



Utrecht University
European Centre
for Alternative Finance (ECAF)



European Alternative Finance Research Conference 2022

Fintech for the common good

October 5th - 7th 2022

Utrecht, The Netherlands

(hybrid event)

Organisers

Utrecht University School of Economics (U.S.E.) and European Centre
for Alternative Finance (ECAF) at Utrecht University,

and

COST Action CA19130 FinAI - Fintech and Artificial Intelligence in
Finance - Towards a Transparent Financial Industry



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Program (hybrid):

- Oct 5 - 9:00-16:00 - COST Management Committee meeting
- Oct 6 - 9:00-18:00 - International scientific conference (joint industry-academic event)
 - Keynote morning
 - 2 Morning sessions COST-dedicated topics (3 parallel tracks)
 - Lunch
 - Keynote afternoon
 - 2 Afternoon sessions (3 parallel tracks)
- Oct 7 - 9:00-16:00 - COST WG meetings
 - WG1
 - WG2
 - WG3

Event will be hybrid and the main conference event will also be recorded.

Location

[Utrecht University Hall](#)

Domplein 29

3512 JE Utrecht





Topics

This year's conference features the special topic 'Fintech and the common good'. We welcome the submission of rigorous quantitative, qualitative, mathematical/formal and/or theoretical studies related to fintech and alternative finance from an economic, computer science, data analytics, law, sociological or other perspective, focussing on but not limited to:

- Artificial Intelligence in Finance (including Explainable Artificial Intelligence - XAI)
 - Transparency of AI applications in finance
 - Tackling bias in artificial intelligence in finance
 - Machine Learning and complex system application on Fintech (incl. ESG application)
- Fintech
 - FinTech and digital finance (including DeFi)
 - Fintech and its impact on financing SMEs (e.g. central bank digital currencies, tokenization, computer science approaches in alternative finance)
 - Fintech as enabler of sustainable innovation (e.g. circular economy, product-service systems etc.)
 - My financial data and privacy
- Alternative Finance
 - Relationships/ cooperation between new and traditional finance providers
 - Ecosystems for new forms of alternative finance
 - Alternative finance in developing markets: financial inclusion, access, and impact
 - Role of regulation and other formal or informal institutions (e.g. new European Crowdfunding Service Provider Regime – ECSP)
 - Psychology and behaviour of retail investors and financial advisors
 - Civic crowdfunding and match-funding for public and non-profit projects (including arts and culture)
 - Community finance and ownership (including DAO)
 - Ethical issues in alternative finance practice
 - Risk and risk management in alternative finance





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Paper submissions and deadlines for the conference (October 6th)

Abstracts for papers of up to 300 words (in English) on the above-mentioned topics should be sent to ecaf@uu.nl before 15-07-2022. Upon submission, please indicate the topic under which you want to submit your work (see list of topics) and if you are a member of the [COST FinAI network](#). The submitted abstract will be reviewed by a scientific committee. Notification of acceptance will be given by 15-08-2022.

Prior to the conference (15-09-2022) full papers need to be submitted (~10.000 words).

Submissions should ideally be structured as follows:

- Introduction (Problem definition, research gap and objective)
- Theoretical foundation
- Methodology / empirical research context
- Finding/results
- Implications for entrepreneurial finance research and practice

Every paper accepted for presentation will be assigned a discussant who provides in-depth feedback.

Organising Committee:

- Friedemann Polzin (Utrecht University)
- Thomas Walther (Utrecht University)
- Ronald Kleverlaan (Utrecht University)
- Lex van Teeffelen (University of Applied Sciences Utrecht)
- Karsten Wenzlaff (Hamburg University)
- Rotem Shneor (Agder University)
- Jörg Osterrieder (Zurich University of Applied Sciences)
- Veni Arakelian (Piraeus Bank)
- Daniele Marazzina (Politecnico di Milano)

Information in brief

Websites and registration: www.uu.nl/ecaf and www.fin-ai.eu

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanCentreforAlternativeFinance>

Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/ECAF_UU

Hashtag: #eafrc2022

