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SESSION 1

07:00-09:00 PDT (UTC-7) / 10:00-12:00 EDT (UTC-4) / **14:00-16:00 BST** (UTC+1) /
16:00-18:00 IDT (UTC+3) / 22:00-00:00 HKT (UTC+7)

Moderator:

Nikhilesh Sinha (Hult International Business School, UK)

Sangita Farzana Gazi (University of Hong Kong, China), "The Tragedy of the Blockchain Commons: Invoking Ostrom's Design Principles in Achieving Decentralization in Blockchain"

Milena Libralon Kosaki Ponchio (Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Brazil) & **Nathalia Penha Cardoso de França** (Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Brazil), "Platform Cooperativism in Brazil: From Social Justice to Precarious Work and Vice Versa"

Muhammed Alakitan (University of Cambridge, UK), "Digital Activism in Nigeria"

Anna Elias (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands), "Pathways of Progress in Platform Work: Perspectives from India"

Discussants:

Francesca Gagliardi (University of Hertfordshire, UK), **Geoffrey Hodgson** (Loughborough University London, UK), **Michael Madison** (University of Pittsburgh, USA), **Eran Fisher** (Open University, Israel), **Anjanette Raymond** (Indiana University, USA), **Madelyn Sanfilippo** (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA)

SESSION 2

10:00-12:00 PDT (UTC-7) / 13:00-15:00 EDT (UTC-4) / **17:00-19:00 BST** (UTC+1) /
19:00-21:00 IDT (UTC+3) / 00:00-02:00 HKT (UTC+7)

Moderator:

Vanessa Villanueva Collao (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Takuma Iwasaki (Stanford University, USA), “Carrots and Red Tape: The Impact of R&D Tax Credits with Heavy Procedural Burdens”

Syed Mohib Ali (University of Siena, Italy) “Digitalization and Development in India: An Overview”

Nai Lee Kalema (UCL, UK), “The World Bank’s Digital ‘Identity for Development Initiative”

Daniel Affsprung (Arizona State University, USA), “The Eliza Defect: Constructing the Right Knowledge of Artificial Intelligence”

Discussants:

Francesca Gagliardi (University of Hertfordshire, UK), **Geoffrey Hodgson** (Loughborough University London, UK), **Michael Madison** (University of Pittsburgh, USA), **Eran Fisher** (Open University, Israel), **Anjanette Raymond** (Indiana University, USA)

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About WINIR Young Scholars

[WINIR Young Scholars \(WYS\)](#) aims to identify and promote the next generation of institutional scholars from diverse geographies, sociocultural contexts and disciplines. To this end, WINIR has initiated a collaboration with the Law as Science Project and INET's Young Scholars Initiative.

The [Law as Science Project](#) is an academic initiative constituted of U.S. law school doctoral candidates from the Berkeley, Chicago, Cornell, Illinois, Indiana, and Virginia who share an interest in exploring research methodologies for legal scholarship.

The [Young Scholars Initiative \(YSI\)](#) is a community of over 20,000 students, young professionals, and researchers from across the globe pursuing new and critical ways of thinking about the economy. Within this community, the [Finance, Law and Economics Working Group](#) bridges disciplinary and methodological silos to broaden our understanding of the structural issues in financial, legal, and economic systems.