



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

## The Centre of FinTech News & Updates

### Message from the Centre Directors



Happy New Year to you from the Centre of FinTech.

We are excited to be starting the year with a lot of energy and enriching activities. Despite the global downturn, which inevitably affects all industries including FinTech, we are super excited by the wealth of opportunities still in the space.

For us as a Centre, we would continue to channel our efforts in three key areas - teaching, research, and public engagement - facilitated by our continued collaboration with industry stakeholders. We are keen to grow and foster opportunities for collaborative research through Knowledge Transfer Partnerships with our industry partners, to leverage opportunities for the mutual benefit of our students and industry stakeholders.

We are also keen to continue to be a Centre which conducts impactful research and shares impactful knowledge on all aspects of FinTech - all of which would be relevant as we move closer to the target date of 2030 for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals of which FinTech plays a key role in enabling. Our activities, including seminars, podcasts,

roundtables, conferences and bootcamps would, of course, continue to play a great role in this respect. We would, as such, ask you to come on board with us by discovering what we are up to; attending our events; reading about our work on our website and social media platforms; and watching our latest podcast capturing recent developments in the space. This would enable you to gain more insight on the potential, opportunities and transformative power of FinTech.

We look forward to enjoying this journey with you in 2023!

*- Dr Iwa Salami & Dr. Julie Wall*

## **The Centre of FinTech's Financial Stability Board's (FSB) Proposed Framework for International Regulation of Crypto-asset Activities Published**

The Centre is delighted to announce that our response to the Financial Stability Board's (FSB) Proposed Framework for International Regulation of Crypto-asset Activities has been published on the FSB's website and can be accessed [here](#).

We are delighted that research conducted by the Centre continues to have impact beyond academia, to inform international policy and regulation in the crypto-asset space at such a very critical time.

# The Financial Conduct Authority & The UEL Centre of FinTech Presents: FCA Careers Day



A huge thank you to the Financial Conduct Authority in organising a careers afternoon for University of East London students in collaboration with The Centre of FinTech, which took place at the FCA. Attending students benefitted from career insights shared by key FCA staff, working in diverse FCA work streams. The feedback received from students has been phenomenal as the event left them highly motivated and with a drive to succeed!

[Click to read more](#)

# Professor Nazrul Islam Joins as Associate Director of the Centre of FinTech!



We warmly welcome Professor Nazrul Islam, in his capacity as Associate Director of the Centre of FinTech!

Professor Nazrul holds a PhD in innovation management and his research interests include developing, regulating, and commercialising disruptive and emerging technologies.

[Click here to read more](#)

# FinTech Connected - UEL Centre of Fintech Podcast | A Holistic Approach to Running a FinTech in an Emerging Market



Dr. Iwa Salami, Co-Director of the Centre of FinTech speaks to Mr. Ina Alogwu, Group Director, Digital Transformation at Asset & Resource Management Holding Company (ARM HoldCo) on 'A Holistic Approach to Running a FinTech Business in an Emerging Market'. Mr. Alogwu shares useful insights from his wealth of experience in working with FinTech start-ups and comments on the role of incumbents and regulators in facilitating FinTechs with a view, amongst other things, to facilitate financial inclusion in developing and emerging markets. [Click here to watch more](#)

[Previous Podcasts/ RoundTables: 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.

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

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. Iwa Salami Interviews with BBC News**

Dr Iwa Salami was interviewed by Devina Gupta of BBC News for World Business Report discussing, amongst other things, crypto-assets regulation in Africa.

[Click here to listen](#)



### **Dr. Shampa Roy- Mukherjee joins panel at Imperial College Business School**

Dr. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee joins panel entitled: "Women in leadership: how business schools can be more inclusive" at Imperial College Business School. [Click to read more](#)

# Centre of FinTech Spotlight - Hannah Clarke, Project Lead at The Centre of FinTech



My name is Hannah Clarke and I am a Project Lead at the Centre of FinTech, I am also a Departmental Officer at The Royal Docks School of Business and Law, supporting the Institute of Hospitality and Tourism. I am sure I have been in contact with many of you over the last year, it has been very insightful working with you all, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the launch and development of the Centre of FinTech and witnessing its continuing success.

This year I was awarded a first for my BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology degree at the University of East London. I loved studying at UEL and undertaking my internships which allowed me to see the Centre of FinTech come into fruition and gain lots of additional knowledge and experience. I am currently working towards obtaining my PRINCE2 project management certifications and aim to undertake further project management and marketing qualifications in the new year. I love to travel, spend time with my family and my dogs, I also enjoy baking and reading about history.

Hannah is contactable at [H.Clarke@uel.ac.uk](mailto:H.Clarke@uel.ac.uk)

## The Centre of FinTech's Schedule of Events

Take a look at the enriching schedule The Centre of FinTech has planned for January - July 2023!

## THE CENTRE OF FINTECH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

24TH [PRERECORDED PODCAST]: FINTECH START-UPS -  
CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES - RITESH JAIN | ONLINE

### FEBRUARY

16TH [SEMINAR]: NFTS AND IP - ERIC HOU RICHARDS | US  
101; 5:00PM-6:30PM

### MARCH

30TH [SEMINAR]: DEMYSTIFYING DEFI-CHALLENGES &  
PROSPECTS] - TIM ARON MINERVA CHAMBERS | US 101;  
5:00PM-6:30PM

### APRIL

27TH [SEMINAR]: THE FUTURE OF FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN A FINTECH WORLD - ROLAND EMMANS |  
US101; 5:00PM-6:30-PM

## THE CENTRE OF FINTECH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MAY

31ST [ANNUAL EVENT]: CENTRE OF FINTECH ANNUAL  
EVENT | US 101; 5:00PM-6:30PM

### JUNE

22ND [SEMINAR]: THE FUTURE OF WORK IN FINTECH - ARE  
FIRMS LEAVING THE FINTECH SPACE? - NADIA EDWARDS-  
DASHTI | US 101; 5:00PM-6:30PM

### JULY

TBC [CAREER EVENT]: FINTECH BOOTCAMP - RASHMI  
PRAHKBHAKAR, LAVINIA OSBOURNE, NADIA EDWARDS-  
DASHTI AND OYINKANSOLA ADEBAYO | TBC

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