The Program on International Financial Systems (PIFS),
Harvard Law School Executive Education (HLSEE), and
the Qatar Central Bank (the QCB)

Advanced Certificate Program on Financial Stability in the Age of Digital Innovation Program Agenda

When: from Sunday, October 25, to Thursday, October 29, 2026 (AST)[1]
Where: The Waldorf Astoria Doha Lusail (Google Maps)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:00am – 8:10am	**Welcoming Remarks and Program Overview** • Jonathan Ondrejko (Executive Director of Programs at PIFS)
8:10am – 9:20am	**Opening Presentation: The Global Financial System in 2026: Opportunities and Threats** • Dr. Jon Danielsson (Director of the Systemic Risk Centre at the London School of Economics)
[20 Minutes]	**Break**
9:40am – 11:00am	**Lecture with Q&A: Commercial Bank Strategy in the Fintech Era** • Dr. Kern Alexander (Professor of International and European Financial Law and Regulation and Chair of Law and Finance at the University of Zurich)
11:10am – 12:30pm	**Lecture with Q&A: Systemic Risks in the Financial System: Causes, Monitoring and Early Warning Indicators**

[1] Program Times: This agenda reflects times in Arabian Standard Time (AST, or UTC+3:00).

- Dr. Jon Danielsson (Director of the Systemic Risk Centre at the London School of Economics)

[60 Minutes]

Lunch & Prayer Break

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Breakout Discussions, led by:

- Dr. Kern Alexander (Professor of International and European Financial Law and Regulation and Chair of Law and Finance at the University of Zurich)
- Dr. Jon Danielsson (Director of the Systemic Risk Centre at the London School of Economics)
- David Alfred Hoffman (Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University)
- Dr. Daniele D'Alvia (Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, and Director of the Institute of Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London)

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

8:00am – 9:30am	**Lecture with Q&A: Artificial Intelligence: Impact on Financial Stability and Potential Responses** • Dr. Jon Danielsson (Director of the Systemic Risk Centre at the London School of Economics)
[20 Minutes]	**Break**
9:50am – 11:20am	**Lecture with Q&A: The Role and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Financial Services** • David Alfred Hoffman (Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University)
[60 Minutes]	**Lunch & Prayer Break**
12:20pm – 1:50pm	**Lecture & Interactive Exercise: Risk Management Systems in the Age of Accelerated Bank Runs** • Dr. Kern Alexander (Professor of International and European Financial Law and Regulation and Chair of Law and Finance at the University of Zurich)
1:50pm	**Closing Remarks**

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

8:00am – 9:30am	**Lecture with Q&A: Financial Stability and Macroprudential Policy in the Age of Geopolitical Risk** • Christina Skinner (former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Financial Stability Oversight Council and Associate Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)
[20 Minutes]	**Break**
9:50am – 11:05am	**Lecture with Q&A: The Impact of Foreign Stable Coins on Commercial Banks, Regulatory Strategy, and the National Economy** • Dr. Daniele D'Alvia (Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, and Director of the Institute of Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London)
11:15am – 12:30pm	**Lecture with Q&A: Managing Banking System Linkages to Digital Assets** • Dr. Kern Alexander (Professor of International and European Financial Law and Regulation and Chair of Law and Finance at the University of Zurich)
[60 Minutes]	**Lunch & Prayer Break**
1:30pm – 3:00pm	**Presentation & Discussion: Financial Crisis Response Strategies** • Andrew Olmem (Partner at Mayer Brown and former Deputy Director of the White House National Economic Council)

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

8:00am – 9:10am	**Lecture with Q&A: Open Banking and Financial Stability** • Dr. Daniele D'Alvia (Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, and Director of the Institute of Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London)
9:15am – 10:00am	**Case Study: AI Governance in Financial Markets – Building Transparency and Institutional Trust** • Mansoor Ali (Head of Market Specialists in the Middle East at Bloomberg LP)
[20 Minutes]	**Break**
10:20am – 11:20am	**Moderated Discussion: Lessons from Recent U.S. Financial Regulatory Reforms addressing Digital Transformation** • Andrew Olmem (Partner at Mayer Brown and former Deputy Director of the White House National Economic Council) • Kathryn Judge (Harvey J. Goldschmid Professor of Law at Columbia Law School) • Christina Skinner (former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Financial Stability Oversight Council and Associate Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)
11:30am – 12:40pm	**Presentation & Discussion: Cybersecurity and Resilience in the Post-Mythos Era** • David Alfred Hoffman (Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University)
[60 Minutes]	**Lunch & Prayer Break**
1:40pm – 3:00pm	**Lecture with Q&A: Supervisory Strategies for Digital Transformation: Part One** • Kathryn Judge (Harvey J. Goldschmid Professor of Law at Columbia Law School)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

8:00am – 9:30am	**Lecture with Q&A: Supervisory Strategies for Digital Transformation: Part Two** • Kathryn Judge (Harvey J. Goldschmid Professor of Law at Columbia Law School)
[20 Minutes]	**Break**
9:50am – 11:20am	**Lecture with Q&A: Data Protection and Privacy Regulation in the Age of Digitalization** • David Alfred Hoffman (Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University)
[60 Minutes]	**Lunch & Prayer Break**
12:20pm – 1:50pm	**Lecture with Q&A: Managing Dependence on Third-Country Service Providers of Crucial Technologies** • Dr. Daniele D'Alvia (Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, and Director of the Institute of Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London)
1:50pm – 2:10pm	**Closing Session:** • Jonathan Ondrejko (Executive Director of Programs at PIFS)

Speaker Biographies

Dr. Jon Danielsson

Director of the Systemic Risk Centre at the London School of Economics

Jón Danielsson is one of the two Directors of the Centre and Reader in Finance at the LSE.

Since receiving his PhD in the economics of financial markets from Duke University in 1991, Jón's work has focused on how economic policy can lead to prosperity or disaster. He is an authority on both the technical aspects of risk forecasting and the optimal policies that governments and regulators should pursue in this area.

Jón has written three highly regarded books: *The Illusion of Control* (Yale University Press, 2022), which was included on the Financial Times "Best books of 2022" list; *Financial Risk Forecasting* (Wiley, 2011); and *Global Financial Systems: Stability and Risk* (Pearson, 2013). He has also contributed numerous academic papers on systemic risk, artificial intelligence, financial risk forecasting, financial regulation and related topics to leading academic journals, including Review of Financial Studies and the Journal of Econometrics.

At the LSE he teaches courses in technical risk forecasting and on how the global financial system operates. He has also worked for the Bank of Japan and the International Monetary Fund.

His practical and authoritative perspective on financial risk and the financial system means he is regularly interviewed by media organisations including the BBC, Financial Times, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal.

Dr. Kern Alexander

Professor of International and European Financial Law and Regulation and Chair of Law and Finance at the University of Zurich

Professor Kern Alexander is Director of Studies and Fellow at Queens' College, University of Cambridge and a Professor of Banking and Financial Market Law at the University of Zurich. His research focuses on the international and comparative aspects of banking regulation and its implementation into the European Union and United States. He was the Specialist Adviser to the British Parliament's Joint Select Committee on the Financial Services Act 2012 (equivalent to the USA Dodd-Frank Act) and was a Member of the European Parliament's Expert Panel on Financial Services. He advised the UK Serious Fraud Office on the LIBOR investigations and prosecutions. He has authored commissioned reports for the United Nations on international banking regulation. He frequently gives oral and written testimony to the British House of Lords Committee on Financial Services Regulation and is cited widely by academics, tribunals and parliamentary committees. He was educated at Cornell, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

David Alfred Hoffman

Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University

David Hoffman is the Steed Family Professor of the Practice of Cybersecurity Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy. He also formerly was the Associate General Counsel, Director of Security Policy and Global Privacy Officer for Intel Corporation.

Hoffman formerly chaired the Civil Liberties and Privacy Panel for the Director's Advisory Board for the US National Security Agency. He also chairs the board of the Center for Cybersecurity Policy and Law, and serves on the Advisory Boards for the Future of Privacy Forum and the Israel Tech Policy Institute. Hoffman also founded and chairs the board for the Triangle Privacy Research Hub, which highlights and fosters cybersecurity and privacy academic research done in the North Carolina Research Triangle.

Hoffman previously served on the Department of Homeland Security's Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors of the National Cyber Security Alliance. He has also served on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Online Access and Security Committee, the Center for Strategic and International Studies Cyber Security Commission, the Steering Committee for BBBOnline, the TRUSTe Board of Directors and the Board of the International Association of Privacy Professionals. He is the author of many papers and articles on cybersecurity and privacy and has testified to Congress on these topics. Hoffman's research and teaching has been aided by funding from Intel Corporation, The Crypsis Group, The Media Trust, and Mine.

Hoffman has a JD from Duke Law School, where he was a member of the Duke Law Journal. He received an AB from Hamilton College.

Dr. Daniele D'Alvia

Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law, and Director of the Institute of Banking and Finance Law, at Queen Mary University of London

Dr. Daniele D'Alvia is Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law at Queen Mary University of London and Director of its Institute of Banking and Finance Law. Internationally recognised for his pioneering scholarship in corporate finance and capital markets regulation, he is an Associate Researcher at the European Banking Institute in Frankfurt. He combines academic leadership with extensive practice experience, having advised banks, corporations, international organisations including the IMF and EBRD, and public institutions across Europe

Mansoor Ali

Head of Market Specialist in the Middle East at Bloomberg LP

Mansoor is a senior Bloomberg leader with 18 years of experience across London, Switzerland, the Middle East and Africa. Over the course of his career, he has held a

range of roles spanning sales, product development and market strategy, giving him a broad perspective on the evolving needs of financial-market professionals. He currently leads Bloomberg's Market Specialist team across the Middle East and Africa, where he works closely with clients and colleagues to deepen market engagement, identify emerging opportunities and translate complex trends into practical insights. Mansoor is particularly passionate about building high-performing teams, developing talent and helping organisations make more informed decisions through data, technology and market expertise. He joined Bloomberg after graduating from Royal Holloway, University of London, with a degree in Biomedical Sciences. His international career and cross-functional experience have enabled him to build strong relationships across diverse markets and contribute to Bloomberg's growth throughout the region.

Christina Skinner
former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Financial Stability Oversight Council and Co-Director of the Wharton Initiative on Financial Policy and Regulation at the University of Pennsylvania

Christina Parajon Skinner is an Associate Professor of Legal Studies & Business Ethics at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She recently completed her tenure as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Financial Stability Oversight Council at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Professor Skinner is an expert on financial policy and regulation, with a particular focus on central banks, financial stability, and the institutional architecture of economic policymaking. Her research examines central bank mandates and independence, monetary and fiscal policy, financial markets, and the growing intersection of geopolitics, economic security, and finance. Prior to joining the faculty at Wharton, Professor Skinner served as legal counsel at the Bank of England in the Financial Stability Division of the Bank's Legal Directorate. Previously, Professor Skinner was an Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford Faculty of Law and a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics Law Department. From 2014–2016, she was a post-doctoral fellow and lecturer in law at Columbia Law School. Professor Skinner received her J.D. from Yale Law School and an A.B. from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, with a concentration in international economics.

Andrew Olmem
Partner at Mayer Brown and former Deputy Director of the White House National Economic Council

Andrew Olmem is a Partner at Mayer Brown, where he serves as Managing Partner of the Washington DC office and Co-Leader of the Financial Services Practice. Andrew counsels clients on complex financial services regulatory and legislative matters, including matters involving federal financial regulatory agencies, evaluating prospective legislation and regulations, and advising on new legislative and regulatory requirements.

Andrew previously served as the Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the White House National Economic Council (NEC), where he oversaw the development and coordination of the administration's domestic economic policies, including for financial services, technology, telecom, energy, and infrastructure. Before joining the White House, Andrew served as the Republican Chief Counsel and Deputy Staff Director for the US Senate Banking Committee. During his more than seven years at the Banking Committee, Andrew helped craft a wide range of financial services legislation, conducted congressional investigations, and participated in the consideration of legislation in response to the 2008-2009 financial crisis. Before law school, he started his career as an assistant economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Kathryn Judge
Harvey J. Goldschmid Professor of Law at Columbia Law School

Kathryn Judge's research focuses on banking, central banking, and regulatory design. Her work has won accolades from academic peers, industry and others. Judge currently serves as chair of the Research Committee of the European Corporate Governance Institute, in addition to serving on its Working Paper Series Editorial Board. She has served as vice dean for intellectual life at Columbia Law School, as an editor of the *Journal of Financial Regulation*, as a member of the Financial Stability Task Force co-sponsored by the Brookings Institution and Chicago Booth School of Business, and as a member of the Financial Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) to the Office of Financial Regulation. While serving on FRAC, she co-chaired the working groups on financial innovation and the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) transition.
Judge's first book, *Direct: The Rise of the Middleman Economy and the Power of Going to the Source* (HarperBusiness), was on the long list for the *Financial Times* Business Book of the Year, received the Gold Medal for Business Theory from Axiom Business Book Awards, and was included among the "Top 16 Finance Books of 2022" and "Top 22 Business Books of 2022" by Next Big Idea Club. More information about *Direct*, Judge's popular writing, and other press is available on her website, kathrynjudge.com.
Prior to joining Columbia, Judge clerked for Richard Posner on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court. Apart from her work at Columbia, she serves as a director for Bread for the World, Bread for the World Institute and Pershing Square SPARC Holdings, Ltd. She chairs a committee for each organization.

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