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**TradFi and DeFi convergence**

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Thursday, 22 January 2026

### PhD Morning Session

09:30 | Welcome and Registration

10:00 | Institutional Greetings

**Giovanni Denaro** | Professor, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

10:30 | Doctoral Colloquium

**Part 1 - Crypto adoption, regulation and monetary sovereignty**  
**CHAIR: Sabrina Leo** | La Sapienza University

**Ali Bennani, Matthieu Llorca** | *Global Dynamics and Determinants of Cryptocurrency Adoption*

**Andrea Accattoli, Franco Fiordelisi, Francesco Saverio Stentella Lopes** | *Gateways or Barriers? The Role of Regulation, Taxation, and Politics in Cryptocurrency Adoption*

**Ilaria Nigro, Michele Modina** | *The Travel Rule and unhosted wallets: regulation and practical implications*

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### Part 2 - Crypto Finance, Risk, and Emerging Market Infrastructures

**CHAIR: Daniele Previtali** | University of Naples 'Parthenope'

**Huy Hoang Le** | *The Influence of Social Distance on Venture Capitalist Partner Selection: The Case of Blockchain Entrepreneurial Finance*

**Chiara Villani** | *Vulnerabilities of the DeFi ecosystem. Legal Liability challenges of new autonomous agents.*

### Afternoon Session

**13:30** | Main Conference Registration

**14:15** | Keynote Speech

**CHAIR: Paola Bongini** | University of Milano Bicocca

**Lars Hornuf** | Professor of Finance, Technische Universität Dresden

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**15:00** | Papers presentations: Crypto Markets: Pricing, Risk, and Investor Beliefs

**CHAIR:** Martino Grasselli | Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci

**Giovanni Cardillo, Eleonora Monaco, Lucia Milena Murgia** | *A Battle for Sovereignty: Crypto Market Response to CBDC Informational Spillover*

**Discussant:** Giulio Anselmi

**Giulio Anselmi, Giorgio Motta** | *What if bitcoin is a risk-free asset in the end?*

**Discussant:** Giovanni Cardillo

**Rosella Castellano, Federico Cini, Annalisa Ferrari** | *A Machine Learning Perspective to Explore Cryptocurrencies' Dynamics and Derive Buy/Sell Trading Signals*

**Discussant:** Stefan Scharnowski

**Stefan Scharnowski, Louis Bertucci, Hossein Jahanshahloo** | *Do Cryptocurrency Investors Care About Quantum Risks?*

**Discussant:** Annalisa Ferrari

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16:30 | Networking Coffee Break

17:00 | Papers presentations: **Crypto Design and Infrastructure**  
**CHAIR: Alessia Pedrazzoli** | University of Milano Bicocca

**Patrick Vanhoudt** | *From Eurodollars to Stablecoin Dollars: Externalities for the Euro Area and the Case for a Wholesale Digital Euro*  
**Discussant: Hossein Jahanshahloo**

**Rodney J. Garratt, Maarten R.C. van Oordt** | *Buyback Programs for Platform Tokens*  
**Discussant: Patrick Vanhoudt**

**Nicola Del Sarto** | *From Proof of Work to Proof of Stake: Analyzing Ethereum's Impact on Environmental Sustainability and Cryptocurrency Market Returns.*  
**Discussant: Maarten R.C. van Oordt**

**Hossein Jahanshahloo, Andrew Urquhart, Peter Zimmerman** | *Upgrading Bitcoin: The Impact of SegWit on the Bitcoin Blockchain*  
**Discussant: Nicola Del Sarto**

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**18:30** | Meet the editors

**CHAIR:** Monica Rossolini | University of Milano Bicocca

**Prof. Vincenzo Capizzi** | JFMMI Journal of Financial Management  
Markets and Institutions

**Prof. Silvio Vismara** | JOTT Journal of Technology Transfer

**19:30** | Networking Dinner

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### Morning Session

**9:00 | Paper Presentations: Designing Trust: Governance, Validation, and Failure Modes in Digital Money**  
**CHAIR:** Paolo Pagnottoni | Università degli studi dell'Insubria

**Vanessa Villanueva** | *Cryptogatekeepers as a response to conflicts of interest in decentralized finance*

**Discussant:** Marco Bernardo

**Marco Bernardo, Federico Calandra, Andrea Esposito, Francesco Fabris** | *On the Operational Resilience of CBDC: Threats and Prospects of Formal Validation for Offline Payments for Offline Payments*

**Discussant:** Vanessa Villanueva

**George Co-Pierre** | *The (In-)Finite Money Glitch*

**Discussant:** Maarten R.C. van Oordt

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**10:00 | Keynote Speech**

**CHAIR:** Cyril Grunspan | Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Léonard de Vinci

**Leonardo Gambacorta** | Bank for International Settlements

**10:45 | Industry Speech**

**CHAIR:** Cyril Grunspan | Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Léonard de Vinci

**Stefano Rossi** | Director, Digital Assets Lead at PwC Italy

**11:30 | Networking Coffee Break**

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**12:00 | Industry Round Table**

**Exploring the path to convergence - The Journey to the TradFi and DeFi Merger**

**CHAIR: Simone Cortese** | UCL Centre for Blockchain Technologies

**Part I - Defi to TradFi: How On-Chain Markets are rewriting capital markets**

**Mico Curatolo** | Head DLT & Digital Assets Competence Center at Banca Sella

**Niccolò Bardoscia** | Head of Digital Assets Trading & Investments at Intesa Sanpaolo

**Dovile Silenskyte** | Director of Digital Assets Research at WisdomTree

**Filippo Annunziata** | Professor at Bocconi University

**Part II - Defi to TradFi: the emerging Digital Capital Markets infrastructure**

**Giulio Rattone** | Chief Operations Officer at Fabrik

**Andrea Filtri** | Managing Director, Head of Mediobanca Research

**Luca Fantacci** | Professor at Università degli Studi di Milano

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**13:25 | Concluding Remarks**

**Paola Bongini** | Professor, Università Milano-Bicocca

**Ferdinando Ametrano** | Digital Gold Institute and Università Milano-Bicocca

**13:30 | Light Lunch**

**Afternoon Session**

**14:30 | DGI Quarterly Report**

**15:30 | Meet The Sponsors: CheckSig & PwC Italy**