

Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2025

Call for Papers

We are delighted to invite you to the 8th Cryptocurrency Research Conference (CRC2025), to be held on **29-30 September 2025** at the [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](#), Athens, Greece, hosted by the [MSc in Financial Technology \(FinTech\)](#), Department of Business Administration.

This event is the 8th edition of the Cryptocurrency Research Conference, please check our website to see the information the previous successful events: <https://cryptorc.org/>

This is the largest niche conference in the cryptocurrency and Fintech area, and we look forward to warmly welcoming you in our community of digital finance scholars.

This event will bring together an international group of academics conducting research in cryptofinance and related disciplines, as well as practitioners and policy makers to generate debates on current issues of cryptocurrencies and digital finance. The conference provides a forum for presenting new ideas and discussing the future direction of cryptocurrency research.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- AI and Machine Learning in Crypto and Blockchain
- Big Data in Fintech
- Blockchain in Global Finance
- Crypto Asset Efficiency and Market Behaviour
- Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)
- Crowdfunding and P2P Lending
- Cybercrime and Cybersecurity in Fintech
- Digital Banking and the Digital Economy
- Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs)
- Decentralized Finance (DeFi)
- DEXs vs. CEXs: Market Dynamics
- Environmental Sustainability of Cryptocurrency
- Fintech Regulation and Compliance
- Cryptocurrency and Financial Stability
- Initial Coin Offerings (ICOs)
- Media and Investor Attention on Fintech and DeFi
- Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and Digital Assets
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) in Fintech
- Blockchain Opportunities for Entrepreneurs
- Russian Sanctions and the Fintech Industry
- Stablecoins: Design and Risks
- AI-Driven Innovation in Crypto Markets
- Blockchain's Role in the Metaverse
- Preparing for post-Quantum Blockchain

- Web3 and Token-Based Economies
- Behavioural Finance in Crypto Markets
- Privacy-Preserving Technologies in Blockchain
- Institutional Crypto Adoption
- Payment Systems
- Smart Contracts
- Blockchain for Social Impact and Inclusion
- Cross-Chain Blockchain Interoperability
- Other relevant topics.

Keynote Speakers



Yannis Stournaras is the Governor of the Bank of Greece, a position he has held since June 2014. He is also a Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank. Born in Athens in 1956, he graduated from the University of Athens with a degree in Economics and later obtained an MPhil and DPhil in Economic Theory and Policy from Oxford University. Yannis Stournaras has an extensive career in both academia and public service. He is Professor of Economics at the University of Athens, specialising in macroeconomics, economic policy, and monetary economics. His research spans areas such as public debt dynamics, energy economics, and the economic effects of monetary union. He has served in various key roles, including Minister of Finance of Greece (2012–2014), Minister of Development, Competitiveness and Shipping, and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors at the Ministry of Economy and Finance. His career also includes leadership positions in the banking sector, such as CEO of Emporiki

Bank and Vice Chairman of the Association of Greek Banks. Yannis Stournaras is widely respected for his contributions to economic policy and financial governance in Greece and Europe, as well as his academic work in economic theory and policy.



Tarun Ramadorai is Professor of Financial Economics at Imperial College London. He has a broad range of research interests, spanning household finance, financial economics, behavioural economics, real estate, and international finance. He has published on these topics in a number of scholarly journals in finance and economics including the *American Economic Review*, the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Journal of Economic Literature*, the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Economics*, and the *Review of Financial Studies*. He has received several awards for his research, including the Brattle prize for best paper in the *Journal of Finance*. Tarun currently serves as [Executive Editor of the Review of Financial Studies](#). He has

previously served as an Editor and Associate Editor of the *Review of Financial Studies*, an Associate Editor of *Management Science*, and as a council member of the Society of Financial Studies. He is currently a Director of the European Finance Association, a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), a Senior Academic Fellow of the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economics Research (ABFER), and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

Paper Submission

Authors are invited to submit their papers (or extended abstracts) in English and in PDF format no later than **1 May 2025** at [CRC2025 Submission](#) system. Submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee and no submission fee is required. For PhD students, please indicate your

student status when submitting the paper. Accepted authors will be notified throughout the submission process, and no later than 15th of May 2025.

Registration and Fees

15/06/2025 – £400

Conference Dates

29/09/2025 and 30/09/2025

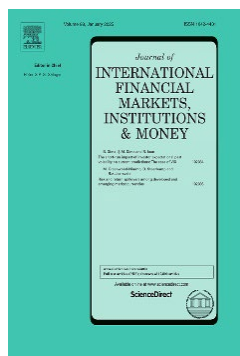
Publication Opportunities

[The Financial Review](#)



The Conference Organising Committee will choose selected papers from those presented at the conference to be considered for publication at The Financial Review (FR). Within two months of the conference date, these papers will go through a blind review process. This is a “no-fault” submission option, which means that if the FR decides to review the paper and rejects it, the author(s) can submit the paper to the FR through the normal submission process. Papers submitted must not be under review at any journals.

[The Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money](#)



The Conference Organising Committee will select papers presented at the conference for consideration for publication in the *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money*, in consultation with the Editor-in-Chief. The journal particularly welcomes papers that contribute to the theoretical understanding of cryptocurrency markets or related institutions in the context of international finance. To be selected, papers must demonstrate strong theoretical contributions and originality in both ideas and methodological approaches.

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