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Frankfurt School Blockchain Center

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Our Mission

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Foster understanding of blockchain technology and their business potential for a variety of stakeholders.

Generate new knowledge about commercial, managerial and societal implications of blockchain technologies.

Educate executives and students about blockchain technology.

Develop prototypes to evaluate blockchain concepts and assess applicability in existing business processes.

Build a strong community of blockchain experts, corporates, industry experts and entrepreneurial talents.

Focus on specific areas such as banking, insurance, energy, mobility, "Industrie 4.0".

We will focus on five areas





Research

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center **Activities**

Research projects with partners

- Participation in public tenders with companies, government bodies, non-profit organizations
- Provide evidence-based best practices

Academic research

- Publication in international journals
- Focus on fundamental aspects such as diffusion, scalability, privacy of blockchain technology

Conduct applied research

- Joint studies with companies, e.g. in areas such as banking, insurance, energy, mobility, "Industrie 4.0"
- Development of industryspecific use cases, applications and their impact



Education

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center **Activities**

Foster understanding of blockchain

- Open and in-house seminars as well as workshops for professionals and executives working at private organizations as well as government institutions
- Academic courses in bachelor, master, doctoral programs

Focus on selected areas

- Industry-specific blockchain applications
- In particular: banking, insurance, energy, mobility, "Industrie 4.0"

Include technology and business

- Technical expertise and IT knowledge such as implementation, security, stability, scalability or privacy
- Business know-how to analyze and develop use cases and applications



Prototyping

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center **Activities**

Development of prototypes

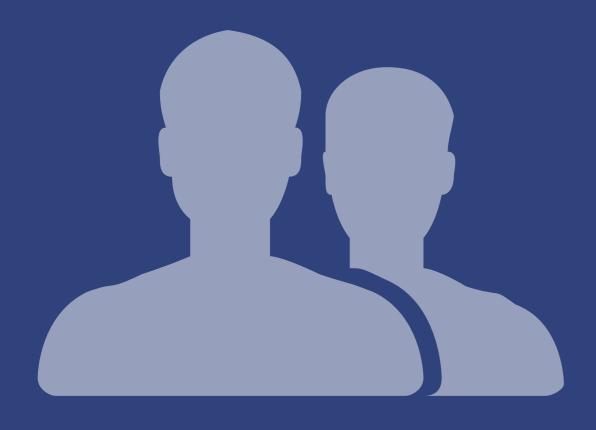
- Implementation of blockchain prototypes and evaluation of blockchain concepts
- Testing of smart contracts and distributed applications

Integration of applications

- Applicability in existing business processes
- Assessment of current regulatory regime

Pilot projects for proof-of-concept

- Smart contract for trading loans using Ethereum
- Distributed application for asset-backed securities



Community

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center **Activities**

Exchange of knowledge

- Foster a network of blockchain experts, corporates, industry professionals and start-ups
- Platform to share ideas and best practices
- International cooperations

"Blockchain Talks"

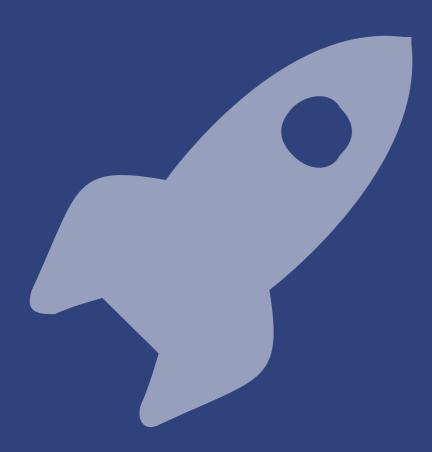
- Format for regular events;
 4x per year
- 2-3 speakers on blockchainrelated topics
- Target audience: professionals, start-ups, experts

Expert round tables

- Platform for identification of industry practices; focus on specific industries or topics
- Target audience: top management and technology experts

Conference

- Annual event
- Professionally hosted full-day program
- Target audience: corporates, consultants, start-ups, academia, government, associations



Start-ups

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center **Activities**

Support start-ups

- Analyze and assess business models
- Get in touch with industry professionals and provide B2B contacts
- Enhance the network of founders

Regulatory support

- Network of partners to help analyze whether a business idea can be implemented under the regulatory regime
- Provide contacts to regulatory bodies

Scouting for start-ups

- Promote the generation of new business models for independent startups as well as corporates
- Identify interesting business ideas
- Connect to talents with business or technology background

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center Staff



Entrepreneurship
Prof. Dr. Philipp Sandner

- Blockchain and Bitcoin experience for several years
- Strong entrepreneurship record after having founded multiple companies
- Project manager in IT development projects
- Studied business administration with focus on business informatics and IT at Universität Mannheim
- PhD at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München with focus on corporate IP portfolio analytics



Business Informatics
Prof. Dr. Peter Roßbach

- Blockchain and Bitcoin experience for several years
- Academic Director of the bachelor programs "Digital Innovation & Fintech" and "Business Information Systems"
- Main research areas are Blockchain technologies, IT security and data analytics
- PhD and habilitation at Philipps-Universität Marburg



Information Technology
Vahe Andonians

- Serial entrepreneur, having founded and successfully sold four companies in the last 15 years
- Strong focus on disruptive technologies developed by start-ups
- Engineer in information and high frequency technology from the Federal Higher Technical Institute for Education and Experimentation in Moedling, Austria
- MBA from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center Experts

Experts from Frankfurt School

Prof. Dr. Daniel Beimborn

digital transformation, IT management, IT governance

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Moormann

process management, digital payments, banking, business models

Christian Schätzlein

high-profile training programs, seminars, workshops, banking, regulation, governance

Wolfgang Weicht

digital transformation, social architecture, service design, community building

Armgard Dahmen

conferences, publications on next generation finance and payment

External experts

Dr. Jochen Biedermann (Blockchain Asia, Frankfurt Main Finance) international blockchain and Fintech projects, cooperation with Asia, business development

PD Dr. Martin Fries (LMU München)

legal tech, smart contracts, civil law, civil procedure, comparative law, law and technology

Henri de Jong (Quantoz)

Industrie 4.0, smart factories, supply chains

Dennis Knochenwefel (Reportix)

insurance, InsurTech, RegTech, xBRL, standardized extensible smart contract solutions

Christoph Kreiterling (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht, BaFin) blockchain technology research

Oliver Naegele (Blockchain Helix)

identity management, KYC/AML, blockchain frameworks, infrastructure

Manuel Utz (Fresenius University)

decentralized energy supply models, blockchain-based application models for the energy market, peer-to-peer business models

Cooperations

Frankfurt School Blockchain Center cooperates with these organizations

Sponsors





Universities



Technische Universität München

What we are currently working on



Lectures for bachelor, master,
MBA: teaching blockchain
technology, crypto currencies etc. in
bachelor, master and MBA courses

Theses: various blockchain-related topics for bachelor, master, MBA theses

Certificate program: development of a training program

Digital Innovation & Fintech:dedicated bachelor program



"Blockchain Talks": this event will be organized regularly at Frankfurt School; kick-off on May 9, 2017

Blockchain conference: taking place on April 24, 2017 at Frankfurt School

Workshop for top managers: impact of decentralized blockchain-based energy markets on the business model of energy utility companies

Participation in Korean-GermanBlockchain Alliance Working Group

Research

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Prototypes

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Joint research project: blockchainbased policy generation of situative insurances

Study: potential of blockchain-based applications in underdeveloped countries

Technical whitepaper: Ethereumbased smart contract for assetbacked securities



Implementation project:
architecture for decentralized access
control based on blockchain
technologies



 Start-up support: establishing B2B contacts for a start-up in the area of Blockchain-based virtual private payment networks

Joint workshop with Deutsche Bundesbank on blockchain

- 6th Central Banking Workshop on "Blockchain Technology: Opportunities and Challenges"
- Four-day workshop (in November 2016) on blockchain technologies together with Deutsche Bundesbank
- Target audience: central banks, regulators
- Speakers from European central banks, financial institutions, EU Parliament, industry and academia
- Presentations by Blythe Masters (Digital Asset Holdings), Charley Cooper (R3CEV), Dirk Schrade (Deutsche Bundesbank), Tony Freeman (DTCC), Peter Roßbach (Frankfurt School) and others
- Technological achievements of blockchain technologies and possible business cases
- Discussion from the viewpoint of central banks and regulators



Studies on the impact of blockchain technologies

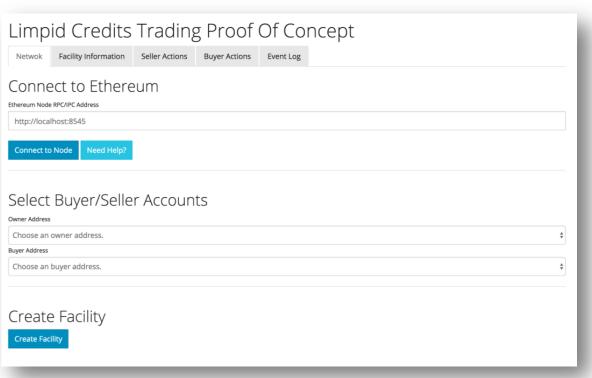
- "Study on blockchain technologies and its implications"
 - Fundamentals of the blockchain concept
 - Types of blockchains and consensus mechanisms
 - Application areas for blockchain technologies
- "The Impact of Blockchain Technology on the Payments Industry – A Delphi Study"
 - Project conducted by the ProcessLab
 - Analysis of the impact on business models and business processes

Roßbach, P. (2016), Blockchain-Technologien und ihre Implikationen. Banking and Information Technology (BIT), Vol. 17(1), pp. 54-69.

Holotiuk, F., Pisani, F., Moormann, J. (2017), The Impact of Blockchain Technology on Business Models in the Payments Industry, in: Proceedings of 13th International Conference on Wirtschaftsinformatik (WI 2017), St. Gallen, pp. 912-926

Proof of concept on trading loans using Ethereum

- While many different institutions work on the settlement part of trading financial instruments, few have looked into the advantages Blockchain can offer for trading of loans
- In a proof of concept we show the following advantages:
 - Easier bondholder communication while keeping holders anonymous
 - Anonymous BWICs and AWICs while trust is established through distribution using the technology layer
 - Smart contracts
 enable the inclusion
 of fiat currencies into
 the transaction flow



Study on patent ownership of crypto currency-related technologies

- Analysis of patents filed in the area of blockchain and crypto currencies
- Core technology cannot be protected due to open source



- But increasingly strong patent activity for various further facets of related-technologies
- Mostly US financial companies file patents
- Joint study together with the patent law firm KNH Patentanwälte



Your action required!

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Support us with our mission to educate, research and prototype blockchain technologies and to build a community among startups, experts and corporates

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Visit us at "Blockchain Talks" on May 9, 2017 at the Frankfurt School

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About Frankfurt School

Facts and figures

- Program portfolio: bachelor, master, MBA, executive MBA, doctoral programs
- **Focus**: finance, management, business informatics, IT
- 16,500 students in academic degree programs, professional degree programs, executive training programs;
 55 professors
- Accredited with key institutions

History

- 2017: president Udo Steffens as member of the Wissenschaftsrat
- 2017: Moving into new building at Adickesallee
- 2007: 50th jubilee and new name: Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
- 2004: Gained right to award doctorates (PhD)
- 1957: First founded as Bankakademie e.V. providing professional education for employees in the banking sector

Rankings

- Trendence Employability as published in Die Zeit
 - #3 top universities in Germany #1 business school
- Wirtschaftwoche#4 for business administration#9 for business IT
- Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung (CHE)

#3 for business informatics #4 for business administration















