

Big Data at BBVA Research using BigQuery

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**What is GDELT and how
BigQuery helps us to exploit it**

What is GDELT?

Global Database on Events Location and Tone

Open database of human society from every corner of the globe dating back to 1979 ...

... including over 300 events around the world and more than 30000 themes...

... georeferenced across the entire planet...

...and collecting emotions using some of the most sophisticated algorithms

Why do we use BigQuery?



» Open access



» Flexibility and scalability



» Easy to use using SQL



» Combination of historical data with real time data



» Really fast dealing with Big Databases



» Complex data analysis

Our working process

GDELT
(Global Database
on Events,
Location
and Tone)

The GDELT Project

BigQuery
Data
Storage
(SQL)

Google bigquery

Clean,
Aggregate
& transform
the data

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Fuse,
visualize
& analyze
the data

CARTODB
Gephi
makes graphs handy

Why is it important?



Novel data-driven computational approaches as needed to enable a new era in which these data can be used to study “real life” at population scales



At its core, we **analyze geopolitical, political, social and economic questions using quantitative data-driven methods rather than qualitative introspection**

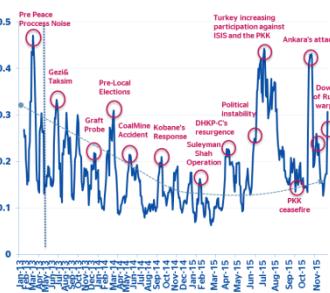


Among other things we can focus in **news intensity, geographic density of events and emotions across the world**

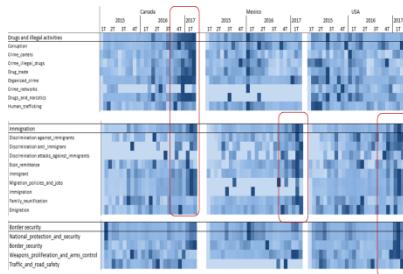
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Our products

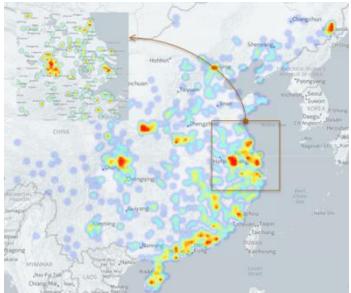
**Political, Geopolitical Social Indexes
(Political Index)**



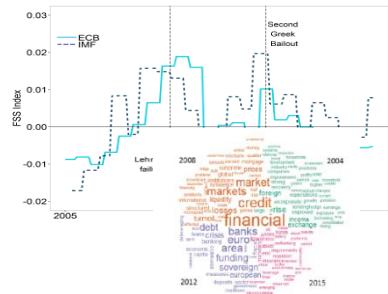
**Color Maps NAFTA Topics
(Nafta Project)**



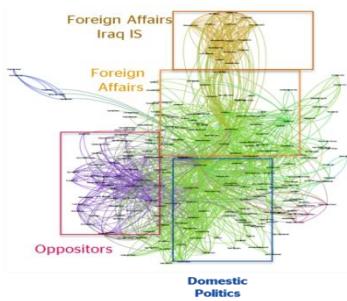
**Geographical Analysis Housing Prices
(sentiment on Housing Prices)**



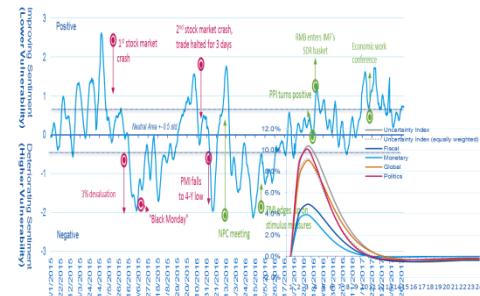
**Financial Stability & Macroprudential
(ECB & FED FS index by FED Board)**



**Politics & Financial Networks
(Political Networks)**



**Mix Hard data & Sentiment & VAR models
(CBSI and TurkeySentiment Indexes)**



**Measuring Sentiments
(sentiment Analysis on Economy and Society)**

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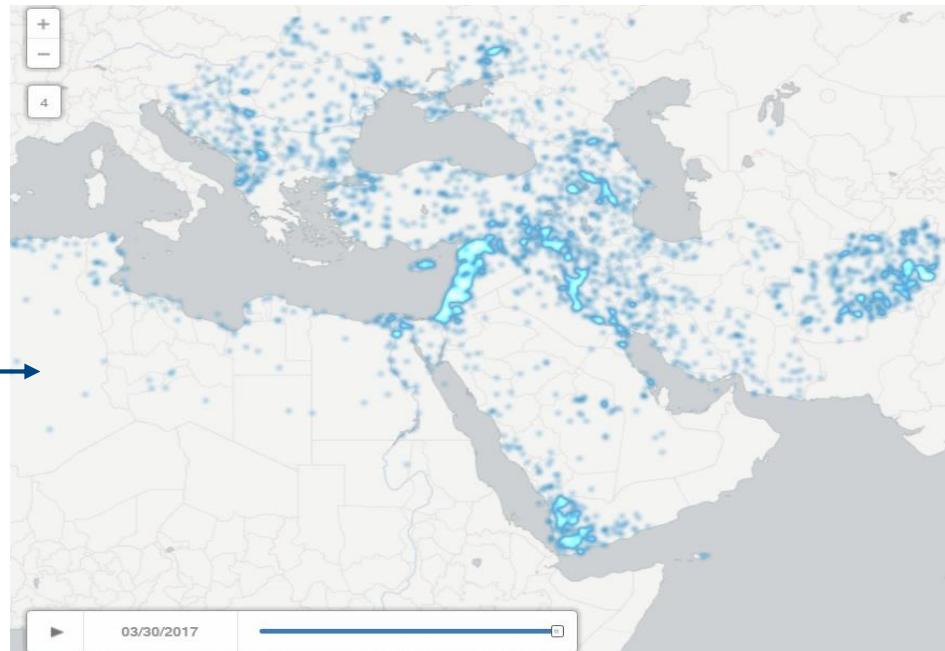


Tracking Geopolitics on real time

is useful to identify the main hot spots and potential spillovers

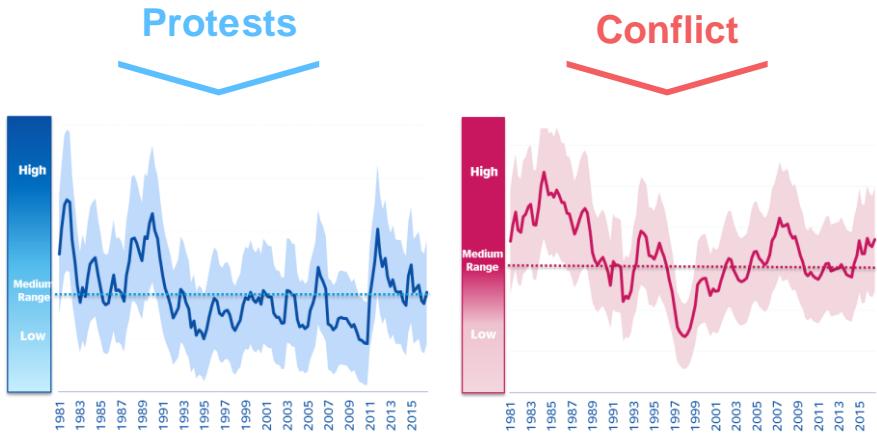
Conflict Intensity Map May 2017

(Number of conflicts/ Total events)



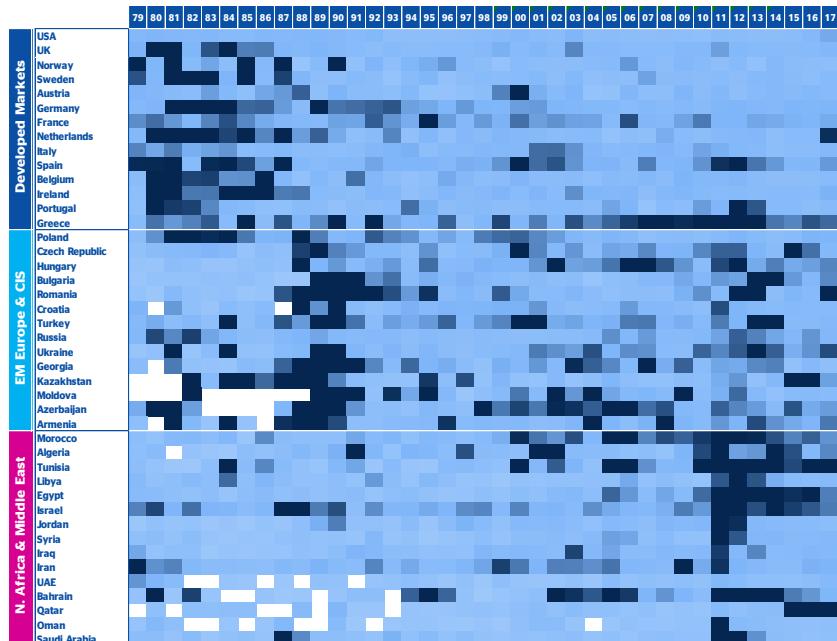
From an historical perspective...

BBVA Research World Protest and Conflict Intensity Index 1979-2017



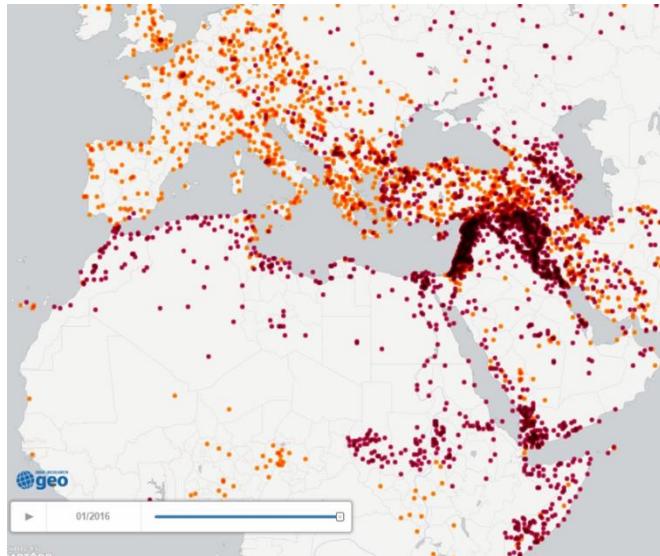
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World Protest Intensity Map 1979- 2017



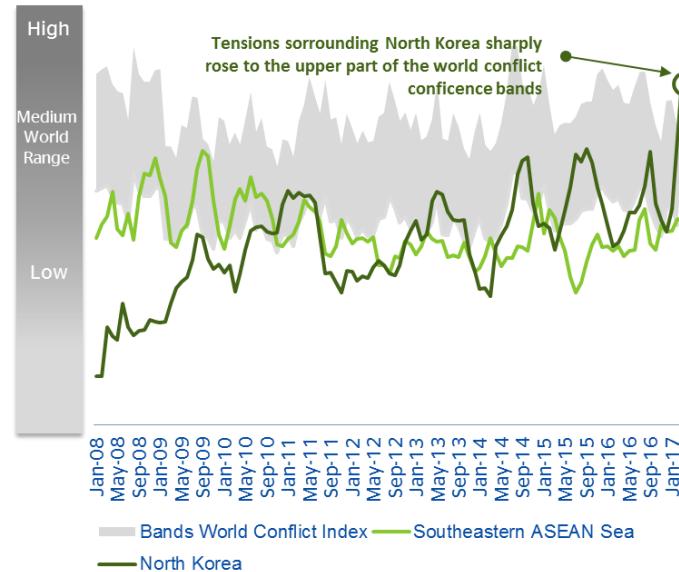
... to the main hot spots

**BBVA Research Refugees Flows Map
in 2015-17**
Number of media citations about refugees' inflows and outflows



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**BBVA Research Asia Conflict
Intensity Index 2008-17**

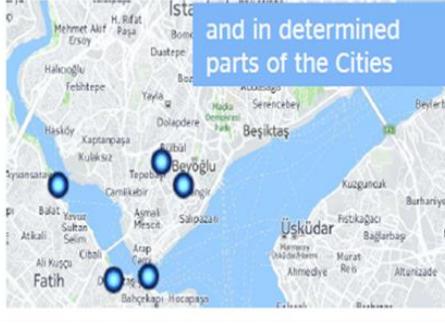
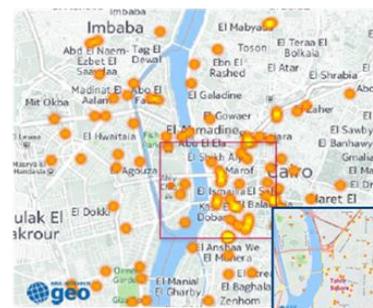
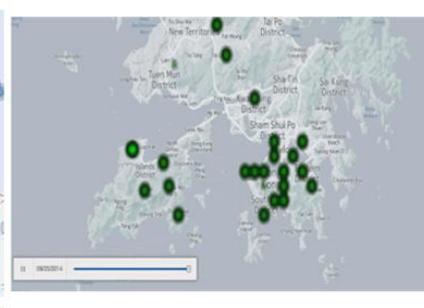


Geopolitical analysis

...at the exact geolocation

Social unrest events across the world: Cairo, Istanbul and Hong Kong cases

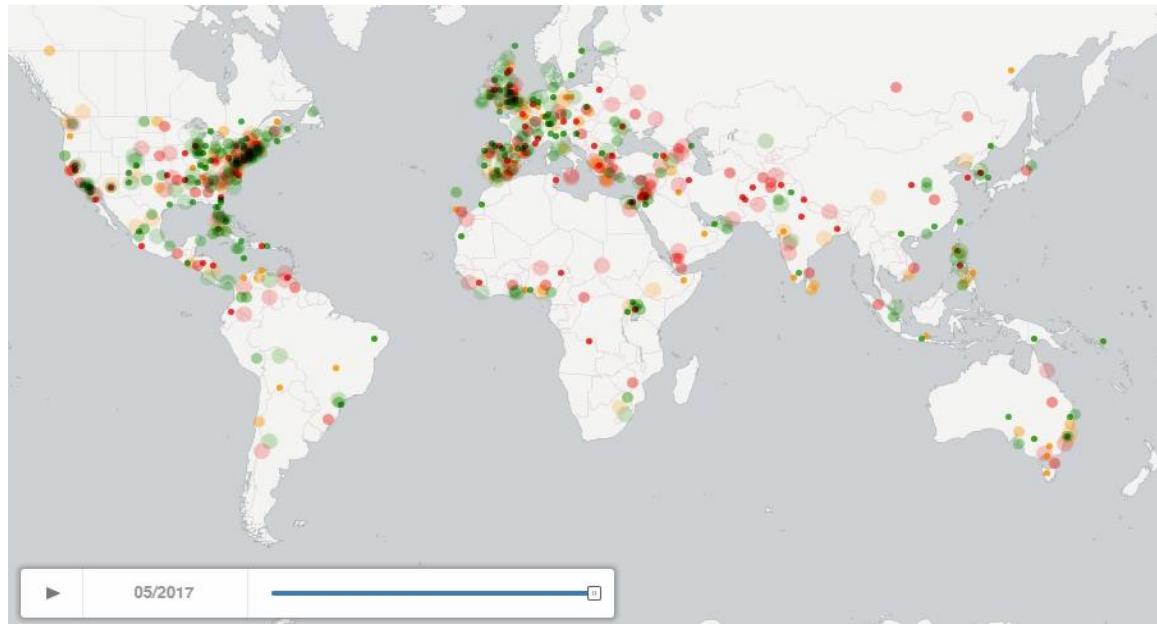
Protest events



Economic and digital analysis

Sentiment analysis: the case of Spain

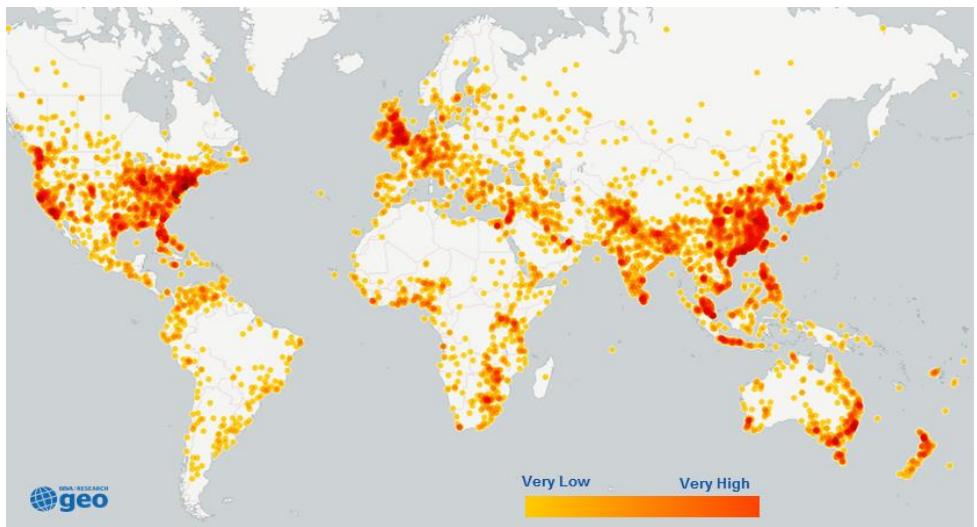
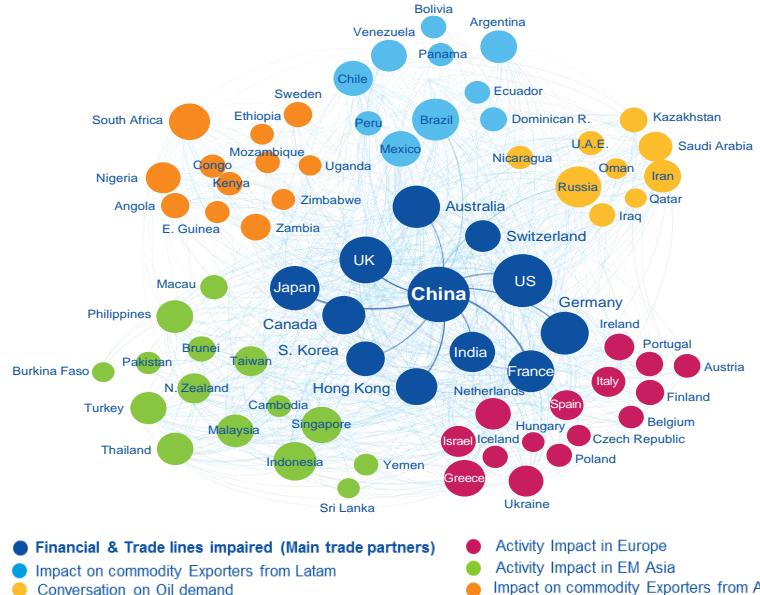
Spanish perception around the world according to the media



- Positive tone
- Neutral tone
- Negative tone

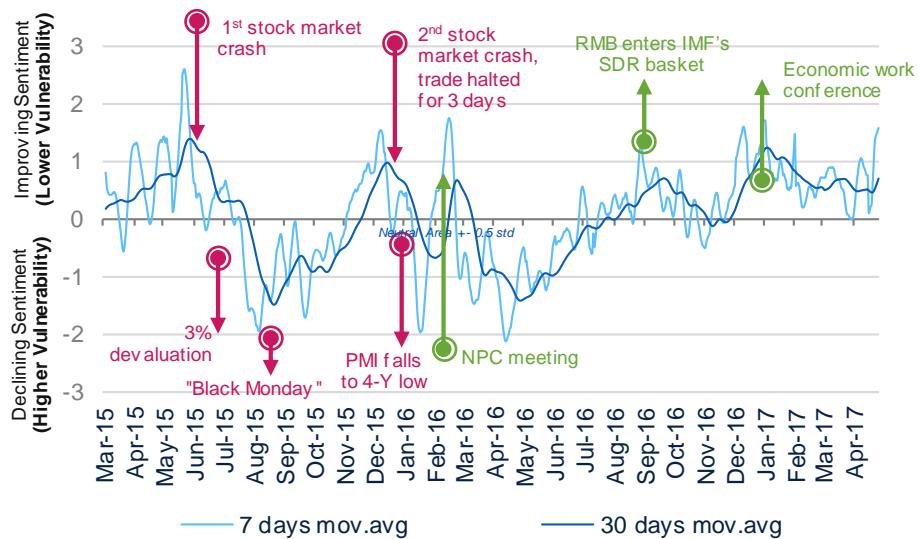
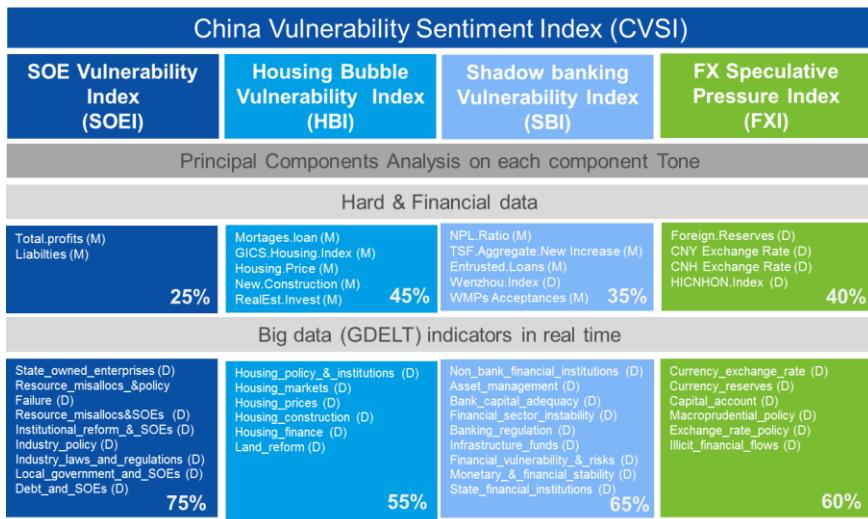
Contagion effects of China's slowdown

Chinese slowdown: media perception and country network



Measuring Chinese uncertainty

Chinese Vulnerability Sentiment Index (CVSI): components and evolution

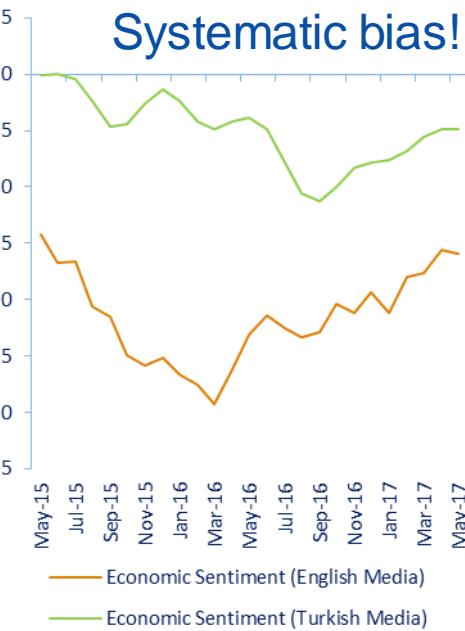
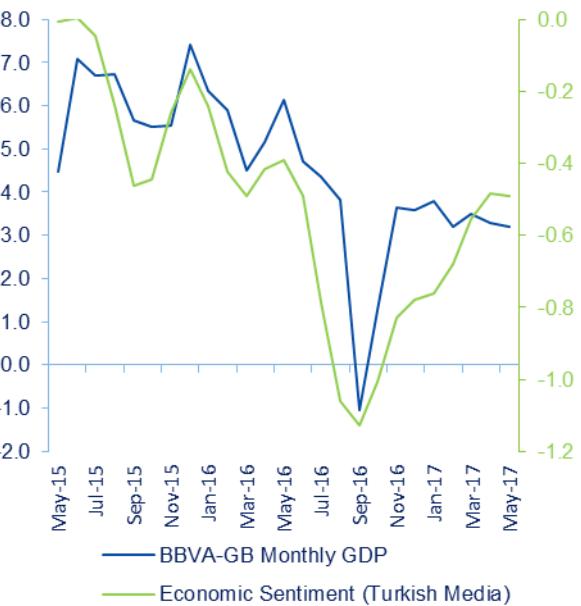


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Narratives matter: language bias

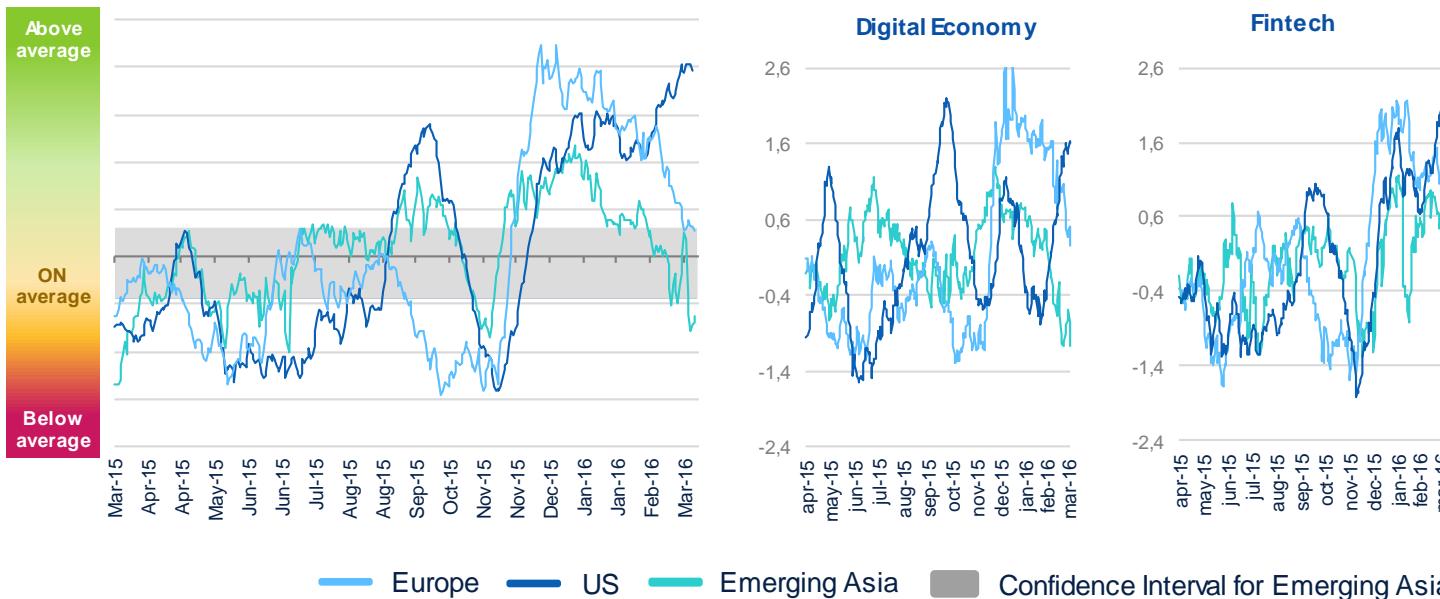
Turkey GDP & Economic Sentiment

(%YoY and media economic sentiment in Turkish and English)



Media Sentiment Digital Index

Media sentiment digital index and components



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