Policy, Regulations and Contracts

How does the regulation of digital assets in a given jurisdiction influence the public's perception of digital assets and their willingness to engage with innovative new technologies?

What opportunities, and/or risks, are created by different regulatory stances towards digital assets across major jurisdictions; such as the US, India, Japan, China, etc.? These opportunities and risks can be framed in terms of national competitiveness, the impact on legacy institutions and infrastructures (banking, exchanges, payment companies, etc), or financial inclusion.

What legal, regulatory, technological, and/or cultural impediments prevent broader adoption of smart contracts and how do these factors influence smart contract enforceability?

Given below are some of the papers in this domain. These may be of interest to faculty in all domains e.g., Philosophy, Sociology, Business Law, Economics, Political Science, Management, Accounting, Finance, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Information Systems, Finance, Healthcare, Supply Chain Management, etc.

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