**BLACKSBURG BLOCKCHAIN SYMPOSIUM AGENDA, APRIL 19-20, 2018:**

***TENTATIVE***

**Thursday, April 19th 2018 (for invitees only)**

5.30pm – 6.30pm Welcome reception and gathering

6.30pm – 9.30pm VIP dinner

**Friday, April 20th 2018**

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome and introduction by Global Forum

8:15 – 9:00 Keynote speech 1: Dr. Charles Clancy, VT Hume Center

9: 00 – 9: 15 Break

**9:15 – 10:45 Panel 1: Blockchain and Finance**

This panel will explore the implications of the blockchain for the financial system and it will focus on aspects such as digital money, distributed ledgers, and new regulatory challenges.

Moderator: Dr. Michael Moehler

Daniel Notestein & Peter Menegay – blocktrades.us and SynaptiCAD

+ academic scholars

+ regulators/policymakers

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11.45 **Keynote speech 2: Dr. John Schindler, Federal Reserve Board Governors**

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch

**12:30 – 2:00 Panel 2: Blockchain and the State**

This panel will explore the implications of the blockchain for the public operation of the State and it will focus on aspects such as digital identity and public registries.

Moderator: Dr. Naren Ramakrishnan

Manu Sporny, digital bazaar

Dr. Charles Clancy, VT Hume Center

+ academic scholars

+ regulators/policymakers

2:00 – 2:15 Concluding Remarks, Hackathon award ceremony