

# The 2nd International Symposium on Security and Privacy in Blockchain (SPB 2023)

## **Scope and Topics of Interest**

With the decentralized, transparent and immutable properties, blockchain is regarded as an essential fundamental for a real-time, cost-effective and cross-border transaction. Beyond the cryptocurrency (e.g., Bitcoin, Ethereum, and many others), many industrial sectors embrace the blockchain technology to change their business model. Typical applications include banking, supply chain, energy trading, smart cities and so on. Security is the most important objective for the design of blockchain, and we expect that the system is sound even in the presence of malicious nodes or several nodes that are not available to achieve consensus. In addition, privacy is another key constraint that hinders the blockchain application designs, because blockchain data are public and shared among participants. As such, in order to better support emerging blockchain applications with security and privacy guarantee, we call for novel top quality research on the progress and exchange experience in blockchain research, including fundamental theories, basic models and algorithms, as well as different use-cases and applications.

The topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Security, privacy and trust of blockchain and distributed ledgers;
2. Secure and privacy smart contract;
3. Distributed consensus and fault tolerance schemes;
4. Privacy-enhancing technology for blockchain-based applications;
5. Blockchain-based trust and regulation mechanisms;
6. Cryptocurrency;
7. Financial systems and blockchain;
8. Blockchain enabled new business systems, models and applications

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| 1. Submission Deadline           | September 30, 2023   |
| 2. Author Notification           | October 25, 2023     |
| 3. Camera-ready and Registration | October 31, 2023     |
| 4. Conference Date               | December 15-18, 2023 |
- Ocean Flower Island, Hainan, China

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