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Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to the 14th Counter Fraud, Cybercrime and Forensic Accounting Conference. The conference will be hosted by the Centre for Cybercrime and Economic Crime at the University of Portsmouth, Richmond Building, Portland Street, Portsmouth PO1 3DF on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June 2025, with selected sessions streamed online.

This year's conference will feature keynote and plenary speakers including:

- Professor Nicholas Lord, Centre for Digital Trust and Society, University of Manchester
- Alex Wood, Reform Courses and Claire Maillet, Counter Fraud expert
- Craig Jones, CyPol (formerly Director of Cybercrime at INTERPOL)
- Simon Newman, Online Dating Discovery Association
- Daniel Sibthorpe, Crowe LLP UK
- Chris Freeman, Public Sector Fraud Authority
- Fran Dowling, Head of Fraud Policy Unit, Home Office
- Kay Linnell, Forensic Accountant and Chartered Arbitrator, Justice for Subpostmasters' Alliance

In addition, we will be welcoming over 60 speakers from across the globe sharing their research and expertise on a range of themes, including Online Harms, Fraud Victimisations, Anti-Fraud Technology, Hacktivism, Cyber-Enabled Terrorism, Beneficial Ownership, Fraud Prevention and Detection, Deepfakes and Misinformation, Anti-Corruption, Virtual Assets, Consumer Fraud and many more.*

The aim of the conference is to network, share our research and insights into techniques, ideas, or approaches that help to inform fellow scholars and professionals on important debates in the field of cybercrime, economic crime and forensic accounting.

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Programme Day 1 - Wednesday 18 June 2025

08.30 **Registration (Richmond Atrium)**

09.30 **Opening address, Professor Lisa Jack,** University of Portsmouth, UK. **(LT1/online)**

Keynote Session: Chaired by Professor Lisa Jack and Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulos (LT1/online)

- **Fran Dowling,** Head of the Fraud Policy Unit, Home Office, UK. *UK Fraud Strategy: Next Steps.*
- **Daniel Sibthorpe,** Crowe LLP, UK. *Fraud and cybercrime: The headlines.*
- **Craig Jones**, CyPol. *Cybersecurity across borders.*

11.00 **Coffee and Networking**

11.30 **Parallel Speaker Sessions**

***Fraud Prevention and Victimisation 1*: Chaired by Professor Mark Button (LT1/online)**

- **Professor Michael Levi,** Cardiff University, UK. *Rethinking a public health approach to fraud.*
- **Dr Diana Johnson**, University of the West of England, UK. *The fight against corporate fraud and the significance of the new 'failure to prevent fraud' offence for larger organisations.*
- **Chris Freeman,** Public Sector Fraud Authority, UK. *Public Sector Fraud Model (PSFM): A new model to counter fraud designed for the public sector.*
- **Dr Elisabeth Carter**, Kingston University, UK and **Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulos**, University of Portsmouth, UK. *Gullibility, loneliness, exploitation or just bad luck? Exploring older adults' perceptions of fraud risks, protections and victimhood.* (Co-author: A. Kirby.)

***Diversity of Online Harms:* Chaired by Anda Solea (LT2)**

- **Dr Albert González Jiménez,** Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain and **Alberto León Serrano,** Open University of Catalonia / Madrid Bar Association. *Crime and deviance in Metaverse environments.*
- **Dr Milind Tiwari**, Charles Stuart University, Australia. *Metaverse: Policing challenges of combatting criminality in the New Realm.* (Co-authors: Y. Zhou, A. Childs, L.Y.C. Chang, J. Ferrill.)
- **Anna Meyniel,** International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, France. *'Jailbait': What do incels and Child Sexual Abuse communities have in common?*

***Banking, Fraud and Economic Crime:* Chaired by Dr Christina Philippou (LT3)**

- **Dr Dewan Muktadir-Al-Mukit,** Sheffield Hallam University, UK. *How investors react to cyber-attacks news.* (Co-author: M.H. Ali.).
- **Andrew Jackson,** National Bank of Kuwait, UK. *How effective are banks in preventing economic crime? Lessons from recent UK enforcement actions.*
- **Charlotte Hogan**, Marsh Captive Solutions, Isle of Man. *The use and usefulness of the Fraud Investigation Model and barriers police face when investigating fraud and economic crime: An Isle of Man context.*

13.00 Lunch and Networking

14.00 Parallel Speaker Sessions

***Fraud Prevention and Victimisation 2*: Chaired by Dr Branislav Hock (LT1/Online)**

- **Professor Thomas Holt,** Michigan State University, USA*. Assessing the factors associated with fraud victimization reporting to law enforcement.*
- **Dr Matthew Edwards,** University of Bristol, UK, **Dr Jack Whittaker,** University of Surrey, UK, **Dr Cassandra Cross,** Queensland University of Technology, Australia and **Professor Mark Button,** University of Portsmouth, UK. *Return to sender: Mapping the online economy of refund fraud.*
- **Professor Regina Frei,** University of the Arts London, UK. *Deterring wardrobing: The impact of message strategies on fraudulent return behaviour.* (Co-authors: Y Hanoch, D. Zhang.).

- **Dr Jack Whittaker**, University of Surrey, UK. *Conversations with deviant website developers: A case study of online shopping fraud enablers.*

***Economic Crime and Cybercrime in Africa*: Chaired by Dr Mo Adda (LT2)**

- **Chukwuma K. Orji**, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria. *The emerging challenges of cyber laundering and cyber-tax evasion in the developing countries.*
- **Dr Uche Igwe,** London School of Economics and Political Science, UK and **Kingdom Blessing**, Stream Solicitors. *Cross-border approaches to combating cybercrime in Africa.*
- **Professor Delano Cole van der Linde**, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. *Understanding and Combating Business Email Compromise Fraud in the South African Context.*

***Cryptocurrencies - Risks and Responses*: Chaired by Soraya Harding (LT3)**

- **Dr Tetiana Dmytrenko**, The Academy of Financial Management / Ukrainian Modern Digital Science, Ukraine and **Dr Tetiana Hudima,** V. Mamutov Institute of Economic and Legal Research of NAS of Ukraine. *Risk Assessment Models for Cryptocurrency Use in Fraud and Criminal Proceeds Legalization.*
- **Marina Aristodemou** and **Thomas Burgess,** Cardiff University, UK. *Unmasking the shadows: Cryptocurrency, beneficial ownership, and the struggle for financial transparency.*

15.30 Coffee and Networking

16.00 Keynote Session: Chaired by Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulos (LT1/online)

- **Evan Williams,** Ali Baba. *Protecting IP on Alibaba.*
- **Dr Michael Skidmore** and **Ruth Halkon,** Police Foundation, UK. *Examining the impact of fraud on victim health.*
- **Professor Nicholas Lord**, University of Manchester, UK. *Organising Economic Crimes: Revitalising the Intellectual Endeavour*

17.30 **Reception hosted in the Richmond Atrium**

Programme Day 2 - Thursday 19 June 2025

08.30 **Registration**

09.00 **Parallel Speaker Sessions**

***Business and Fraud*: Chaired by Dr Branislav Hock (LT1/online)**

- **Laura Eshelby**, Clue Software, UK. *Fraud: A global business opportunity.*
- **Dr Rasha Kassem**, Aston University, UK. *Philanthropy at risk: Exposing and addressing charity fraud.*
- **Professor Saskia van Ruth,** University College Dublin, Ireland. *The role of business and personal ethics in protecting food supply chains against fraudulent activities.*

***Misinformation and Social Media*: Chaired by Dr Shikun Zhou (LT2)**

- **Diana Selck-Paulsson** and **Ben Gibney,** Orange Cyberdefense, Sweden. *Geopolitical hacktivism: Elections, disinformation, and strategic cyber operations.*
- **Marine (Qi) Yuan,** University of Portsmouth, UK. *The distribution of disinformation and its impact: Analysis of risks to women's reproductive rights and safety on digital platforms through the Transformative Gender Justice Framework.*
- **Dr Ruth McAlister** and **Dr Fabian Campbell-West,** Harod Associates, UK. *The use of AI and machine learning for the predictions and investigations of crimes.*

***Romance Fraud and Scammers:* Chaired by Dr John Akerele (LT3)**

- **Dr Suleman Lazarus,** London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK and **Adebayo Benedict Soares,** Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Nigeria. *Profiling cybercriminals: Insights from convicted cases of online romance fraud.*
- **Dr Jude Dandison** and **Emmanuel Efe Eboselume**, Engaging Youths in Anti-Corruption and Cybercrime Education (EYACE), Nigeria/UK. *Bridging the*

gap: Leveraging anti-corruption education to combat cybercrime and economic crime in Nigeria.

- **Dr Sophia Yakhlef**, Kristianstad University, Sweden. *Romance fraud in Swedish news media: Representations of the crime, victims, and offenders.* (Co-author: I Johansson.)
- **Ammi Virk** and **Ling Ling Li**, Lex Collective. *Multidisciplinary development of typologies to combat trafficking in forced criminality in Southeast Asian cyber-scam compounds.*

***Cyber-enabled terrorism and counter-terrorism:* Chaired by Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulis (2.02)**

- **Temitayo Jimoh**, Department for Work and Pensions, UK. *Cyber-enabled terrorism.*
- **Thea Sogenbits,** Estonian Tax and Customs Board, Estonia. *The application of OSINT and AI in criminal intelligence and counterterrorism.*
- **Saman Omar,** Genocide Studies Centre, Duhok University, Iraq; Universiti Utara, Malaysia. *Analyzing cyber-terrorism threats and their impact on national security in the Kurdistan region of Iraq.*

10.30 Coffee and Networking

11.00 Parallel Speaker Sessions

Session A:

***Fraudsters and Enablers*: Chaired by Professor Mark Button (LT1/online)**

- **Alex Wood**, Reform Courses, UK and **Claire Maillet,** University of Portsmouth, UK. *The inside job: Analysing crimes involving company employees.*
- **Dr Jonathan Gilbert**, University of the West of England, UK. *Scripting mortgage fraud for the motion picture: Fraud and its interrelationship with the financial services sector in the UK.*

Session B:

***Anti-money laundering, cryptocurrencies and AI*: Chaired by Professor Mark Button (LT1/online)**

- **Andrei Sribny**, AML Certification, Estonia. *From tick-box to strategical: Rethinking AML training and mentoring in the age of AI.*
- **Mykhailo 'Mike' Tiutin**, AML Bot. *How automation and AI contributes to malicious behaviour pattern detection in crypto.*

Victims, Cybercrime and Fraud: Chaired by Dr Bing Han (LT2)

- **Dr Cassandra Cross**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia. *Victim experiences of searching for jobs online and recruitment fraud.*
- **Dr Karen Holt**, Michigan State University, USA. *A victim-centered and offender-focused approach to understanding minor-focused sextortion.* (Co-author: R O'Malley.) Presented by Professor Thomas Holt.
- **Daniel Sibthorpe,** Crowe LLP, UK. *Knocking on the door: Persistent and emerging threats to the social housing sector.*
- **Dr Janice Goldstraw-White**, Perpetuity Research. *Behind closed doors: Criminality facilitated by the private rented sector (PRS).*

Building Resilience to Cybercrime and Fraud: Chaired by Dr David Shepherd (LT3)

- **Ewart Hodge**, Keele University, UK. *Adjusting claims of power/knowledge: A post-intentional phenomenology of loss adjusters and insurance claims fraud.*
- **Dr Cody Porter**, University of the West of England, UK. *Vetting interviews and lie-detection: the need for a standardised scientific approach.* (Co-author: C. Paine.)
- **Dr Hala Faisal,** Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, Saudi Arabia. *The rise of AI-driven insider trading in financial markets.*

Challenges in Cyber Security: Chaired by Dr Iain Reid (2.02)

- **Billy McDiarmid**, Red Sift, UK. *Securing organisations by building distance between the Real and Fake.*
- **Dr Chinelo Aroh,** University of Essex, UK. *Legal and technological measures in protecting intellectual property rights against cybercrime.*

- **Dr Ayaz Khan,** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Centre of Excellence on Combating Violent Extremism, Pakistan. *Combatting cross-border fraud and cybercrime: The role of international collaboration and emerging technologies.*

12.30 Lunch

13.15 Panel Sessions

***Marsden Cyber Security Panel*: Chaired by Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulos (LT1/online)**

- **Professor Thomas Holt,** Michigan State University, USA.
- **Onur Korucu**, GovernID, Ireland.
- **Lee J. Austin**, University of Portsmouth, UK.

***Crimes with Virtual Assets - Practical Steps and Legal Frameworks*: Chaired by Dr Oleksiy Feshchenko (LT2)**

- **Dr Marius Laurinaitis**, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania.
- **Mykhailo 'Mike' Tiutin**, AML Bot.
- **Dr Paul Gilmour**, University of Portsmouth, UK.
- **Professor Umut Turksen,** Exeter University, UK.

14.15 Coffee and Networking

14.45 Keynote Session: Chaired by Professor Lisa Jack (LT1/online)

- **Simon Newman,** Online Dating Discovery Association. *Romance fraud prevention in online dating.*
- **Kay Linnell**, Kay Linnell & Co, Forensic Accountant. *Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance.*
- **Richard Hyde**, Social Market Foundation. *"It's a fraudster's world": Exploring the scale, impact, and globally interconnected nature of fraud against consumers.*

16.15 **Closing remarks and award for best poster: Professor Mark Button and Dr Vasileios Karagiannopoulos**

16.30 **Conference close**

Poster Presentations

Available Throughout the Conference

Please support our poster presenters by visiting the poster display located in RB0.10/0.11 and chatting to them about their research.

- **Rawan Hadad**, University of Portsmouth, UK. *Beyond Mindhunter: AI, Serial Killer Profiling, and the Future of Forensic Psychology.*
- **Sanda Nikolic**, University of Portsmouth, UK. *The Impact of Global Conflicts: A Case Study on the Aftermath of the NotPetya Cybersecurity Attack.*
- **David Mchembere**, University of Portsmouth, UK; Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya. *Gender diversity and the likelihood of occupational fraud: Evidence from Kenya state-owned enterprises audit committees.*
- **Maryna Murlian**, University of Portsmouth, UK. *The role of corruption in destabilising Ukraine and undermining global security.*
- **Emerson Suter**, University of Bristol, UK. *Digital Investigations: Strategies to Disrupt Cybercrime as a Service*.
- **Jon Ander Medina**, Vicomtech. *Unveiling dynamics and patterns: A comprehensive analysis of spreading patterns and similarities in low-labelled ransomware families.* (Co-authors: M. Gorricho, F. Zola, L. Segurola, R Orduna.)

Speaker Biographies

Dr Mo Adda has been a Principal Lecturer at the University of Portsmouth since 2002, where he also serves as the Course Leader for the MSc in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, both on campus and online. He earned his PhD in distributed systems and parallel processing from the University of Surrey. As a Senior Lecturer at the University of Richmond, he spent 10 years teaching programming, computer architecture, and networking. Between 1999 and 2002, he worked as a senior software engineer, developing software and managing projects focused on simulation and modelling. Throughout his research career, Dr. Adda has published numerous papers in areas including multithreaded architectures, mobile networks, business process modelling, parallel and distributed processing, wireless and sensor networks, cyber security, digital forensics, embedded systems, simulation and modelling, and mobile intelligent agent technology. Dr. Adda is currently conducting research on investigating smart machines through a cloud-based infrastructure he developed, known as SpiderNet. He has also designed a formal language for specifying distributed systems and for verifying and validating security protocols.

Dr John Akerele is a Senior Lecturer in Risk and Security Management at the University of Portsmouth, where he leads the BSc (Hons) Risk and Security Management programme. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Computing, an MSc in Security Management, and a Doctorate in Security Risk Management, from the University of Portsmouth. Dr. Akerele brings over two decades of combined experience in leadership roles across the security sector and higher education, offering a distinctive blend of practical insight and academic rigour. His research centres on organisational resilience, security governance, and emerging security phenomena. Within these domains, his scholarly interests encompass public safety, corporate security, cybersecurity, risk and crisis management, and economic crime. He is committed to developing applied, evidence-based solutions aimed at ameliorating security standards and shaping effective policy and operational strategies. Dr. Akerele also maintains a strong focus on advancing security governance and organisational resilience in the Global South through ongoing research and international collaboration..

Dr Nasser Aldossari is a specialist in criminal law, particularly in the field of economic crimes, financial fraud, and anti-corruption. He holds a master’s degree in International Criminal Law and a Ph.D. in Legal Sciences with a focus on Criminal Law from the University of Kansas, USA. With over 14 years of extensive practical and academic experience in criminal law, Dr. Nasser has served as a former member of the National AntiCorruption Commission and worked in legal consultations and quasi-judicial committees. Currently, he supervises the postgraduate studies unit and directs the Center for Criminal Studies at King Saud University. He also serves as the Director of the Master's Program in Financial Integrity and the founder and director of the Economic Crimes Program at Naif Arab

University for Security Sciences. Dr. Nasser has actively participated in conferences, workshops, and training programs at both local and international levels, presenting numerous workshops related to anti-corruption, money laundering, economic, and financial crimes. Additionally, Dr. Nasser is the Chairman of the Tax Violations and Disputes Resolution Committee and a member of the Committee for Resolving Tax Disputes at the General Secretariat of Tax Committees in Riyadh.

Marina Aristodemou is in the second year of her PhD studies focusing on Financial Crime at Cardiff University. Her background includes an LLB in Law and LLM in International Trade and Economic Law from UWE Bristol. Currently, she is a graduate tutor teaching Contract Law workshops, as well as a research associate for a small project on financial crime at UWE Bristol. Also, Marina is on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Economic Criminology and has published an article in the Journal of Economic Criminology and has an upcoming book chapter relating to market abuse and beneficial ownership. Previously, Marina has worked at two financial institutions both as a financial crime risk apprentice and as a financial crime investigator. Her positions allow her to make recommendations for change taking into consideration industry standards.

Dr Chinelo Aroh currently teaches law at the University of Essex Pathways Department. Chinelo holds a degree in law from University of Nigeria Nsukka where she lived and practiced law majorly as a commercial and investment lawyer for several years before joining a power generating company out of her desire to contribute to the reduction of the infrastructural deficit of the Nigeria economy as the Head of Legal and Company Secretary. A turn in history resulting from the death of her mother forced her to the realisation of her abandoned dream to further her studies. This resulted in a sojourn to England for her postgraduate degree in International Business Law and subsequently postgraduate in Strategy and International Security. She also undertook a third postgraduate degree in Information Security Management from the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, and thereafter continued with a doctorate degree in Privacy and Data Protection at the University of Hull. Chinelo enjoys travelling and playing golf when she is able to.

Lee J Austin is Head of Cyber and Information Security at the University of Portsmouth. He has led various cyber security capabilities at the Atomic Weapons Establishment, Ministry of Defence, and served in the British Army, safeguarding critical national infrastructure and high-value assets. His expertise spans cyber operations, risk management, security governance, and incident response, ensuring resilience against evolving threats. Lee holds industry recognized certifications, including CISSP, CCISO, CEH, and Certified Incident Responder. He specializes in developing bespoke cyber capabilities, integrating cutting edge security technologies, and aligning cyber strategies with business objectives. At the University of Portsmouth, he is driving a hybrid security model, balancing proactive defense with robust Respond and Recover capabilities. He is passionate about embedding security as a strategic enabler, fostering collaboration, and ensuring cyber resilience is at the heart of business operations.

Mike Betts is Head of Capability & Learning at the Public Sector Fraud Authority, with responsibility for the Government Counter Fraud Profession. He has 36 years' experience in combating fraud and financial crime. His professional interests include the history of corruption with particular focus on the impact on procurement and people. He was integral to the development of the Fraud Investigation Model which has been embedded throughout policing and beyond. He is an expert in developing economic crime occupational standards and training programmes. Mike is the named author of the Blackstone's publication 'Investigating Fraud and Economic Crime' published in March 2017 and holds a Master's Degree in Fraud Management with distinction from Middlesex University.

Kingdom Blessing is the Principal Attorney of Stream Solicitors, a highly experienced private legal practitioner, and a corporate consultant in Nigeria with over 18 years of expertise. He specializes in insolvency practice and is a proficient asset recovery agent, delivering strategic legal solutions to individuals and businesses.

Thomas Burgess is a Postgraduate Researcher at Cardiff University. He specialises in financial crime, with a specific focus on terrorism financing, fraud and cryptocurrency / virtual assets. He is currently a graduate tutor teaching financial crime at Cardiff University, and works as a research assistant on two projects, as well as being part of the editorial board as a reviewer for both the Journal of Economic Criminology, and the Journal of Money Laundering Control. Currently, he has published in the Journal of Economic Criminology and has upcoming publications related to cryptocurrency regulation, and has an upcoming book chapter discussing Unexplained Wealth Orders and Cryptocurrency.

Professor Mark Button is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Centre for Cybercrime and Economic Crime at the University of Portsmouth. He was founder and Director of the Centre for Counter Fraud Studies at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Portsmouth between 2010-2022. Mark has written extensively on counter fraud, cyber-fraud and private policing issues, publishing many articles, chapters and completing eleven books, including Economic Crime: From Conception to Response; Private Policing and Cyber Frauds, Scams and their Victims. Some of the most significant research projects include a Home Office funded study on victims of computer misuse, leading the research on behalf of the National Fraud Authority and ACPO on fraud victims; the Department for International Development on fraud measurement, and an ESRC funded project on ageing and fraud in the UK and South Korea. Mark also worked for four years on the Government's Annual Cyber Security Breaches Survey. Mark completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Exeter, his Masters at the University of Warwick and his Doctorate at the London School of Economics.

Dr Fabian Campbell-West is a Senior Open-Source Engineer at Harod. He specialises in the rapid development of bespoke data analysis applications. At Harod, Fabian is using Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning techniques to efficiently collate, analyse and present complex open-source intelligence for investigations. Fabian holds a PhD in Computer Vision from Queen's University Belfast and a BSc. Hons. in Computer Science with Mathematics from University of Bristol.

Dr Elisabeth Carter is a criminologist who conducts interdisciplinary research at the intersection of language and the law. She examines how interactional, ethical and social drivers are manipulated by fraudsters, and the intricate balancing act between power and persuasion, credibility and vulnerability. She is best known for her work in examining fraudulent interactions, particularly romance fraud. Elisabeth regularly features in national TV and radio series and print media, talking about fraud and deception, is the three-time winner of Tackling Economic Crime Awards. She uses her research to support law enforcement campaigns and drive police operations, deliver practical strategies to disrupt the power of fraudulent communications across the public, private and third sector, and safeguard people in positions of vulnerability. Elisabeth is currently Associate Professor of Criminology at Kingston University, London.

Dr Cassandra Cross is currently Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching), Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice. She also holds a position as Professor in the School of Justice, QUT. In 2021, she completed a Senior Research Fellowship, with the Cybersecurity Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) on the topic of romance fraud. Previously, Dr Cross worked as a research/policy officer with the Queensland Police Service, where she commenced research on the topic of online fraud and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2011. Since taking up her position at QUT in 2012, she has published in this area across several journals and continued her research into online fraud focusing across the prevention, victim support and policing aspects of this crime. She has received over AUD $1.5 million in grants and industry funding to further this work. She is co-author (with Professor Mark Button) of the book entitled "Cyber frauds, scams, and their victims", which was published by Routledge in 2017.

Dr Jude Dandison is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He holds a Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B) from Southampton Solent University (UK), a Master of Law (General LL.M) from Southampton Solent University, a Master of Law (LL.M) in International Laws & International Maritime Laws from the University of Hertfordshire (UK), a Master's Degree (MSc) in Legal Technology (law and artificial intelligence) from the University of Law Guildford (UK), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Corruption (Ph.D.)

from the University of Portsmouth (UK). With over 10 years' experience in legal practice with a specialisation in white-collar crime, and as a consultant on anti-corruption and economic crime matters. He is a front-line campaigner for the Introduction of anti-corruption education/syllabus in all levels of institutions in Africa. He is experienced in delivering law lectures, seminars, and inclusive tutorials, ability to design, prepare and develop courses and teaching materials. He is proficient in developing and implementing new methods of teaching to reflect new changes, for example, with Covid 19, the inclusive teaching method has shifted to blended teaching. He has experience in teaching within anti-corruption programmes at all levels and implementing teaching theories both inclusive and interactive to motivate/engage students during classes and is proficient in research methodologies, and designs both empirical and secondary research.

Dr. Tetiana Dmytrenko, PhD is a Senior Researcher with over 30 years of experience in finance and education. Currently, she serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Public Council of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and as a member of the Public Council under the Financial Intelligence Unit of Ukraine. Since 2022, she has been leading the community organization “Ukrainian Modern Digital Science,” which focuses on researching the risks associated with using digital economy tools in criminal activities, money laundering, and cybercrime. Since 2015, Tetiana has been involved in several international initiatives, including the European Commission and Council of Europe's project “Strengthening Measures to Combat ML/TF in Ukraine,” the OSCE's extrabudgetary project on mitigating money laundering risks through virtual assets, and consulting for the UNODC. Additionally, I head the International Finance and Financial Security Department at the Research Financial Institute of the SESE "Academy of Financial Management." As a researcher, her focus is on analyzing financial and digital instruments used in laundering criminal proceeds. Her practical and managerial expertise spans finance, the stock market, exchange, and over-the-counter securities trading. This background has enabled her to assess the risks associated with crypto transactions and projects, which represent the digitized evolution of financial and stock market activities.

Fran Dowling is the Head of the Fraud Policy Unit at the Home Office.

Emmanuel Efe Eboselume is a seasoned Cybersecurity Engineer with extensive expertise in threat intelligence and cyber-defense solutions. He holds a First-Class degree in Computer Science (Education) from Benson Idahosa University, where he developed and enhanced his teaching abilities. He furthered his education with a Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science to gain a comprehensive understanding of the field. Subsequently, he earned a master's degree in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics with Distinction from the prestigious Bingham University. As a cybersecurity expert, Emmanuel regularly conducts authorized penetration tests on web applications for local organizations in Nigeria and international clients. In addition to his technical expertise, Emmanuel is the Student Engagement Lead at

EYACE (Engaging Youths in Anti-Corruption and Cybercrime Education). In this role, he leads impactful projects aimed at raising awareness about cybercrime and anti-corruption. He organizes workshops, delivers presentations, and conducts awareness campaigns that inspire students to engage in advocacy and volunteerism. Emmanuel also researches evolving trends to adapt engagement strategies to meet the dynamic needs of his audience. Emmanuel is passionate about sharing his knowledge and making a significant impact in the field of cybersecurity by raising awareness, improving system defenses, and empowering individuals and organizations to adopt safer practices. Through his work, he aims to foster secure digital environments and contribute to the global fight against cybercrime and Corruption.

Dr Matthew Edwards is a Senior Lecturer in Cybersecurity at the University of Bristol. His research interests lie at the intersection of cybersecurity and data science, commonly crossing over into the application of machine learning techniques to cybercrime prevention. His work has focused on understanding security implications from online data in application domains such as child protection, social engineering, online fraud and technological cybercrime, whilst simultaneously attempting to improve the transparency and reliability of technologies used for cybersecurity purposes.

Laura Eshelby is the Economic Crime sector lead for Clue, working with clients across government and industry in the UK and internationally, to help them enhance their economic crime response– with a particular focus on intelligence and investigation management. Laura supports work in counter fraud, bribery & corruption as well as sanctions and safeguarding, in a range of different organisations. In this capacity Laura offers masterclasses and toolkits to further develop and build consistency of practice, as well as supporting process reform, and tactical workflows; drawing on her experience in counter fraud operations and policy management. In this role Laura also engages with fellow experts to understand and provide thought leadership on emerging threats, best practice, and tools to mitigate harm, and the potential for technology and AI to support this. Laura is a former Senior Civil Servant & Deputy Director for the Public Sector Fraud Authority, Cabinet Office. As Deputy Director of the Fraud team Laura worked closely with Ministers, senior leaders and central government departments to drive the agenda on dealing with fraud in the public sector. Laura also focussed on increasing capability for counter fraud practitioners and leaders, by supporting the development of the Counter Fraud Profession.

Dr Hala Faisal is an Assistant Professor in the Economic Crimes Department at Nayef Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She holds a Ph.D. in International Relations & Diplomacy with a focus on Economics from INSEEC-Centre D'Etudes Diplomatiques Et Strategiques (CEDS) in Paris, France, and an MBA from the Lebanese American University (LAU). Dr. Faisal was awarded the prestigious Fulbright

Scholarship by the American government for young economic professors and taught at Temple University in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Her research expertise encompasses economic fraud, risk management, corporate governance, and the digital transformation of financial systems. With extensive experience in policy development and consultancy, she has collaborated with governmental bodies, financial institutions, and the private sector on strategies for anti-money laundering, fraud prevention, and compliance with international standards. Dr. Faisal has also served as Head of the Economics Department at Lebanese University. Fluent in Arabic and English, she is an active contributor to academic research and regularly participates in global conferences.

Dr Oleksiy Feshchenko is an expert on virtual assets, money laundering/terror financing and financial fraud. Until 2024 he was an Advisor on Cybercrime and Cryptocurrencies in the UN Global Program on Cybercrime (UN Office on Drugs and Crime). He has led the UNODC project on Cryptocurrency Training since 2016. Before joining the UN in 2013, Oleksiy was a Deputy Head of FIU of Ukraine, worked in the Council of Europe and Basel Institute of Governance and was a short-term expert for the IMF, WB, OSCE and EC. Before switching to the international career, Oleksiy had extensive practical experience in investigating tax evasion, financial fraud and money laundering - from doing investigations himself to leading the department of over 100 investigators. Beside cryptocurrencies and money laundering, he specialises in building large IT analytical solutions, strategic analysis and in training-the-trainers and design of training courses. Oleksiy had a PhD in Mathematics (Random Processes and Probability Theory, Taras Shevchenko University, Kyiv) and is an adjunct professor in the Case Western University (Cleveland, USA) and a guest lecturer in the Aalborg University (Denmark).

Chris Freeman is the Head of Risk, Threat and Prevention at the Public Sector Fraud Authority. Chris has worked in counter fraud for over 20 years, starting in local authorities, before taking on a regional leadership role for counter fraud activity at the Department for Work and Pensions. In 2019 he joined the Centre of Expertise for Counter Fraud at the Cabinet Office, before leading the design and build of the Risk, Threat and Prevention services at PSFA. Chris holds a Master's in Fraud Management from Teesside University and is undertaking a professional doctorate in Security Risk Management at the University of Portsmouth.

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Saman Omar is a Kurdish security and national security researcher and analyst, specialising in Kurdistan national security. He is a visiting lecturer in international law, security studies, new world order post-cold war, human rights and political sociology, at the University of Duhok and a researcher in the university's Genocide Studies Centre. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at College of Law, Government and International Studies (COLGIS) at Universiti Utara Malaysia, and a Near East University 2019 Master of International Law graduate and an Executive Member of ICERMediation in New York and a researcher at Northern Justice Watch in Canada. He has also lectured at the Cihan University-Duhok Faculty of Public Education. Saman has participated in numerous international conferences relating to security, terrorism and peace studies and has published articles on topics including security and counter-terrorism legislation in Kurdistan.

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Dr Christina Philippou is Associate Professor in Accounting and Sport Finance in the Faculty of Business and Law. Her background is in practice as a forensic accountant for a Big Four firm and, prior to that, in audit. Her research and teaching are focused on financial accounting, forensic accounting, and economic crime, particularly in relation to sport. She is Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE).

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Muhammad Umar Draz Randhawa holds a law degree (LLB), a masters in economics, and a Post Graduate Diploma in criminology. Since 2006, he has been working in the National

Accountability Bureau, Government of Pakistan, the apex organization responsible for conducting anti-corruption and anti-money laundering investigations in Pakistan. He started his career as an investigation officer, before being promoted to a supervisory position with responsibility for overseeing investigations into corruption and money laundering cases. He was further promoted to senior position as Additional Director in 2016. In 2018, he received the President of Pakistan Award for Best officer in Accountability Operations. From 2017 to 2021, he served as Pakistan's Government Expert for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). Most recently, in 2024, he was honoured with a commendation certificate for my efforts in corruption prevention. In his current role as Additional Director (Prevention) NAB, he is responsible for developing strategies for the prevention of corruption and money laundering, including a comprehensive examination of the existing laws, rules, and regulations applicable to various government departments. The primary mandate of this position involves recommending amendments to these legal frameworks with the objective of preventing corruption and corrupt practices.

Dr Pauline Saliba is the Executive Secretary of the National Coordinating Committee on Combating Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism (NCC). After spending 15 years in the Economic Policy Department of the Ministry for Finance, in 2019 she took a position as a senior manager within the NCC Secretariat, and was promoted to Executive Secretary and Head of the Secretariat in February 2023. She graduated from the University of Malta in 2003 with a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours in Economics. Subsequently, she read her Master of Science degree in Development Finance at the University of London, graduating in 2006. In 2018, she defended her doctoral thesis entitled "The Role of the EU's Official Development Assistance (ODA) in Fostering Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan African Countries." She has participated in several training and outreach events in Malta and internationally in relation to the anti-money laundering, countering terrorist financing and countering proliferation financing and targeted financial sanctions evasion related risks.

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Alberto León Serrano studied Law and Criminology at the Complutense University of Madrid. Since 1993 he has been a lawyer, devoting himself primarily to the defense of criminal and penitentiary matters. He was a member of the Penitentiary Legal Guidance

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Dr Michael Skidmore is Head of serious crime research at the Police Foundation, an independent think tank engaged in applied research to develop evidence on crime and policing, with a view to the improvement of policing for the benefit of the public. Research has been focused to build our understanding of offenders, offending, victims, and related crime control strategies in the context of serious and organised crime, with a particular focus on cyber and economic crime. Current projects include a programme of research to develop an evidence-based understanding of the online fraud problem in the UK, and a project to examine the meaning, application, and value of 'disruption' as a mode of crime control for tackling serious and organised crime. He is a recent PhD graduate in criminology from the University of Portsmouth.

Daniel Sibthorpe is a Director in the Forensic Services team at Crowe UK and leads the delivery of cybercrime and counter-fraud related projects. He holds a master's degree in Cybercrime and Counter Fraud & Corruption from the University of Portsmouth and is an Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist. Daniel's career at Crowe UK has seen him lead on international engagements concerning fraud, bribery and corruption across a variety of sectors throughout the world. Daniel's technical background means he has also delivered engagements on a variety of cyber-related deliverables, from developing policy frameworks, to performing vulnerability assessments, to projects relating to the dark web.
The global nature of cybercrime has led to Daniel heading up Crowe's cyber security engagements overseas, working with clients across the public, private and charity sectors.

Daniel's client base is predominantly social housing organisations, pension schemes and companies in the energy and mining sector. Outside of his day-to-day work, Daniel is passionate about investigating fraud and corruption in football and combating the illegal trade in endangered wildlife.

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Dr Jack Whittaker has recently completed his PhD in criminology at the University of Surrey. Jack has developed a strong research portfolio, having authored a number of peer-reviewed journal articles with leading fraud academics focusing on the broad themes of online shopping fraud, online romance fraud and the non-state voluntary policing of online fraud. He has also participated in funded research projects for the Australian Retailers Association and CIFAS. Jack has given talks at many national and international fraud conferences including at the British Society of Criminology, Scam Adviser's Global Anti-Scam Summit, and at several conferences and events organised by the University of Portsmouth's Centre for Cybercrime and Economic Crime. Jack is also a board member for the newly formed International Society of Economic Criminology. Lastly, he has given media interviews on various fraud related topics for national and regional news outlets in the UK, the U.S, and further afield (e.g., BBC News, The Economist, FOX, TalkTV, Le Monde, The Guardian).

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Alex Wood's early career was in the music industry. Aged 13 he began to tour the world as a violin soloist and performed under the greatest conductors of the modern era. He was awarded prestigious scholarships to attend the Purcell School, the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, won an array of prizes along the way and became a regular guest at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. Aged 24 his career was abruptly halted by the onset of repetitive strain injury (RSI) and faced with mounting debts and no source of income, his criminal career began. His life spiraled out of control, culminating in several years spent in prison for a number of dishonesty offences. Since his release from jail in early 2022 Alex has turned his life around and become a leading figure in the Counter Fraud profession and a prominent public and motivational speaker across the UK and throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America. Alex is a regular guest on mainstream television and radio, having recently contributed to shows on BBC Radio 4 (including "5 Ways They Get You" with Shari Vahl and "File on 4") and Talk TV (Vanessa Feltz Show). In addition to Public Sector speaking, Alex consults for the world's largest financial institutions (including Tier 1 banks, insurance providers, law firms and risk experts) to enable a deep understanding of the ‘Fraud Mindset’, sophisticated ‘Social Engineering’ techniques and the threat of emerging technology (such as Generative AI and Quantum Computing).

Dr Sophia Yakhlef is a lecturer in sociology and criminology at the Department of Sociology, Kristianstad University in Sweden. Her research interests include police collaboration, police humour, border policing, crime prevention, norm-critical pedagogy, identity, organisational culture, and emotion management. She is currently researching romance fraud in Sweden.

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London (UCL), collaborating with the Systems Security Research Lab in the Department of Computer Science (2021) and working on Malware analysis and concept drift, and at the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI), contributing to the Digital and Biometric Traces Department (2022). He is actively involved in several European projects aimed at combating cybercrime, detecting fraud and corruption, and tracing crypto-illicit activities, such as FALCON, ENSEMBLE, SafeHorizon, and TITANIUM.

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Getting here

The conference will take place at the University of Portsmouth, Richmond Building, Portland Street, Portsmouth PO1 3DE. The university's Getting here and getting around webpage has some useful information about travelling to Portsmouth. Our conference venue is only a 10-minute walk from Portsmouth Harbour train station and The Hard travel interchange, and a 15-minute walk from Portsmouth and Southsea train station.

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