The University at Albany’s 5th Financial Market Symposium: 
FinTech and Blockchain
Finance Department, School of Business
Friday, October 5, 2018 – SUNY Global Center, NYC

8:45 – 9:15  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 – 9:30  Welcome Remarks: Na Dai, Associate Professor and Chair of Finance Department, University at Albany

9:30 – 10:30  Keynote Speech:
“Initial Coin Offerings: Financing Growth with Cryptocurrency Token Sales”
David Yermack, Albert Fingerhut Professor of Finance and Business Transformation, New York University Stern School of Business

Presenter: Fahad Saleh, McGill University
Discussant: Louis Piccotti, Oklahoma State University

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15  Paper 2: “Initial Coin Offering and Platform Building” by Jiasun Li (George Mason University) and William Mann (UCLA Anderson School of Management)
Presenter: Jiasun Li, George Mason University
Discussant: Ying Wang, University at Albany

12:15 – 1:30  Lunch and Practitioner Panel
Moderator: Hany Shawky, Professor of Finance, University at Albany
Panelists: Irwin Nack ’85, Todd Wolk ’94, Kim Phelan ’89, James Robert

Presenter: Jillian Grennan, Duke University
Discussant: Aaron Brauner, University at Albany

2:15 – 2:30  Coffee Break

2:30 – 3:15  Paper 4: “Financial Innovation and Borrowers: Evidence from Peer-to-Peer Lending” by Tetyana Balyuk (Emory University)
Presenter: Tetyana Balyuk, Emory University
Discussant: Kristian Blickle, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

3:15 – 3:30  Concluding Remarks: David Smith, Professor of Finance, University at Albany

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