«Good and bad Banks? Governance, Chairmen's human capital and performance» Miguel García-Cestona, Marti Sagarra

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Research question

Observing the demise of savings banks:

 Comparison of performance (return, risk) between commercial banks and savings banks

Commercial banks savings banks
Before crisis

After crisis

- The focus is on the difference in governance: proxied by human factors for the chairman of board.
 - Education, political connections, experience
- Potential contribution.
 - Value of board during crisis? Are expensive and educated chairs better?
 - Horserace between stakeholder and shareholder systems.

The reader's impression of results

- Savings banks perform worse during crisis (tbl2)
 - imp. loans/ gross loans
 - + crisis, bank x crisis,
 - no effect for ROA:
 - Could be to different asset mix between savings banks and commercial banks
 - Savings banks take more risk during crisis
 - Z-score: make all measurement window for σ_{roa} time varying
- Savings banks employ less qualified executives (tbl1)
 - No previous banking experience
 - No economics education at any level
 - Sometimes no university
 - Executives political appointees
- Human capital role in general (tbl3)
 - Education improves performance, especially during crisis
 - Three-way sort?
 - Low power, try combining economics vs other, restricted regressions
- Politization does not have a consistent results among savings banks in crisis
- Clean test within country, broader controls, almost population

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Reservations and suggestions (1/4)

How to properly compare the banks:

Savings banks: stakeholder model:

lower rates,

projects w/ "regional (dis)utility"

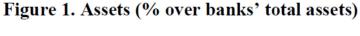
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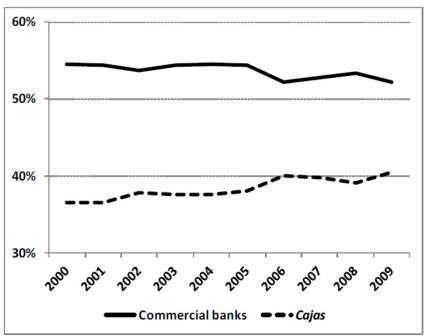
Commercial banks: shareholder model

international operations,

larger size

Additional channels not addressed yet.





To improve on previous Spanish bank literature

collect larger commercial banks set to have more equal size comparison

24 000 branches vs 4000 branches: 42 vs 16 in sample

in general differentiate better from the existing Spanish papers

introduce variation in concentration.

Difference between executive- and non- chair, contrast to com. banks

Reservations and suggestions (2/4)

Be careful to follow though with three-way sorts

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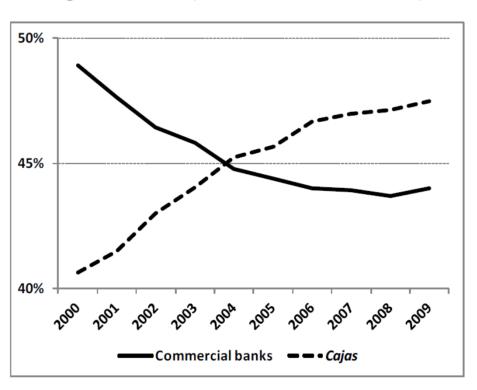
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Especially with the human capital part

- do human capital measures have time variation?
- account more for differences in asset composition
- why such exposure to mortgages
- decomposition of differences in performance: margins, costs, loan quality, insolvency risk, duration of loan portfolio

Figure 2. Loans (% over banks' total loans)



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Reservations and suggestions (3/4)

Strong correlation between size and chairman

• n previous year experience 29%

• economic undergrad 15%

• economic MBA or PhD 19%

interactions?

Compensation variable.

- defined as an average per board member, if varies within board, use total/assets
- interact with crisis as we are looking at distressed companies during crisis

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Reservations and suggestions (4/4)

Politization variable in regressions difficult to interpret

	Cajas		Commercial banks			
	Chairman	Executive Chairman	Non Executive Chairman	Chairman	Executive Chairman	Non Executive Chairman
political	35	7	28	17	13	4
not	32	17	15	3	0	3

Easier to interpret within savings banks than across the type (tbl3) Shapley value?

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