**Tag Line: Promise and Peril of “Disrupting the Trust Business”**

**BLOCKCHAIN**: From land registries and trade finance to cryptoassets, the rapidly proliferating array of blockchain applications have at once raised promise and peril of “disrupting the trust business.” The inaugural Symposium on the political economy of financial technologies invites you participate in a dialogue among entrepreneurs, policymakers, and academics to discuss emerging questions, problems, and dilemmas created by the blockchain technology.

**BLACKSBURG**: Tucked away in the rolling ridges of the Blue Ridge Mountains sits the epicenter of the blockchain revolution, Blacksburg. Home of Virginia Tech and prominent blockchain innovators, entrepreneurs, academic experts from all corners of the tech space. Through this creative ecosystem, Blacksburg is the ideal venue for conversations and explorations on the complex topic of the blockchain.

**RESILIENCE:** Blockchain technology is hailed (and feared) as the most transformative technology since the internet. But does it provide us with more resilient alternatives to our existing institutions? What are the social consequences of this new “tech-topia”? What about its dystopian counterpart?

**SYMPOSIUM**: The Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience

(GFURR) at Virginia Tech will host the first blockchain conference of its kind in the Mid-Atlantic region. Join us from April 20,, 2018, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. **Attendance is free, with lunch provided, but registration** {in-page hyperlink to registration form**} is required.**

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+Subsection: “Staying Overnight: To reserve a room, please contact the Main Street Inn {hyperlink <http://hotelblacksburg.com/>} using code “Blockchain Symposium.”