# Oxford Fintech & SmartLaw Society



### WHO ARE WE?

The world is changing rapidly. Decentralised currencies and decision-making processes powered by artificial intelligence are now a reality. The Oxford Fintech & SmartLaw Society (Oxford FSS) is a community of leaders, researchers and innovators who want to explore the power of technologies and make a difference in the world by providing solutions to prevent inefficiency and conservatism in law and finance. The Society was founded in 2017 by a group of Master's students in Law & Finance to discuss the impact disruptive technologies are having on businesses, legal practice and regulation. Since then, the Society has been actively growing.

### **OUR PREVIOUS EVENTS**

### **Conferences:**

- Fintech Introduction and Fintech Careers
- Al and Distributed Ledger Technologies
- Impact of Brexit on Fintech
- Open Banking
- Blockchain in Finance



Workshops, Trek to London, participation in the Oxford Disruptive Tech Week, and much more...







### **OUR ACTIVITIES**



Building a legal expert system powered by AI.

Researching and discussing the impact of blockchain technology on financial regulation. Formulating investment theses on cryptocurrencies and providing guidance on Initial Coin Offerings.





Organising diverse events including blockchain and DLT masterclasses, panel discussions with leading experts in the field of fintech, blockchain, AI and legal innovations, and much more.

Throughout the 2018-2019 academic year, the Society will focus on the practical implications of using blockchain, smart contracts and artificial intelligence in law and finance.

## **SMARTLAW DIVISION**

The Society will study legal technologies and will develop an Alpowered legal expert, which will execute certain legal functions performed by lawyers in the near future. This goal will be achieved by:

- Organising workshops on programming and Natural Language Processing (NLP) with a focus on the legal field;
- o Organizing discussions with leading experts in AI and law;
- Organizing and/or participating in hackathons and similar competitions to generate new ideas and minimum viable products of promising projects;
- o Participating in other external events on relevant topics.

# FINTECH DIVISION

The Society will research and discuss the impact of blockchain technology on financial regulation, and formulate certain investment principles regarding cryptocurrencies. Guidance will also be provided on ICOs. These goals will be achieved by:

- Monitoring daily news about fintech;
- Issuing weekly newsletters about major events and career opportunities in fintech and blockchain;
- Conducting fundamental research on the development of blockchain and cryptocurrencies;
- o Participating in external events on relevant topics.

# **EDUCATION**

The Society intends to organise educational events bringing experts in the field of fintech, blockchain, AI and legal innovations to promote the use of technologies in finance and law. Probable topics for the next events could be:

- o A world without lawyers: myth or reality?
- o Artificially intelligent judges: how online dispute resolution may change the approach to litigation.
- o To what extent is artificial intelligence truly intelligent.
- How could smart contracts be converted into legally binding contracts.
- When could we expect the end of cryptocurrencies.

- Principles of investment in cryptocurrency and blockchain projects.
- o Blockchain and fund raising: coin offerings as a new type of crowdfunding.
- Market efficiency in the cryptocurrency world.
- Security and currency or goods and services: what is the real nature of tokens issued during ICOs?

# We need you to support our projects:

You may sponsor our operational expenses, including office expenses, research, events and promotional activities

You may donate any amount to the Oxford FSS bank account detailed below

You may offer expert support for workshops and partnership for upcoming events

You may share your relevant knowledge and experience with our committee members

You may organize a tour of your company for Oxford students

Any other support to the Oxford FSS is welcome

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