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Intended and unintended consequences of financial-market regulations with Raman Uppal

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Financial markets have historically been regulated. This regulation is often motivated by the desire to discourage speculation and to limit negative externalities, where the behaviour of an individual investor or institution can destabilise the financial market as a whole. The recent financial crisis, which has highlighted the negative feedback from financial markets to the real sector, has intensified the debate about the ability of financial-market regulations to stabilise financial markets and improve macroeconomic outcomes.

In this research, we study the intended and unintended consequences of various regulatory measures used to reduce fluctuations in financial as well as real markets and to improve welfare. The measures we study are the ones that have been proposed by regulators in response to the financial crisis: the financial-transactions tax, short-sale constraints, and borrowing constraints. Based on those illustrative cases, the research objective is to minimise the risk of unintended consequences of regulations,

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