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Can a computer predict the world economy?

MARTIN ARMSTRONG, once a US based trillion dollar financial advisor, developed a computer model based on the number pi and other cyclical theories to predict economic turning points with eerie accuracy. In the early 80s he established his financial forecasting and advising company Princeton Economics International. People from all over the world were using his forecasts.

"The New Yorker" Magazine wrote an article about him:

"Is the financier Martin Armstrong a con man, a crank, or a genius?"

When Armstrong's recognition grew and prominent New York bankers invited him to join "the club" to aid them in market manipulation. Martin repeatedly refused. In 1999 the FBI stormed his offices confiscating his computer model and accusing him of a 3 billion dollar Ponzi scheme. He was put in prison for contempt of court for 7 years without a trial – the longest contempt in American history. Was it an attempt to silence him and to prevent him from initiating a public discourse on the real Ponzi Scheme of debts that the world has been building up for decades?

Armstrong predicts that a sovereign debt crisis will start to unfold on a global level after October 1, 2015 – a mayor pi turning point that his computer model forecasted many years ago.

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