



Association des Juristes Franco-Britanniques  
Franco-British Lawyers Society

Hybrid event

## Open AI, LegalTech and Smart Contracts: Opportunities and Challenges



Tuesday 6 June at 6pm

City Launch Lab

Franklin Building, 124 Goswell Road

London EC1V7DP

Join us for this exciting symposium, where leading voices in the fields of law and technology will come together to discuss the future of LegalTech. We will explore the intersection of AI, law, and ethics, delving into both the opportunities and challenges presented by these rapidly evolving technologies. Whether you are a legal professional, a tech enthusiast, or simply interested in the societal implications of AI, this event offers a rich dialogue and networking opportunities.

To register, please email Sophia administrator at [fbls@outlook.com](mailto:fbls@outlook.com). This event is free to attend.

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## Opening Remarks

Dr Catherine Pédamon  
President, England and Wales, FBLS

### Opportunities and Challenges in Open AI, LegalTech, Smart Contracts

Generative AI and LegalTech: A New Frontier  
Muklesur Bharuya  
Barrister at Law (England and Wales) and Avocat (France)

Navigating Risk with Ethics in Legal AI  
Dr Paresh Katrani  
Strategic Consultant at Mykolas Romeris University Law School and the Legal Technology and Innovation Institute

Challenges and Opportunities in LegalTech  
Charles Brecque  
Founder & CEO of Legislate

## Concluding remarks

A drink reception will follow afterward in the same building which will give you the possibility of networking.

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is a dual-qualified Barrister-at-law (England and Wales) and Attorney-at-law (France, Europe), specializing in fintech regulations. He has experience advising fintech and startup on commercial matters and conducting legal workshops. Currently, he is affiliated with the City Launch Lab, the startup accelerator program at City, University of London, where he provides legal advice to startups. Additionally, he contributes

to the CLAC (City Community Legal Advice Centre) at City, University of London, assisting startups in London. He is also the author of the book 'Breaking Barriers: Navigating Fintech Regulations and Smart Contracts.' Furthermore, he holds the position of Chair of Committee at the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment.

Charles Brecque



is the Founder and CEO of Legislate. Charles founded Legislate in April 2020 in Oxford to make contracts machine readable using patented knowledge graph technology. Before founding Legislate, Charles brought Machine Learning solutions to market for three years at Mind Foundry, a spinout from the University of Oxford. Charles is a graduate of the École Centrale de Lyon.

Dr Paresh Katrani



is an independent strategy consultant based in London, UK, working primarily in digital transformation. His research focuses on LawTech and the Law of Technology. He has written in these fields, including as a co-contributor on a submission to Parliament. He has convened several panels and worked on an EU funded project with a start-up in looking at how artificial intelligence and natural language processing can be used to triage law case. With an interest in how computer games and technology can be used in legal education, he was a co-founder of the Serious Games at Westminster (SGAW) group that produced several computer games for teaching criminal law, including a VR game which attracted national

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and international media coverage. Paresh was invited to talk at the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) 'Training of Lawyers' event in Brussels on this. He continues to write and talk in the Law of Technology.

Dr Catherine Pédamon, SFHEA



is President, England and Wales, FBLS

She is currently Programme Director and Course Leader for the LLM in International Commercial Law, Corporate Finance and International Commercial Dispute Resolution, and a Senior Lecturer at Westminster Law School, University of Westminster (London). She is also Liaison Tutor for Westminster International University at Tashkent. Her research interests relate to comparative contract law, with a focus on the contractualisation of commercial contracts and the influence of legal culture on contract law, as well as business and human rights, particularly in the food sector, and comparative corporate accountability. Catherine holds a PhD in Comparative Contract Law from the University of Westminster, a LLM degree from Harvard Law School, where she was a Fulbright and French Foreign Ministry scholar, and a DEA from the University Panthéon-Assas (Paris). Before undertaking an academic career at the University of Texas at Austin, she qualified as an avocat in France and a lawyer in New York, and practised in major law firms, including with Sullivan & Cromwell (New York), Gide Loyrette Noel (Paris), and Allen & Overy (London).

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