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## **TRACE Bribery & Economic Crime Summit Block Chain & Cryptocurrency Pre-Conference Event:**

### **Both Sides of the (Bit)Coin**

**Hosted by: International Centre for Criminal Law Reform**  
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Block chain technology can be used in a wide variety of ways. Some actors have used cryptocurrencies, like Bitcoin, in fraud, drug trafficking, ransomware attacks and other illegal activities. At the same time, there is significant potential in block chain technology to protect privacy, increase trust and combat cybercrime. The speakers at this event discuss both sides of block chain technology and its potential interaction with corruption and criminal law.

#### **(1:00 – 2:15 pm) The Possibilities of Block Chain**

Moderator: Dr. Gerry Ferguson (University of Victoria)

Panel Speakers:

- Dr. Chris Rowell (Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow at the University of British Columbia) Block chain 101. What is block chain and how can block chain help to bring trust to records and transactions, and prevent corruption?
- Cpl. Aaron Gilkes (RCMP, Integrated Technological Crime Unit): Investigators' views on cryptocurrency use in money laundering and other offence.
- Kris Constable (Canadian Institute for Information and Privacy Studies Society) Privacy and cybersecurity, possibilities for using block chain to protect privacy and prevent cybercrimes

#### **(2: 30 – 3:30pm) The Revenue Canada Agency Scam: Tracing Illicit Bitcoin Transactions**

Speaker: Dr. Richard Frank (International Cybercrime Research Centre)

Bitcoin has become a preferred currency for illicit activities. Yet, little is known on how to trace bitcoin transactions and quantify the potential revenues of those behind these activities. Using bitcoin addresses involved in the Canadian Revenue Agency scam, this talk shows how to follow, when possible, transactions left on the bitcoin block chain and infer additional information about them using well-known clustering heuristics. (Research completed in partnership with Masarah Paquet-Clouston).

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