**Alvin CHIA**
**Senior Vice President, Head of Digital Assets Innovation (APAC), Northern Trust**

Alvin Chia is Head of Digital Assets Innovation for Asia Pacific at Northern Trust. He is responsible for developing market-leading innovations that are aligned to Northern Trust's digital asset strategy. Alvin drives Northern Trust's interactions with FinTech, industry bodies, regulators and government to positively influence market change in line with the organization's strategic direction.

Alvin brings more than 10 years of experience in a variety of innovation-related roles. Most recently as the Expert Senior Manager of Innovation at Bain and Company, where he helped senior leaders from Fortune 500 companies achieve their strategic ambition. Prior to Bain, Alvin served as the Vice President of Innovation at DBS Bank where he co-created numerous flagship digital products and services for the bank across Asia.

Alvin is an alumnus of the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), and is currently completing a doctoral degree in digital innovation at NUS.

**Arthit Sriumporn**
**Founder & CEO of Rakkar Digital**

Arthit Sriumporn, as the Founder and CEO of Rakkar Digital, brings over 20 years of expertise in the digital asset and traditional finance with a combination of engineering knowledge and a deep understanding of customer needs in the blockchain domain. Arthit advocates for trust, security, and strategic agility as he leads Rakkar Digital as Asia's leading qualified custodian for institutions. Under his visionary leadership, the company is dedicated to enhancing its services and pursuing innovative pathways for expansion, all while maintaining the commitment to providing industry-leading digital asset solutions.

**Dr. Beatah Sibanda**
**Lecturer, School of Accounting, North-West University, South Africa**

Beatah completed a PhD in 2023 titled "Exploring the adoption of blockchain technology for effective governance in Gauteng government department, South Africa. Before joining the University, Beatah worked as an Auditor in the public sector and joined the North-West University in 2021 as a full-time academic.

**Dr. Bharath Ramesh**
**Academic Program Advisor/Lecturer,  Western Sydney University**

Dr. Bharath Ramesh joined ICNS in Aug 2020 as a Lecturer in Neuromorphic Engineering and later took on the role of Academic Program Advisor for the Master of Neuromorphic Engineering program. In this multifaceted role, Bharath combines his extensive research background with a commitment to guiding and mentoring students in their academic journeys. Bharath's prior teaching and mentoring experience seamlessly integrated into formal classroom settings at Western Sydney University.

Bharath is dedicated to expanding his research efforts significantly, with a primary focus on AI and Neuromorphic Engineering, within the larger context of Industry 4.0. Within the realm of Industry 4.0, his research encompasses a diverse range of interdisciplinary topics like the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and cyber-physical systems into real world applications and processes. My goal is to explore how these technologies can revolutionize smart systems in providing privacy and user-centric experiences, ultimately shaping the future of modern society.

Before joining ICNS, Bharath served as a senior research fellow and principal investigator at the N.1 Institute for Health, formerly known as SINAPSE. Prior to that, he contributed to defense research initiatives as a scientist at Temasek Laboratories @ National University of Singapore.

As the Academic Program Advisor for the Master of Neuromorphic Engineering, Bharath brings his expertise and passion to guide students in their educational journey, ensuring they have the tools and support needed to excel in this dynamic field.

**Daniel Liebau**
**Affiliate Faculty, Singapore Management University**

Daniel is an Affiliate Faculty at Singapore Management University (SMU).

He is also the Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Annual Review of Fintech journal. He has published on blockchain in JBBA, SBE and others. Daniel is finishing his PhD in Finance at Erasmus University. He holds a Master in Finance (IE) and a MSc in Innovation (SMU).

**Daniel Uribe, MBA**
**Co-Founder & CEO, GenoBank USA**

Daniel is a serial entrepreneur, expert in cybersecurity, blockchain & privacy regulations, working in genomics, biobanking & healthcare data decentralization; inventor of the BioNFT™.

**Dr. Darcy W. E. Allen**
**Senior Research Fellow, RMIT University | Deputy Director, RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub**

Dr Allen is a Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub. He is an economist with expertise in Web3 strategy, governance and cryptoeconomic design. He's published 20+ journal articles and 4 books on the economics of entrepreneurship and technology.

**Professor David LEE Kuo Chuen**
**Professor, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences**

David LEE Kuo Chuen is a Professor of Fintech and Blockchain at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), an Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore (NUS), a founding Council Member of the British Blockchain Association, and Editor-in-Chief or Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Fintech and Annual Review of Fintech.

Professor LEE is also an internationally renowned scholar and industry opinion leader in the field of blockchain, an expert in the development of WEB3 and Artificial Intelligence (AI) application scenarios, the Chairman of the Global FinTech Institute (GFI), a co-founder of the Singapore Blockchain Association, a co-founder of the Blockchain Security Alliance and Global Web3 Association, a CBDC advisor to the Asian Development Bank, Vice President of the Economic Society of Singapore (ESS), a cryptocurrency advisor to the Asian Institute of Digital Finance (AIDF) of NUS, an advisor to the SUSS Node for Inclusive FinTech (NiFT), an independent director of several listed companies in Singapore, founder of Western Australia Web3 Association, an angel investor in blockchain, WEB3, inclusive finance and AI innovation, a senior advisor and Investment Committee member of Artichoke Capital which is backed by institutional limited partners, including sovereign wealth and family office funds.

Professor LEE previously served as a Senior Advisor to the Provost of Singapore Management University (SMU), Director of the Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economic (SKBI) in Singapore, a member of the Research Council of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of Ping An One Connect, an independent director of Lu Global in Singapore, and long taught at the Mayor's Class in Singapore.

In addition, Professor LEE served as an international consultant to the Distributed Trust Research Project at Stanford University, Group MD of listed companies OUE Enterprise and Auric Pacific, a Fellow at Harvard University - National University of Singapore (1991-1993), a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford University in 2015, a stockbroker from 1993-1998, the founder of hedge fund Ferrell Asset Management (1998-2012), and a licensed developer of real estate developer Ferrell Residences.

**Dr. Deborah Cleary**
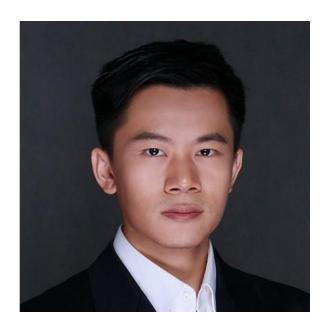**Head of Partnerships, The British Blockchain Association**

Deborah Cleary specialises in partnerships and business development.

With over a decade of experience, she has forged impactful collaborations globally, leveraging her extensive network and professional abilities to identify, nurture, and secure strategic alliances that drive innovation and network growth within the blockchain ecosystem, and beyond.

Working with the BBA Executive, Deborah supported the creation of the Blockchain Associations Forum (51 country network), and has subsequently lead BBA's partnership and supporter negotiations, cultivating relationships between private and public sector stakeholders.

Deborah is currently Head of Partnerships for the British Blockchain Association and the Blockchain All Party Parliamentary Group (UK), in support of the APPG Secretariat.

Directing *partnership activities for the British Blockchain Association (BBA); Blockchain All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Secretariat (UK); Journal of the British Blockchain Association (JBBA); Centre of Evidence Based Blockchain (CEBB), and the Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF).*

**GUO Junxiu**
**CEO & Founder, Elven**

Junxiu Guo, CEO and Co-Founder: Mr. Guo have years of working experience at financial digitalization, accounting and data product. He was VP at Eastern Bell Capital and Product Lead at Baidu before founding Elven. Mr. Guo graduated from Tsinghua University with a M.A. in Accounting. Heparticipated in the proposed ASU of crypto assets by FASB in 2023.

**Jag FOO**
**Head of Business Development, Safeheron**

Jag Foo is an experienced management professional with more than 15 years of track record in the field of security, technology and artificial intelligence.

Jag is currently the Head of Business Development for Safeheron, an institutional-grade self-custody solution specializing in Multi-Party Computation technology to help enterprises enhance security and governance on digital asset management.

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**Associate Professor Justina TAN**
**Vice President, Strategic Partnership and Engagement, Singapore**
**University of Social Sciences**

Associate Professor Justina Tan is the Vice President of Strategic Partnership and Engagement at Singapore University of Social Sciences. She holds Doctor of Education (EdD) degrees from University College London, Institute of Education (IoE) and Nanyang Technological University. She also has an MA from Columbia University, Teachers College, a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University and Bachelor of Communication Studies (Hons) from Nanyang Technological University.

Justina leads the External Relation and Communications and Marketing teams in the university. She specializes in employee-driven innovation, mentoring and coaching and has done extensive work with organisations. She is also recognized for her mentoring and coaching expertise particularly in the education realm. She has also extensive experience in consulting and teaching in countries such as US, China, Bahrain, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia. She is also the Editor of the book "Making Employee-Driven Innovation Achievable: Approaches and Practices for Workplace Learning". She has also recently launched the Digital Andragogy Blueprint in partnership with Microsoft which will also be made available on Microsoft Learn, a free, online training platform available globally that prepares learners for the future.

**Leo LIN**
**CEO, Founder, Arkreen Network**

Leo Lin is Founder of Arkreen Network. With the rich cross industry experiences in IoT, Blockchain and digital security, Leo Lin is an active DePIN and ReFi integrated innovation leader and evangelist to drive the global ecosystem. Prior to founding Arkreen, Leo Lin served as General Manager at Gemalto, the global leading digital security company. Leo Lin holds an Electrical Engineering bachelor degree from Zhejiang University and an EMBA from the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS).

**Professor Dr. Naseem Naqvi MBE**
**President, The British Blockchain Association**

Professor Dr Naseem Naqvi MBE is the founding President of The British Blockchain Association. He is the first person in the world to be awarded the UK's highest National Honour (King's Honour, MBE) for services to Blockchain and Web3 Technologies.

He is the Lead Author of the UK's National Blockchain Roadmap, published in 2021. He is an Honorary Professor of Blockchain at Epoka University, and was Named a "Think Tank" and a "Blockchain Influencer" by the UK Parliament in 2018.

Prof Naqvi is a Principal Fellow of the British Blockchain Association (BBA) and the Editor-in-Chief and Founder of the Journal of the British Blockchain Association (JBBA), World's first Open Access Scientific Blockchain journal available both in print, and online.

In 2018, Prof Naqvi was the first person in the world to coin the term "Evidence-Based Blockchain" (EBB). He is the Founding Chair of the world's first Centre for Evidence-Based Blockchain (CEBB) and the Founding Chair of the Blockchain Associations Forum (BAF), a global consortium of Blockchain associations from 51 countries across 6 continents.

He was Featured in the list of EU blockchain experts by EU Horizon 2020, Frankfurt School Blockchain Centre research. Since 2021, Prof Naqvi has also been the global head of BBA's metaverse initiatives.

He holds an MSc in Blockchain & Cryptocurrency (Awarded the prestigious 'Genesis Block Scholarship for 'Exceptional & Notable contributions to Blockchain Technology & Cryptocurrencies).

In 2019, he Chaired the World's First 'Scholars in Blockchain', International Scientific Conference in London and again in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Since 2016, Prof Naqvi has given over 700 talks (400+ keynotes) on Web3 and Blockchain technologies and published peer-reviewed research papers in world's leading academic journals.

**Prof Naqvi's Linkedin Profile:**



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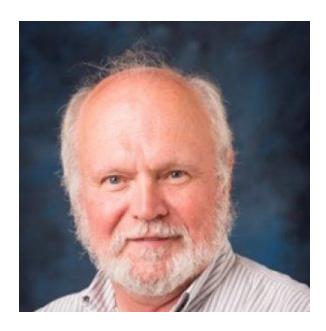linkedin.com

**Prof Naqvi's Keynote talks:**



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**Professor Dr. Oleksandr Letychevskyi**
**Assistant Professor, Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom**

Dr. Oleksandr Letychevskyi is an Associate Professor at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. He worked as a chief researcher at LitSoft, a Motorola contractor, and as a researcher at the University of Missouri (Rolla, USA). Dr. O. Letychevskyi was the head of the digital automata theory department of the Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics (Kyiv, Ukraine). His research interests include algebraic approaches to model-based design and cyber security of robust systems. It includes research in Tokenomics modeling, blockchain, biology, economics, hardware development subject areas.

**Professor Philip Chmielewski**
**Professor and Sir Thomas More Chair of Engineering Ethics**

Professor Philip J. Chmielewski holds the Sir Thomas More Chair of Engineering Ethics at the Seaver College of Science and Engineering of Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

His work focuses on articulating the international dimension for engineering ethics, approaches to the ethical assessment of contemporary technologies, social justice, and sustainability. Recent developments in anthropology provide guides for professional ethics. At universities both in Mainland China and in Hong Kong, he has lectured widely.

His professional memberships include:  HKIE, ACM, IEEE-SSIT, ASCE (adviser for Future World Vision), ASEE, as well as AAA and AAS.

Professor Chmielewski, a native Chicagoan, enjoys chamber music and national theatre traditions.

**Professor Robbie GOH**
**Provost, Office of the Provost, Singapore University of Social Sciences**

Professor Robbie Goh was appointed Provost of the Singapore University of Social Sciences in Oct 2021. He has served on the Board of the Metropolitan YMCA (including as Second Vice-President) and was co-chair of the NUS Resilience and Growth Innovation Challenge to fund student social innovations during the COVID-19 period in his capacity as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and a Professor of Literature in the department of English Language and Literature at the National University of Singapore (NUS). His teaching and research interests include Christianity in Asia/Asian Diasporas, Indian Anglophone Literature, Race and Ethnicity in Popular Culture, as well as the Bible in Literature/Popular Culture. Outside of academia, Professor Goh has been active in church work and volunteerism, having done volunteer work with schools and orphanages in India. Professor Goh obtained his B.A. Honours (1st Class, direct honours, 1988) and M.A. (1989) from NUS, and his PhD from the University of Chicago (1993). He was awarded the Fulbright Fellowship in 1998.

**Shawn LIM**
**Head of APAC, Axelar Network**

Shawn is the Head of APAC for Axelar Network, responsible for the growth and adoption of Axelar Network in the region. Prior to Interop Labs, he has more than 2 years of experience in crypto, building APAC businesses for top crypto brokerages. Before joining the crypto industry, he had spent more than 8 years in banking, managing more than half a billion dollars of client assets.

**Professor Dr. Sinclair Davidson FBBA**
**Professor of Institutional Economics, RMIT University | Co-founder, RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub**

Professor Davidson is a co-founder of the RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub. He has advised multiple Web3 start-ups and published extensively on the economics of blockchain. He is a co-author of Understanding the Blockchain Economy and The New Technologies of Freedom.

**Timileyin Abiodun**
**Master's Student, University of Johannesburg**

Timileyin is a Master's student in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at the University of Johannesburg. Passionate about Blockchain Technology and Artificial Intelligence, He currently focuses on the application of blockchain technology in carbon emission reduction. Timileyin's work aims to eradicate climate change.

With his research presented at the BBA's 6th Blockchain International Scientific Conference 2024, Timileyin seeks to contribute to the green environment's advancement. He aspires to be a senior researcher and bring innovative insights to the application of blockchain technology in various UN sustainable goals.

**Dr. Vasily Sumanov**
**Head of Research, PowerPool, Cyprus**

Since joining PowerPool in 2021, Dr. Vasily has been prototyping decentralized financial products, economic systems, and infrastructure solutions. Before PowerPool, Vasily contributed to various projects by designing and analyzing blockchain-based economic systems. Vasily holds a Ph.D. in Solid State Chemistry from Lomonosov MSU and has co-authored six papers.

**Professor Zvi Wiener**
**Sanger Family Chair in Banking and Risk Management, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Professor Zvi Wiener is an expert in Finance, he served as a dean of the Business School at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2016-2020. Zvi is one of the founders of PRMIA (Professional Risk Managers' International Association, see www.prmia.org), has served as a co-chair of the worldwide Education and Standards Committee of PRMIA, and is currently a co-director of PRMIA Israel. Since 2017 Zvi has been ranked among the top 10% of authors on the Science Research Network. He is a recipient of multiple awards, grants, and fellowships. In addition to a rich consulting experience, Zvi is an angel investor in companies developing new technologies and an amateur runner. His academic website: http://pluto.mscc.huji.ac.il/~mswiener.