[1st Workshop on Exploring the Intersection of Blockchain and Policy: Shaping the Future of Decentralization]

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Important dates:

Paper submission: 31st May Notification of acceptance: 1st August Camera-ready submission: 7th August Presentation submission: 7th August







Description:

The rapid expansion of decentralized technologies is redefining the landscape of legal and policy frameworks globally. As applications of DLT and blockchain gain momentum, they pave the way for more transparent, efficient, accountable and trustworthy governance systems, but also create challenges for their effective oversight. This symposium highlights the transformative impact of blockchain and other distributed ledger technologies on regulatory approaches within the crypto-economy, decentralized governance structures, systems interoperability, decentralized infrastructures and data governance policies. It will serve as an incubator for innovative ideas, where legal experts, policymakers, and DLT and blockchain pioneers converge to dissect and discuss the challenges and opportunities at this intersection. The focus will be on how blockchain technology can coexist with legal structures to foster a more equitable and decentralized future, emphasizing the synergy between technological advancements and policy adaptations.

Topics of Interest:

The objective of this symposium will highlight the latest advances in DLT/blockchain law, regulation, and policy. We welcome submissions that offer novel contributions in law/policy with application to DLT/blockchain, or novel contributions in another discipline with application to law/policy. Contributions are invited on the following topics, including but not limited to:

- Blockchain policy-making and laws
- Legal applications of blockchain
- Regulation of the crypto-economy (financial, contracts etc)
- Antitrust issues in the decentralized economy
- Decentralized governance policies
- Lobbying in the crypto-economy
- Blockchain and interoperability policy
- Blockchain and data governance policy
- NFTs, creative industries, and policy

Paper Submission:

All papers must be submitted through EDAS (submission starts 20 April). You must choose the symposium track when submitting your paper in order to be considered for this symposium. The paper should be up to six (6) pages in length. The conference allows up to two additional pages for a maximum length of eight (8) pages upon payment of extra page fees once the paper has been accepted.

The paper can be prepared using the template available through the Authors / Proposers tab from the GBC conference website main page at:

http://www.ieee-gbc.org/authors.php

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