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BBA October newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues,

This month, our focus has been on connecting rigorous research with the decisions that shape policy and practice. Our [response to the FCA's DeFi consultation](#) draws on four JBBA papers, while our work as Secretariat to the APPG on Blockchain Technologies supports the development of its [four Working Groups](#) and 2027 programme.

I'm delighted to share that the [18th issue of The JBBA has been published](#). This special issue explores how blockchain and tokenisation are redefining the **Industrial Data Commons**. [Check out the editorial here](#). My thanks go to the authors, reviewers and editors whose work makes each issue possible.

[Registration is now open for ISC2027](#) on 19 March at the University of East London, Stratford Campus. With the abstract deadline on 30 November, I encourage you to [submit your research](#), join us as a delegate or suggest a speaker.

Our members, partners and research community remain at the heart of this work. Thank you for the expertise, energy and trust you bring to The BBA. I look forward to continuing these conversations with you.

Warm regards,

Professor Naseem Naqvi MBE FBBA

President, The British Blockchain Association

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This month at The BBA

Policy, research and opportunities to take part across our global blockchain community.

The JBBA: Issue 18

ISC2027: Register to Attend

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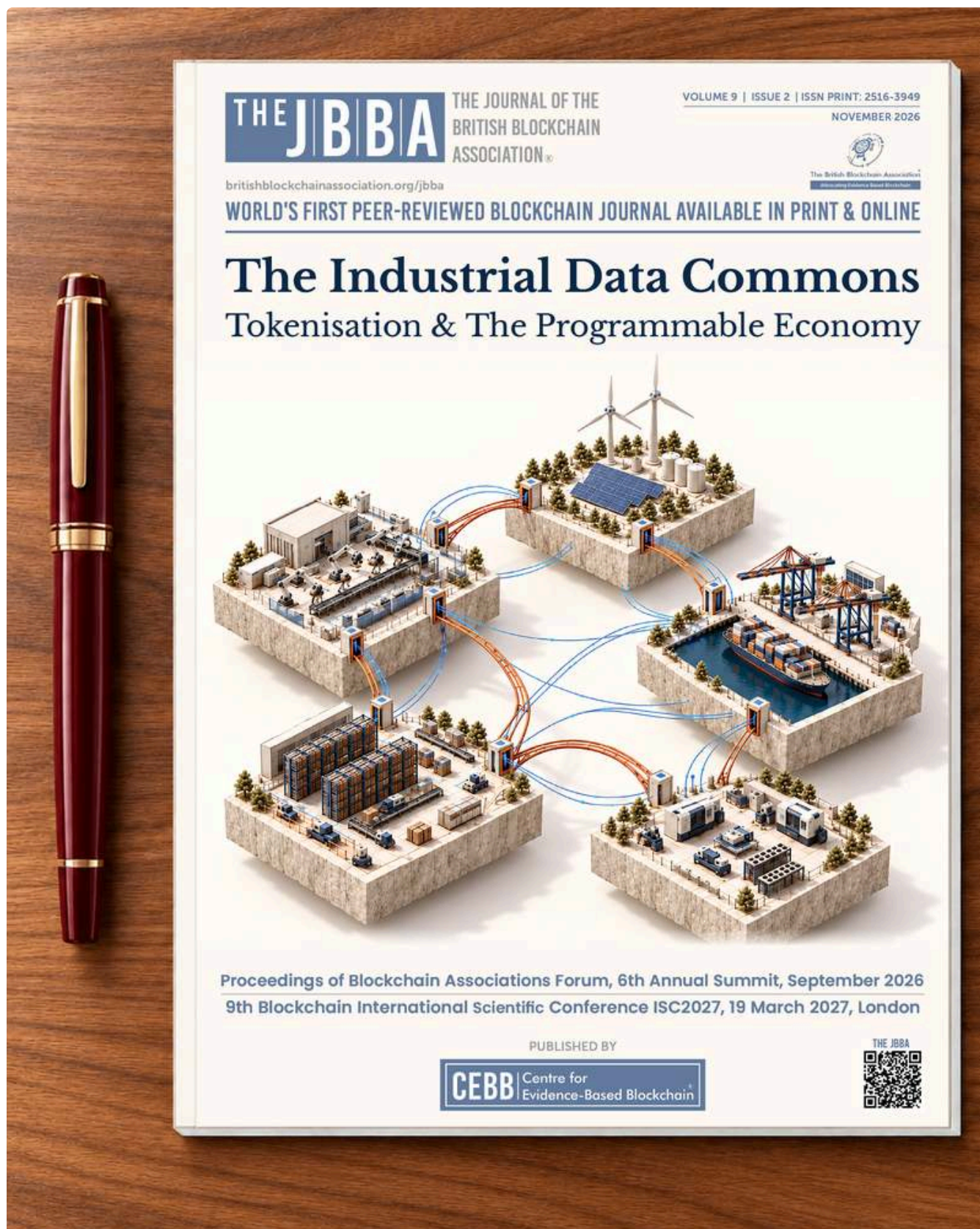
BAF & Global Dialogue

Website & Library

Research & ISC2027

JBBA Patronage

JBBA 18th issue published



The **18th issue of The Journal of The British Blockchain Association** is now published, exploring how blockchain and tokenisation are redefining the **Industrial Data Commons**. Print copies are being dispatched worldwide. Congratulations to our featured authors, and thank you to the reviewers, editors and wider team behind this edition.

[Read the 18th-issue editorial →](#)

[Watch The JBBA's global journey →](#)

Connect research with policy, industry and society

Find original papers, policy submissions and documented examples of research use through CEBB, The BBA Library and the Impact & Influence Dashboard.

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ISC2027: Register to attend

Registrations are now open



LIMITED EARLY-BIRD PASSES AVAILABLE

Book your place while early-bird passes remain available.

19 March 2027 · University of East London, Stratford Campus.

Join researchers, policymakers and industry leaders for The BBA's 9th Blockchain International Scientific Conference. The theme is *Blockchain & Tokenisation at Scale: Evidence, Infrastructure & Institutional Trust*.

[Register to Attend ISC2027 →](#)

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APPG & Our Work in Parliament

Explore the four working groups

01 · DIGITAL ASSETS & THE CRYPTO ECONOMY

Digital Assets, Tokenisation & the Crypto Economy

Tokenisation, cryptoassets, DeFi, DAOs and smart contracts: examine value, governance and safeguards.

► Explore the question, contribution & outputs

02 · SKILLS, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Skills, Education & Economic Growth

Building skills, strengthening education and workforce planning, and supporting evidence-based economic growth.

► Explore the question, contribution & outputs

03 · PUBLIC SERVICES & TRUST

Public Services & Trusted Data

Explore trusted records, identity and healthcare applications through privacy, access and public value.

► Explore the question, contribution & outputs

04 · DIGITAL TRADE, SUPPLY CHAINS & TRADE FINANCE

Digital Trade, Supply Chains & Trade Finance

Compare evidence on digital trade, supply chains, trade finance and accountable procurement.

► Explore the question, contribution & outputs

APPG Working Groups: shaping the 2027 programme

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Blockchain Technologies is developing its 2027 programme around four Working Groups: **Digital Assets, Tokenisation & the Crypto Economy**; **Skills, Education & Economic Growth**; **Public Services & Trusted Data**; and **Digital Trade, Supply Chains & Trade Finance**. As Secretariat, The BBA is inviting contributions from industry, academia, public services and society. Scope, sessions and contributors will be confirmed as the programme develops.

[Explore the groups and how to contribute →](#)

[Read the launch announcement](#)

UK Budget 2026: crypto, DeFi and tokenisation

Our five-point analysis covers planned tax changes for qualifying DeFi loans and liquidity pools, eligible stablecoins and corporate treasury activity; progress on the DIGIT digital gilt pilot; and wider HMRC information powers. The proposed DeFi and stablecoin changes are intended for April 2027, subject to the final rules. The DIGIT pilot is expected by the end of Q1 2027.

BBA Consultations & Policy Submissions

BBA's response to FCA Consultation GC26/7: Decentralised Finance guidance (DeFi)

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22 October 2026

Financial Conduct Authority
Crypto Policy
Payments & Digital Assets Division
12 Endeavour Square
London, E20 1JN

For submission by email to: GC26-7@fca.org.uk

Response to FCA Guidance Consultation GC26/7: Decentralised Finance

(Consent to publication: The British Blockchain Association (BBA) consents to publication of our name as a respondent. We are responding as an organisation and do not request confidential treatment for this submission.)

Introduction and Summary of Position:



britishblockchainassociation.org/consultations

BBA submits evidence to the FCA's DeFi consultation

Our response to the Financial Conduct Authority's consultation (GC26/7) draws on **four JBBA papers, including three conference proceedings from BBA International Scientific Conferences**. It examines resilience testing, governance, proportionate financial-crime controls and regulation that protects consumers while supporting responsible innovation.

[Read the full consultation response →](#)

[Explore BBA consultation submissions](#)

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BBA Membership

Become a member of the British Blockchain Association. Connect with our policy, research, industry and global community. Explore the membership options and speak to our team about the route that fits your organisation.

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BAF Summit & Global Dialogue



BAF Summit proceedings in The JBBA

The 6th Blockchain Associations Forum Annual Summit took place on **9 September 2026**, bringing together parliamentarians, industry leaders and associations from across the global network. Its proceedings feature in the 18th print issue of The JBBA. Continue the discussion through the summit recordings and speaker contributions.

[Watch the summit recordings →](#)

[Explore the BAF and further updates](#)

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Our new website is live.

Find parliamentary work, open-access research, global events and member showcases in one place. The BBA Library makes it easier to search for a specific event, paper, output or consultation.

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Browse Annual Reports dating back to our founding in 2017, explore documented evidence of impact, or search the Library by topic.

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Research, Academia & ISC2027

Share your research at ISC2027

Submit an abstract by **30 November 2026**. The full-paper deadline is **30 December 2026**. Explore the submission guidance and Word template, and help bring original research into discussion with policy and industry audiences.

How will your abstract be assessed?

The judges' score sheet sets out six assessment criteria and a maximum score of 30. Explore the guidance as you prepare your research abstract and full paper.

[View the judges' score sheet →](#)

Research accepted for presentation

BBA's #ISC2027

 **ACCEPTED ABSTRACT**

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University of Buenos Aires
Country Manager Argentina,
Input Output Global (IOG)
Ambassador, Cardano Foundation
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Prof Naseem Naqvi MBE

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Researcher No: SC2027/18/ANDREOLI

CONFERENCE THEME
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Fernando Alves MBCS
Founder & Director
Bardox AI
Member, BCS
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School of Accounting Sciences

NorthWest University

Potchefstroom

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Congratulations to **Mauro Agustín Andreoli**, **Fernando Alves**, **Viraj R. Nair**, **UnyimeAbasi Odong** and **Dr Beatah Sibanda** on their accepted research contributions. Explore the announcements and the developing conference programme.

[Mauro's announcement](#) · [UnyimeAbasi's announcement](#)

Explore ISC2027 →

Who should take the stage?

Help shape the ISC2027 programme. Suggest speakers who can bring fresh, evidence-informed perspectives from research, policy and industry.

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of globally mobile clients

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Naseem Naqvi

Founding President

The British Blockchain Association

Speakers



Geoffrey Kendrick
Global Head of Digital Assets Research
Standard Chartered Bank
Speaker



Sarah Dow
Head of Digital Asset Strategy and Delivery
Courtts
Speaker



Naseem Naqvi MBE
Founding President
The British Blockchain Association
Speaker



Sheila Warren
Chair, Advanced AI Society, and Board Member
Bermuda Monetary Authority
Speaker



Nikou Asgari
Digital Markets Correspondent
Financial Times
Moderator

4 November 2026 · The Landmark, London.

BBA President Professor Naseem Naqvi MBE will speak at the Financial Times Global Wealth Management Summit, part of the event's two-day programme on 4–5 November.

BBA members and partners can use **SPEAKER50** when registering for the available discount. Registration and eligibility are managed by the organiser.

[Register with the Financial Times →](#)

Explore open-access research

The complete 17th issue remains free to read, download and share. Visit the journal's open-access archive to explore the wider collection of published research.

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Professional standards for blockchain and digital assets

The BBA's Professional Charter and Code of Conduct set out principles including honesty, professional competence, due diligence, accountability and responsibility towards society and the environment. Explore the standards that guide professional practice.

[Read the Professional Charter →](#)

Blockchain investigations: beyond financial loss

In his 2019 JBBA research, Simon Dyson examined investigative challenges extending beyond the transfer of money, including stolen personal data stored through decentralised infrastructure. Explore the CEBB infographic on privacy, identity and digital trust.

[Explore the blockchain investigations infographic →](#)

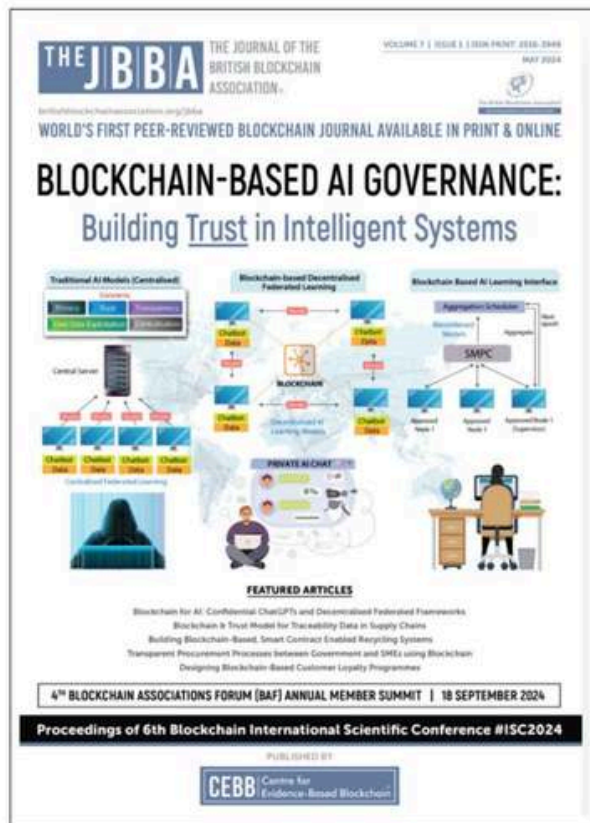
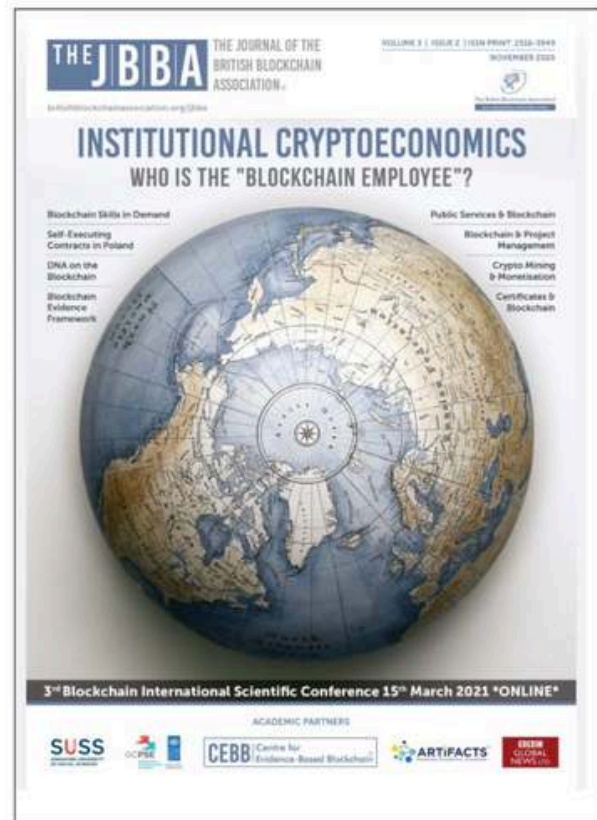
From the President's desk

Read Professor Naqvi's essays on governing innovative technologies and safeguarding original thought in the age of AI.

[The Man with the Red Flag](#)

[Cognitive sovereignty and original thought](#)

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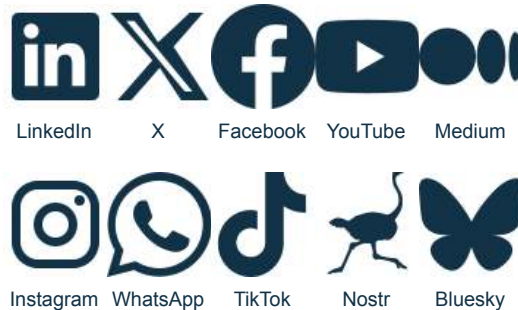
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