

FINC5090 - Finance in Global Economy

Week 2: Weekly Assignment Outline

Semester 2, 2023

1 Instructions

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. This assignment forms part of your individual assignment.
3. The DUE DATE is **10 SEPTEMBER 2023** as a part of your individual assignment. The submission link will stop accepting submissions at **23:59** on the submission date. DO NOT send your work via email if you miss the deadline.
4. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and will result in zero marks and disciplinary action.
5. Make sure you write your *correct* Student ID as the page header. Student ID uniquely identifies an author, and it is important that the marker knows the author of an assignment.
6. Submit your assignment in PDF format only.

2 Task 1

What are the similarities between money issued by a central bank and Bitcoin? What are some reasons Bitcoin may not be able to replace money issued by a central bank in the near future? Is your answer generalizable to other crypto-currencies?

1. Write-up limit: up to one A4-sized page.
2. Write in single-spaced, Times New Roman Font, font size 12. The page margins should be 2.5cm (top, bottom, left and right).
3. This question is an open-ended question and is an opportunity for some self-learning about new developments.
4. Read the question carefully. Be articulate, and make sure to link your research on the topic to the contents of the Week 2 lecture.
5. Re-read point 4.
6. Comply with point 4.
7. You may go a step beyond. You may base all or part of your write-up on data analysis (of any sort that serves your purpose). If you do this, you are allowed up to 2 A4 pages (single-sided) in the appendix. The contents of the appendix should be legible. These pages may be used to present the work based on which you present your argument(s) in answering this task.
8. You should not present a newspaper-style story. This task is academic work, and your work should reflect the diligence that accompanies that kind of work. Any statement that is not a fact must be accompanied by a citation or must be based on some analysis.
9. Re-read points 4 and 8.
10. Comply with points 4 and 8.