

## QRFE Workshop on Blockchain-based Markets and Fintech

Friday 10th October 2025  
Waterside Building, Durham University Business School

Programme	
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	Registration & Welcome Coffee
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	Welcome Message: Kieran Jude Fernandes (Dean, DUBS)
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	Keynote Speech: Agostino Capponi (Columbia University) — <i>DeFi, Data, and Design: Navigating Challenges, Risks, and Opportunities.</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Panel Discussion: <i>Tokenisation of Real-World Assets: Hype or Transformative Force?</i> Moderator: Arzé Karam (QRFE   DUBS) Panellists: Agostino Capponi (Academia), Wenqian Huang (Regulation), Daniel Liebau (Academia), Peter Grosskopf (Industry), Miguel Vaz (Industry)
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	Networking Lunch (Bistro)
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	Collin Higgins (Financial Conduct Authority)
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	Daniel Liebau (ESSEC) — <i>The Reality of Decentralisation: From Markets to Governance to Institutions</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	Coffee Break
<b>16:00 – 16:45</b>	Wenqian Huang (Bank for International Settlements) — <i>Decentralised Exchanges for Stablecoins</i>
<b>16:45 – 17:30</b>	Daniel Ruf (Cambridge University) with Valerie Laturus (QRFE   DUBS) — <i>Credit Cycles in Real Asset Token Markets</i>
<b>18:30</b>	Dinner (by invitation)