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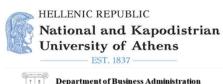








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Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2025

The Cryptocurrency Research Conference (CRC2025) will 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.

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*

<u>Studies</u>. 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).

Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2025 29 & 30 September 2025

Programme at a Glance

Monday 2	29	September
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09:30-10:30	Registration
10:30-11:00	Opening Remarks (Great Hall, Aristeidis Samitas, Larisa Yarovaya)
11:00-12:00	Keynote: Yannis Stournaras (Great Hall)
12:15-13:45	Parallel Session A (Great Hall, Drakopoulos Amphi, Argyriadis Amphi)
13:45-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	Parallel Session B (Great Hall, Drakopoulos Amphi, Argyriadis Amphi)
16:00-17:00	Keynote: Tarun Ramadorai (Great Hall)
17:00-17:15	Comfort Break
17:15-18:45	Parallel Session C (Great Hall, Drakopoulos Amphi, Argyriadis Amphi)
19:30-late	Gala Dinner (Palamas Building)

Tuesday 30 September

18:00-late

09:00-10:30	Parallel Session D (Great Hall, Drakopoulos Amphi, Argyriadis Amphi)
10:30-10:45	Comfort Break
10:45-12:15	Parallel Session E (Great Hall, Drakopoulos Amphi, Argyriadis Amphi)
12:30-14:00	Panel: Can Regulation Catch Up to Innovation in the Crypto Space
	(Argyriadis Amphi)
14:00-15:00	
15:00-16:30	Lunch

Conference ends

Farewell Drinks (NKUA History Museum)

Programme

Monday - 29 September

10:30-11:00 Opening Remarks (Great Hall)

Aristeidis Samitas, Vice-Rector of Finance and Development Larisa Yarovaya, Conference Chair and Organiser

11:00-12:00 Keynote (Great Hall)

Yannis Stournaras, Governor, Bank of Greece

12:15-13:45 Parallel Session A1 (Drakopoulos) - Chair Nektarios Aslanidis

01. Cryptocurrencies: Asset Classification, Trading and Portfolio Management

Jorge A. Chan-Lau¹, Daria Gottwald^{2,3}, Ariel J. Sun^{2, 4, 5}, Sovan Mitra⁶

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02 The Asymmetric Influence of Event-News on Cryptocurrency Volatility

<u>Thokozile Tembo</u>¹, Tiejun Ma¹, Frank McGroarty¹, He He²

¹University of Southampton, ²Bangor University

03 Heterogeneous Exposures to Systematic and Idiosyncratic Risk Across Crypto Assets: A Divide-and-Conquer Approach

Nektarios Aslanidis¹, Aurelio F. Bariviera¹, George Kapetanios², Vasilis Sarafidis³

¹Universitat Rovira i Virgili, ²King's College London, ³Brunel University London

12:15-13:45 Parallel Session A2 (Argyriadis) - Chair Theodoros Dagli

01 Geo-economic and Geopolitical Risk from Presidential Cycles to Bitcoin Halving

Inés Jiménez¹, Lucía Morales²

¹University of Salamanca, ²Technological University Dublin

02 Extending Macroeconomics to incorporate Cryptocurrency: An Agent-Based Approach

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ECE Graduate School of Engineering, Department of Quantitative Finance

03 Exploring Global and European Interest in the Digital Euro and CBDCs

<u>Theodoros Dagli^{1,2}, Larisa Yarovaya³, Panagiotis Georgitseas⁴</u>

¹Technical University of Crete; ²National Technical University of Athens, ³University of Southampton, ⁴Panteion University

12:15-13:45 Parallel Session A3 (Great Hall) - Chair Hugo Benedetti

01 Who Uses Stablecoins?

Vito Liuzzi, Gregory Gadzinski, Alessio Castello

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02 Exploring Price Stability Across Diverse Stablecoin Categories

Theodoros Daglis^{1,2}, <u>Panagiotis Georgitseas</u>³, Nikolaos Daskalakis³, Maria-Anna Katsikogianni⁴

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03 Follow the Leader? How Major Cryptocurrencies Influence Stablecoin Issuance

Hugo Benedetti¹, Ehsan Nikbakht², Boris Pasten³

¹ESE Business School, Universidad de los Andes (Chile), ²Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University, ³Facultad de Economía y Negocios, Universidad Finis Terrae

13:45 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Parallel Session B1 (Drakopoulos) - Chair Xiaojun Luo

01 The learning curve: On cryptocurrency prices, volatility, and eventual adoption

Michael Wulfsohn

University of Oxford

02 Volatility Spillovers Among Crypto-Assets: Evidence from PoW and PoS

<u>Pinar Kaya Soylu</u>^{1, 2}, Helmut Herwartz²

¹Marmara University, ²Georg-August-Universität Göttingen,

03 Tailored ANN models for Predicting Returns Across Diverse Cryptocurrency Types Xiaojun Luo, Ismail Adelopo

University of the West of England

14:30-16:00 Parallel Session B2 (Argyriadis) – Chair Elissar Toufaily

01 DAO: A Revolution of Trust in digital Networks?

Cyril Chambefort, Magali Chaudey

Université Jean Monnet Saint-Étienne, France

02 A comparative study of DAOs and Traditional Corporate Governance.

<u>Ioanna Patsalidou</u>

King's College London

03 Blockchain Branding: The role of eWOM in the Creation of NFT Brands in Web3

Elissar Toufaily¹, Efstathios Polyzos², Mieszko Mazur³

¹Pôle Universitaire Léonard De Vinci, ²Zayed University, ³ESSCA School of Management

14:30-16:00 Parallel Session B3 (Great Hall) – Chair Kirill Shakhnov

01 An Auction Design for Decentralized Exchanges

Labrini Zarpala

Utrecht University

02 Hidden Liquidity - Evidence from the Introduction of Iceberg Orders

Stefan Scharnowski

University of Mannheim

03 Contagion vs Competition: Evidence from Crypto Exchange Flows

Kirill Shakhnov¹, Daniele Bianchi²

¹University of Surrey, ²Queen Mary University of London

16:00-17:00 Keynote (Great Hall, hybrid)

Tarun Ramadorai, Professor of Finance, Imperial College

17:15-18:45 Parallel Session C1 (Drakopoulos) – Chair Konstantinos Konstantakis

01 A Stochastic Bitcoin Price Prediction Model

Kjell Hausken¹

¹University of Stavanger

02 Stochastic Efficiency in The Cryptocurrency Market: The Role of Trends and Breaks

<u>Tugba Bas</u>¹, Issam Malki², Sheeja Sivaprasad²

¹Fenerbahce University, ²University of Westminster

03 Are Cryptocurrencies a Safe-Haven? A Multivariate Q-GARCH Analysis of BTC & ETH

Panayotis G. Michaelides¹, Panos Xidonas², Aristeidis Samitas³, Konstantinos N. Konstantakis¹

¹National Technical University of Athens, ²ESSCA School of Management, ³National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

17:15-18:45 Parallel Session C2 (Argyriadis) – Chair Panayiotis Papakyriakou

01 Behind the Blockchain: What moves the NFT Market?

Gabriel Rodríguez-Garnica¹, <u>David Tercero-Lucas</u>^{1, 2}

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02 Fluctuation characteristics in decentralized cryptocurrency trading

Marcin Watorek¹, Jarosław Kwapień², Stanisław Drożdż^{1, 2}

¹Cracow University of Technology, ²Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences.

03 Return and Volatility Spillovers: Cryptocurrencies vs Graphics Card Stocks

Panayiotis Papakyriakou

University of Southampton

17:15-18:45 Parallel Session C3 (Great Hall) – Chair Alexandros Tsioutsios

01 The Impact of Legalization on Dark Web Transactions: A Bitcoin Data Analysis

Maximilian H. E. E. Gerrath¹, <u>Hossein Jahanshahloo</u>², Andrew Urquhart³, Yakov Bart⁴, Anatoli Colicev⁵

¹University of Leeds, ²The University of Manchester, ³University of Birmingham, ⁴Northeastern University, ⁵University of Liverpool.

02 Order Flow and Cryptocurrency Returns

Alexia Anastasopoulos, Nikola Gradojevic, Fred Liu, Alex Maynard, <u>Ilias Tsiakas</u>

University of Guelph

03 Decrypting the Jump: How Hacking Events Shape Return Dynamics in Cryptocurrencies

Emmanouil Daousis^{1, 2}, Dimitrios Dimitriou³, Dimitris Kenourgios⁴, <u>Alexandros Tsioutsios</u>⁴

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19:30 – Gala Dinner (location)

Tuesday - 30 September

09:00-10:30 Parallel Session D1 (Drakopoulos) – Chair – Ilan Alon

01 Segmenting the Crypto-Asset Market: A Structural Supply-Demand Framework and International Finance Implications (2013–2025)

Françoise Vasselin

University Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC)

02 Crypto Identity Copycats

Niranjan Sapkota

University of Vaasa

03 Ethereum: Past, Present, and Future

Michael Zouari, Ilan Alon, Zeev Shtudiner

Department of Economics and Business Administration, Ariel University

09:00-10:30 Parallel Session D2 (Argyriadis) – Chair Loïc Sauce

01 Empirical Evidence on Misconduct and Law Enforcement in Crypto-Asset Markets

Jenny Jakobs¹, Benjamin Clapham², Jan Muntermann¹

¹University of Augsburg, ²Goethe University Frankfurt

02 Crypto on board

Cristina Grande Herrera, Gabriel Rodriguez Garnica, David Tercero Lucas

Universidad Pontificia Comillas - ICADE Business School

03 The institutions of decentralised finance

Loïc Sauce

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09:00-10:30 Parallel Session D3 (Great Hall) - Chair Pratish Patel

01 Market for Block Space: A Microstructure Lens on Decentralized Payment Networks

Sean Foley¹, <u>Luca Galati^{2,3}</u>, Ryan Riordan², Jiri Sve^{c4}

¹Macquarie University, ²Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, ³Digital Finance Cooperative Research Centre (DFCRC), ⁴The University of Sydney

02 Price discovery on centralized and decentralized cryptocurrency exchanges

Martin Rauch¹, Alexander Brauneis², Roland Mestel¹, Erik Theissen ^{1,3}

¹University of Graz, ²Nottingham Trent University, ³University of Mannheim

03 Just Around the Block: A Theoretical Approach to Buying Property on the Blockchain

Sean Wilkoff¹, <u>Pratish Patel</u>²

¹University of Nevada, Reno, ²Calpoly

10:30 - 10:45 Comfort Break

<u>09:30</u>-12:15 Parallel Session E0 (Virtual) – Chair Matteo Foglia

01 Geopolitical Risk, US-China Tensions, and Systemic Risk in Cryptocurrency Markets

Giray Gozgor

University of Bradford

02 Reactivity-Aware DPPI: A Tailored Framework for Cryptocurrency Risk Management

Hanh Duyen Dinh^{1, 2}, Duy Thanh Nguyen², Duc Pham-Hi^{2, 3}

¹Investy.ai, ²Vietnam National University, ³ECE Paris Graduate School of Engineering

03 Driving Sustainable Urban Practices through Gamification and Blockchain

<u>Rayaan Amre</u>

University of Southampton

04 Predicting cryptocurrency price: An SLR of AI and an econometric approach

Sirine El Hadj

Institut Supérieur de Gestion de Tunis

05 Fast Banking, Slow Crypto: Asymmetric Market Adjustment to Cross-Sector Bubble Shocks

Caterina Di Tommaso, Matteo Foglia, Vincenzo Pacelli

University of Bari

10:45-12:15 Parallel Session E1 (Drakopoulos) – Chair Ylva Baeckström

01 Unequal Shocks, Unequal Reactions: Asymmetric Effects of U.S. Policy on Bitcoin

Daisy Oluwasina

Swansea University

02. Tariffs, stablecoins, and the demand for dollars

<u>Anantha Divakaruni</u>¹, Peter Zimmerman²

¹University of Bergen, ²Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

03 The Cryptocurrency Gender Gap

Ylva Baeckström¹, Akanksha Jalan², Miriam Marra³, Roman Matkovskyy², Andrew Urquhart⁴

¹King's College London, ²Rennes School of Business, ³Henley Business School, ⁴Birmingham Business School

10:45-12:15 Parallel Session E2 (Argyriadis) – Chair Nikolaos A. Kyriazis

01 Uncertainty in trade policies and its impact on cryptocurrency returns

Hazar Altinbas

Fenerbahce University

02 Uncertainty and DeFi returns: insights from crises

Nikolaos A. Kyriazis¹, Shaen Corbet^{2, 3}

¹University of Thessaly, ²Dublin City University.

10:45-12:15 Parallel Session E3 (Great Hall) – Chair Aristeidis Samitas

01 Information and Market Power in DeFi Intermediation

Pablo Azar¹, <u>Adrian Casillas</u>³, Maryam Farboodi²

Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2MIT Sloan School of Management, 3NYU Stern School of Business

02 What Do Crypto Options Tell Us? Risk Premia Implied by BTC Option Prices

Christina Atanasova, Terrel Miao, Ignacio Segarra, Frederick Willeboordse

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03 Predicting Crypto Prices Using Cyber-Driven Quantum Models

Aristeidis Samitas¹, <u>Stefanos Theofilis</u>², Ilias Kampouris³, Charilaos Mertzanis³

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12:30-14:00 Plenary Session (Great Hall) – Chair Aristeidis Samitas

Panel: Can Regulation Catch Up to Innovation in the Crypto Space

Vassiliki Lazarakou, Chair, Hellenic Capital Market Commission (HCMC)

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Larisa Yarovaya, Director of the Centre for Digital Finance, University of Southampton

14:00-15:00 Lunch and Networking

15:00-16:30 Parallel Session F1 (Drakopoulos) – Chair Efstathios Polyzos

01 New Framework for Liquidity Measurement in Decentralized Exchanges

Hang Miao

Chainlink Labs

02 DLT meets ESG: Does Blockchain Spur Sustainability Outcomes?

Zhige Yu

Institute for Financial and Accounting Studies, Xiamen University

03 Crypto Listens: Asymmetric Reactions to Text-based Signals in Central Bank Communications

Samuel Kaplan^{1, 2}, <u>Efstathios Polyzos</u>³, David Tercero-Lucas⁴

¹National University of Cordoba, ²Universidad de San Andres, ³Zayed University, ⁴Universidad Pontificia Comillas - ICADE Business School

15:00-16:30 Parallel Session F2 (Great Hall) – Chair Roman Matkovskyy

01 Speaking to All: The Economic Impact of Inclusive Language in Entrepreneurial Finance

James Thewissen^{1, 2}, Jennifer Thewissen^{3, 1}, <u>Diego Barrio Herrezuelo</u>¹, Özgür Arslan-Ayaydin⁴, Karine Cerrada Cristia¹

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02 How Circular Economy Drives Token Investments

James Thewissen^{1, 2, 3}, <u>Sébastien Wilmet</u>¹, Yves de Rongé¹, Josep Oriol Izquierdo-Montfort¹

¹UC Louvain, ²University of Illinois Chicago, ³SHU-UTS SILC Business School, Shanghai University, China

03 Does memory influence crypto price expectations?

Ylva Baeckström¹, Akanksha Jalan², <u>Roman Matkovskyy</u>²

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16:30 - 17:00 Closing Remarks and Prizes

18:00 - Farewell Drinks (<u>location</u>)

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