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Webinar | Detecting Fraudulent FinTech Apps

Social media data is emerging as a tool for consumer protection market monitoring in financial services (see IPA's multi-country analysis of social media data here). In this webinar, held by Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) on October 20, 2021 researchers Jonathan
Fu and Mishra shared how they are using machine learning to detect predatory or fraudulent FinTech apps. Utilizing FinTech app information and consumer reviews from the Google Play Store in India, Nigeria, and the Philippines, Fu and Mishra identify common traits that might indicate an app is likely to be a scam app and to build predictive models for improving vetting and monitoring moving forward. Fake FinTech apps are becoming a common risk in financial services, and new solutions like these are needed to help detect and prevent these would-be scammers.

Learn more about this study <u>here</u>, and learn more about past events in our Consumer Protection Practitioner's Forum webinar series <u>here</u>. **If you are a practitioner** (Regulator, Financial Institution, MFI, consumer organization, multilateral) working on Consumer Protection issues in developing countries and are interested in receiving invitations for this webinar series, kindly **register your interest here**.

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