

Forging Digital Money in the Tokenisation Era
Reshaping Legal Tender?

Thursday, May 8, 2025 - Saturday, May 10, 2025

University of Florence

Day 1 (Thursday, 8 May 2025)

Half-day Session: 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Aula Magna, Rector's Office Building, University of
Florence

2:00 pm
Registration desk opens

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Opening remarks:
Prof Alessandra Petrucci, Rector of the University of Florence
Dr Enrico Leone, EBI Chancellor
Prof Maria Elvira Mancino, Head of the Department of Economics and Management

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm
Introductory remarks:
Prof Filippo Zatti (University of Florence – BABEL & EBI)

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Keynote address:
Prof Iris Chiu (UCL) ([Online](#))

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Refreshment & Networking

4:30 pm — 6:30 pm

Roundtable: Redefining Money—Evolving Legal Frameworks in the Token Economy

Chair: Prof Christos Gortsos (EBI & National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & EBI)

Prof Caroline Kleiner (Paris Cité University) ([Online](#))

Prof Maria Rosa Lastra (Queen Mary University of London & EBI) ([Online](#))

Dr Franklin Noll (Kansas City Fed) ([Online](#))

Prof Sebastian Omlor (University of Marburg)

Prof Ruth Plato-Shinar (Netanya Academic College & EBI)

Prof Rolf H. Weber (UZH)

Prof Dirk Zetzsche (Université du Luxembourg & EBI)

Day 2 (Friday, 9 May 2025)

Morning Session: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sala Convegni 0.18, Building D6, Social Sciences Campus, University of Florence

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Panel 1: Digital Legal Tender—Implications for Monetary Policy and Financial System Stability

Chair: Prof Filippo Zatti (University of Florence – BABEL & EBI)

Prof Douglas Arner (University of Hong Kong & EBI) ([Online](#))

Prof Marko Dimijetrvic (University of Nis) ([Online](#))

Prof Christos Gortsos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & EBI)

Prof Seraina Grünewald (University St Gallen & EBI)

Dr Christian Pfister (LÉO, Université d'Orleans)

Prof Heng Wang (SMU) ([Online](#))

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Refreshment & Networking

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Panel 2: Technological Challenges in the Implementation of Digital Currencies

Chair: Prof Vincenzo Vespri (University of Florence)

Prof Andrea Bracciali (University of Turin)

Dr Geoffrey Goodel (UCL)

Prof Mauro Lombardi (BABEL & University of Florence)

Dr César Pérez-Chirinos Sanz (Bank of Spain)

Prof Claudio J. Tessone (UZH)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Light Lunch

Day 2 (Friday, 9 May 2025) - continued

Afternoon Session: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sala Convegni 0.18, Building D6, Social Sciences Campus, University of Florence

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Panel 3: Balancing Innovation and Oversight—Regulatory Approaches to Digital Legal Tender

Chair: Prof Seraina Grünewald (University St Gallen & EBI)

Prof Andreas Bielig (SGH Warsaw School of Economics)

Prof Yuri Biondi (CNRS & PSL)

Prof Christos Hadjiemmanuil (University of Piraeus & LSE & EBI)

Prof Bart Joosen (University of Leiden & EBI)

Prof Reyes Palá Laguna (University of Zaragoza)

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Panel 4: Global Regulatory Coordination Strategies for Digital Currencies

Chair: Prof Rosa Giovanna Barresi (School of Economics and Management, University of Florence & BABEL)

Prof Ross Buckley (UNSW & EBI)

Prof Shuji Kobayakawa (Meiji University)

Prof Poonam Puri (York University)

Prof Teresa Rodríguez de Las Heras Ballel (UC3M)

Prof Deepankar Roy (National Institute of Bank Management)

Dr Jürgen Schaaf (ECB)

Day 3 (Saturday, 10 May 2025)

Half-day Session: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sala Convegni 0.18, Building D6, Social Sciences Campus, University of Florence

9:30 am — 1:00 pm

Roundtable: Charting the Course—Collaborative Strategies for the Future of Digital Money

Chair: Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar (HCCH)

Dr Fabio Araujo (Banco Central do Brasil) [\(Online\)](#)

Dr Helmut Elsinger (OeNB)

Dr Marcello Miccoli (IMF)

Dr Miguel Fernandez Ordoñez (Former Bank of Spain Governor) [\(Online\)](#)

Prof Bitange Ndemo (Republic of Kenya Ambassador) [\(Online\)](#)

Dr Panagiotis Papapaschalis (ECB)

Dr Arthur Rossi (Saudi Arabia Bank)

Dr Sandra Švaljek (HNB Deputy Governor)

Dr Marino Vollenweider (BIS)

Closing Keynote

Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar (HCCH)

Adjournment of the conference

Prof Filippo Zatti (University of Florence, BABEL & EBI)

1:30 pm — 3:00 pm

Farewell Conference Lunch



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