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First issue of CEA Journal of Economics

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Main findings of the first issue:

(1). Illustration of Vector Auto regression-VAR with possible integrated process: application to the budget revenues, expenditures and industrial output.

The significance of the fiscal synchronization hypothesis in Macedonia shows that the Government in the period 1995-2004 was planning the fiscal strategy in a cost benefit framework by simultaneously comparing the marginal revenues with the marginal costs. However, a causality relationship between the industrial output and the Government fiscal operations was not significant.

(2). A survey of competing theoretical approaches to current account determination

Although valuation changes may reach significant fractions of GDP, the external current account still matters, even for the advanced economies that maintain strong links with the international capital market.

(3). Economic effects of the EU's common agricultural policy

This paper will give an outline of the historic influences over CAP as well as the process of further reforms in order to gain a sustainable agricultural production.

(4). Entrepreneurship - The overseen determinant of economic growth in modern endogenous growth theory

The paper explains why growth theory requires the notion of entrepreneurship, in order to be more truthful. The paper derives some policy recommendations.