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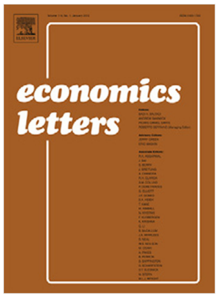

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Abstract

Applying the methods of Phillips, Shi & Yu (2015, PSY), while considering the possibility of non-stationary volatility (Harvey et al. (2016)), evidence of exuberance in share prices is confirmed for the South Sea Company, and established for a number of other 18th century financial organisations, for the first time. The timings of these bubble episodes show signs of possible contagion.

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