

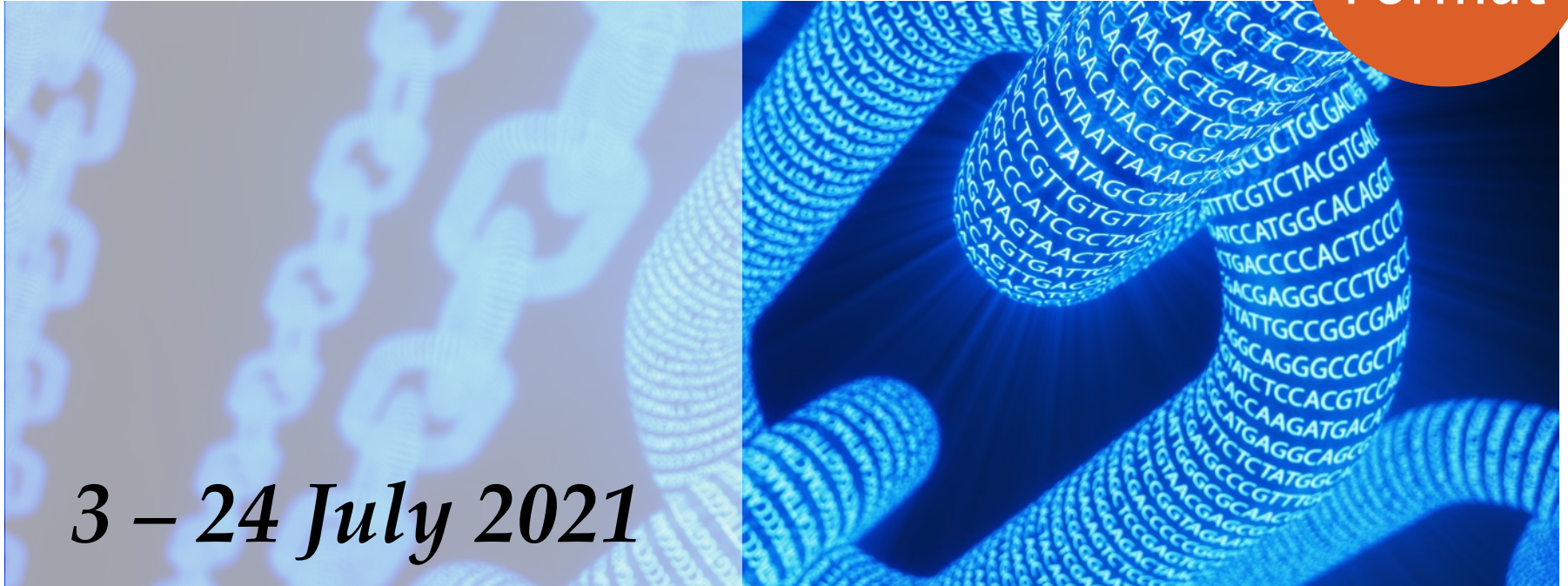


UZH International Summer Schools 2021

*Deep Dive into Blockchain –
Linking Economics, Technology and Law*

Online
Format

3 – 24 July 2021





Preface

This online summer school will give you a complete immersion into the topic of blockchain from World-leading experts and practitioners in the field. Blockchain-based systems, with cryptocurrencies as the most prominent example, have disrupted and reshaped a wide range of digital affairs: from finance to supply chains, from digital identity to health. For the first time, blockchain and related distributed-ledger technologies allow to store sequential, trustful information without consensus being enforced by central authorities or trustees.

For a full understanding of Blockchain, all its implications and the potential for applications in practice, it is absolutely crucial to look at it from a multidisciplinary perspective. This is what the UZH Blockchain Center offers during three weeks of this summer school: Students will dive into the three key pillars of blockchain systems, namely technology, economics and legal aspects behind it. Building on this, advanced application fields, such as forensics and data analytics will be explored. To complete the overview, the most developed or emerging platforms will be discussed by the people behind them

But most importantly, the online program is highly engaging and interactive, with theory and hands-on practice sessions offered by blockchain experts from around the World.



Main learning objectives

- ✓ Get to know how blockchain-based systems work
- ✓ Understand the economic incentives as the basis of blockchain-based systems
- ✓ Learn to critically assess the decisions taken when designing blockchain technologies
- ✓ Learn from experts in academia and industry, and obtain hands-on experience in both established and advancing technologies
- ✓ Engage in international and interdisciplinary collaborations with other students



Content

Blockchain-based Systems

Technology

Economics / Business

Law / Regulation



Content: Technology

Blockchains are complex techno-economic systems that revolutionize multiple industries. The various forms of this technology have evolved over the last few years. In this summer school, the students will learn the main shared elements of blockchain systems, while gaining a broad overview of the technological landscape and future trends.

Topics:

- Functioning of public and private blockchains and distributed ledger
- Smart contracts and digital autonomous organizations
- Solving scalability riddles



Content: Economics

Blockchain systems are based on economic incentives that ultimately determine their functioning. In most cases, these incentives are placed by design, but others have remained hidden to the designers, to only surface upon system deployment. In general, the effect of these rewards has been opposed to the initial intentions. In this summer school, the students will understand the typical pitfalls and how to avoid them.

Topics:

- The processes of token creation and distribution
- The foundations of centralization and accumulation in cryptocurrencies
- The different business models around blockchain applications



Content: Law and Regulation

Blockchains and - its most widely known application - cryptocurrencies allow to transfer property in a digital, decentralized manner which is still uncommon with regulatory bodies dominating commerce worldwide. They further provide the possibility to sign digital and automatically enforced contracts – so called smart contracts. In this summer school, students will learn about the various regulatory frameworks and how they compare to each other.

Topics:

- Legal implications of smart contracts
- Comparison of various regulatory frameworks
- Token issuance mechanisms



Teaching and Learning Methods

- **Lectures and/or podcasts**– watch two sessions per day by lecturers from academia and industry. Interact with them, or watch them again as often as you like
- **Test your knowledge** – following some sessions, you will have an assignment (individual and group) to assess and deepen the knowledge
- **Hands-on sessions** – Interact with our lecturers and benefit from their expertise
- **Q&A sessions every day** – ask your questions and get answers from our teaching team at the University of Zurich during the daily interactive Q&A sessions
- **Wrap-up** – get an interactive recap of the program at the end of each week
- **Group work** – interact with other students and work together on your final project
- **Mentoring for your final project** – join the interactive mentoring sessions in the third week and ensure that you are on the right path with your final project

(All course content will be provided via one platform. You will get an invitation to join this platform before the summer school starts.)



Assessment

In order to get the 6 ECTS for this summer school you will have to:

- Those students without programming knowledge will need to perform a basic introduction to general programming before the start of the program (workload approx. 20 hours).
- You must attend live (if the session time-schedule allows you) or watch the recording keeping the pace with the schedule
- Participate actively in the daily interactive sessions (hands-on sessions / Q&A / mentoring and wrap-up sessions)
- Work in groups with other students and hand in your final project in time

→ You will receive your Transcript of Records (stating your grade with „pass“ or „fail“) and a Certificate of Attendance by the end of July 2021.

Tentative Schedule Week 1 (4 – 9 July 2021)

Time/Date	Sun, 4 July	Mon, 5 July	Tue, 6 July	Wed, 7 July	Thu, 8 July	Fri, 9 July	Sat, 10 July		
Exact times of live sessions tbc							Day off / Optional Social Program (tbc)		Academic / Theory Section (podcast or live)
									Industry Section (podcast or live)
									Introduction / Wrap-up Section (interactive)
		Introduction to the Course	Cryptocurrencies	Economics of Blockchains	Cryptoeconomics	Economics of Blockchains			Hands-on Section with speakers (interactive)
	Welcome and Introduction for all Summer Schools	Q&A	Blockchain Platforms	Smart Contracts	Industry I	Token Regulation			Social Program
		Introduction to Blockchain	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Wrap up Week I			
		Blockchain Technology	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A			
	Q&A								

- Estimated workload per day: 2 hours of lectures, 1 hour of Q&A session, 4-6 hours of self-paced learning/homework (individually or in groups)
- Estimated workload per week: 30 - 35 hours
- We aim at offering you an online course that is as interactive as possible, so as many sessions as possible will be hosted live. We are trying to be inclusive of the many different time zones of program participants. This is why we will define exact times for live sessions once we know where students will be joining us from.
- Q&A sessions will be offered twice a day. Choose the one that fits your time zone.
- Make sure that you have watched all podcasts for the specific day before the hands-on sessions and the Q&A.
- The Welcome and Introduction on Sunday, 4 July, is mandatory.

(Program subject to change)

Tentative Schedule Week 2 (11 – 17 July 2021)

Time / Date	Sun, 11 July	Mon, 12 July	Tue, 13 July	Wed, 14 July	Thu, 15 July	Fri, 16 July	Sat, 17 July	
Exact times of live sessions tbc	Day off / Optional Social Program (tbc)	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Day off / Optional Social Program (tbc)	Academic / Theory Section (live or podcast)
		Industry II	Industry IV	Industry V	Industry VI	Industry VII		Industry Section (live or podcast)
		Cryptoeconomics	Governance	Data Protection	Consortium Blockchains	Blockchain Analytics		Wrap-up and Project Selection (interactive)
		Hands-on sessions with speakers	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Hands-on sessions with speakers	Project Selection		Hands-on Section with speakers (interactive)
		Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A		Social Program

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- Make sure that you have watched all podcasts for the specific day before the hands-on sessions and the Q&A.
- The Social Program on the weekends is optional.
- Select the topic of your final project by the end of this week.

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Tentative Schedule Week 3 (18 – 23 July 2021)

Time / Date	Sun, 18 July	Mon, 19 July	Tue, 20 July	Wed, 21 July	Thu, 22 July	Fri, 23 July	
Exact times of live sessions tbc	Day off / Optional Social Program (tbc)						Academic / Theory Section (live or podcast)
							Industry Section (live or podcast)
		Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Wrap-up and Project Selection (interactive)
		Cryptoeconomics II	The communities	Industry IX			Mentoring Final Project (interactive)
			Inndustry VIII	Data Protection			Social Program
		Mentoring Final Project	Mentoring Final Project	Mentoring Final Project	Mentoring Final Project	Wrap-up	
		Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Graduation	
			Keynote				
					Hand in Projects		

- Estimated workload per day: 2 hours of lectures, 1 hour of Q&A session, 4-6 hours of self-paced learning/homework (individually or in groups)
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- Q&A sessions will be offered twice a day. Choose the one that fits your time zone.
- Make sure that you have watched all podcasts for the specific day before the hands-on sessions and the Q&A.
- Use your „free“ time to work in groups on your final project.
- The Social Program on the weekends is optional. The Graduation Ceremony on 23 July 2021, is mandatory.

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Lecturers and Guest Speakers from Academia

Profit from the expertise of multiple Professors from the University of Zurich and other leading experts from academia!



Check our website for details on already confirmed lecturers:

<https://www.summerschools.uzh.ch/programs/deep-dive-into-blockchain/>

Ecosystems in the programme

Get to know different blockchain platforms and obtain hands-on experience from our industry partners!



But this is just a partial list... Learn the full list of involved partners from the industry at <https://www.summerschools.uzh.ch/programs/deep-dive-into-blockchain/>



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