



# Alternative Finance: Peer-to-Peer Lending & Crowdfunding

The 2nd DCU  
Quarterly  
Symposium on  
Capital Markets  
and Fintech



## FINANCE INNOVATION GROUP

The Finance Innovation Group is a new research group comprising researchers from the Irish Centre for Cloud Computing and Commerce and members of DCU Business School with an interest in finance and financial technologies.

This new research group brings together researchers with a wide range of interests including sustainable finance, capital markets, risk management, applied econometrics, corporate governance, cyber security and financial technology.

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## *Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCU Quarterly Symposium on Capital Markets and Fintech*

IC4 in conjunction with DCU Business School (DCUBS) would like to invite you to the 2nd DCU Quarterly Symposium on Capital Markets and Fintech taking place on Friday the 9th of June 2017 in DCU Business School.

### THE PROGRAMME

Recent technology developments in the financial services have enabled the creation of valuable alternatives to solve one of the major issues small and medium enterprises and start-ups have to deal with: fundraising.

DCU Business School has recently joined the European Capital Markets Cooperative Research Centre, a foundation to promote and facilitate capital markets research amongst research institutions and industry, and has launched the Finance Innovation Group in order to support the Irish financial services industry and to explore the potential impacts of technology innovation on businesses.

This second symposium organised by the Finance Innovation Group at DCU will focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by peer-to-peer lending and crowdfunding. Peer-to-peer lending, also known as “social lending”, is the practice of matching borrowers and lenders through online platforms. Borrowers are usually able to obtain funds quickly and typically at lower interest rates than traditional financial intermediaries. Crowdfunding is the process of raising small amounts of money for a project or venture by a large number of people typically through an online platform.

This symposium will explore opportunities and challenges associated with peer-to-peer lending and crowdfunding from a business, legal and regulatory perspectives.





## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS EVENT

HALF DAY (08.45-13.00)

## CAPITAL MARKETS & FINTECH EVENT

FRIDAY, 9th JUNE | DUBLIN

Industry and academic speakers will provide insights into the current alternative finance landscape in Ireland and will alternate with networking breaks to support interaction and discussions among attendees.



50+ Industry  
Attendees



Leading Industry &  
Academic Speakers



Networking  
Opportunities



Panel Discussion

# SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



**Prof. Theo Lynn**

*Principal Investigator  
Irish Centre for Cloud  
Computing and  
Commerce*



**Mr. Niall Dorrian**

*CEO  
Linked Finance*



**Dr. Mark Cummins**

*Senior Lecturer in Finance  
DCU Business School*



**Mr. Iain Niblock**

*CEO  
Orca Money*



**Mr. Conall Geraghty**

*Senior Associate  
Mason Hayes &  
Curran*



**Mr. David Craig**

*Founder  
Dublin Design Studio &  
Scriba*



**Dr. Pierangelo Rosati**

*Post-Doc Researcher  
Irish Centre for Cloud  
Computing and  
Commerce*



**Ms. Joan Mulvihill**

*Centre Director  
Irish Centre for Cloud  
Computing and  
Commerce*



# SCHEDULE

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8:45 | Registration

9:00 | Welcome & Introduction  
Ms. Joan Mulvihill

9:10 | The Irish P2P Lending Landscape  
Mr. Niall Dorrian

9:35 | Recent Trends and Limits in the P2P Lending Industry  
Mr. Iain Niblock

10:00 | Academic Research on P2P Lending  
Dr. Pierangelo Rosati

10:30 | Tea & Coffee Break

11:00 | Academic Research on Crowdfunding  
Prof. Theo Lynn

11:30 | Scriba: A Crowdfunded Irish Company  
Mr. David Craig

12:00 | Legal Aspects of Crowdfunding  
Mr. Conall Geraghty

12:30 | Panel discussion: Current Challenges for SMEs and Start-up Financing

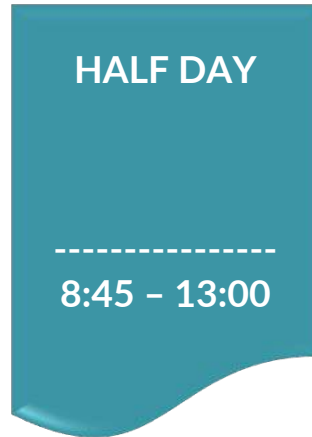


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# Registration

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Registration for this event will be done through Eventbrite. To register your place, please follow the link below.



**Eventbrite** <http://bit.ly/2qNZYyp>

Registration is free however, places are limited so early registration is advised.

TICKET &  
ATTENDANCE  
INFORMATION



# ABOUT THE VENUE

A large, illuminated sculpture of the letters 'DCU' in white, set against a background of tall, vertical, rust-colored metal pillars. The scene is at dusk or dawn, with a blue sky and some light trails on the ground.

## DCU Business School Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

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This second symposium will take place in Q301 and Q302 on the third floor of DCU Business School.

DCU's Glasnevin campus is located on the north side of the city, just 6km from the city centre and offers a large multi-story car park for those travelling by car to the event.



**800**  
Space Multi  
Story Car  
Park

**100+**  
Seating  
Capacity



# GETTING HERE & CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

DCU's Glasnevin campus is located on the north side of the city, just 6km from the city centre. The campus is bordered by Ballymun Road and Collins Avenue and is a short distance from Dublin Airport and the M50 and M1 motorways..

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you require further information on this event, please contact [cian.condon@ic4.ie](mailto:cian.condon@ic4.ie)



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