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Speaker biographies



Katia (Ekaterina) Banina Director, Product Management –
Workflow Enablement, Refinitiv



David Craig CEO, Refinitiv

David Craig is the CEO and a Board Member of Refinitiv, the global leader in financial markets data and infrastructure. Refinitiv connects the worldwide financial ecosystem across 40,000 institutions in 190 countries. David believes that Refinitiv has a clear opportunity to drive innovation and major performance improvements across financial markets by equipping customers with better data and analytics and providing open technology platforms to facilitate integration and choice.

Throughout his career, David has been a passionate advocate for the power of data, technology and innovation to enable “smarter humans with smarter machines” to create a more trusted, sustainable and effective community.



Dr. Holly Cummins Worldwide Development Leader, IBM

Holly Cummins is worldwide development lead for the IBM Cloud Garage. Holly delivers technology-enabled innovation to clients across a range of industries, from banking to retail to NGOs. She has led projects to count fish, help a blind athlete run desert marathons solo, and improve health care for the elderly. Holly is a Java Champion and IBM Q Ambassador, and holds a DPhil in Quantum Computation.



Olivier Davant Product Manager – Desktop & Platform APIs, Refinitiv

Speciality/domain expertise: software development, agility, API design. Olivier has 20 years of experience in Refinitiv/Thomson Reuters in various projects and roles (Developer, Team Leader, Framework Architect, Developer Advocate, Dev Doc Manager). He’s interested in APIs design, technology popularization, making things work. In his spare time he enjoys playing guitar, photography and snorkeling.



Dr. Sally Eaves Professor, Author, Futurist and Global Strategy Advisor on Emergent Technologies

Prof. Sally Eaves has been described as the 'torchbearer for ethical tech'. She brings a depth of experience from Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer roles, as a Professor in Emergent Technologies and as a Global Strategic Advisor, specialising in Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, 5G, Cloud, FinTech, EdTech and Cyber Security. Sally is an award-winning international keynote speaker, author, researcher and influencer sharing original and authentic thought leadership. She believes in combining inclusive Digital Transformation for Business, alongside enabling Social Impact at scale.

Sally was an inaugural recipient of the Frontier Technology and Social Impact award, presented at the United Nations HQ and is a global advocate and action taker on 'Tech for Good'. She has founded Aspirational Futures to help skill, empower and support the next generation of interdisciplinary talent through STEAM learning. An authentic Key Opinion Leader, Sally is a graduate of the CIO Academy at Said Business School, Oxford University and the Sustainability Leadership Institute at Judge Business School, The University of Cambridge.



Matt Elsom Vice President, Risk Solutions, Artesian

Matt Elsom has joined Artesian in order to lead the development of a Risk Solutions line of business.

Matt has worked in risk and compliance for 20 years, utilising a combination of data, software and statistical analysis to help address the needs of regulated businesses.

Matt sits on the Board of Fair Finance, a social business which offers financial products designed for people and businesses who are financially excluded.



Jon Fox CEO, Topaz Tech

Jon Fox is co-founder and CEO of Topaz, a state of the art, scalable commodity trading and risk management platform. Prior to Topaz, Jon was at Trafigura, having a number of roles including structured derivatives trader, head of front office & risk systems, and head of IT infrastructure.



Ievgen Goichuk Senior Software Engineer, Refinitiv

Ievgen Goichuk has over 15 years of experience as a software engineer and architect. He has created working solutions in finance, e-commerce, media and enterprise resource planning using various technologies and programming languages. His areas of expertise include cloud, microservices, DevOps, machine learning and streaming analytics. For the last two years he has worked in Refinitiv Labs (formerly Thomson Reuters Labs) leading development of new products.



Dr. Yves Hilpisch CEO, The AI Machine, The Python Quants

Dr. Yves J. Hilpisch is founder and CEO of The Python Quants (<http://tpq.io>), a group focusing on the use of open-source technologies for financial data science, artificial intelligence, algorithmic trading, and computational finance. He is also founder and CEO of The AI Machine (<http://aimachine.io>), a company focused on AI-powered algorithmic trading based on a proprietary strategy execution platform. Yves has a diploma in business administration, a Ph.D. in mathematical finance and is Professor of Computational Finance at Miami Business School (University of Miami). He is the author of four books (<http://books.tpq.io>).



Geoff Horrell Director, Refinitiv Labs, Refinitiv

Geoff Horrell is a Director of Innovation within Refinitiv Labs. Geoff has created and launched numerous content products to help financial professionals go beyond the information contained within financial statements. Geoff is based in London where he manages the multidisciplinary lab of research and data scientists, UX and UI experts. He has held multiple product and strategy roles at Refinitiv (formerly the Financial & Risk division of Thomson Reuters).



Fatos Ismali Data Solutions Architect, Microsoft Azure

Fatos is a passionate technologist bringing with him a wealth of experience from both the start-up and corporate world. He has a huge interest in Deep Learning and Data Engineering and has seen himself apply his skills in industries such as Financial Services, Retail, Public Sector, Biomass Energy Production, Media and Publishing. Fatos holds a BSc in Computer Science and a Master's in Data Warehouses and Business Intelligence. He has worked for Oracle as a Cloud Architect and now works for Microsoft as a Data Solutions Architect focusing on Data & AI. He is the founder and organizer of one of the biggest Data Science communities in London – Data Science Initiative.



Gillian Lamela Project Manager, BI Technology Cloud & Engineering Transformation

Gillian is currently supports Barclays Technology Cloud & Engineering Transformation Programme which focuses on accelerated cloud migration enabling Markets, Corporate and Cards businesses to provide a simpler, faster access to storage and compute, reduce our physical server estate and data centre footprint, improve developer productivity and support multi-million cost optimisation.

Prior to her current role, Gillian supported mission critical efforts at Barclays including Barclays' first CCAR regulatory stress testing to US Federal Reserve, and 'OneBarclays' transformation efforts to reduce legacy technology estate, deliver new strategic systems and establish new ways of working at Barclays.

She is also one of the co-founders for Women In Technology UK at Barclays whose platform to inspire and empower women to achieve their career aspirations STEM and sits on the COO Diversity & Inclusion Committee at Barclays.



Mike McGarry Sales Engineer, FINBOURNE Technology

Mike is a sales engineer at FINBOURNE working closely with developers across the buy-side helping them use our cloud based investment data platform. Mike is an AWS certified solutions architect and was a winner of the Winner WWF Future Cities Hackathon - Sustainable Products. In his free time, Mike has also launched a free notification service – Chirping Canary – which monitors the average air pollution levels in London.



Mint Minchaya D. Director of Product Management – Core Frameworks, Refinitiv

Mint Minchaya joined Reuters 15 years ago in Bangkok and spent 11 years in Paris managing Eikon Desktop and Web application. She moved to London four months ago to lead the Core Frameworks Product Management teams who are responsible for Desktop, Web, Mobile, Services API, App Strategy and Developer Experience. The team manages the foundations of Refinitiv Workspace application and prepares to become the desktop financial platforms for our customers and partners in the near future.



Umer Nalla API Consultant, Refinitiv

Umer Nalla is a former Windows GUI application developer who joined Reuters just over 15 years ago. During his time at Reuters and now Refinitiv, he has worked extensively with clients and their developers. He has developed real-time market data applications for clients as well as assisted their developers to develop or migrate their real-time market data applications using Refinitiv's APIs.



Aravind Narayan Risk Solutions Consultant, Refinitiv

Aravind is a Risk Solutions Consultant at Refinitiv with over a decade of solutioning and implementation experience. He is an expert in World-Check® One API and process modeling. He is also a regtech evangelist.



Tim Nugent Senior Research Scientist, Refinitiv Labs, Refinitiv

Tim is a Senior Research Scientist in Refinitiv Labs. Based in London, he works primarily on projects involving machine learning, natural language processing, blockchain and cryptocurrency research. He holds a Ph.D. in applied machine learning from University College London, and has previously worked as a quant for a hedge fund and as a developer on a fixed income and securities trading platform.



David Oliver Senior Data Scientist, Refinitiv

David Oliver has been at Refinitiv for three years. He spent the past decade as a quant at a tier one bank and a hedge fund, working with a variety of data sets. He has a keen interest in anything involving data science, statistics, machine learning and cloud technologies.



Jason Ramchandani Developer Community Manager/Advocate, Refinitiv

Jason's domain expertise lies in economics and his background is as a quant in the equity-linked space. Jason's previous experience was at Jefferies LLC, Sakura Finance and Okasan Securities. His main interest is in scientific computing and he enjoys filmmaking and photography in his free time.



Tom Salmon Lead Customer Engineer, Capital Markets,
Google Cloud Platform

At Google, Tom works with leading financial services organizations to meet their business goals through digital transformation using data, analytics and machine learning. With deep experience in cybersecurity and cloud computing, Tom has lead first-of-their-kind projects to take advantage of new and unique services offered by Google Cloud including building Refinitiv Tick History on BigQuery.



Jorge Santos Global Head of Product Management, Desktop Platform,
Refinitiv

Jorge leads the Refinitiv Product Management and Design teams that are responsible for the end-user platform, which includes desktop interfaces, Web and mobile access, Office, collaboration tools, desktop APIs and app development SDKs. These are the teams orchestrating and implementing the strategy for Refinitiv Workspace – the evolution of the Desktop for financial professionals.



Samuel Schwalm Director, Analytic Platform, Pricing Proposition, Refinitiv

Trained as an engineer in applied mathematics, finance and technology, Samuel has developed an expertise in market data and financial and risk solutions through various roles in that space. He started his career as a quant developing a financial library before joining Reuters where he has held various roles in technology, product management and proposition for its desktop and risk product lines. He now leads the Analytic Platform Pricing Proposition offering Refinitiv analytics as a service and helps customers with their transition to the cloud.



Rohit Singh Senior Enterprise Solutions Architect, AWS

Rohit is a Senior Enterprise Solutions Architect at Amazon Web Services. In his current role, Rohit is responsible for assisting enterprise customers with architectural guidance and design recommendations for leveraging cloud-based services, tools and techniques. Rohit has been with AWS for 3+ years and has been involved in a number of large-scale projects involving lift and shift as well as implementations of cloud native solutions on AWS for a number of global enterprise customers.



Graham Tolson Head of Data Sourcing Strategy, BattleFin

Graham Tolson is currently head of data sourcing strategy for BattleFin Technology. Prior to focusing on BattleFin's technology business, Graham was working at BattleFin Asset Management, incubating niche quantitative hedge fund strategies. It was here that he was also helping to run the BattleFin Stadium Platform for emerging hedge fund managers. Before BattleFin, Graham was an associate at Marcus and Hagstrom, a marketing and events consultancy firm focused on the financial and manufacturing technology industries. Graham graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.S. in political science.



Catalina Vazquez Proposition Director, Refinitiv

Catalina heads up the Historical Data business globally. As Proposition Director, she leads the strategy and execution for Refinitiv's market leading Tick History offering that enables customers to access and extract insight from Refinitiv's vast historical data archive.

Catalina holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Universidad de San Andres in Argentina and is currently undertaking her postgraduate studies in Finance at London Business School in the UK.

At Refinitiv, she has held a series of roles in sales, operations and strategy. Most recently she focused on leading the commercialisation strategy and go-to-market roll out of Refinitiv's Enterprise offerings in the analytics and historical data space.



Richard Warner Director, Software Engineer, Refinitiv

Richard has been working as a software developer in the Financial industry for over 30 years. He worked on both front and back end elements of the Topic3 and Global Topic terminals for Thomson. When Thomson merged with Reuters, he moved to Contributions who are responsible for the ingestion of non-exchange based data. In this role he worked on a number of high performance systems using the Elektron Transport API. Before joining Thomson, he worked as a freelance developer, writing software for BT, ICL, Acorn, the Consumers' Association, Atari and many others. As a member of my local amateur dramatic group he regularly plays the dame in pantomime.



Jingwei Zhang Data Scientist at Refinitiv Labs, Refinitiv

Jingwei Zhang's twisted path to data science has been developed from linguistics, cognitive neuroscience and computer science. During her past experience as a data scientist, she has been working on applying machine learning/artificial intelligence into various industries (e.g., ed-tech, smart retail and fintech). Though open to various types of ML problems, her strongest research interest lies in natural language processing. Besides daily work, she is active in sharing knowledge and making the ideas of AI more accessible to everyone by organizing regular AI training programs and developing an AI community in London (i.e., the China-Britain Artificial Intelligence Association).



Felix Zumstein Partner and CEO, xlwings

Felix Zumstein is creator and maintainer of xlwings, the popular open-source package that allows automation of Excel® with Python on Windows® and macOS®. He authored the video course "Python for Excel" and organizes the xlwings meetups in London and NYC. He is also a managing director at xltrail, a version control system for Excel workbooks.

Refinitiv is one of the world's largest providers of financial markets data and infrastructure, serving over 40,000 institutions in over 190 countries. It provides leading data and insights, trading platforms, and open data and technology platforms that connect a thriving global financial markets community – driving performance in trading, investment, wealth management, regulatory compliance, market data management, enterprise risk and fighting financial crime.

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