# CBFL SEMINAR SERIES CYBER-CURRENCIES AS PROPERTY

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## 23 Aug 2018 • 4pm – 6pm (Registration starts at 3.30pm) Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building Faculty of Law, NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)

#### **ABOUT THIS EVENT**

Since the launch of bitcoin ten years ago, cyber-currencies have become a familiar investment and payment medium. Difficult legal questions still hang over their place in private law and whether established principles of property law can accommodate them at all. Can they be owned? What does it mean to say that they are transferred? What would it mean to trace them through a mixture?

This paper develops the view that common law concepts of property are indeed flexible enough to accommodate the rise of cyber-currencies. With some careful adaptation, standard property law rules can apply to them so that they do not in fact fall into a legal void.

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Fintech lawyers; Banking lawyers; Property lawyers

#### **PROGRAMME**

3.30pm : Registration4.00pm : Start of Lecture

4.45pm : Break

5.00pm : Lecture Part II5.45pm : Discussion6.00pm : End of Event



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Category	Early Bird (register before 14 August 2018)	Normal
Public	S\$134.82	S\$149.80
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