



Brett Scott

Brett Scott is an author, journalist and economic anthropologist who examines the complex relationship between money, technology and society. He helps audiences understand the transformation of global finance through digital innovation, fintech and cryptocurrency, offering insight into how these shifts impact business and policy.

KEY TOPICS

- The War for Our Wallets: Who Is Battling Who in the Global Monetary System
- Cash Is the Bicycle of Payments, Not the Horse Cart
- The Four Faces of Fintech: A Critical Review of Financial Democratisation and Inclusion
- Bitcoin and the New Age of Cryptocurrency Countertrade
- The War on Cash, and Why It Matters for Politics

BIOGRAPHY

Introduction

Brett Scott is an author, journalist, economic anthropologist and former financial broker, exploring the deep connections between finance, money systems and digital technology. He is a globally respected commentator on fintech, cryptocurrency and economic reform, helping audiences make sense of the shifting global monetary landscape. A leading voice on the politics of money and digital transformation, Brett combines sharp analysis with accessible storytelling to equip business leaders, policymakers and professionals with the tools to navigate financial change.

Professional Background & Credentials

Brett began his career working in financial derivatives during the 2008 financial crisis, before turning his focus to financial reform and alternative finance. His multidisciplinary expertise in anthropology, economics and technology gives him a distinctive perspective on how global financial systems evolve and adapt. He has written extensively for The Guardian, Wired Magazine, Business Insider, New Scientist, Huffington Post and CNN.com, and is a frequent commentator on BBC World News and Sky News. Brett has delivered over 300 talks in more than 30 countries, including keynote sessions at the World Congress of Accountants and the Financial Times Festival of Finance. He has produced reports for international organisations such as the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI). He has also provided input to the UN Environment Programme and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and presented at events hosted by the EU Parliament, EU Commission and the International Monetary Fund. Brett holds a degree in Anthropology from South Africa and a Master's in International Development from Cambridge University.

Speaking Style & Audience Value

Brett delivers thought-provoking and unconventional insights on the evolution of money and finance in the digital age. His keynotes challenge mainstream assumptions and inspire audiences to think differently about financial systems, innovation and the future of technology. Known for his engaging and conversational style, Brett tailors his sessions to diverse audiences, from global finance professionals to technology innovators, providing both deep analysis and practical takeaways.

Books & Publications

Brett Scott is the author of *Cloudmoney: Cash, Cards, Crypto and the War for Our Wallets* (Penguin/HarperCollins, 2022), which explores the power struggle between digital and physical money and has been described as a compelling case against the contactless society. His first book, *The Heretic's Guide to Global Finance: Hacking the Future of Money* (Pluto Press, 2013), offers a hands-on guide to financial activism and alternative finance for those seeking to challenge and reshape the financial sector.

Awards & Recognition

Brett is the winner of the 2016–2017 Ethics and Trust in Finance Global Prize, recognising his contribution to financial reform and responsible innovation. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Finance Innovation Lab in the UK and an Associate at the Institute of Social Banking in Germany.

Teaching & Academic Roles

Brett has lectured at Singularity University in Silicon Valley, undertaken residencies at the MIT Media Lab and Museums Quartier in Vienna, and regularly advises international institutions and think tanks on the future of money, finance and fintech regulation. [Contact us now](#) for more information on how Brett can help your audience navigate the future of money, finance and digital transformation. His insightful and engaging presentations will inspire fresh thinking on the evolving global financial landscape.