Blockchain & Legal Innovation 1

Readings List

# Topic 1 - Lex Automagica

## Chapter 1: Blockchain and Law: The Rule of Code by De Filippi & Wright

## Nick Szabo - intersubjective truth http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/rob/Courses/InformationInSpeech/CDROM/Literature/LOTwinterschool2006/szabo.best.vwh.net/tradition.html

## Yuval Harari on Inter-subjective truth: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zen-m0rMp4I

## Nick Szabo - origins of money https://nakamotoinstitute.org/shelling-out/

## Institutional Distrust: https://www.slideshare.net/EdelmanInsights/2017-edelman-trust-barometer-global-results-71035413

## Attack Vectors on Trust: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3273111](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3273111" \t "_blank)

## Nick Szabo on Money, Blockchains, and Social Scalability: http://unenumerated.blogspot.com/2017/02/money-blockchains-and-social-scalability.html

# Key Themes

## Society works and wealth grows through social scaling - information sharing, match-making and trust minimization;

## We use institutions and our capacity for creating inter-subjective truths (real-because they-are shared-and-agreed)

## The internet scaled information sharing but did not scale trust minimization, so our institutions are groaning under the strain of making the information and relationships trustworthy;

## Blockchain and smart contracts may help scale trust by embedding the trust inside distributed databases held together through code and economic incentives that no one controls but everyone can use;

## But peer-to-peer "trustless" networks are foreign to our legal system which tends need third parties to whom it can assign rights and obligations.