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**Inaugural “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” on the Political Economy of Financial Technologies**

Dear XYZ,

We are writing on behalf of the Virginia Tech Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience to invite you to participate in our inaugural “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” on the Political Economy of Financial Technologies. For this first event we will focus on the blockchain, which has the potential to both disrupt the financial industry as well as to enhance the resilience of the financial system. Our focus will be on the political, economic, and social impacts of the blockchain. Our goal is to bring together entrepreneurs, academic experts, and policy makers to discuss and debate this underexplored area. Your research indicates that you have both an interest in, and excellent insights into, this topic. It would be a great honor to have you participate in the meeting.

The meeting will be at the Virginia Tech main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia on Friday, April 20th, 2018 and will bring together local entrepreneurs, academic experts and policy-makers in a half-day conference, with two keynote speeches and two panels involving entrepreneurs, scholars, and regulators.

For your information we have included a supplemental document that can help you better understand the event and our overall mission. In addition to identifying key perspectives on the possible implications of the blockchain technology, our goal for the initial “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” is to help provide key inputs from different perspectives that inform entrepreneurs and scholars on the current debates about innovation and regulatory challenges. We would be delighted and honored to have you participate as a featured speaker.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome any questions that you may have about the symposium or the Global Forum.

Sincerely,

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