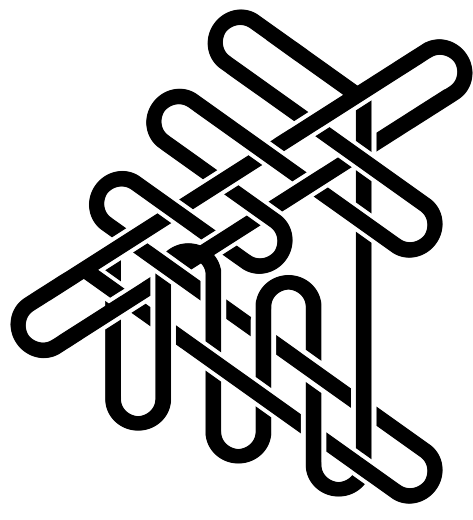




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- Amin Samman and Leonard Seabrooke

09.45–10.45 Keynote I – Ovnhallen – Chair: Leonard Seabrooke

### **FINTECH CAPITAL**

Paul Langley, Durham University

11.00–12.30 Panel 1A – **VENTURE CAPITAL** – Chair: Eleni Tsingou

- *Too hot to fail? Venture burn, leverage, and financial dependencies in AI*  
David Kampmann
- *Valuation before validation: AI drug discovery and the political economy of promissory technoscience*  
Mark Howard, Matt Sparke
- *Climate venture capital on stage: The volatile construction of expertise in public financial talk*  
Cornelius Heimstädt
- *Investment feminism and women's health*  
Joseph Bruch
- *Silicon suburbia: Venture capital and the middle class in Silicon Valley*  
Michelle Venetucci

Panel 1B – **PREDICTION MARKETS I** – Chair: Noya Kohavi

- *Prediction markets: How a gambling mechanism meets a political moment*  
Anthony Pickles
- *Betting on bedlam: Exploiting war through prediction markets*  
CJ Reynolds
- *Financialization of gambling or gambification of finance? Ontological struggles around prediction markets*  
Jacob Ormen, Anne Mette Thorhauge, Andreas Gregersen, Kristian Bondo Hansen
- *Who called it? Exploring trader identity, information, and motivation on political prediction markets*  
Parker Bach, Lana Swartz
- *Who was TIME's 2025 person of the year? The irreducibly interpretive heart of automated prediction markets*  
Erin Lockwood

Panel 1C – **DEMOCRATIC FINANCE** – Chair: Rosie Collington

- *Democracy as investment: A comparative analysis of public asset managers*  
Gabriel Kahan, Daniel Seel
- *Competing visions of banking reform: The nationalisation of credit as an alternative to financial deregulation in France, 1971-1984*  
Neil Warner
- *Visions and lessons for democratic, sustainable finance: The double-edged sword of Danish pension funds*  
Johannes Lundberg
- *Transforming pensions for the Anthropocene: Decarbonising, democratising, decolonising?*  
Clara MacDonnell
- *Socialized finance as real utopian planning in the polycrisis*  
Christoph Sorg

Panel 1D – **HOUSING AND EVERYDAY FINANCE** – Chair: Mareike Beck

- *Beyond landlordism: Revisiting the long history of real estate financialisation*  
Pasquale De Girolamo
- *The politics of property valuation: Automation, expertise, and the making of market value in the Danish housing market*  
Alexander Dobeson
- *Assets on unstable ground: Emerging financial responses to the Dutch home foundation crisis and the spectre of asset stranding*  
Mats Lucia Bayer
- *Making and un-making climate risk: Stranded assets in Danish real estate*  
Lukas Bogner, Alexander Gamerdinger
- *From wealth to assets: The equity participation puzzle and the retail investing boom in India*  
Anirudh Raghavan

12.30–13.30    Lunch

13.30–15.00    Panel 2A – **FINANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** – Chair: Elke Schwarz

- *The AI revolution in productivity: Real, speculative or performative?*  
Robbie James
- *The last innovation dream: A worker's inquiry into life and labor at the heart of the AI bubble*  
Christian Nagler
- *AI earning call summaries and the narrowing of financial knowledge*  
Noya Kohavi
- *The non-sense of AI based financial knowledge*  
Jakob Arnoldi, Ekaterina Svetlova

- *From the shadows of Big Tech: How enterprise AI firms engage EU regulatory politics*  
Morten Fischer Sivertsen

Panel 2B – **FINANCE AND THE SOCIAL** – Chair: Emily Rosamond

- *Toward a social logic of optionality*  
James Sirigotis
- *Against inflation: Queer-feminist monetary (and price) theory*  
Lea Steininger
- *Reconfiguring 'ethical' finance: Discourse, regulation, and capital flows in the era of ESG backlash*  
Emily Rosenman
- *The debt cycle: Gambling and financial exhaustion*  
Samuel Kirwan
- *The assemblage of mergers and acquisitions work in post-Covid London*  
Cecilia Prichard Jones

Panel 2C – **CAVEAT CREDITOR** – Chair: Scott James

- *Hedge funds in the gate: Offshore finance and government bonds*  
Charlotte Rommerskirchen
- *Hedge funds and US Treasury market instability*  
Fabian Pape
- *Hedge funds, leveraged finance, and (not so) safe assets: Rethinking the state-finance nexus*  
Stefano Sgambati
- *Sovereign debt in the hands of a few mega banks: The economy of scale of primary dealer status*  
Daphnae Picoli
- *The political economy of macroprudential policy for asset management in the European Union*  
Santiago Dierckx

Panel 2D – **GREEN FINANCE I** – Chair: Philipp Golka

- *The strange non-death of state planning: Epistemic de-risking and the politics of green finance in Brazil*  
Jacob Hasselbalch, Rosie Collington, Cornel Ban
- *Investing in carbon management: Explaining how derisking influences carbon capture and storage development in the Nordics*  
Joachim Peter Tilsted
- *The missing lever: Why commercial banking is key to closing the climate finance gap*  
Sam Hummel
- *From carbon to code: How consultancy firms are making AI sustainable*  
Annika Stenström
- *Governing sustainability through corporate governance: Conceptual tensions and regulatory fragility*  
Elena Calsamiglia

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

15.30–17:00 Panel 3A – **FINANCING TECHNOLOGICAL HYPE** – Chair: Joyce Goggin

- *Debris in defence: The venture capitalisation of security policy*  
Nils Peters, Elke Schwarz
- *Pronatalism beyond the nation state: Silicon Valley's quest for a new baby boom*  
Eleni Tsingou
- *Financing otherwise: Deep tech hype and the politics of science materialisation*  
Gemma Milne
- *Discounting depression*  
Sandy Hager

Panel 3B – **PREDICTION MARKETS II** – Chair: Kristian Bondo Hansen

- *Intermediating the moment: Situating the essential appeal of prediction markets in time and space*  
Owen Riley
- *Trading the future: Polymarket and the financialization of political uncertainty*  
Vali Stan
- *The politics of predictability: Personality in prediction markets*  
Emily Rosamond
- *Volatile futures: Oil, war, and the rise of prediction markets*  
Aretousa Bloom
- *Financializing weather and climate in online prediction markets*  
Jamie Pietruska

Panel 3C – **HISTORIES OF FINANCE** – Chair: Saila Stausholm

- *Trade finance, Franc internationalisation, and the Paris money market, 1928-1933*  
Jamieson Myles
- *Herbalife Hitler: The Ponzi path to national socialism*  
Adam Leaver
- *The money view of finance and the politics of financialisation*  
Samuel Knafo
- *Insurance with benefits? Captives and commercial self-insurance at the limits of insurability*  
Nick Taylor
- *A whole new world: The law and political economy of BlackRock's Aladdin*  
Andrew Maclean

Panel 3D – **FINANCE AND EDUCATION** – Chair: Jing Wang

- *Hybrid money: A political economy of student loans*  
Tamir Nir
- *Between transformational capabilities and the common sense of capital: Teaching corporate finance at Copenhagen Business School*  
Mathias Hein Jessen
- *Financial counselling in Canada and Australia: Macro and micro factors of financial wellbeing*  
Chris Robinson
- *'All you need you already have': Wealth-building webinars and the making of property investors*  
Sarah Klosterkamp
- *Across gaming, gambling, and finance: Platformizing economic socialization among children and young people*  
Mara Günther

17.15–18.30 Roundtable – Ovnhallen – Chair: Elke Schwarz

**CURRENCY OF NIHILISM**

- Amin Samman
- Christian De Cock
- Adam Hayes
- Mark Howard
- Signe Leth Gammelgaard

18.30–20.30 Reception, Ovnhallen

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- *Hyperscaling risk? Insurance, private credit and the infrastructures of digital economies*  
Liz McFall
- *Beyond pipes and rails: Payment infrastructures, and the making of markets*  
Antonia Steigerwald
- *For money or for data? Intermediation and value in Latin American financial technologies*  
Santiago Mandirola
- *Windows of opportunity in the pursuit of digital sovereignty: The case of quantum computing*  
Ole Willers
- *Why are podcast ads so bad? Blame the RSS feed*  
Koray Caliskan, Donald MacKenzie, Addie McGowan, Charlotte Rommerskirchen

**Panel 4B – FINANCIAL SUBJECTIVITIES** – Chair: Eleni Tsingou

- *The vibe economy: How the techno-financial elite think*  
Kean Birch
- *The affective infrastructures of retail finance*  
Earl Gammon Duncan Wigan
- *From imagined futures to stimulus economies*  
Adam Hayes, Sophie Mutzel, Marlena Rycomb, Nikolina Djogova
- *Platform freedom: Financial subjectivity in the era of mass retail investors*  
Julien Migozzi
- *Gambling like investors, investing like gamblers: Financial boundaries and everyday agency under market socialism*  
Hairuo Jin, Ngoc Minh Luong

**Panel 4C – FINANCE AND THE STATE** – Chair: Stefano Sgambati

- *The Federal Reserve, market freedom, and the birth of shadow banking, 1948-1958*  
Nathan Coombs, Matthias Thiemann
- *Fiscal sustainability – differently? Fiscal, monetary and regulatory interactions under financial dominance*  
Zsófi Barta
- *Value, national accounting, and the governance dilemmas of personal data assetization within the 2025 System of National Accounts*  
Anetta Proskurovska, Kean Birch
- *The geopolitics of cross-border payments infrastructures: Chinese state capitalism and project mBridge*  
Lianchao Chen
- *An incomplete bargain: Financial inclusion and the social contract in Sub-Saharan Africa*  
Meaghan Johnson-Siedentop

**Panel 4D – FROM IDEAS TO FINANCIAL PRACTICES** – Chair: Erin Lockwood

- *The bank of Mormon: Faith communities and global wealth chains in agrarian transformation*  
Leonard Seabrooke
- *From Pennsylvania Avenue to Wall Street (and back again): The origins of de-risking in development finance*  
Harry Deng, Andreas Englund
- *From absorption to stabilization: The construction of a layered epistemic architecture at the World Bank for managing climate risks*  
Rosie Collington
- *Unpredictable elites? Elite beliefs and the contestable space of climate risk disclosure governance*  
Richard Perkins, Matthias Taeger
- *Experts of loss: On the financial governance of an uncertain future*  
Julian Asbäck

11.15–12.15    Keynote 2 – Ovnhallen – Chair: Amin Samman

**ACID OR PEAK? VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM AT THE END OF THE WORLD**

Susi Geiger, University College Dublin

12.15–13.15    Lunch

13.15–14.45    Panel 5A – **ASSETS AND ASSETIZATION** – Chair: Nathan Coombs

- *Of art and horses: Assetization in the art and equestrian worlds and the implications for wealth formation*  
Lea Remmers, Aanor Roland
- *The rhythms of finance: The role of music investment in financial markets*  
Dana Unzicker
- *The promise of access: Financialized fertility and the grammar of growth*  
Alexander Borsa
- *Assetization protocols and the techno-financial reengineering of biotechnology innovation governance*  
Sebastian Koth
- *Assetization without fair value: How financial infrastructures facilitate data-backed securities*  
Yingfa Wu

Panel 5B – **IPE OF FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURES** – Chair: Rosie Collington

- *The everyday drivers of global liquidity: Dollar dominance and the financial channel*  
Fabian Pape, Tobias Pforr
- *Financial statecraft and the geopolitical economy of stablecoins*  
Scott James, Lucia Quaglia
- *Offshore dollars and European integration: Historicising the limits of strategic autonomy*  
Mareike Beck
- *Reconsidering the early roots of Italian banks financialization: Lessons from the case of Banca Commerciale Italiana*  
Jacopo Maria Magurno
- *Digital microfinance: On inequalities and cooperation in political, market, and informal economy relations in Mozambique*  
Inês Domingues de Faria

Panel 5C – **OFFSHORE FINANCE** – Chair: Philipp Golka

- *Owning carbon: The offshore organization of industrial emissions*  
Rasmus Corlin Christensen
- *Why do state-owned oil companies use offshore finance?*  
Christopher Olk, Andrea Binder

- *Ship-writing: Shadow fleets, offshore ownership, and the crises of the maritime geodigital object*  
Mikael Brunila
- *Bringing the asset back in: A framework for incorporating geolocated mappings of financial flows in the analysis of sustainable finance*  
Andreas Dimmelmeier, Felicitas Sommer

Roundtable – **THE PLAYER AND THE PLAYED** – Chair: Amin Samman

- Max Haiven
- Marijam Did
- Joyce Goggin
- Teresa Heffernan
- Miguel Sicart

14.45–15.15 Coffee break

15.15–16.45 Panel 6A – **POLITICS OF DIGITAL FINANCE** – Chair: Adam Hayes

- *Visions of the moon: Valuing futures in blockchain art*  
Anna Lytvynova
- *Crypto conjunctures, techno futures and digital states? Delving into El Salvador's digital agenda*  
Lina Schmid
- *Economization of 'the crypto': The Chinese tale of the three circles*  
Jing Wang
- *Precarity and political subjectivity at the edge of white-collar work*  
Rosa Golchin
- *Unstable participation and insecure knowledge: Experiencing financial exclusion in the FinTech landscape*  
Isabel Crowhurst

Panel 6B – **APOCALYPTIC FINANCE** – Chair: Sandy Hager

- *Apocalyptic bodies: Finance and French decadence in Octave Mirbeau's Torture Garden (1899)*  
Signe Leth Gammelgaard
- *'Money is merely the tool for a life with intention': Politics and religion in the FIRE movement*  
Charlotte Nilsson
- *The digerati and the death drive*  
Teresa Heffernan
- *Apocalyptic assets?*  
Philip Roscoe

Panel 6C – **FINANCIAL POWER** – Chair: Leonard Seabrooke

- *Is finance special? An examination of elite networks*  
Kevin Young
- *The internal politicization of global professional service firms: The Big Four in China*  
Crawford Spence
- *From credit to coverage: Defining power in the political economy of insurance*  
Aulon Ramadani
- *Professionalization as a legitimization strategy: The case of the investment citizenship industry*  
Sara Kalm
- *Bargaining power, elite ideology, and rising incomes at the top: Firm-level evidence from Denmark*  
Jorge Quesada Velazco

Panel 6D – **GREEN FINANCE II** – Chair: Clara MacDonnell

- *The socio-economics of loss and decline in the climate crisis*  
Valentina Ausserladscheider, Timur Ergen, Philipp Golka
- *Grounding the green transition: Extraction, economy, and uneven development through the cement industry*  
Rachel Bok, Emily Rosenman
- *Economic forms of transition: Expertise between assetizing and commodifying green hydrogen*  
Julius Kob, Julia Kirch Kirkegaard, Tom Cronin
- *Ecological restoration and the ambivalent influence of carbon finance*  
Maud Borie
- *Translating biodiversity: Researcher agency in tool creation for the financial sector*  
Roelien van der Wel

17.00–17.15 Plenary – **CLOSING REMARKS** – Ovnhallen

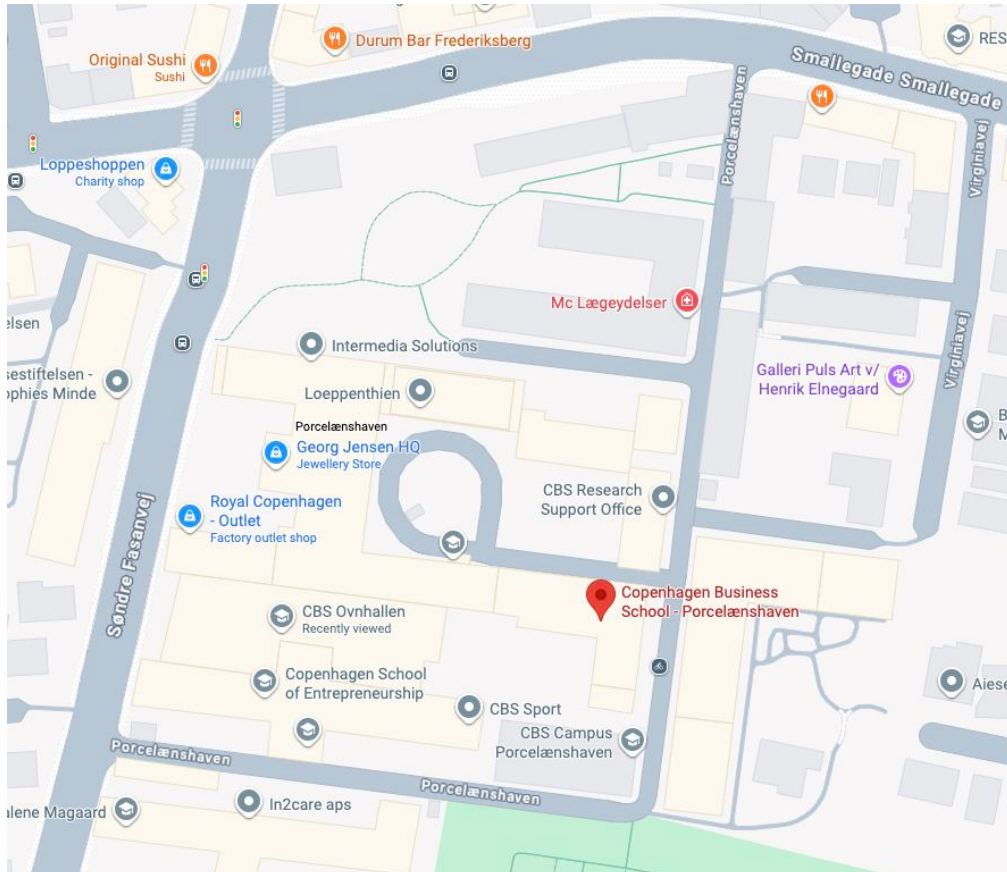
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## LOCATION

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## SESSIONS

These will take place in the Porcelænshaven (PH) campus, Porcelænshaven 18-28, Frederiksberg.



- **REGISTRATION** – Ovnhallen, PH24A
- **PLENARY SESSIONS** – Ovnhallen, PH24A
- **PARALLEL SESSIONS** – Rooms PH18B 1.18, PH18B 1.154, PH26.4.07, PH26.4.08

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