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## EXPERIENCES FROM THE FIELD: AI, OPEN SOURCE, AND DATA IN PRACTICE

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SPEAKERS:  
PAUL GAGNON &  
MARKKU RÄSÄNEN



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## **ABSTRACT:**

Paul Gagnon and Markku Räsänen, both MIPLC alumni, will discuss practical learnings and experiences of open source technologies in the artificial intelligence space. Specifically in relation to large language models. The talk will focus on legal aspects such as licensing while exploring the relationship of open source technologies within the broader business scope of artificial intelligence.

# SPEAKER BIO:

**Paul Gagnon** is Partner and Co-leader of BCF's Technology and Artificial Intelligence practice. He brings cutting-edge, diversified experience in technology law, commercial law, and intellectual property. Paul holds a Master's degree in Biotechnology and Law from the Université de Sherbrooke in Quebec, and a Master's degree in Intellectual Property and Competition Law from Munich Intellectual Property Law Center in Germany.

For more than 10 years, he has had leading-edge expertise in information technology, ranging from open-source software management to software development and data architecture issues. Through his AI practice, he helps companies of all sizes address the unique challenges posed by AI. He has also experienced hypergrowth within a leading AI company, positioning himself at the heart of major negotiations and large-scale projects. These AI skills allow him to work alongside his clients in developing their capacity to deal with AI issues, including those related to governance. Paul diplomatically negotiates complex commercial contracts, including strategic sourcing and international partnerships.



# SPEAKER BIO:

**Markku Räsänen** is CEO and Co-founder of ConfidentialMind. He is an experienced technology entrepreneur in the areas of backend software systems and artificial intelligence.

Markku holds a bachelor's degree in social science (Law) from the Tallinn University of Technology, a Master's degree in intellectual property and competition law from the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center and a Master's degree in law, science and technology from Stanford Law School.

Markku has been an active contributor in technology policy in Finland having participated in the drafting of Finland's current artificial intelligence strategy. His role in ConfidentialMind is focused on generative software infrastructure systems that power solutions for nation states, cloud providers, and companies that want to host their own large language models and large language model-based AI systems. ConfidentialMind was chosen as the AI startup of the year in Finland in 2024.

