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This work puts forward a set of detailed proposals for establishing new markets for the management of the biggest economic risks facing society. Existing financial markets are seen as being inadequate in dealing with such risks and the text suggests major new markets as solutions to the problem.
