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

Dear XYZ,

Thank you for the interest you showed in participating at the upcoming “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” on the Political Economy of Financial Technologies organized by the Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience at Virginia Tech.

We hereby want to confirm your participation as a panelist at the event. The “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” will be held on Friday, April 20th, 2018 at the Lyric Theatre in downtown Blacksburg, Virginia. You are also invited to attend the welcoming dinner on Thursday, April 19th in which we hope to start the conversation on the political, economic, and social impacts of the blockchain.

In the upcoming days and weeks, we will update you on the details of the Friday’s event and with more particulars on the content we aim to discuss and debate in the panels. Furthermore, our assistant at the Global Forum office, Christine Haimann, will be in touch with you in order to arrange travel and accommodation.

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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