

University of Liechtenstein plans bitcoin lectures

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Beginning next year the University of Lecture will offer lectures on crypto currencies. Specialists in Vaduz include the US scientist Demelza Hays.

Questions concerning crypto currencies such as the bitcoin are hotly debated in both practice and theory, a subject that the American Demelza Hays is dealing with in her doctoral thesis at the <u>Department of Finance</u> at the <u>University of Liechtenstein</u>.

As the Austrian daily Der Standard <u>reports</u>, Hays will hold bitcoin lectures at the University of Liechtenstein next year. She is quoted as saying: "At present this is only offered at five universities worldwide." By joining these limited ranks, the university is poised to become a pioneer in this field.

Hays is working on crypto currencies for investment portfolios: "I want to explore if bitcoins are a good idea for private investors and governments alike." She sees the bitcoin as an interesting alternative to conventional money distribution because it is decentralised. She came to these ideas at a conference of the European Center of Austrian Economics Foundation (<u>ECAEF</u>), a liberal think tank in the spirit of the Austrian School of National Economics.

According to the article, Hays graduated from the <u>University of South Florida</u> with a Bachelor of Economics, and then examined the impact of microfinance solutions in a practice through a project in the state of Punjab in India before completing a Master's degree at the <u>Toulouse School of Economics</u>.