

## Special Issue

# Cryptocurrency and Blockchain: Opportunities and Challenges for Financial Systems

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will explore the transformative potential of cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies in reshaping the financial landscape. Over the past decade, these innovations have moved from niche experimentation to mainstream adoption, enabling decentralized finance (DeFi), cross-border payments, tokenized assets, and smart contract-driven markets. At the same time, they present significant challenges around regulatory uncertainty, market volatility, scalability limitations, cybersecurity risks, and implications for monetary policy and financial stability. We invite contributions that investigate both the opportunities and the risks posed by these technologies. Topics may include blockchain-based financial innovation, cryptocurrency valuation and market dynamics, central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), security and governance frameworks, integration with traditional financial systems, and the socio-economic consequences of decentralization.

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