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Decentralized Finance Roundtable

On Governance, Regulation and the Future of
Financial Market Infrastructure

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Program

13.30 **Check-In**

14.00 **Opening Remarks**

14.10 **Session 1 - Blockchain Networks**

Governance and compliance in public and permissioned blockchain networks

Chair: Prof. Fabian Schär

15.55 **Coffee Break**

16.30 **Session 2: Asset & Protocol Layers**

Layer-based regulation for blockchain assets and financial services

Chair: Katrin Schuler

18.15 **Sessions Closing**

18.30 **Apéro**

Content

Join us for an in-depth discussion of the control structures in Decentralized Finance (DeFi) ecosystems and what they mean in the context of regulation for this emerging financial infrastructure.

Together with experts and practitioners from regulatory bodies, industry and academia we delve deeper into DeFi's unique forms of control - or lack thereof - and create an open forum to discuss regulatory challenges as well as potential solutions.

The event is free of charge and open to all interested participants. Due to space limitations, we kindly ask for your registration by September 1, 2024.

[Register here](#)

Event Location

University of Basel Biozentrum
Room U1.141
Spitalstrasse 41
4056 Basel

from Basel SBB
by tram 11 (direction St. Louis-Grenze), 7 stops until Johanniterbrücke, or by bus 30 (direction Badischer Bahnhof), 5 stops until Kinderspital.



Speakers

Session 1 - Blockchain Networks



Prof. Dr. Cesare Fracassi

Director of the Blockchain Initiative and Professor of Finance at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. His research focuses on decentralized finance, fintech, and the impact of blockchain technologies on financial markets and he regularly advises regulatory bodies and industry leaders on DeFi-related issues.



Dr. Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli

Division Chief of the Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure division at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) leading research on monetary policy and digital currencies. His work focuses on the impact of fintech innovations and policies on international financial and monetary systems and stability.



Dr. Thomas Moser

Alternate Member of the Governing Board at the Swiss National Bank, specializing in digital currencies and financial market infrastructure. He plays a crucial role in shaping Switzerland's approach to innovative financial technologies and regulatory frameworks.



Prof. Dr. Fabian Schär *(Session Chair)*

Managing Director of the Center for Innovative Finance and Professor of Distributed Ledger Technology and Fintech at the University of Basel. His research focuses on blockchain applications including DeFi, and the intersection of technology and finance, contributing to academic and practical advancements in the field.

Speakers

Session 2 - Asset & Protocol Layers



Dr. Ann Sofie Cloots

Affiliate lecturer at the University of Cambridge (Law), with a background in law and economics, corporate finance and company law. Her research focuses on the regulatory and policy aspects of digital assets and DLT, in particular of DeFi.



Matthias Obrecht

Head of the Fintech Desk at the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) authorizing and supervising institutions in the fintech space. He also works on shaping policies for digital assets and blockchain technology, ensuring the stability and integrity of Switzerland's financial system.



Dr. Christoph Pühr

Lead of the UBS Digital Assets Center of Excellence, guiding the group through the rapidly evolving landscape for tokenized securities and money. With extensive expertise in financial regulation and innovation, he plays a pivotal role in shaping industry practices and strategies.



Katrin Schuler (*Session Chair*)

Researcher at the Center for Innovative Finance, focusing her PhD on systemic risk and interdependencies within DeFi ecosystems. Her research delves into the unique properties of blockchain-based financial infrastructure also in the context of financial regulation.

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