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# ACi 2025 Annual Symposium Agenda

## Registration

**Registration & Welcome  
Coffee – Venue Opens**

08:30 - 09:00

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Join us for a warm welcome and light refreshments as attendees arrive.

## Opening

**Welcome Address**

09:00 - 09:10

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Delegates are welcomed to the event by ACi and White & Case LLP.

*Simon Scales, ACi  
Neill Blundell, White & Case LLP  
Steve Young, ACi*

## Panel Discussion

**Bribery and Corruption**

09:10 - 09:50

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ACi initiatives; the revised FCPA DOJ guidance ; the joint French, Swiss and British initiative 6 months on; the role of NGOs, organised crime and B&C.

*Simon Scales, ACi  
Ash Sharma, Anglo American  
Adam Garside, Control Risks  
Neill Blundell, White & Case LLP*

## Fireside Chat

**OCCRP: Taking on the big  
corporate stories**

09:50 - 10:35

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What it's like working on the biggest investigative stories: is the world more corrupt and dangerous? What are the risks journalists take?

*Steve Young, ACi  
Tom Stocks, Senior Investigative  
Editor, OCCRP  
Selma Mhaoud, MENA Editor*

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## Break

### Morning Break and Networking

10:35 - 11:00

Refreshments served

## Panel Discussion

### Investigations Readiness and the Expanding Data Universe

11:00 - 11:40

Practical steps to control, map and access your data in readiness for an investigation

*Livia Correa, Head of LATAM, ACi*  
*James Grant, KLDISCOVERY*  
*Michael Zimmern, Diageo*  
*John Gibson, Michelman Robinson LLP*

## Panel Discussion

### AI and Investigations

11:40 - 12:20

How Gen AI is transforming investigations - benefits and risks.

*Cheryl O'Shea, Head of APAC, ACi*  
*Paul Gordon, Relativity*  
*Jonny Davies, Senior Manager, Investigations, Microsoft*  
*Sara Lawson KC, Mayfair Place*

## Panel Discussion

### The Interface Between Investigators and Law Enforcement

12:20 - 13:00

Best practise on liaising with law enforcement; considerations around self-reporting; the impact of the SFO's updated guidance.

*Brad McGrath, ACi ExCo*  
*Jonah Anderson, White & Case LLP*  
*Oliver Little, City of London Police*  
*Anne Medlycott, JP Morgan*



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Break

**Lunch Break and Networking**

13:00 - 14:00

Refreshments served

Panel Session

**Managing Investigations in the light of changes to corporate liability**

14:00 - 14:40

How ECCTA has changed the law; the new Failure to Prevent Fraud Offence & its practical impact on investigations. Balancing liability, the integrity of the investigation & the interests of the company.  
Angel Corbacho, ACi | Chris Sherwood, M&G | *Elizabeth Robertson, Robertson Pugh | Clara Gehner, Schellenberg Wittmer*

Panel Session

**Illicit Trade Investigations**

14:40 - 15:20

Exploring the nuances of investigating illicit trade.

Patrick Wellens, Chief Compliance Officer, ACi  
Georgia Franks, Kroll  
Claire Williams, Global Head of Investigations, Imperial Brands  
Fred Ellis, Traffic

Break

**Afternoon refreshments**

15:20 - 15:50

A quick re-charge before we head into the last part of the day.



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## Panel Discussion

### Social Media and OSINT

15:50 - 16:30

The impact of social media on open source intelligence & investigations. The evolving threat of deep fakes. Managing misinformation, fact checkers and free speech.

Basha Galvin, ACi  
Joshua Gallogly, Neotas  
Michael Harris, FCC Consultants  
Mary Eastwood-Jones, WTO

## Presentation

### War Stories from a Social Engineer

16:30- 17:15

James has social engineered and physically breached some of the world's largest and sensitive organisations. This talk includes real-world findings and lessons learned, critical safety risks and how he has tricked his way into some of the world's largest and sensitive environments.

James Mason

## Presentation

### The ACi Moving Forward

17:15 - 17:30

What's in store for the ACi in 2026 and beyond

*Simon Scales and the ACi Executive Committee*

## Networking Drinks

### Join us for a drink after the event

17:30 - 19:30

Time to network with your colleagues.



# ACi 2025 Annual Symposium Highlights

Join us for a day of insightful sessions and networking opportunities in London.

The symposium will feature **keynote addresses**, engaging panel discussions, and interactive workshops led by industry experts. Don't miss the chance to connect with fellow professionals and expand your network throughout the day.

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Keynote 14:15 - 14:45	Subjuncting the Financial System: The Evolving Role of B James De Groot-Cherik (ASML)
Panel 14:45 - 15:30	From Alert to Action: Strengthening Whistleblower Case M Prof. Sharon Caded (NPP), Gian Alfano (SIVEX), Jasper Goo JASAL, Gabriela Gutierrez (VEON)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
Panel 16:00 - 16:45	Conducting Smart Investigations: ISO 17025, Legal Protec Practice Atsu Shima (ACS), Andrew Reeves (VWF), Steor Shorret J
Fireside 16:45 - 17:30	Fireside Chat with Tom Hardin (Tipper X) and prof. Sharon
17:30 - 19:30	Closing Remarks - Drinks and Networking

# Thank you

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