

SANCTIONS CONFERENCE MANCHESTER

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2025
CENTRAL MANCHESTER, UK

AGENDA & SPEAKERS



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9 SEPTEMBER
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Agenda

- 08:00


Registration, breakfast, and coffee
- 09:25

Welcome remarks by Ian Bolton, CEO - Sanctions SOS
- 09:30

Fireside chat with David Reed, Sanctions Director, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) TBC

This talk will focus on challenges facing the sanctions and export control community in 2025, and key government developments in the UK.
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Host: Ian Bolton
Founder and CEO
Sanctions SOS




David Reed, MBE (TBC)
Sanctions Director,
FCDO, UK Government


10:00

Panel 1 - Financial Crime and Sanctions Compliance: The Crossovers and Building an efficient Sanctions Compliance Programme


This panel will look at the growing importance of sanctions within compliance teams, examine balancing the demands of sanctions with other financial crime concerns, and explore how resources and tools can be managed effectively. This panel will also look at how to build and embed best practices, and examine the latest developments from utilising a range of CDD/KYC tools to AI.




Jeremy Round
Managing Director
Active AML




Andrew Roberts
FCR Director,
Enstar Group (Bermuda)



TBC



Aqshar Khaliq,
Director Sanctions,
UK Finance



Megan Gardner
Sanctions Lead,
Flutter Inc.

10:50

Networking Coffee Break

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Panel 2 - Trade Sanctions and Export Controls: How to Manage the Latest Updates

This panel will focus on the latest developments in trade sanctions and export controls. There will be a particular focus on best practice to manage both export controls and sanctions and the overlaps. Additionally, the panel will discuss techniques for identifying, managing and mitigating these risks.



Julia Grainger
Managing Director
Space-Time Consulting



Stéphanie Broekaart,
Partner
Agorax (Netherlands)



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12:00

Panel 3 - The Impact of sanctions on the Maritime and Logistics sector and the Oil Price Cap

A look at dominant sanctions risks impacting the worlds of maritime and logistics. A number of specific issues and risks will be explored, including topics like the ‘Dark Fleet’. The panel will look to explore mechanisms for managing and mitigating these risks.



Homairah Ginwalla
Head of Transport Sanctions Enforcement,
Department for Transport, UK Government



Dr. Ksenia Kirkham
Senior Lecturer, Economic Warfare
King's College London



TBC



Ursula O'Donnell
Head of Claims
North Standard



TBC

12:50

Lunch & Networking

Two-course buffet lunch including meat, fish, and vegetarian options

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13:40

Panel 4 - Conducting Sanctions Investigations, Building Cases, and recognising Evasion Activities

The final panel session will focus on best practices for conducting sanctions investigations and building casework. This will examine some of the tools available to assist with this work, as well as top tips for OSINT gathering. The panel will then explore sanctions evasion and circumvention typologies and effective ways to manage and mitigate the risks.



Chair: Freya Page
Director Global Outreach
Kharon



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Ian Bolton
Founder and CEO
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14:30

Coffee Break

14:50

Immersive Scenario Workshop: Investigating Possible Sanctions Concerns and Evasion Activities

This exercise will be fully immersive and tables will be asked to work through the developing scenario, which will involve a number of artefacts and use of the Kharon ClearView system. The scenario will focus on identifying sanctions risks and recognising evasion typologies. It will also examine techniques for managing and mitigating these risks.

To be facilitated by Ian Bolton, Mathilde Gerritsma, Chloe Giasemidis - Sanctions SOS, and representatives from Kharon.



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Founder and CEO
Sanctions SOS



Freya Page
Director Global Outreach
Kharon



Chris McDonagh
Vice-President Europe
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Mathilde Gerritsma
Outreach and Policy Associate
Sanctions SOS



Chloe Giasemidis
Capacity and Policy Junior Associate
Sanctions SOS

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16:20

Panel 5 - The Future of Sanctions: What Are We Likely To See, And How Should We Respond?

The last panel of the conference will examine the future direction of sanctions, how they are likely to develop and change. It will look at this through the lens of government, academia, private and legal sectors.



Michael O'Kane
Senior Partner
Peters and Peters



James Pattison
Professor of Politics
University of Manchester



TBC



John Kennedy
Research Leader
Rand Europe



TBC

17:10

Wrap Up

Overview and summary of the immersive workshop, day summary, and final announcements

17:15

Close

17:30

Informal Drinks (at nearby pub)

Speakers

Our Speakers

Our speaker faculty is drawn from across the public, private and academic sectors, with a range of stakeholders from different government departments, sectors of industry, financial institutions, legal sector, technology provider, and academia. Our speakers are drawn from all over the world, with a particular focus though on those base in the North of the United Kingdom.



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