system to shocks, possibly leading to financial instability and crises.

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