About the GSMI Fellows

The GBBC has partnered with select academic institutions actively involved in blockchain and digital asset research to launch the GSMI Fellows Program, an eight-month fellowship for exceptional students from partners institutions to contribute to GSMI 3.0 research and analysis.

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Dr. Thomas Puschmann
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Thomas Puschmann has spent more than two decades at the nexus of technology and business in both science and business and is Founder and Director of one of the first fintech research labs worldwide, the Swiss FinTech Innovation Lab at the University of Zurich. He serves as an advisor for many strategic national and international initiatives and is an advisory board member of various institutions to foster innovation and develop an innovation and start-up fintech ecosystem. Thomas was a co-author of the first German book on the digitalization of the financial industry and has published many articles on fintech.

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Dr. Mary C. Lacity is a Distinguished Professor of Information Systems and Director of the Blockchain Center of Excellence in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at The University of Arkansas. She is a Senior Editor for MIS Quarterly Executive, a fellow of the Association of Information Systems (AIS), a member of the Linux Foundation’s Trust over IP (ToIP), and a Certified Outsourcing Professional. She has published over 30 books, most recently, co-authoring Blockchain Fundamentals for the Web 3.0 (2022) with Steve Lupien; co-editing Blockchains and the Token Economy (2022) with Horst Treiblmaier; and co-authoring and Becoming Strategic with Robotic Process Automation (2019) with Leslie Willcocks and John Hindle.
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Locknie Hsu is a full Professor of Law at the YPH School of Law, Singapore Management University. She received her legal training at the National University of Singapore and Harvard University and is a member of the Singapore Bar. She was previously attached to Singapore’s Ministry of Trade & Industry for a period, assisting in free trade agreement negotiations. Locknie specializes in trade and investment law, including areas such as FTAs, digital commerce issues, dispute settlement and legal developments relating to ASEAN and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). She teaches Contract Law as well as an elective course which she pioneered in 2019, Law & Digital Commerce. Locknie is a member of the International Law Association and the Singapore Executive Council of the ALA.

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Ted Katagi is a Senior Executive, former Head of Private Equity Asia for Fidelity Investments, Chief Marketing Officer for Vodafone Japan and Verizon Wireless (West), and Global Head of Commercial Strategy for Vodafone. Ted is also a former IBM and Bain & Company executive. In 2011 he founded Kenja. And in 2020, Kenja evolved to become a Blockchain CMS, and blockchain solutions company. Known as the Visual Certification Layer, Kenja gives full provenance, transparency, and traceability to processes, people, and things, in a visual and intuitive way. Currently, Kenja is working alongside 4 out of the 8 Halal auditing bodies in Indonesia, making sure that food vendors and producers are following Sharia law. Kenja also has other blockchain projects in Japan and ASEAN, related to quality control and asset management.
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