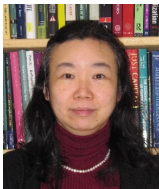


**CBFL SEMINAR SERIES: CURRENT ISSUES IN FINANCIAL REGULATION & CENTRAL BANKING**

## Central Bank Digital Currencies and the Crypto-Economy

MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021 | 4.00 PM TO 5.45 PM (SGT)  
via Zoom

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### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The permissionless crypto-economy is an innovative and exciting business space that is creating economic value. The recognition of its needs such as fund-raising is only emerging in the EU Digital Finance Package supporting the new action plan for the Capital Markets Union. This article proposes that policy-makers can play a further facilitative role in mobilising this economic space by considering the integration of the central bank digital euro with the crypto-economy. This initiative addresses the weaknesses of the monetary order in the crypto-economy and provides a departure point for the building out of the crypto-economy by more enabling regulatory institutions and architecture, consistent with a vision of regulatory capitalism supporting financial and enterprise development.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND** Academics, lawyers, in-house counsel and policymakers

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