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BLOCKCHAIN & FINANCE

FinTech, DeFi, Web3

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Themes

- Theoretical foundations and transformations of intermediation
- Infrastructures, tokenization and technological innovation
- FinTech, DeFi and Web3: economic models, governance and uses
- Risks, regulation and organizational and competency transformations



Important Dates

Call for Papers Opens
February 23, 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline
March 22, 2026

Author Notification (Acceptance/Rejection)
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At the global level, financial systems are undergoing rapid transformation. Within this dynamic, blockchain is emerging as a structuring driver, extending well beyond crypto-assets. FinTech, decentralized finance (DeFi), and Web 3.0 ecosystems are reshaping market infrastructures, business models, and organizational practices.

In Morocco, these developments take on particular significance: digitalization is advancing, financial inclusion remains a major challenge, and innovation is accelerating. However, research remains fragmented with regard to adoption dynamics, economic and organizational impacts, as well as evolving legal and regulatory frameworks. Hence the need to bring together diverse perspectives and to structure the debate.

The 1st International Conference “Blockchain & Finance 2026” will bring together researchers, doctoral candidates, and practitioners for rigorous scientific exchanges, grounded in the realities of emerging economies and attentive to the specificities of the Moroccan context.

Conference Objectives :

- Deepen the understanding of financial transformations in the blockchain era.
- Examine the contributions and limitations of FinTech, DeFi, and Web3 for financial systems and organizations.
- Foster interdisciplinary dialogue between researchers, doctoral students, and practitioners.
- Promote research on emerging economies, with a specific focus on Morocco.

Topic 1 – Theoretical Foundations and Transformations of Financial Intermediation

- Conceptual frameworks: governance, trust, transaction costs, agency theory, institutions
- Reconfiguration of intermediation: disintermediation, reintermediation, new roles and architectures
- Smart contracts: promises, limitations, costs, risks, and implementation conditions

Topic 2 – Infrastructures, Tokenization and Technological Innovation

- Tokenization: securities, real estate, commodities, alternative assets
- Market infrastructures: issuance, clearing and settlement, post-trade processes, traceability
- Crypto-assets and market architecture
- Technologies: consensus mechanisms, scalability, interoperability, Layer 2 solutions

Topic 3 – FinTech, DeFi and Web3: Economic Models, Governance and Use Cases

- Services and use cases: payments, lending, savings, insurance, markets
- DeFi mechanisms: liquidity provision, lending/borrowing, stablecoins, staking and their implications
- Governance and coordination: DAOs, incentives, voting mechanisms, alignment of interests
- Adoption: diffusion, usage patterns, impacts, with particular focus on emerging economies

Topic 4 – Risks, Regulation and Organizational Transformation

- Risks: operational, cybersecurity, fraud, volatility, liquidity
- Compliance: AML/KYC, supervision, monitoring, auditability
- Regulation: Law 42-25, MiCA, DORA, international comparisons
- Organizational impacts: professions (banking, insurance, audit, compliance, reporting), skills development, training, emerging roles
- Cross-cutting issues: ethics, transparency, accountability

To encourage broad participation from researchers and doctoral candidates, submissions must take the form of an **extended abstract (PDF format) between 800 and 1,200 words.**

The extended abstract must include:

- Title of the paper ;
- Research problem and scientific relevance ;
- Conceptual and Theoretical Framework (Key Concepts);
- Methodological Approach and Research Design ;
- Results (preliminary, final, or expected) ;
- 3 to 5 keywords ;
- A bibliography including at least 10 key references.

Note: Given the emerging nature of blockchain research within the Moroccan context, work-in-progress papers, exploratory analyses, and doctoral research projects under development are particularly welcome.

- General Format : A4 document, Times New Roman font throughout.
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