



Call for papers

## **Intersections of finance and society 2023**

14-15 September 2023  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

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With inflation and interest rates on the rise, the age of expansionary monetary policy is over. At the same time, the global pandemic and a war on the European continent demand new policy responses that will have major repercussions. These developments take place in a global financial system that has undergone radical transformations over the past decade. Finance has become intertwined with the logic of the platform economy and social media to an unprecedented extent, giving rise to new patterns of financial intermediation and shifts in the relative status of financial centres. As climate breakdown worsens, politicians and publics increasingly look to the financial sector to offer alternative, more sustainable ways of investing – a responsibility that the sector has so far largely failed to live up to. As German Chancellor Olaf Scholz put it, we are living through a *Zeitenwende* – a ‘turning point’.

Leaving the United Kingdom for the first time, the 2023 ‘Intersections of finance and society’ conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium, the heart of European multilateralism and transatlantic policymaking. Key intersections between finance and society are shaped in Brussels. It is here where economic and financial sanctions following the war in Ukraine were formulated and enforced through key financial infrastructures like the Brussels-based SWIFT.

Building on the success of previous conferences, this year we seek to interrogate established and emergent social, organisational, and political forms shaping finance and society. Besides providing a platform to discuss new theoretical and empirical research, contributors are expressly invited to propose and debate existing and novel solutions to challenges associated with financial stability, fintech inclusion, climate breakdown, and the various inequalities linked to financialisation.

The conference is organised by David Bassens, Reijer Hendrikse, Alex Rossiter, and the Finance and Society Network, with support from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

*Keynote addresses*

- **Derisking the *Zeitenwende***  
Daniela Gabor, UWE Bristol
- **From fintech to finlife**  
Karen Lai, Durham University
- **Finance and empire**  
Quinn Slobodian, Wellesley College

*Author-meets-critics roundtables*

- ***Crack-Up Capitalism: Market Radicals and the Dream of a World Without Democracy***  
Quinn Slobodian, Wellesley College – Discussants TBC
- ***Welfare for Markets: A Global History of Basic Income***  
Anton Jäger, KU Leuven/Daniel Zamora, ULB Bruxelles – Discussants TBC

*Contributions are invited in two formats*

- Papers; abstract of up to 300 words
- Panels; panel proposal plus 4-5 paper abstracts

*Themes on which we encourage contributions include, but are not limited to:*

- Financial geographies
- Financial infrastructures
- Valuation regimes
- Finance and inequality
- Law and finance
- Leverage and power
- Assets, assetisation, and the asset economy
- Financial dystopias and apocalypse
- Finance and ecological crisis
- Finance, sustainability, and sustainable capitalism
- Racial capitalism
- Finance and platform capitalism
- Digital economy, AI, and the politics of fintech
- Tokens, tokenisation, and encryption

- Gendered finance
- Finance, nationalism, and populism
- Finance and growth regimes
- Welfare states after financialisation
- State-banking nexus
- Finance and corporate power
- Finance and development
- Subordinate financialisation
- Critical macro-finance
- Central banking and monetary policy
- Systemic risk and macroprudential governance
- Public finance
- Finance and security
- Theory and philosophy of money
- Histories of finance
- Heterodox economics and finance theory
- Temporality and futurity
- Volatility cultures
- Poststructuralism and finance
- Gift, debt, tribute, pledge, claim
- Contemporary regimes of credit, credibility, and reputation
- Money, finance, and psychoanalysis
- Aesthetics of finance
- Financialisation and contemporary art
- Finance and the occult

Please submit abstracts and proposals by **1 May 2023** to the following address:

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