The Financial Risks International Forum on Retail Finance and Insurance: the Impact of Fintech is an International Research Forum for academics and professionals organized by the Louis Bachelier “Finance and Sustainable Growth” Laboratory.

We invite academics, professionals and regulators to submit research papers for this event, which will take place in Paris on March 27 & 28, 2017.

The digital revolution is under way in financial services. Technical innovations lead to the creation of new and possibly cheaper services that are readily available for individuals through web platforms or mobile apps.

New databases, new forms of payment processing, trading platforms, peer-to-peer lending platforms and robo-advisors are fast developing and democratizing financial services. They also raise many questions.

How can we design safe and understandable financial products available for the largest number of individuals? What will be the consequences of fintech development on traditional banks and insurance companies? How are consumers to be protected? How can fintech be regulated? What will be the macroeconomic consequences of its development?

This upcoming Financial Risks International Forum aims to highlight the methodological and regulatory challenges raised by the on-going developments in financial technologies.

A complete paper in PDF format must be submitted electronically by DECEMBER 1, 2016. The results of the selection procedure will be announced BY MID-JANUARY 2017.
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- Credit, mortgages, consumer indebtedness, distress, personal bankruptcy, loan delinquency cure rates,
- Consumer finance regulation, legal protection of consumers, investors and borrowers, run risk, systemic risk of consumer products (mutual /UCIT funds, ETFs, personal pension products, etc.),
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  - Design of student loans, microcredit, micropensions,
- Financial literacy, consumer-level investor education,
  - Fraud detection, blockchain technology, smart contracts,
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