



Bilateral Assistance
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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

BCC 9th Annual Conference

“Digital payments and currencies”

Research workshop 22 Sept 2021

Policy conference 23-24 September 2021

Virtual format, all times CEST

In recent years digital currencies (DC) have rapidly moved from being a relatively narrow topic to becoming a central issue for policy makers, with the Libra project highlighting the fast pace of development in the private sector. Central banks have risen to the challenge and initiated a broad range of projects on the various aspects of digital payment systems, including assessing the adequacy of issuing Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC).

The purpose of the conference is two-fold. First, takes stock of the lessons that research and policy works have identified regarding central banks’ positioning across the various dimensions of digital payments. Second, it focuses on the dimensions that are of particular interest, or represent particular challenges, for emerging and developing economies.



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DAY 1 - Wednesday 22 September

Research Workshop

- 15:00-15:15** **Welcome and introduction to the day**
Cédric Tille, BCC & the Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 15:15-16:45** **Workshop 1**
- 16:45-17:00** **Break**
- 17:00-18:30** **Workshop 2**

DAY 2 - Thursday 23 September

Setting the stage: An overview of recent research

- 15:00-15:20** **Welcome remarks**
Marie-Laure Salles, the Graduate Institute, Geneva
Rosmarie Schlup, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
- 15:20-16:20** **Keynote presentation**, Raphael Auer, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
Q&A
- 16:20-17:15** **Policy presentation**, Tobias Adrian, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Q&A

DAY 3 - Friday 24 September

Policy panels

- 15:00-15:05** **Welcome** by Cédric Tille, BCC & the Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 15:05-16:15** **Policy Panel 1: Digital currencies impact on domestic and international payments**
- Belma Čolaković, Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Adil Zbir, Bank Al-Maghrib
 - Thomas Argente, Bank of France
 - Henry Holden, Bank for International Settlements
- 16:15-16:30** **Break**
- 16:30-17:45** **Panel 2: Digital currencies impact on financial cycle, and financial stability**
- Governor, Leonardo Villar, Central Bank of Colombia
 - Governor, Signe Krogstrup, National Bank of Denmark
 - Second Deputy Governor, Natasha Ahmetaj, Bank of Albania
 - Linda Schilling, École Polytechnique CREST Paris
- 17:45-18:00** **Break**
- 18:00-19:15** **Policy Panel 3: Digital currencies impact on the transmission channel of monetary policy, and its effectiveness**
- Carlos Montoro, Central Reserve Bank of Peru
 - Andrea Maechler, Swiss National Bank
 - Dirk Niepelt, Study Center Gerzensee
 - Markus Brunnermeier, Princeton University
- 19:15** **Concluding remarks** by Cédric Tille



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