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2026 Autumn Symposium

19-20 November 2026

The Financial Intermediation Network of European Studies (FINEST) is pleased to announce that its 2026 Autumn Workshop will be held in Hong Kong on 19–20 November 2026. The School of Business at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) and the Financial Technology Essex (FinteX) center at the University of Essex jointly organize the workshop.

FINEST workshops are intentionally small, focused meetings designed to foster substantive dialogue among academics, policymakers, and industry practitioners on the evolving challenges facing the financial system. Each accepted paper benefits from an in-depth discussion led by a senior scholar at the frontier of the field, followed by an open exchange with a highly engaged audience.

For the 2026 Autumn Workshop, we expect to accept **approximately six full papers** for the regular sessions and **six short presentations** for the **PhD / Young Scholar sessions**. The latter (5-minute presentations) are aimed at junior researchers in the final year of a doctoral program or scholars who have obtained their PhD within the past three years.

We invite submissions across all areas of financial intermediation. For this edition, we particularly welcome contributions on the following themes: Digital Assets and Financial Intermediation, Tokenization of Financial and Real-World Assets, Implications of Digital Assets for Monetary Policy, Financial Market Stability in the Digital Asset Ecosystem, and Artificial Intelligence and Digital Finance.

Organizers:

- Professor Franco Fiordelisi (FinteX, Essex Business School, University of Essex)
- Professor Roman Matousek (The Centre for Global Finance & FinTech, Department of Economics & Finance, HSUHK, Hong Kong).

Venue: Room D801, School of Business, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, Hang Shin Link, Siu Lek Yuen, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline: ..... **15 September 2026**
Notification of Acceptance: ..... **25 September 2026**
Conference Program Disclosure: ..... **3 October 2026**
Workshop: ..... **19-20 November 2026**

Please submit your paper and early idea proposal by emailing:
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