

Call for Papers
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Regulatory Challenges with Digital Financial Services

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We would like to call for papers for the special issue “Regulatory Challenges with Digital Financial Services” in **Eurasian Economic Review**.

Submission deadline (full paper): 1 September 2021

Background

Financial markets have undergone tremendous transformation within the last two decades, with the emergence and rapid expansion of digital financial services as one of the most dynamic economic and financial processes. The formation of new market participants and the creation of innovative financial instruments as for instance mobile money or crowd funding platforms expand outreach of financial services to formerly unbanked households and companies. In particular, the generation of pro-poor digital financial services improves financial access for vulnerable groups and contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

However, through the entry of new market actors and players in this field in particularly by Big Tech, a vicious competition with costly trade-offs for financial stability might emerge. In addition, consumer protection and financial integrity might be at stake by improper, unsafe or unauthorised use of digital financial services. The regulatory landscape for Fintech is on the move and still unfinished. With this call for papers, we like to encourage contributions, which explore the potentials and address the risks of digital financial services in order to identify governance and supervisory gaps and advance the regulatory architecture.

Topics

The Special Issue welcomes any empirical, theoretical or literature survey manuscripts that meet the general criteria of **Eurasian Economic Review**, and deals with the following topics (but not limited to):

- Digital financial services and transformation of the traditional banking sector
- Big Tech and digital financial services
- Crypto assets and fiat money
- Covid-19 and digital financial services

- Digital financial services and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals
- Diaspora, remittances and digital financial services
- Developmental impacts and risks of digital financial services

- Digital financial services, competition in the financial sector and risks for financial stability
- Digital financial services, in particular crypto assets, and risks to financial integrity
- Consumer protection of digital financial service users (data use, fraud, deposit insurance)

- Traditional financial services, digital financial services and regulatory arbitrage
- Regulatory level playing field for digital financial services
- Central bank digital currency: requirements and challenges

Priority will be given to single- and multi-country studies of China and Europe with an emphasis on contemporary regulatory challenges to digital financial services and with clear recommendations for policy.

Accepted authors are also invited to present their papers at the **21st Monetary Policy Workshop in Chengdu/China from 4.-5. November 2021**, organised by Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE) in association with the Berlin School of Economics and Law, the People's Bank of China and Deutsche Bundesbank, Regional Office Berlin. SWUFE will provide board and lodging for invited authors.

Prior to submitting a paper for this special issue, authors are further advised to seek guidance for Eurasian Economic review from the following URL: <http://springer.com/economics/journal/40822>

Each full paper submission will be double blind reviewed by at least one referee and one of the guest editors.

Manuscripts should be submitted electronically as Word or PDF documents through <http://www.editorialmanager.com/eaer/Default.aspx>.

Authors should mention in the Cover Letter to the Guest-Editors that the paper is submitted for the Special Issue Regulatory Challenges with Digital Financial Services. They are also requested to select the SI Title from the relevant drop-down menu during the submission process.

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Important dates

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