



# Cryptocurrency Research Conference 2026

## Call for Papers

We are delighted to invite you to the 9th Cryptocurrency Research Conference (CRC2026), to be held on **14-15 September 2026** at ESE Business School, Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile.

This event is the 9th 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
- Market Microstructure in Crypto Markets (liquidity, order books, fragmentation)
- Price Discovery Across Exchanges and Chains
- Volatility Modeling and Risk Management in Crypto Assets
- Derivatives Markets for Crypto Assets (futures, options, perpetuals)
- Tokenization of Real-World Assets (bonds, equities, real estate etc)
- Blockchain in Capital Markets Infrastructure
- Energy Markets and Crypto Mining Economics
- On-Chain Data Analytics
- Other relevant topics.

## Keynote Speakers



**Lin William Cong** is the Rudd Family Endowed Chair Professor of Management and Professor of Finance at the Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell University, where he is the founding Faculty Director of the FinTech Initiative and founder of the Digital Economy and Financial Technology Lab (DEFT Lab). He is an Editor at *Management Science*, a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a senior fellow at the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research. His research spans financial economics, FinTech, AI for finance, and the digital economy and has been published in top journals and featured in major global media. Professor Cong is a leading authority on tokenomics, blockchain economics, and generative AI in finance and is a frequent keynote speaker and advisor to financial institutions, technology firms, and government agencies worldwide.



**Denis Schweizer** is Director of the Desjardins Centre for Innovation in Business Finance and Scientific Director of the Climate Business Institute at the John Molson School of Business. His research focuses on corporate finance, entrepreneurship and alternative investments, including blockchain and cryptocurrency, and is published in leading journals including *Strategic Management Journal*, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice* and *Journal of Business Ethics*. Professor Schweizer is an Associate Editor of *Finance Research Letters*, *British Accounting Review*, *Venture Capital: An International Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*, *Small Business Economics* and *Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment*, and an editorial review board member of *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*.

## Paper Submission

Authors are invited to submit their papers (or extended abstracts) in English and in PDF format no later than **30 April 2026** at [CRC2026 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

## Registration and Fees

30/06/2026 – £400. No refunds after this deadline.

Guest tickets: £200 for guests and non-presenters. Limited availability—early booking is recommended; please request the invoice directly.

## Conference Dates

14/09/2026 and 15/09/2026

## 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.

## Conference Organising Committee

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