Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2019

Saturday 15 June – Sunday 16 June 2019
University of Southampton

Call for Papers
Deadline for submissions: February 28 2019
We are delighted to invite you to submit your research papers to be considered for presentation at the second Cryptocurrency Research Conference that will take place on 15-16 June 2019 at Southampton Business School, Southampton, UK.

Last year this event welcomed speakers from 18 institutions from the UK, USA, Germany, Hong Kong, Spain amongst others, and provided platform for debates on the opportunities and challenges of cryptocurrencies. The conference brought together both academics and practitioners with our guest speakers Obi Nwosu, CEO and Co-founder of Coinfloor, Ltd, UK, Prof. Brian Lucey from Trinity College Dublin, Dr Shaen Corbet from Dublin City University, and Thomas Hulme from Mackrell Turnet Garret Solicitor.

Due to the high interest to the last year’s conference this year the event will be larger and span over two days to accommodate more papers. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers assessing a variety of issues of cryptocurrency markets. There will be a prize for the best overall paper and best paper presented by a PhD student.

Registration will open on Monday 21st January 2019. Please express your interest by email: crc@soton.ac.uk

Topics include, but are not limited to:

– Asset Price Bubble;
– Efficiency/Inefficiency of cryptocurrency markets;
– Micro and Macro-financial aspects;
– Cybercrime;
– Financial Regulations;
– Blockchain and Fintech;
– Crowdfunding and ICOs;
– Interconnectedness, contagion and safe haven;
– Portfolio construction;
– Environmental Issues in Cryptocurrency;
– Corporate governance issues;
– Media attention and effect of announcements

Important Dates:

– Submission deadline: 28 February 2019
– Notification of acceptance: 28 March 2019
– Registration (early bird £120): 12 April 2019
– Registration deadline (£175*): 31st May 2019
– Conference Dates: 15-16 June 2019
– *Reduced fees for full-time students: £80

Keynote Speakers

Dr Garrick Hileman, PhD, is Head of Research at Blockchain, co-founder of Mosaic, research associate at the London School of Economics. Garrick was ranked as one of the 100 most influential economists in the UK & Ireland. Notable cryptocurrency and blockchain research publications include the “2017 Global Cryptocurrency Benchmarking Study” (University of Cambridge) and the “2017 Global Blockchain Benchmarking Study” (University of Cambridge).

Professor Brian Lucey, PhD, is Professor of International Finance and Commodities at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, and Director of Research in Trinity Business School. He has published over 100 refereed papers in international finance, commodities, behavioural finance and financial management. Professor Lucey is the Editor of the International Review of Financial Analysis, and Co-editor in Chief of International Review of Economics and Finance academic journals.

Dr Shaen Corbet works as a lecturer in Finance at Dublin City University Business School, Ireland. He has previously worked as a Commodities and Equities Trader and as an Economist with the Financial Stability Department at the Central Bank of Ireland. Dr Corbet is currently leading several research projects analysing various aspects of cryptocurrency markets. His recent papers have been published in refereed journals and have received extensive media attention.
**Paper Submission**

Authors are invited to submit their papers in English and in PDF format no later than Thursday 28 February 2019 by email: crc@soton.ac.uk. Submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed. No submission fee is required. For PhD students, please indicate your student status when submitting the paper. Abstract submission for poster presenters is also available.

Questions can be directed to any member of the Organizing Committee.

**Organizing Committee**

- **Dr Larisa Yarovaya**: lyarovaya@soton.ac.uk (Conference Chair, Southampton University, UK)
- **Dr Andrew Urquhart**: a.j.urquhart@icmacentre.ac.uk (ICMA Centre, University of Reading, UK)
- **Jo Hazell**: J.L.Hazell@soton.ac.uk (Conference Organiser) - travel, accommodation, parking, visa queries.

**Prizes**

Best Paper Award, Best Student Paper and Best Poster Award.

**Publications Opportunities**

- **Economics Letters**: will publish a Special (sub) volume shortly after the Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2019. A dual submission possibility (conference + Econ letters) is available to all conference submissions with the understanding that those papers will not be submitted to another journal before Economics Letters (https://www.journals.elsevier.com/economics-letters). The conference organisers will initially review the papers from dual submission path and those chosen papers would be automatically submitted to the Economics Letters journal immediately after the conference and, subject to referee review, published in a special volume.

- **Data-in-Brief**: will publish a Special issue shortly after the Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2019. Alongside with submission of your research paper to any academic journal, Data-in-Brief offers opportunity for researchers to easily share and reuse each other’s datasets by publishing data articles in the Special Issue on Cryptocurrencies and Digital Finance (https://www.journals.elsevier.com/data-in-brief). The data articles should clearly explain your data and methods used in constructing your dataset, as well as explaining its value and potential for reproducibility.

- **Heliyon**: is pleased to accept submissions from attendees of the Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2019. Heliyon is Elsevier’s broad scope open access journal, offering editorial excellence, fast publication, and high visibility. Submissions by attendees of the Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2019 will be prioritized for peer review—please make note that you are an attendee of the conference in your cover letter during your article submission.

- **Finance Research Letters**

- **International Review of Financial Analysis**
Venue
Cryptocurrency Research Conference will be held in Highfield Campus, which is our main campus and the heart of Southampton University. Set in beautiful green surroundings, it’s easily accessible from the city centre. It is the largest of the University’s campuses with most of the students studying there.

Known as a cruise capital of Europe, Southampton is one of the most lively and dynamic cities in the south of England. Its waterfront location gives Southampton its own distinctive character. The city has a rich maritime heritage and a focus on water sports, sailing and ocean racing.

There are various places where you can explore Southampton’s rich history, including the state-of-the-art Sea City Museum, which focuses on the city’s connection to the sea, including its link to the Titanic.

If you would like to stay longer and explore the area you can enjoy a day trip to the Isle-of-Wight, best known for its beaches and seafront promenades, and to visit Osbourne House a former royal residence of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

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The members of Scientific committee are kindly agreed to help with reviewing the conference submissions. If you also would like to become a reviewer, please contact us as soon as possible at crc@soton.ac.uk