

## Current Research in FinTech – Blockchain and Machine Learning

### Call for Papers

In recent years, FinTech, or financial technology, has been rapidly developing and reshaping business practices and the financial services industry. This has generated significant interest in advancing academic research in this important area. The Department of Finance, the Center for Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR), and the Institute for Insight at Georgia State University, together with the *Review of Financial Studies* will jointly host a conference on *Current Research in FinTech*. The conference will be held on **February 8-9, 2019** at the Buckhead Center of Georgia State University in Atlanta.

We invite submission of theoretical and empirical papers on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Blockchain technology and business applications: smart contracts, distributed ledger, and consensus mechanisms
- Cryptocurrency: valuation, trading, and settlement systems
- Innovations in financing: initial coin offerings (ICOs), tokens, crowd funding, and market design
- Machine learning methods in financial economics: supervised/unsupervised learning, deep learning, artificial intelligence, and algorithmic trading
- Big data analytics: large-scale data, unstructured data (such as texts and images), and forecasting
- Regulatory issues and challenges

The submission deadline is **October 1, 2018**. Co-sponsorship with the *Review of Financial Studies* offers authors a dual submission option. The authors may choose to submit to the conference program only, or choose to submit to both the conference and the *Review of Financial Studies*.

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Authors should submit an electronic version of the paper in PDF format no later than **October 1, 2018** through the conference web page:

<https://robinson.gsu.edu/academic-departments/finance/georgia-state-fintech-conference/>.

Paper selection will be finalized by **December 1, 2018**.

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