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Against a backdrop of regulatory developments, innovations in technology have significantly reshaped the finance landscape across the world, upending long-established orders of asset transformation.

The economic processes in the finance sector are inextricably linked to the wellbeing of everyone in a modern economy. Therefore, our on-going understanding of the evolution of the sector is non-negotiable. Academics, finance experts and policymakers have a responsibility to lead this drive.

The Edinburgh Futures Institute and the University of Edinburgh Business School are organising the First Edinburgh Conference on the Economics of Financial Technology, in order to stimulate debate and research on financial innovation and the digital economy and how they impact welfare.

The conference aims to bring together academics, policymakers and finance professionals to share new insights and discuss the economic issues related to the application of technology to the practice of finance in a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape.

# TOPICS

The first annual three-day conference will include three keynote lectures, two policy-oriented panel discussions on how academic research can help accelerate innovations in the finance sector for societal benefit, and presentations of research papers.

We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions on topics including, but not limited to:

- The application of AI and Machine Learning in finance
- The application of distributed ledger technologies in finance
- Cryptofinance
- Cyber risk in finance
- The microstructure of modern financial markets: algorithmic/high frequency trading, dark trading, blockchain settlements etc.
- Behavioural economics in financial technology
- Alternative data (structured and unstructured datasets)
- Crowdsourcing and investment strategy
- New exchange traded financial derivatives
- Financial stability risks from the development of FinTech
- RegTech
- Open banking.

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