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Geopolitical risks and stock market dynamics of the BRICS

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Highlights

- BRICS stock markets do not react to geopolitical risks (GPRs) in a uniform way.
- GPRs generally drive stock market volatility rather than returns.
- The effect of GPRs is particularly strong at return quantiles below the mean.
- Russia is the market most affected by GPRs, while India is the most resilient.

Abstract

This paper examines the effect of geopolitical uncertainty on return and volatility dynamics in the BRICS stock markets via nonparametric causality-in-quantiles tests. The effect of geopolitical risks (GPRs) is found to be heterogeneous across the BRICS stock markets, suggesting that news regarding geopolitical tensions do not affect return dynamics

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