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April 2021 August 2023 > than 2 years as a total of seven reviews were received and processed, with a very critical one arriving midway ... Pierre Bourdieu was right about sending papers to reviewers meant sending them to your worse enemies

The book is now out but the real work starts today as the task of rescuing modelling from a potential vertical collapse in public trust looms dangerously close ... in this respect COVID accelerated a tendency noted already three decades ago by the father of PNS on the foggy aspects of “The mathematics of uncertainty”

Perhaps modelling is too important to be left to modellers alone and there is in modelling a political economy that is ruinous - For this we have borrowed in our epilogues Carl Schmitt’s expression “State of exception” ... but this will come later. Welcome today to this launch.