

Introduction to Cryptocurrencies, Stablecoins, and Central Bank Digital Currencies

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	DATE	LECTURE
1.	February 21	Introduction and Overview
2.	March 7	Why Does Anyone Accept Money?
3.	March 14	Should Government Play a Role in Money?
4.	March 21	The Rational for Central Banking
5.	March 28	Competitive Supply of Money
6.	April 4	Monetary Frameworks and Rules
7.	April 11	Public Key Cryptography, Digital Signatures and Hash Functions
8.	April 25	Bitcoin and Blockchain
9.	May 2	The Blockchain Scalability Problem
10.	May 9	Stablecoins
11.	May 16	Central Bank Digital Currency
12.	May 23	Decentralized Finance (DeFi)
13.	May 30	General discussion and miscellaneous topics