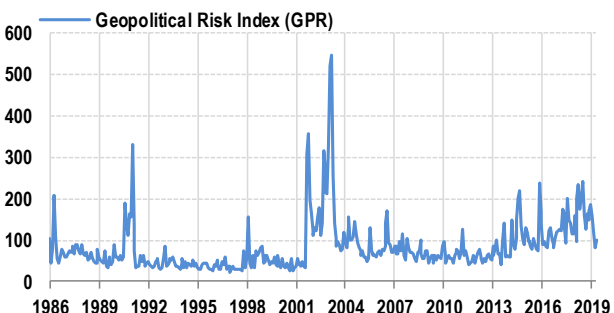
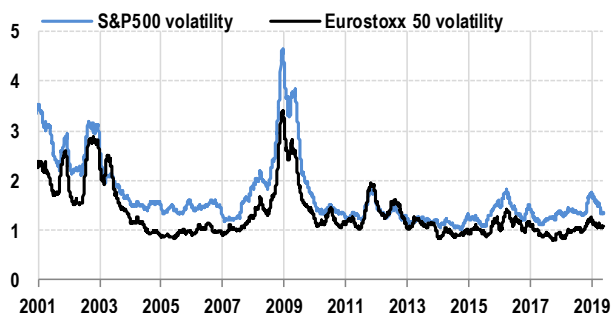
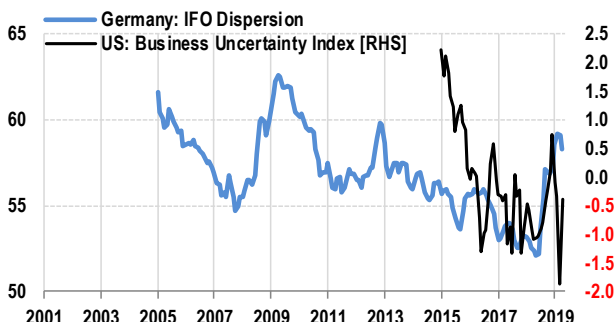
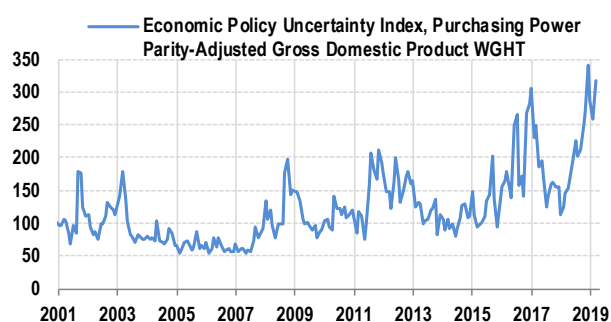


Pulse

Global economy: trade tensions underpin a high level of economic policy uncertainty

Against a background of trade tensions between the US and China, economic policy uncertainty remains very high. Uncertainty of German companies, measured by the dispersion in their assessment of the business environment, is no longer increasing, yet remains at a high level. Uncertainty of US companies had dropped at the start of the year, but has now rebounded a bit. Geopolitical risk, measured using news coverage, has been on a rising trend since early 2013, although it has eased recently. Uncertainty based on the dispersion of the stock market performance of individual companies has declined since the start of the year.



volatility = 60-day moving average of the cross-sectional standard deviation of daily returns of the index constituents

Source: Economic Policy Uncertainty, Bloomberg, IFO, Atlanta Fed, BNP Paribas

Indicators preview

Next week sees the publication of consumer confidence data in several countries (Germany, France, US, UK, Japan). In France and Germany we will also have inflation numbers. The European Commission will publish its important economic sentiment index and its components. In the US we will have an updated estimate for first quarter growth.

Date	Region	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
05/27/2019	Germany	Retail Sales MoM	April	--	-0.2%
05/28/2019	Germany	GfK Consumer Confidence	June	--	10.4
05/28/2019	France	Consumer Confidence	May	--	96
05/28/2019	Eurozone	Economic Confidence	May	--	104.0
05/28/2019	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	May	--	--
05/28/2019	United States	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	May	130.0	129.2
05/29/2019	France	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	May	--	0.4%
05/29/2019	France	GDP QoQ	1Q	--	0.3%
05/30/2019	United States	GDP Annualized QoQ	1Q	3.1%	3.2%
05/31/2019	United Kingdom	GfK Consumer Confidence	May	--	-13
05/31/2019	Japan	Industrial Production MoM	April	--	-0.6%
05/31/2019	Japan	Retail Sales MoM	April	--	0.2%
05/31/2019	Japan	Consumer Confidence Index	May	--	40.4
05/31/2019	Germany	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	May	--	1.0%
05/31/2019	United States	Personal Income	April	0.3%	0.1%
05/31/2019	United States	Personal Spending	April	0.2%	0.9%
05/31/2019	United States	University of Michigan Sentiment	May	100.8	102.4

Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas

