



**University of East London**  
Royal Docks School of Business & Law

## The Centre of FinTech News & Updates

### Message from the Centre Directors



We are thrilled to bring you the first issue of the newsletter of the Centre of FinTech. Since the launch of the Centre in April, Centre staff have been quite busy and have been engaged with publishing and contributing to events informing domestic and international policy on the subject of FinTech. The Centre has also organised a few events including a summer FinTech Bootcamp and podcasts on topical issues in the FinTech space.

The Centre had the inaugural meeting of its Advisory Board on 28 September with useful discussions on the future direction of the Centre. This event was followed by an award ceremony for our industrial fellows, who have shown exceptional support for the Centre and its activities.

The Centre is moving forward with gusto and is excited by the world of opportunities available to Centre staff, the School of Business and Law, the School of Architecture Computing and Engineering, our stakeholders and, most of all, our students. Please let us know if you would like to contribute to our activities in any way.

We would also like to use this opportunity to inform you about our monthly seminar series starting in December. These events would provide more insight on FinTech related topics, including trending issues in the space. We hope you would be able to join these events.

*-Dr Iwa Salami & Dr. Julie Wall*

# The Centre of FinTech Inaugural Meeting & Royal Docks School of Business and Law Industrial Fellowship Awards



A huge thank you to all those who attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Centre of FinTech and the Royal Docks School of Business and Law's Industry & Law Fellowship Awards 2022!

Congratulations to all who received awards, it was lovely to see you on the day, for those who received awards but were unable to attend, your awards are being posted to you.

# FinTech Connected- Islamic Finance & FinTech with Sharjil Ahmed & Dr Bilyaminu Auwal Romo



This Podcast with Dr Bilyaminu Auwal Romo of the Centre of Fintech & Sharjil Ahmed, Co-founder of Cykuba, talks about Islamic Finance and Fintech.

## **Previous Podcasts/ RoundTables:**

[FinTech & Fraud- Dr Iwa Salami \(Director of The Centre of FinTech\), Nigel Cannings \(CTO Intelligent Voice\) & Colin LeMeMahieu \(Director at Nano Foundation\)](#)

In this event, industry professionals answer questions posed to them on fraudulent activities in the FinTech space. Questions cover financial institutions and crypto-asset industry fraud and the role of regulation, technology and education in combating these issues.

[Recent Developments in the Crypto Space and the Role of Regulation- Iwa Salami \(Director of The Centre of FinTech\), Katie Mitchell \(SVP, Global Head of Policy and Engagement, Crypto.com\) and John Bertrand \(Director, On Demand Payment Technologies\)](#)

The trio discusses Recent Developments in the Crypto Space and The Role of Regulation.

## External Impact



### **Dr. Julie Wall is a finalist in the 2022 Women in Tech Excellence Awards**

Congratulations to Julie for being nominated in the category of Woman of the Year!

[Click to read more](#)



### **Dr. Iwa Salmi Joins Work in FinTech**

Dr Iwa Salmi talked about her career and the state of the financial regulation in FinTech and Web3. Dr Salmi is keen to supervise potential PhD students interested in researching related aspects of FinTech regulation.

[Click to watch the podcast](#)



### **Congratulations to Dr Mimoza Shabani on Signing a Contract with Routledge**

Mimoza will be co-editing a book with Carmela D'Avino titles 'International Banking in a Global Perspective' in Routledge's International Studies in Money and Banking series.

# Centre of FinTech Spotlight- Funmi Olofinlade, Intern at The Centre of FinTech



I am Funmi, and I just completed the LLM FinTech Law Programme at the University of East London. Being a part of the first set of students to study this course was terrific and an incredible journey which I will not trade for anything. Before studying this course, I had minimal knowledge of what Financial Technology (FinTech) law entailed, even though I was exposed to FinTech products. However, the course content and delivery by experts in the field has been useful in helping to understand the significance of regulation in this emerging industry. Learning about the regulatory dimensions of topics such as mobile payments, crowd funding, crypto-assets, NFTs, decentralised finance and a few others was, indeed, eye-opening. I now have specialist knowledge of the field which is also directly tied to my current role as intern at the Centre of FinTech. In this role, I am fortunate to be able to interact with the Centre's FinTech industry partners; sometime serving as a link between partners and the Centre of FinTech. For me, this experience serves as a direct connection between the theory learned on the LLM programme and what happens in practice. I thoroughly enjoyed my learning and research experience on the programme that I have now decided to pursue a MPhil-PhD programme at the Centre of FinTech.

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## Advisory Board Member News



## Nadia Edwards-Dashti wins Recruiter Award!

A huge congratulations to Nadia who was awarded Agency Recruitment Leader of the Year

[Click to read more about the awards](#)

We would love to share your news! Please do let us know of any of your achievements or news you wish to share by sending it to [o.a.olofinlade@uel.ac.uk](mailto:o.a.olofinlade@uel.ac.uk)



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