



ABOUT THE MODERATOR

JOSEPHINE (JOSIE) SCALIA
VP, Head of Global Tax at CAE



Josephine (Josie) Scalia is the VP, Global Taxation at CAE and Past International President of the Tax Executives Institute (TEI). For the first 12 years of her career, she worked in the Big Four accounting firms in audit, M&A consulting, and tax. She then moved to an in-house tax role where she led the tax department of a major Canadian shipping company for 9 years. After that role, she accepted her role as VP Tax for Atrium Innovations, which was later acquired by Nestlé and where she was then promoted to Global Head of Tax at Nestlé Health Science. Ms. Scalia holds CPA licenses in both the United States (Massachusetts) and Canada (Quebec) and has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Concordia University and an MBA with a concentration in taxation from the University of North Florida. Ms. Scalia was included in the "ITR Global Tax 50 2023", the annual report by the International Tax Review (ITR) highlighting the 50 most influential tax individuals globally. She is committed to mentoring and fostering the next generation of tax professionals and is the chair of TEI's International Tax Student Case Competition held annually in August in Montreal.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

CHERIA CORAM

Director, Tax Technology & Data Enablement at Starbucks



Influential tax data and automation leader focused on reimagining the tax function, powered by data and technology, with a passion for infusing innovation into team culture and building teams and capabilities for lasting impact. Cheria Coram is Director of Tax Technology & Data Enablement at Starbucks, where she sets the vision and leads the strategy and delivery of data and automation solutions across the tax function. Her work focuses on elevating the tax data experience, enabling scalable compliance, strong controls, audit readiness, and insight-driven support of business growth. Her background includes expertise in financial accounting and reporting for taxes, SOX controls, redesigning processes, and transformation leadership.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

DAVID GIELTY

Director, Tax Operations, Data and Automation at Atkinsrealis



David is a Director of Tax Operations, Data and Automation at Atkinsrealis, a global engineering services firm with over 38,000 people in 30+ countries. Based in Montréal, Canada he leads initiatives that use both conventional automation and AI workflows to improve tax compliance, data management, and financial operations across a global organization, helping connect tax, finance, and technology teams around the world.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

HERSH JOSHI

Managing Director, Corporate Affairs at Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan



Hersh Joshi is a Senior Executive with over 20 years of experience in investment management and consulting. As the head of Tax at Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP), he has led global finance and tax functions, supporting OTPP's strategy through strategic partnerships and assisting in the deployment of billions of dollars in investments worldwide. Hersh is a Chartered Professional Accountant from Ontario, a Certified Public Accountant from Colorado, and a Chartered Accountant from India. He holds a Masters of Taxation from the University of Waterloo, and has completed leadership programs at Ivey Business School, Harvard Business School, and Rotman School of Business, earning the ICD.D designation in 2024. Passionate about purpose-driven organizations, Hersh builds inclusive teams for optimal outcomes. He has led various philanthropic initiatives and serves on the board of the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS) and on the Real Estate Advisory Committee to the board of March of Dimes, Canada. Hersh is also the executive sponsor of OTPP's Mentorship program for new immigrants via TRIEC, and has previously served as a board member of the Toronto chapter of the Tax Executive Institute.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

LUIS PEREZ

Director, Global Tax Ai Automation at Dell Technologies



Luis Perez leads Dell Technologies' Global Tax AI Automation team, which he has built from the ground up since 2012. The team applies intelligent process automation, advanced analytics, and emerging agentic AI to modernize compliance, transfer pricing, provision, and controversy operations across Dell's global tax footprint. His own path started on Dell's manufacturing floor, assembling laptops and PCs. Twenty-seven years later, he works at the intersection of tax and technology — indirect tax, multinational compliance, ERP and tax engine integration, and e-invoicing mandates. Every step was built on skills learned on the job, as the work itself kept changing. That shaped how he hires. Luis has grown a global team by finding people who will reskill as fast as the tools do, wherever they come from, rather than recruiting to a profile — and he speaks on what it takes to stand up an automation function inside a tax organization, from sequencing the first wins to building a bench that keeps pace with the technology.



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RAPHAËL CLÉMENT
Lecturer at HEC Montréal



Raphaël is currently a doctoral student in law at McGill University and a lecturer at HEC Montréal, where he teaches international taxation. His research focuses on the governance mechanisms of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS, with a particular interest in transparency, inclusivity, and the role of developing countries in global tax policymaking. He was previously a lawyer with the Department of Justice Canada, where he focused on tax litigation. Raphaël holds an LL.M. in Taxation from HEC Montréal, where he received the Canadian Tax Foundation's MTax Award for academic excellence.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PEDRO FRANTZ

Federal Revenue Service Tax Auditor & Head, Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, Brazilian Federal Revenue Service



Pedro Frantz is an Auditor-Fiscal with Brazil's Federal Revenue Service (Receita Federal do Brasil), where he has served for over twenty years, and heads the agency's Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (CEIA). Trained as an electrical engineer, he has spent much of his career at the intersection of tax administration and technology, leading the development of analytics and artificial intelligence capabilities across one of the world's largest tax administrations. He is the author of Portaria RFB 647/2026, Brazil's institutional governance framework for the use of artificial intelligence in tax administration. Internationally, he co-leads the OECD's International Tax Technology Initiative alongside Luxembourg and serves on the Advisory Group of the OECD's Inventory of Uncertainties Initiative. He is a participant of the United Nations Tax Committee's Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence for the 2026–2029 term, where he is a co-drafter of the forthcoming Practical Guide on Artificial Intelligence in Tax Administration, and acts as a Short-Term Expert for the International Monetary Fund. He is based in southern Brazil.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PRAMOD KUMAR

Former Vice President at the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal of India



Pramod Kumar is a former Member and Vice President of the Indian Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, the final fact-finding authority in direct tax matters in India, where he adjudicated disputes, including those involving international taxation and transfer pricing, for more than 22 years and authored over 15,000 judgments. He serves on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Tax Judges and participates in the United Nations Subcommittee on Artificial Intelligence and Tax Administrations. He continues to contribute to capacity-building initiatives for the tax judiciary, speaks at conferences and seminars in India and internationally, and writes on tax treaties and the use of technology in dispute prevention and resolution. He holds a law degree from Gujarat University, is a Chartered Accountant, and has more than four decades of experience in direct taxation in India.



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LAURA GHEORGHIOU

Partner and Practice Group Leader, Tax at Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP & Vice-President at IFA Canada



Laura Gheorghiu is the Practice Group Leader of Gowling WLG's Tax Group in Canada and a respected tax lawyer based in the firm's Montréal office. Recognized among the foremost professionals in her field by the International Tax Review, Chambers, Lexpert, and Best Lawyers in Canada, she is known for her creative, commercially grounded approach to complex domestic and cross-border tax matters. Laura focuses her practice on M&A transactions, cross-border investment structures, corporate reorganizations, clean economy projects, e-commerce, and the taxation of emerging technologies. She also advises on stock option plans, employer payroll and pension obligations, federal and Québec value-added taxes (GST/HST and QST), and Québec commodity taxes, particularly in the fuel and alcohol sectors. Her practice also includes tax dispute resolution, representing clients before the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Québec at the audit and notice of objection stages, and preparing voluntary disclosures relating to income tax and sales tax matters. Laura is Vice-President of IFA Canada and is a sought-after speaker and author on Canadian and international tax matters. She regularly shares her insights through leading media outlets, including The Globe and Mail, BNN Bloomberg, Financial Post, and Investment Executive, and is a frequent presenter at professional and industry conferences. Her publications include contributions to Taxation of Private Corporations and Their Shareholders (Canadian Tax Foundation), Introduction to International Tax in Canada (Thomson Reuters), and the Business Guide to Environmental Law (Thomson Reuters).



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

BRIGITTE MUEHLMANN

Professor, Division of Accounting and Law at Babson College



Brigitte Muehlmann, Ph.D., M.S.B.A., M.S.T., CPA, CMA, CFM, is a Professor of Accounting at Babson College, where she enjoys contributing to the success of entrepreneurial leaders by teaching them mindset and skills to create social and economic value wherever they go, and an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University School of Law, where she teaches international tax risk management with technology utilizing a design-thinking approach. Dr. Muehlmann advances knowledge and insights from research on innovations in practice, inventions, and scholarship. She serves as a Council Member of the International Fiscal Association's USA Branch, a Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of CreditRiskMonitor.com, Inc, a Director of Babson Global, Inc, an editor of the Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting, a member of the Editorial Board of the ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research, among others. A dual Austrian-American citizen, Brigitte holds Ph.D. and MSBA degrees from the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), where she studied economic and social sciences concentrating on tax law, accounting and entrepreneurship. Over time, she added a Master of Science in Taxation from Bentley University, as well as the CPA, CMA, CFM, Entrepreneurship Education, and Transformational Neuro-Coaching credentials to her portfolio.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

ANTHONY NIBLETT

Professor of Law at University of Toronto | Co-Founder at Blue J Legal



Anthony Niblett is a Professor and the Donald Harrison Chair in AI and Technology at the Jackman Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Professor Niblett joined the Faculty of Law in 2011 after completing his PhD in Economics at Harvard University and teaching at the University of Chicago Law School. In addition to his academic work, Professor Niblett co-founded Blue J in 2015. Blue J is a start up that uses AI to help bring clarity to tax law.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

MANIEK SANTOKHI

Lecturer, Computational Science of Taxation, Maastricht University



Maniek Santokhi teaches Computational Science of Taxation at Maastricht University in the Netherlands. The course focuses on translating tax-related questions into computational solutions. Drawing on his background in computer science and his experience in PwC's Tax Technology practice, Maniek's teaching centers on computational thinking, mathematical foundations, and the effective application of data science and artificial intelligence within the tax domain. Alongside his academic work, Maniek is a Data Scientist at Rabobank, where he develops data-driven solutions for anti-money laundering monitoring. Before joining Rabobank, he worked at Accenture's Data & AI practice, advising organizations on AI strategy, data infrastructure, and the implementation of advanced analytics solutions. His work sits at the intersection of technology, taxation, and organizational transformation.



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LIONEL NOBRE



Lionel Nobre is a senior tax executive with more than 30 years of experience in international taxation, transfer pricing, and tax strategy across Latin America and globally. He serves as Vice President of Latin America Tax at Dell Technologies, where he has led the regional tax function since 2006. Lionel is the incoming Secretary of the Tax Executives Institute (TEI) and is actively involved in tax leadership development. He coordinates the International Tax Management Program (ITMP), a joint initiative of UTDT (Argentina), IBDT (Brazil), and TEI Latin America, and serves as an instructor for TEI's Tax Leadership Academy. An accomplished author and speaker, Lionel has contributed to Bloomberg Tax for more than 20 years and is the author of its Brazil Transfer Pricing portfolio chapter. He frequently speaks at conferences hosted by organizations such as TEI, IFA, and the ABA. Lionel is also an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M Law School and recently joined the United Nations Subcommittee on AI and Tax Authorities. He holds a Global Executive MBA, an LL.M. in International Law, and a J.D., and is fluent in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.



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Eve-Marie is a Tax Manager at AtkinsRéalis specializing in Canadian and international corporate taxation. Her work focuses on tax compliance, reporting, and complex cross-border tax matters. She is also a lecturer at HEC Montréal, where she teaches taxation and accounting courses. Active in the broader tax community, Eve-Marie is committed to professional development, mentorship, and knowledge sharing within the profession.



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William Prévost is a Tax Advisor at Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, where he advises businesses and investors on a broad range of corporate tax matters, including tax due diligence, transaction structuring, and business reorganizations. He assists clients in navigating complex tax issues and developing tax-efficient solutions aligned with their strategic and commercial objectives. William also serves as a lecturer at HEC Montréal, where he teaches Canadian Taxation. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from HEC Montréal. Recognized for his academic excellence and commitment to the tax profession, William was awarded the First-Cycle CPA Scholarship and earned second place at the Symposium André-Lareau, one of Québec's premier tax competitions. His dedication to the field of taxation reflects a commitment to both professional expertise and meaningful contributions to the community.