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on

“Blockchain - The Shape of Things to Come”

by

Prof. A. Damodaran

Economics and Social Sciences

Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore



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Abstract:

Blockchains or digital ledgers has been perhaps the most important technological feat in the preceding decade. Based on the idea of decentralization, blockchains promise a world of infinite possibilities with its scope of applications extending from money and financial sectors to the world of arts. One of the interesting (and contentious) products of the technology has been the emerging universe of cryptocurrencies and crypto-tokens. In this talk, the speaker delves on the story of blockchains and on its unfolding possibilities in the coming years.

Profile:**Prof. A. Damodaran**

Professor Damodaran did his doctoral studies in Economics and has held academic and professional assignments abroad, including visiting faculty positions. He was Environmental Fellow with the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and a Visiting Scholar at the University of California at Berkeley under the US-Asia Environment Program in 1994. He has also held Visiting Faculty positions at the University of Bonn, Germany, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan, University of Wageningen, Netherlands, and the Graduate School of Management, St Petersburg State University in Russia. In 2012 he was appointed Visiting Fellow at the United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies, Japan. As a Scholar in Residence at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA in 2015 he worked on the convergence on Environmental Economics and Cultural Economics.

Apart from his work on Environmental and Climate Financing Damodaran led the initiative on Biodiversity Financing for the United Nation's Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2011 which has morphed into the UNDP driven BIOFIN Project. Since 2015 he has been the Chairperson of the GOI Technical Advisory Committee of BIOFIN India. He has also been involved with analysis of the economics of distributed network technologies (crypto currency and crypto tokens generated through Blockchains and IoT based platforms) and has written on these topics and provided industry level inputs.

He was part of India's delegation to CBD to negotiate Biodiversity Financing issues in COP 11.