Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law Vienna **Report on Academic Activities 2019/20**









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This report presents the activities of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law during academic year 2019/20, which started on October 1, 2019, and ended on September 30, 2020. It was a very successful year for our Institute and for the team as a whole.

This year presented us with completely new challenges. However, we are happy to report that we were able to carry out almost all of our scientific activities as planned, mostly in an online format in the summer term. In retrospect, it was a year of improvisation but also of innovation. This required all those involved to go the extra mile. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible and all our friends who continue to support us.

The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law is the largest university-based institution in tax law worldwide. As well as carrying out research and teaching activities at WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business), the Institute is involved in many national and international research projects and, therefore, has an excellent worldwide reputation. Being the hub for the international tax community, the Institute offers a unique academic platform for significant, innovative, and inspiring tax-related research. We are proud to be part of WU. To a large degree, we are financed by WU as well as by the Austrian tax-

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payer. However, to a significant extent, we also receive funds from Austrian and European

research institutions, from our partners in the business community, and from private and

corporate sponsors. For example, nearly half of our staff is financed from sources outside the WU budget. We are grateful to the taxpayer and to all our sponsors and partners and

We therefore want to take this opportunity to report back to them, to our students and

alumni, and to our friends and colleagues in the international scientific community on how

we are investing this money and to highlight the results we have achieved. We hope to be

Our main fields of interest are corporate tax law, international tax law, and European tax

law, and to a growing extent tax policy, transfer pricing, and VAT. Most of our research

activities deal with issues in these areas. This is also true for our teaching activities. On

a daily basis, we are aware of the fact that our research activities ensure the quality of

our teaching, and that, vice versa, teaching helps us to develop, structure, and discuss

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able to show that the funds are being used very efficiently.

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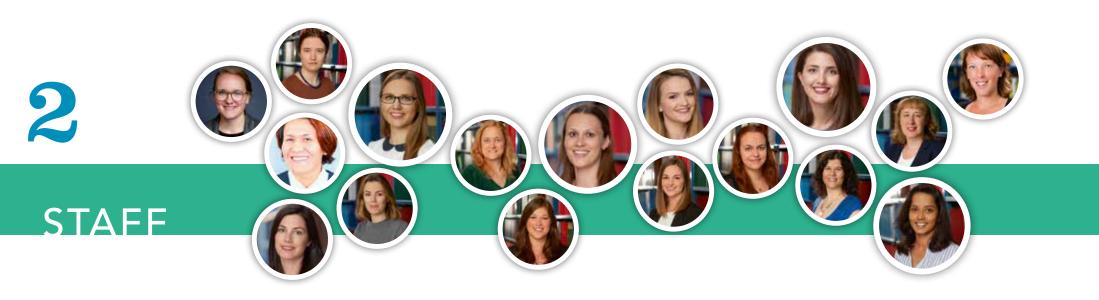
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New Professors at our Institute: Georg Kofler and Karoline Spies

Two outstanding and internationally recognized tax law scholars have been appointed by the Rector of WU to join and strengthen the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law as full professors. Both appointments were based upon the unanimous proposal of the selection committee. The Institute is extremely happy and proud to have been able to secure these two excellent professors, who are now continuing their research and teaching activities at WU.

- Karoline Spies, who completed her academic education at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law and has gained experience in tax practice, started as professor of Tax Law with a focus on VAT on July 1, 2020.
- Georg Kofler, who was previously a full professor at the University of Linz, started on October 1, 2020, as professor for International Tax Law.

Our two new colleagues will help to complement, strengthen, and further develop our focus topics in the future.

Honorary Doctorate of Law

On February 1, 2020, Prof. Pasquale Pistone, Jean Monnet ad personam Professor of European Tax Law and Policy at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, received an honorary doctorate of law from Örebro University Sweden. Örebro University thus honoured a personality who has made great contributions to the research on international and European tax law. Prof. Pasquale Pistone is known worldwide for his academic success in the area of tax law. His productivity is impressive; not only has he written an enormous number of publications alone or in cooperation with others but he also regularly takes part as a keynote speaker, moderator, and chairman at important international conferences worldwide.

The Tax Practice Advisory Council at our Institute

Our Tax Practice Advisory Council is made up of leading experts from international tax practice, with whom we consult on a regular basis. The Tax Practice Advisory Council advises the board of the Institute on strategic decisions in order to guarantee the Institute's position as a globally leading academic research facility in the field of tax law. Moreover, it is the purpose of the Tax Practice Advisory Council to provide a link between the Institute and tax practitioners.

The members of our Tax Practice Advisory Council are: Alessandro Bucchieri (Enel Group), Paolo Ludovici (L&P – Ludovici Piccone & Partners), Guglielmo Maisto (Maisto e Associati), Arne Schnitger (PwC), Thomas Töben (Schnittker Möllmann Partners), Monique van Herksen (Simmons & Simmons), Walter Vigo (Unicredit SpA), Graeme Alan Wood (The Procter & Gamble Company).

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Teaching Activities in the Standard Program

The basic course "Introduction to Tax Law" is mandatory for most students enrolled in the standard programs at our university. The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law organizes this course as well as the exams. The course is offered in both German and English. In academic year 2019/20, about 1,577 students took exams for this course.

The Bachelor Program in Business Law, which combines legal training with a solid education in business administration, comprises three mandatory courses in tax law. After "Introduction to Tax Law", students have to take "Basic Topics in Tax Law", a course that focuses on individual and corporate tax law, VAT and procedural law. The mandatory program ends with "Advanced Topics in Tax Law", which is a seminar on selected recent tax issues dealt with by national or international courts or tax authorities. Those students who want to specialize further may decide to take "European Tax Law", "EU Tax Policies in the Field of Direct Taxation", "Tax in Practice" or "Transfer Pricing", which is of high relevance in the business world.

For the English Bachelor Program in Business and Economics our Institute offers the mandatory course "Law, Economics and Business". From the next academic year we will also offer the specialization "International and European Tax Law". The specialization will cover the most relevant areas in international tax law.

Every student is required to write a Bachelor thesis. Each year, the Institute provides four main topics, which are divided into fifteen sub-topics each, for which the students can apply.

The Master Program in Business Law focuses on a comprehensive theoretical and practical education in Austrian, European, and International Business Law and qualifies in particular for juridical jobs. WU's Master Program in Taxation and Accounting provides students with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and specialist education in the fields of accounting and taxation. Graduates become highly qualified to work in fields like tax consultancy or auditing, or in the tax departments of large corporations.

Both Master Programs provide mandatory courses in tax law: In "Business Tax Law", the students gain a deeper knowledge regarding the subtleties of corporate income taxation. "Tax Treaty Law" deals with the application of double taxation conventions. On the course "Foreign Tax Law", held by international guest professors, students may choose between courses dealing with developments in international tax law and in foreign tax jurisdictions. In academic year 2019/20, the following guest professors held lectures in "Foreign Tax Law" – some of the lectures were hold online: Prof. Joseph Clifton Fleming (USA), Dr. Richard Stern, PhD (USA), Prof. Van Thiel (Belgium), Prof. John Prebble (New Zealand), Prof. Jennifer Bird-Pollan (USA), Prof. Charles H. Gustafson (USA), Prof. Stephanie Hoffer (USA), Prof. Na Li (China), and Prof. Alfred Storck (Germany). Finally, our Institute offers an "Advanced Seminar on Tax Law". Students may choose "Simulated Tax Treaty Negotiations", where students from WU and the University of São Paulo negotiate a fictitious double taxation treaty between their countries via a video conference, "Tax Planning and Transfer Pricing in Multinational Companies", "Seminar on European







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Tax Law", "Seminar on Current Developments in European and International Tax Law" or "BEPS and other OECD and EU Initiatives against Aggressive Tax Planning". For Master Program students with a special interest in VAT, the Institute provides an elective course on "Special VAT Issues in a National and International Context".

In addition to the above courses, students on the Master Program Taxation and Accounting are required to take the following courses in tax law: "Tax Policy" and "Corporate Tax Law", which focuses on special subjects within corporate tax law. Students may choose from "Reorganization Tax Law" and "Tax Planning and Transfer Pricing in Multinational Companies". On the Master Program Finance and Accounting, our Institute offers a mandatory course in "Corporate Tax Law for Finance and Accounting".

Each student on either Master Program is required to prepare a Master thesis that demonstrates their ability to independently treat a topic with the help of academic research methods. Ambitious students are invited to write a tax-related Master thesis at our Institute. A total of 28 Master theses were approved at our Institute in academic year 2019/20.

In compliance with the regulations set out by the Austrian authorities, all teaching activities on the WU Campus were switched to a distance-learning format as a preventative measure to curb the spread of the COVID-19 in summer term 2020. The courses were held in various online formats, more than 80% of the students on the business tax law program were satisfied with the wide range of online courses. In general, the WU has gained a lot of experience with distance learning and has enhanced its digital course formats over the last few months, which could lead to the permanent integration of distance-learning elements into the traditional lecture formats in the future.

Books for Students

Our Institute provides the materials required for these courses as well as guidance for students. The Institute provides "Introduction to European Tax Law on Direct Taxation" (substantially revised and updated, sixth edition, published by Prof. Michael Lang, Prof. Pasquale Pistone, Prof. Josef Schuch, Prof. Claus Staringer, Prof. Alexander Rust, Prof. Georg Kofler, and Prof. Karoline Spies), "Introduction to Double Taxation Conventions" (Prof. Michael Lang), and "Praxisfälle Steuerrecht 3" ("Practical Case Studies in Tax Law", third volume, published by Dr. Caroline Heber and Dr. Daniela Hohenwarter-Mayr). Furthermore, the eighteenth edition of our book "Einführung in das Steuerrecht" ("Introduction to Tax Law", edited by Prof. Michael Lang, Prof. Alexander Rust, Prof. Josef Schuch, and Prof. Claus Staringer) was published. Based on this German-language textbook, the 3rd edition of the English counterpart "Introduction to Austrian Tax Law" (edited by Kurt Ubelhoer, Dr. Sebastian Pfeiffer, Dr. Eline Huisman, and Dr. Erich Schaffer) was provided.

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	TAX LAW COURSES	
ľ	Course Number of Stude	nts in 2019/20
	Introduction to Tax Law (5 courses)	1577
	Basic Topics in Tax Law (36 courses)	917
	Seminar on Advanced Topics in Tax Law (6 courses)	725
	European Tax Law	19
	Procedural Fiscal Law	32
	Foreign Tax Law	20
	Transfer Pricing	11
	EU Tax Policies in the Field of Direct Taxation	25
	Tax Law in Practice (2 courses)	71
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	Business Tax Law (2 courses)	246
	Tax Planning and Transfer Pricing in Multinational Companies	28
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Special Activities Offered to Students

EUCOTAX

Every year, six of our Institute's best students participate in the EUCOTAX program (European Universities Cooperating on Taxes). EUCOTAX is a network consisting of the tax law institutes of universities in Paris (1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Uppsala (Uppsala Universitet), Tilburg (Tilburg University), Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Washington DC (Georgetown University), Budapest (Corvinus University), Rome (LUISS Guido Carli), Osnabrück (Universität Osnabrück), Lodz (University of Lodz), Warsaw (Universitas Varsoviensis), Zürich (Universität Zürich), St. Gallen (Universität St. Gallen), Valencia (Universitat de Valencia), and Vienna (WU). In academic year 2019/20, the EUCOTAX Wintercourse was to be held in Warsaw from April 16 to 23, 2020. However, due to COVID-19, it turned out to be the first "online Wintercourse". The general topic was "Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS): Implementation of Anti-Tax Avoidance Provisions". Dr. Rita Julien, Dr. Rita Szudoczky, Svitlana Buriak, and Andreas Ullmann supported and supervised our students (Carina Christine Frisch, Tanja Posch, Nicolas Stangl, Vincenz Stockert, and Paul Traar). Finally, during the EUCOTAX Wintercourse, the students from all fourteen EUCOTAX universities presented and compared their research results in workshops and reported on their findings. After one week of intensive work, the students gained not only deeper knowledge of their subjects but also many new friends from different parts of the world.

The student team for the EUCOTAX Wintercourse 2020/21 was selected in June 2020.







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International and European Tax Moot Court 2019/20

In 2020, we once again took part in the International and European Tax Moot Court organized by the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium). The competition was to be held in Leuven from March 15 to 20, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the final in its planned format had to be called off. Instead of pleading in Leuven physically, all teams sent their pleadings to Leuven on video. Our team once again made it to the semi-final and reached sixth place overall.

A Moot Court is a fictitious court, where teams of students play the roles of plaintiff and defendant. Prof. Claus Staringer and Annika Streicher supported and supervised our students (Magdalena Holzer, Philipp Scharizer, Emanuel Trieblnig, and Sophie Vana). As on the EUCOTAX program, the participants enjoyed language training by Dr. Rita Julien. Furthermore, the students who participate in the Moot Court or the EUCOTAX program may write their Master or Bachelor theses based on the topics of the Moot Court or the EUCOTAX program. The student team for the 2020/21 International and European Tax Moot Court was selected in June 2020.

Semester Opening, Semester Closing, Master Welcome Reception

With just over 23,000 students, WU is a very large university. Establishing close relationships with our students is therefore a priority. Several initiatives have been taken by our Institute to achieve this goal. Each term, we invite our students to a dinner buffet (Semester Opening). In 2019, Porsche Holding sponsored the Semester Opening in the fall and in doing so gave us the opportunity to present our teaching and research program for the upcoming term and to reach out to our students outside the lecture rooms. Moreover, we celebrated the end of the term together with our students and TPA at the Institute in an informal atmosphere (Semester Closing). At the Semester Closing of the fall term, the "TPA Best Presentation Award" was conferred on the best students of the seminar "Advanced Topics in Tax Law".

We also invite all new students on the Master programs "Business Law" and "Taxation and Accounting" to a Welcome Reception. In addition to presenting the regular lecture program, we familiarize them with our research facilities in the library and offer them the opportunity to participate in special activities in teaching and research.

- October 16, 2019: Semester Opening
- October 22, 2019: Master Welcome Reception "Business Law" and "Taxation and Accounting":
- January 23, 2020: Semester Closing











Career Prospects for Students

On December 2, 2019, our Institute invited students to attend a panel discussion together with BDO, BF Consulting, EY, Grant Thornton Austria, and LBG on the future of the profession of "tax adviser". The students had the opportunity to talk to experienced practitioners about current and future issues and developments regarding this topic.

Another panel discussion was held on May 11, 2020, to discuss career prospects for our students in law firms. Binder Grösswang, bpv Hügel, DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach, and Freshfields assigned members to the panel. This event took place for the first time in a new format as an online live stream and was well received by the students. The audience had the opportunity to ask questions through an online chat.

Colloquium on European and International Tax Law

The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law held a colloquium series on "Current Developments in European and International Tax Law". Numerous distinguished scholars were invited to give presentations for selected students as well as for practitioners and other researchers. As the topics of each colloquium are selected just a few weeks before the actual seminar date, discussions are always up to date and also deal with the most recent cases of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

Speakers and Topics of the Colloquium Series in Academic Year 2019/20

October 14, 2019

- Paul-John Loewenthal (European Commission): Fiscal State Aid: A Need for Clarity
- Stefan Brunsbach (PwC): The Global Anti-Base Erosion Proposal A Solution for the Tax Challenges Arising from the Digitalization of the Economy?

November 25, 2019

- Prof. Luis Eduardo Schoueri (University of São Paulo Law School): Can (and Should) Tax Law Hinder Bribery? The OECD Anti-Bribery Convention
- Paolo Ludovici (Ludovici Piccone & Partners): DAC 6: Challenges and Opportunities of the New EU Tax Disclosure Rules

January 20, 2020

 Aurelio Massimiano (Maisto e Associati): Elimination of Double Taxation: Comparison Between Old and New Dispute Resolution Tools

May 18, 2020 - ONLINE

· Prof. Peter Hongler (University of St. Gallen): The Taxation of the World Society

Seminar in Cooperation with EY

A seminar on Austrian and International Business Tax Law took place for the first time in the fall term of 2019/20 in cooperation with EY. Under the supervision of Prof. Alexander Rust, Master students had the possibility to explore the daily work of tax advisers by analyzing abstracted case studies which the tax advisory firm was working on. In simulated client meetings the tax law issues were discussed together. The students then developed their own solution proposals in small groups with the help of the course instructor and EY advisers, and then presented them in a final discussion.





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Federal Ministry of Finance Cooperation – Active Sourcing

In academic year 2019/20, the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law and the Federal Ministry of Finance continued their cooperation with the objective of finding talents in the field of tax law within the framework of lectures, and Bachelor and Master theses. Three Master theses and two Bachelor theses were called for tender in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Finance in fall 2019 and spring 2020 respectively. A lecture on "WU-BMF Seminar on Corporate Tax Law" was held again in the winter term of 2019/20. Tax officials from the Ministry of Finance provided case studies and Dr. Blum provided the theoretical input.

PwC Best Bachelor Thesis in Tax Law

On October 30, 2019, the Institute, in cooperation with PwC, conferred the PwC Best Bachelor Thesis in Tax Law award on four students for their brilliant Bachelor thesis, written in academic year 2018/19. The PwC Best Bachelor Thesis Award went to Lisa Salbrechter, Daniela Prenninger, Nicole Zach and Eva Fritsch. Furthermore, two Bachelor theses and two masters theses were called for tender in cooperation with PwC in fall 2019.

TPA Best Presentation Award

Once again, we honored those students who gave the best presentations at our seminars "Advanced Topics in Tax Law": The TPA Best Presentation Award went to Annabella Barbic, Anna Maria Madlener, Moritz Hecht, Paul Hecht, Jannis Krenn, and Valerie-Cecile Ettinger for the fall term. The winners were officially announced at our Semester Closings in January 2020, organized in cooperation with TPA. The winners for the spring term will be announced in fall 2020.

EY Bachelor Tax Challenge, Tax Professional of the Year

Within the EY Tax Challenge, five Bachelor theses were called for tender in cooperation with EY. These theses were based on case studies of practical importance and involve current issues of tax law. The authors of the best theses were selected to participate in the EY Tax Challenge, which took place in Stuttgart. Similarly, the EY Tax Professional of the Year program gives students the opportunity to research important topics for tax law practice in the context of their Master theses. Four topics were called for tender which are simultaneously supported by both the Institute's research staff as well as practitioners from EY. After completing the theses, the author of the best thesis was selected to take part in the EY Challenge "Young Tax Professional of the Year" program.

Henkel Master Thesis and Traineeship

Within the Henkel Program, three Master theses, one in combination with a traineeship at Henkel Düsseldorf and one with Henkel Vienna were called for tender in spring 2020. The students are supported both by research staff of the Institute and practitioners from the tax department of Henkel.

Procter & Gamble Bachelor and Master Theses

Within this program, two Bachelor theses and one Master thesis in the field of International Tax Law and Transfer Pricing were called for tender in cooperation with P&G. The students were supported both by research staff of the Institute and P&G tax managers, who are based worldwide. The Bachelor and Master theses were presented online via Microsoft Teams to the experts of Procter & Gamble in June 2020.







KPMG-WU Workshop on Corporate Tax Law

Speakers and Topics of the KPMG-WU Workshops in 2019/20

November 4, 2019

December 16, 2019

May 25, 2020 - ONLINE

In November and December 2019 and May 2020, a special course program on recent developments in corporate tax law took place, organized jointly by KPMG and the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law.

Each session of this course was prepared by a member of our research team together with a practitioner from KPMG. The aim of this series of workshops is to exchange ideas between academia and practitioners for the benefit of all participants, whether students, tax experts, or researchers. These workshops will continue in the upcoming academic year.

• Mario Riedl, Dr. Christoph Marchgraber: Die Vereinbarkeit der österreichischen Hinzurechnungsbesteuerung mit den Doppelbesteuerungsabkommen • Annika Streicher, Alfred Mühlberger: Umsatzsteuer in der Reisebranche Implementing Key BEPS Actions: Where Do We Stand? • Florian Fiala, Andreas Kronawetter: Verzinsung im Abgabenverfahren

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LL.M. Program in International Tax Law

Our Institute has offered an LL.M. Program in International Tax Law since 1999, thus we celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2019. The program is a joint activity with the Akademie der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer and has a formidable reputation worldwide. In academic year 2019/20, both a full-time and part-time program were launched. The full-time course finished in June 2020, the part-time course will finish in June 2021. In September 2020, another full-time program started with 27 students. The applicants came from 33 different countries, 68% from outside Europe. A Welcome Reception was held on September 10, 2020, for all new students.

LL.M. International Tax Law Faculty 2019/20

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Klaus Vogel Lecture

Prof. Klaus Vogel, who died in December 2007, was not only an honorary doctor of WU but also supported the LL.M. Program from its inception. The students greatly appreciated his lectures. In his honor, a Klaus Vogel Lecture was held for the first time on October 25, 2007, in cooperation with PwC Germany. The 2019 lecture was delivered on October 4 by Prof. Yariv Brauner, University of Florida, on "The True Nature of Tax Treaties" and commented on by Prof. Hein Vermeulen, University of Amsterdam.

Job Fair

Hosted by Prof. Michael Lang, the traditional Job Fair took place at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law exclusively for the current LL.M. students. It was a unique opportunity to get in touch with the following leading firms: EY, Henkel, LeitnerLeitner, Moore Stephens, PwC, TPA, and WTS.

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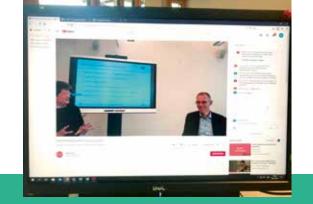


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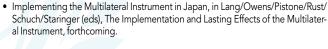
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Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation (DIBT)

The Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation (DIBT) is jointly run by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, the Business Taxation Group, and the Department of Economics, WU. It offers an excellent and unique doctoral education to outstanding students from all over the world, fully preparing them to conduct research on international business taxation.

DIBT provides interdisciplinary training in business, economics, law, and tax psychology. It is a three-year program designed to prepare an elite group of young tax researchers for future academic careers in their home countries and throughout the world. At the end of the program, graduates are awarded a PhD degree in International Business Taxation.

In February 2020, following a competitive selection process, DIBT was one of only four programs chosen to receive the coveted doc.funds of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), which will provide additional funding for the program for another four years. The program is open to students from all countries worldwide.

In September 2019, six young researchers were admitted to the program from a total of 62 applicants. A further five students were selected for admission to the program in September 2020. There are now 59 DIBT students and alumni from Albania, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine, the USA, and Venezuela.

Doctoral Programs in Business and Economics and in Business Law

Each year, a very limited number of doctoral candidates are admitted to our Institute. It usually takes our young academics three to four years to complete their doctoral theses in either Business and Economics, or Business Law.

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WU Global Tax Policy Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law

The WU GTPC was created in 2012 and is headed up by Prof. Jeffrey Owens. It has become one of the leading think tanks on the interface between tax policy, tax administration and tax law. All WU GTPC events bring together tax policymakers, tax administrators, tax practitioners as well as researchers from around the globe. The Center provides a forum for discussions on tax policy formulation and implementation, drawing upon the experiences of developed and developing countries and economies in transition.

Digital Economy Taxation Network (DET)

The WU GTPC program on Digital Economy Taxation Network was launched in 2017 (DET partners: CATA, CITACT- XMU, DFKI, CIAT, IDB, NUS, TARC, University of Geneva, UNSW, SLS-P, USP, SUSS, IOTA, KIPF, WB and IEF) to study the impact of technology on policy and administration. Our 6th high-level conference on October 9 to 10, 2019, was held in Geneva and focused on Taxation, AI, Robotics and Data Analytics with the aim of developing a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities the most advanced form of technology poses for tax compliance, both from the perspective of governments and businesses.

Co-operative Compliance

In 2019, the WU GTPC Team decided to take a more pragmatic approach with the aim of producing guidelines that could help countries and business design Co-operative Compliance programs. To achieve this, five working groups were created: (1) Identifying Criteria to Access Co-operative Compliance, (2) Developing Model Legislation, (3) Creating a Governance Framework for Tax Control and Risk Management, (4) Developing a Methodology to Measure Cost and Benefits and (5) Communicating Co-operative Compliance and Obtaining Trust from Civil Society. All five working groups met online for a workshop on June 16, 2020, to finalize their reports and feed them into the overall handbook that will be published by the end of 2020.







The China/WU Forum on Removing Tax Barriers to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

The aim of this forum is to try to identify tax issues which will need to be addressed if the BRI is to reach its full potential. The Forum commissions research from leading Chinese and foreign academic institutions, seeks the views of business on solutions to avoid cross-border tax disputes along the BRI, and is working with the governments along the route to help them adapt their tax administration to the new challenges posed by the BRI.

The WU GTPC continues to contribute to the preparation for the second meeting of BRITACOM. The initial conference in Kazakhstan was replaced by a virtual meeting on June 2, 2020, with over 70 participants attending and discussing the implications of COVID-19 on tax administrations and the BRI.

Vienna Multi-Stakeholder Group on Improving Cross-Border Dispute Resolution

The WU GTPC created a multi-stakeholder group to examine how to minimize and resolve cross-border tax disputes. In 2019, the group published a number of articles on such issues as the treatment of taxes in non-tax agreements, tax arbitration, and the use of new technologies to improve the MAP process.

At the 6th meeting of the WU Disputes Forum on July 11, 2018, it was agreed to create sub-groups in the subjects of New Institutional Framework (NIF), VAT, Inheritance Tax (IHT), and New Technologies. We had an interesting workshop on New Technologies on October 11, 2019, in Geneva. The groups on NIF and VAT met on October 22, July 2 (on-line) and November 22, 2019, respectively. Our team has worked towards contributing

to the various chapters of the UN Handbook on Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, while also improving our proposal for a New Institutional Framework that creates binding and non-binding mechanisms to supplement MAP in tax treaties. The group has also contributed to the work of the UN, EC, and OECD in this area.

Tax Transparency and Corruption

In 2019, a four-year program on tax and corruption was initiated by WU GTPC in collaboration with the African Tax Institute (ATI), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the World Bank bringing together academia, business and government to tackle corruption, bribery, money laundering, tax crimes and other forms of illicit activities in Africa. The project is sponsored by the Siemens Integrity Initiative.

The preceding Tax and Good Governance Project confirmed that corruption, in all its forms, was undermining the ability of African countries to achieve sustainable development through domestic resource mobilization. The program addresses the interaction between tax transparency and corruption from the perspective of tax administrators, FIU, policymakers, business, civil society and academics, and involves three closely related modules:

- Establishing a Legal Framework for Co-operative Compliance and Promoting Tax Certainty.
- Increasing the Effectiveness of Government Actions to Counter Tax Evasion, Money Laundering, and Bribery.
- Removing Barriers to the Exchange of Information Within and Between Countries and Improving Transparency in Tax Planning.







The first event of the new series "Talking Tax: An African Perspective" focused on "New Technologies: A Potential to Transform African Tax Administration" and took place online on July 6, 2020.

The inaugural conference took place online on September 23 to 24, 2020.

Fireside Chats

This series of informal discussions, launched in 2012, involves a 90-minute chat between Prof. Jeffrey Owens and leading tax personalities, discussing issues that are currently preoccupying governments, business, and civil society. These chats are recorded by WUtv and the audience can choose either to join the discussion in person or online through live streaming.

Speakers and Topics of the Fireside Chats in 2019/20

September 18, 2019

- Sergei Guriev: Taxes and Populism
- December 16, 2019
- Fabrizia Lapecorella: Tax Competition: The New Normal

WU Transfer Pricing Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law

Transfer pricing is one of the most relevant and challenging topics in the international tax environment. Increasing global trade and the role of multinational enterprises in the global economy have boosted its relevance. Most of the players traditionally interacting in this field have been international organizations, governments and tax administrations, the business community, and advisers. There is, however, an emerging need for the contribution of academia to these topics, in order to facilitate the link between pragmatic solutions and theoretical principles.

With this in mind, the WU Transfer Pricing Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law was established to research, analyze, discuss, and teach transfer pricing topics. It positions itself as a global institution providing the missing nexus between theory and practice in approaching transfer pricing topics. The center combines both academic and practical perspectives and its approach is highly international and interdisciplinary. The center is led by Dr. Raffaele Petruzzi.







Global Transfer Pricing Conference "Transfer Pricing Developments Around the World"

In 2020, the WU Transfer Pricing Center held its fifth Global Transfer Pricing Conference entitled "Transfer Pricing Developments Around the World". About 170 international experts from tax practice, academia, governmental institutions, and other bodies convened from February 19 to 21, 2020, at WU Vienna to share their knowledge of and vision for this topical area.

On the first day of the conference, the sessions focused on regional transfer pricing developments (i.e. global, in the European Union, in the United States, and in developing countries and emerging economies) and on the second day on developments concerning specific topics (i.e. recent developments on the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy – new nexus rules and new profit allocation rules, recent developments on transfer pricing and intra-group financing, and on the use of new technologies for transfer pricing analyses). The impact and practical relevance of these developments were discussed in order to generate new ideas and provide further proposals for future areas of work. In order for the research results to be made available on a larger scale, a book will be published in fall 2020.

WU Transfer Pricing Symposium

The second WU Transfer Pricing Symposium on the topic "Attribution of Profits to Permanent Establishments: Current Developments, Relevant Issues and Possible Solutions" took place on October 14, 2019, and was attended by an international audience of about 80 participants. The research findings of the symposium on the Art 7 AOA vs Art 9 OECD/UN Models, Profit Attribution to PEs and PE Exemptions (Art 5 para 4), Profit Attribution to Agency PEs (Art 5 para 5 and 6), as well as Profit Attribution to Significant Economic Presence have been summarized in a book published in May 2020.

Advanced Transfer Pricing Courses

The Advanced Transfer Pricing Courses, which cover general topics, specific topics, and benchmarking, are three one-week courses organized annually by the WU Transfer Pricing Center at our Institute and were held online in 2020. These courses are an ideal platform for sharing the research results achieved by the Center.

Lecturers for all courses are internationally renowned transfer pricing experts from academia, international organizations, the business community, government officials, and advisory firms, as well as professors and senior researchers of the Institute.

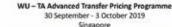
- · June 29 to July 3, 2020: Advanced Transfer Pricing Course (General Topics)
- · September 7 to 11, 2020: Advanced Transfer Pricing Course (Benchmarking)
- September 23 to 27, 2020: Advanced Transfer Pricing Course (Specific Topics)

Workshops on Transfer Pricing

The WU Transfer Pricing Workshops offer a further opportunity to extend the knowledge on specific transfer pricing topics in an open atmosphere with enough time set aside for questions and discussion. The workshop series has become a valuable extra source of information and is open to the public free of charge. This year, these workshops are being held online via live stream.









Speakers and Topics of the Transfer Pricing Workshops in 2019/20

May 28, 2020

• Paolo Ludovici, Marco Orlandi, Marco Striato (Ludovici Piccone & Partners): Dealing at Arm's Length in Time of Social Distancing

June 17, 2020

Stefaan de Baets, Jens Kiekens (PwC): The Future of Corporate Tax: From Digital to
Analog

July 8, 2020

- Brian Cody, Gianni de Robertis, Werner Rosar (KPMG): Determining Arm's Length Ranges during Economic Downturns: Challenges and Possible Solutions September 17, 2020
- Karin Andorfer, Balazs Majoros, Rafał Sadowski (Deloitte): TP-Toolkit to Master an Economic Crisis



WU-TA Advanced Transfer Pricing Programme

The WU-TA Advanced Transfer Pricing Programme is offered by the WU Transfer Pricing Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law and the Tax Academy of Singapore and took place from September 30 to October 3, 2019. The four-day course was facilitated by Dr. Raffaele Petruzzi and Prof. Dr. Alfred Storck, as well as regional tax experts from international advisory firms, industry, and tax administrations.

This annual program provides participants with the latest update on international transfer pricing developments, as well as knowledge and insights to enable the handling of transfer pricing issues in specialized industries that are of relevance to the Asia-Pacific region. Workshops are held for all topics, enabling opportunities for discussions.

Academic Conferences

Conference on Procedural and Constitutional Law

The results of several of our research projects are presented and discussed with fellow researchers from other Austrian and international universities in conferences organized by our Institute. Together with the Institute for Austrian and European Public Law, we hold conferences on procedural and constitutional law on an annual basis. This year's conference was held on November 8 to 9, 2019, on "Die Vollstreckung in Verwaltungsund Abgabensachen". Well-known colleagues from other Austrian and foreign universities contributed to the conference. The contributions will be published in a book.





Conference "Recent and Pending Cases at the CJEU on Direct Taxation"

The conference "Recent and Pending Cases at the CJEU on Direct Taxation" was held from November 21 to 23, 2019. Distinguished experts from the countries in which the cases originated examined and discussed the interpretation of the fundamental freedoms in respect of direct taxation on the basis of recent CJEU judgments. Not only was the importance of pending cases at the CJEU to the EU Member States and third countries analyzed but the background of recent CJEU decisions and their relevance for the future was also discussed. In the final session, an expert panel provided the audience with interesting insights into recent trends in CJEU case law. "Recent Developments at the CJEU in Direct Taxation 2019" was published in spring 2020 with Linde Verlag, Vienna.

Conference "Court of Justice of the European Union: Recent VAT Case Law"

From January 22 to 24, 2020, the conference "Court of Justice of the European Union: Recent VAT Case Law" was held for the seventh time. This conference focused on recent case law of the Court of Justice in the area of indirect taxation, rendered in 2019. Expert panels consisting of leading academics, judges, government representatives, and business representatives from all over Europe and beyond convened to analyze the judgments of the previous year. The first session was dedicated to "Fundamental Principles and VAT" and the second session focused on "Administrative Cooperation in VAT". The other sessions, each dealing with a different topic, thoroughly analyzed the case law. A book containing the scientific output of this conference was published with Linde Verlag, Vienna, in late summer 2020.

Conference "Tax Treaty Case Law Around the Globe"

Due to COVID-19, the conference was held online from May 15 to 16, 2020, organized by The European Tax College of the Fiscal Institute Tilburg and the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU.

The most interesting Tax Treaty Cases decided upon around the world in 2019 were presented at the Conference and discussed online. Outstanding experts from more than 20 jurisdictions on five continents presented the most relevant decisions taken in their countries.

The conference covered 36 tax treaty cases.

27th Viennese Symposium on International Tax Law

On June 15, 2020, the 27th Viennese Symposium on International Tax Law was held via online stream and organized by our Institute in cooperation with the Austrian branch of the International Fiscal Association (IFA). The professors and research staff from our Institute presented the results of their research on the topic of "'Taxes Covered' – The Scope of Double Taxation Conventions". Relatively little research had previously been done on the scope of double tax treaties. The Symposium, therefore, dealt more deeply with Arts. 2 of the OECD-MC on Income and on Capital and the OECD-MC on Estates and Inheritances and on Gifts, and aimed not only at clarifying the scope of each convention separately but also at analyzing the interdependencies between the material scopes of the two Model Conventions. The question of how those two Model Conventions interact with each other was of particular importance. Publication of the book, which is currently being prepared, is keenly anticipated by an interested public.





Tax Lunch Talks

The well-known "Tax Lunch Talks" continued during academic year 2019/20. These events aim at encouraging interaction and cooperation between research staff, guest researchers at the Institute, and the LL.M. students. These regularly scheduled meetings start with a short lecture by an LL.M. student on recent developments in tax law in their home country, and are followed by a small lunch reception in the winter term. Our LL.M. students and researchers get to meet and chat in a more informal environment. This format – which combines a professional and a social event at lunchtime – was highly appreciated by researchers and LL.M. students alike and will be continued in the future. Due to COVID-19 in the summer term, we switched over to an online version, which was implemented successfully.

Speakers and Topics of the Tax Lunch Talks in 2019/20

October 24, 2019

- Beatrice Erbetta (Italy), Serena Picariello (Italy): The Latest Changes of the Italian Transfer Pricing Rules (i.e. The 2018 Ministerial Decree) November 21, 2019
- Anca Pianoschi (Romania): Transfer Pricing in Romania January 23, 2020
- Anastasiya Piakarskaya (Belarus): Tax Reform in the Republic of Belarus February 26, 2020
- Emre Akın (Turkey), Onur Demirci (Turkey): Recent Developments in Tax in Turkey June 3, 2020 – ONLINE
- Christian Olea (Bolivia): COVID-19 Tax Measures in Bolivia
- José Maria Diez (Chile): Highlights of the Chilean Tax System

Deloitte-WU Tax Summit

The Deloitte-WU Tax Summit took place twice this academic year. At each event, a number of topics are presented and discussed by staff members of both Deloitte and our Institute. Two weeks beforehand, practitioners of Deloitte identify topics of relevance to their actual consulting business, which are discussed from a research and business perspective. This year's tax summits took place on September 30 and November 12, 2019.

Round Tables

When conducting research, it is always beneficial to discuss newly developed ideas and hypotheses with colleagues and professors. At the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, we have established a Round Table format which gives researchers the possibility to discuss their thoughts on a research topic they are working on in an informal yet organized manner. To this end, a draft paper is prepared and circulated to all members and quests of the Institute one week in advance. Everyone is invited to read the paper and attend the Round Table. The discussion is chaired by a professor or a senior post-doc researcher and is usually very lively. The author of the paper benefits from the input received and new perspectives given on the topic, which enables the author to develop ideas further. At the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, we are fortunate enough to be able to discuss ideas not only with Institute staff but also with visiting professors and quest researchers from around the world. Furthermore, our guests generally use the opportunity, while they are with us, to present a paper at a Round Table. In this way, everyone involved can learn not only about foreign tax systems but also about the different ways of thinking about international tax issues and opinions on how to deal with them. In this academic year 2019/20, we had valuable inputs to individual round tables from Dr. Josef Fuchs, a former senate president of the Supreme Administrative Court and Prof. Scott Wilkie, distinguished Professor of Practice at the Osgoode Hall Law School in Canada.

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Topics of Round Tables

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Jonathan Leigh-Pemberton	Corporation Tax and Transparency: Where Might we be Going?
Dr. Benedikt Hörtenhuber	Die abkommensrechtliche Behandlung der Leistungen aus der betrieblichen Altersvorsorge durch Pensionskassen
Martin Klokar	Die österreichische Hinzurechnungsbesteuerung und das Unionsrecht: Substanznachweisanforderungen im Widerspruch zur EuGH-Rechtsprechung?
Annika Streicher	Die Zuständigkeit zur Vollstreckung in Abgabensachen
Selina Siller	Airbnb: Zwischen elektronisch erbrachter Dienstleistung und Margenbesteuerung
Prof. Jeffrey Owens, Jonathan Leigh-Pemberton	Tax and Good Governance: An African Perspective
	Value Creation and the Arm's Length Principle from Comparability to a Functional (i.e. DEMPE) Formula Standard: A Second-Best?
Svitlana Buriak	A New Taxing Right for the Market Jurisdiction: Where are the Limits?
Christina Dimitropoulou	Revisiting Corporate Income Taxation in the Second Machine Age
Karol Dziwiński	Art. 9 OECD MC, Arm's Length Principle and DEMPE – a Brand-New Story or the Interpretation of the Same?
Gabriela Capristano Cardoso	Tax Arbitration in Transfer Pricing
Elisa Aukeela	Differences in the Interpretation of the OECD's Arm's Length Principle (ALP) from the Perspective of Domestic Transfer Pricing Rules

Ivan Lazarov	Tax Planning as a Fundamental Freedom
Balázs Károlyi	The Distinction Between Direct and Indirect Taxes and Its Practical Relevance Within the Context of EU Law
Jean-Philippe Van West, PhD	The Interaction Between CFC Rules and Article 29(8) OECD Model: Do CFC Rules Make Article 29(8) OECD Model Redundant?
Lisa Ramharter	Eigene Anteile im DBA Recht
Robin Damberger	Primärrechtliche Vereinbarkeit von CO2-Steuern
Dr. Desiree Auer	VwGH: Konkludenter Vorteilsausgleich bei abweichender Einkünftezurechnung (VwGH 22. 11.2018, Ra 2018/15/0037)
Katharina Moldaschl	Abzugsfähigkeit von Stock Option Programmen für Mitarbeiter? (VwGH 31.1.2019, Ro 2017/15/0037)
Sayee Prasanna	Restoring Parity in Treatment of "Loss Potentials" Concerning MNE Restructurings
Joy Ndubai, Siddhesh Rao	The Misuse of Client-Attorney Privilege – Experience of Countries
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Angelina Papulova	Uncertain Tax Positions
Christina Dimitropoulou	Scaling Back Tax Preferences on Al-Driven Automation: Back to Neutral? / Sustainable Taxes for Sustainable Development
Cristóbal Pérez Jarpa	Industry Specific Taxes and Art 2 OECD Model Convention 1982 and 2017







Xiangdan Luo	Tax Treaty Application Beyond the Scope of Art 2 OECD Model Convention 1982 and 2017: The Scope of Non-Discrimination and Mutual Assistance Clauses
Clara Gomes Moreira	Power conferring constitutional rule and taxation of cross- border transactions between related parties[1]
Mario Riedl	The Notion of "Tax" According to Art 2 OECD Model Convention 1982 and 2017
	SWI Spezial zur Umsetzung der DAC 6 in Österreich
Martin Klokar	"Directive Shopping": Präzisierungen der Judikatur zur KESt-Entlastung bei Holdingstrukturen
Stefanie Chroustovsky	VwGH: Die Behandlung nicht getilgter Verbindlichkeiten in der Liquidation eines Gruppenmitglieds
Katharina Moldaschl	Round Tripping (§ 6 Z 6 EU-MPfG)
Alexandra Miladinović	Discrimination Through Tax Rulings Concerning the Determination of the Corporate Tax Base
Marta Ołowska	Tax Compliance: Exploiting the Potential of AI
Prof. Jeffrey Owens, Jonathan Leigh-Pemberton	How Can Technology Help Redesign Post COVID-19 Tax Systems?
Christina Pollak	Verspätet rückerstattetes Umsatzsteuerguthaben: Hat der Steuerpflichtige ein Recht auf Verzugszinsen in der BAO?
Markus Mittendorfer	Double Protection under Art. 2 OECD Model Convention 1982 and 2017?
lvan Lazarov	Tax-Driven Mobility of Capital under EU Law: The Limits of the Anti-Abuse Doctrine

Dr. Rita Julien	Unexplained Wealth Orders and Developing Countries – Comparisons and Key Considerations for Countries Considering UWOs
Andreas Ullmann	Digital Taxes and Art. 2 OECD Model Convention 2017
Stefanie Chroustovsky	Mission Completed?: The Implementation and Lasting Effects of the Multilateral Instrument
Martha Caziero	The Applicability of General Principles of EU Law to Over- Implementing National Measures in the Field of Direct Taxes
Mari Takahashi	Japan National Report for 2020 Rust Conference: "Mission Completed? The Implementation and Lasting Effects of the Multilateral Instrument"
Marcio Sales Parada	Requirements for Efficient Mandatory Disclosure Rules on Potentially Risky Tax Planning
Sergio Messina	VAT E-Commerce Package: Bugs in the System? Analysis of the Issues Undermining the New Vat Import-Scheme
Joy Ndubai	Creating Mechanisms to Get Good Access to Beneficial Ownership Information – International Context
Ashrita Prasad Kotha	Earmarked Levies and Tax Treaties
Ioana-Felicia Rosca	Origin of the Solutions to Address Deduction/No Inclusion Effects of Hybrid Financial Instruments
Svitlana Buriak	Corporate Taxation of Income of MNEs in the Business of Collaborative (Digitalized) Services
Siddhesh Rao	The Impact and Practical Operation of Client-Attorney Privilege in the Context of Tax and Financial transparency







Topical Discussion Round

Staying up to date is essential for conducting high quality research. The Institute organizes several internal meetings, so-called "Coffees" and "Teas", during which the latest developments in the field of Austrian, European, and international tax law are discussed. Experts of the Institute prepare every Coffee or Tea. The Coffees and Teas lead to fruitful debates, fostering the exchange of knowledge between the academic staff.

VAT Coffee:

- CJEU Vodafone Magyarország, Idealmed III, X (Exonération de TVA pour des consultations téléphoniques), San Domenico Vetraria
- CJEU Belgische Staat, Petrotel-Lukoil, Infohos, Amărăşti Land Investment, Segler-Vereinigung Cuxhaven
- CJEU KPC Herning, Regards Photographiques, Peters, Cardpoint
- CJEU Sea Chefs Cruise Services, Związek Gmin Zagłębia Miedziowego, Mitliv Exim, Geelen

Tax Update:

- COVID-19-Gesetze
- VwGH: Zuzugsfreibetrag nach § 103 (1a) EStG Zuzug eines Professors (Ro 2017/13/0018)

- VwGH: Filmproduzent als Vermögensverwalter? (Ro 2020/13/0003)
- BFG: Indexierung des Kinderabsetzbetrages und der Familienbeihilfe unionsrechtswidrig? (RE/7100001/2020)
- BFG: Roaminggebühren betreffend Drittlandanbieter (RE/2100001/2019)

TP Coffee:

- Digital Service Tax Around the World: Where do we Stand?
- OECD Public Consultation on CbCRs
- Transfer Pricing and Intangibles: EU State Aid Proceeding in the Nike Case (the Netherlands) and the US Tax Court Decision in the Amazon Case
- Transfer Pricing and COVID-19: Some Immediate Implications and Potential Long-Term Effects
- New EU State Aid Proceedings: Huhtamäki (Luxembourg) and Nike (the Netherlands)
- OECD's Secretariat Proposal of a "Unified Approach" under Pillar One
- Glencore Case (Federal Court of Australia)
- Interplay Between Transfer Pricing and VAT

CJEU Case Law Coffee:

• The General Court's Decisions in FIAT (T-755/15) and Starbucks (T-760/15 and T-636/16) on the EU Commission's Decisions Declaring Transfer Pricing Rulings Granted by Member States State Aid

- AURES Holdings (C 405/18), A Case in the Saga on Cross-Border Losses: Change of Residence of a Company and Pre-Existing Losses
- Vodafone Hungary (C-75/18), Tesco (C-323/18) on Progressive Turnover Taxes, Indirect Discrimination and State Aid
- The German Constitutional Court's Landmark Decision Reviewing the Legality of an ECB Decision and Reopening the Debate About the Primacy of EU Law

Tax Trea(ty) Tea:

- First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber, United Kingdom): Challenging MAP Agreement on Tie Breaker Rules. Are Tax Administrations obliged to Disclosure MAP Information Under Taxpayer Requests?
- Grondwettelijk Hof (Constitutional Court, Belgium): Truck Driver in International Transport and Most Favored Nation Clause?, Justified Differences in Treatment?
- Arbitration Court of the Vladimirskaya Oblast (Russia): OECD Model Tax Convention and Commentaries as an Interpretative Tool in a Non-OECD Country. Beneficial Ownership Rule vs. Transfer Pricing Rules?

Tax Technology Tea:

• Taxation, Transparency and the Sustainable Development Goals: What Role Can Blockchain Play in African Countries?







OECD Archives

The minutes and other documents of the OEEC and OECD committees at the time the OECD Model Convention was drafted provide valuable information about the intention of the drafters for researchers in tax treaty law. Until now, these documents have been available only in Paris or Florence, where the OECD Archives are located. Our Institute is the leading partner of a consortium consisting of the OECD, the IBFD, the Canadian Tax Foundation, IFA Canada, the University of Piacenza, and the University of Sydney, Sydney Law School. Together, we have copied, scanned, digitalized, and up-loaded these documents to the Internet, in order to make them available to researchers worldwide. The database now includes 3,068 documents with more than 30,000 pages, all in a searchable format. It can be accessed via the following link: https://www.tax-treatieshistory.org.

Funded Research Projects

In academic year 2019/20, our Institute conducted various research projects that were sponsored by the Austrian Science Fund, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, the Jubilee Fund of the Austrian National Bank, Eurasia Pacific Uninet, Ludovici & Partners, Vertex, The Joachim Herz Stiftung, Erste Bank, B&C Industrieholding, B&C Privatstiftung, SICPA Guardtime SA, Thomas Reuters Global Resources Unlimited Company, Siemens Integrity Fund, and Swedish Industry.

Funded Research Projects

- Operating Transfer Pricing Rules in the New Transparent Environment: Exploiting the Potential of New Technologies
- DK Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation (DIBT)
- Global Value Chains and Transfer Pricing
- Taxation in an Age of Digital Disruption
- Tax Literacy and Tax Compliance
- Challenges for VAT in a Digital Economy
- · Source v. Residence Allocations in Tax Treaties: Developing Country Perspective
- International taxation, transfer pricing and tax policy
- Tax Transparency and Corruption









Incoming Foreign Researchers

High-level research is only possible if close links with the international scientific community are established. The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law therefore strives to invite as many distinguished foreign researchers as possible to cooperate on research projects. In academic year 2019/20, we had nine visiting professors from abroad on the standard program and 30 on our LL.M. International Tax Law program. Furthermore, we were proud to host 23 guest researchers from 14 different countries, who stayed for 101 months in total, ranging from stays of one week to one year. Many of our guests were granted a fellowship for their research period or were able to participate in a funded exchange program. The numerous guest researchers provide a unique opportunity for the members of the Institute as well as the incoming academics to establish and enhance contacts with the international scientific community.

Incoming Foreign Researchers

- AUKEELA Elisa, FINLAND, Transfer Pricing
- CHEN Junming, CHINA, Legal Regulation of Tax Competition Among Local Governments in China
- FANTI ROVETTA Marco, ITALY, Aggressive Tax Planning: Financial Instruments and Hybrid Mismatch Arrangements
- GARBARINO Carlo, ITALY, International Taxation
- GOMES MOREIRA Clara, BRAZIL, Power Conferring Constitutional Rule and Taxation of Cross-Border Transactions Between Related Parties
- GEDIK Gülşen, TURKEY, Effects of Robot and Artificial Intelligence on Tax Law and Taxation
- GIAMBRONE Filippo Luigi, ITALY, Future Perspectives Concerning the Future Funding of the European Union - New Opportunities Regarding a European Tax Policy Coordination

- GÜMÜSKAYA Gamze, TURKEY, Advance Tax Rulings: An International Comparison
- HAMADA Akiko, JAPAN, State Aid Rules and the Arm's Length Principle
- JING Huan, CHINA, EU's International Tax Rules under the Background of the Digital Economy
- KOUKOULIOTI Vasiliki, GREECE, Jurisdiction to Tax Business Income in the Digital Era
- LI Xiaorong, CHINA, International Tax Law Issues of 'User Participation' in the Context of Digital Economy
- LUCHESSI Mariano, ARGENTINA, The New Era in International Taxation under BEPS
 Actions
- LUTS Joris, BELGIUM, What is an Appropriate EU State Aid Law Framework for Determining the Competences of the Member States to Counter Aggressive Tax Planning?
- MACARRO OSUNA José Manuel, SPAIN, Taxation of the Digital(ized) Economy in the European Union: A Holistic Approach
- MUCCIARIELLO Andrea, ITALY, The Use of Taxes for Regulatory Purposes and the Protection of the Cultural Heritage
- NAS Adil, TURKEY, Using Mediation and Arbitration in Tax Law (As Part of Alternative Dispute Resolution)
- OLIVARES-OLIVARES Dr. Bernardo David, SPAIN, Issues Concerning the Tax-Related Personal Data Exchanges Covered by Council Directive 2011/16/EU
- RUSS Julia, GERMANY, The Interplay of Digitalization and Taxation
- SCHMID Patrick, SWITZERLAND, Transfer of Functions under Harmonized Swiss Tax Laws – Constituent Elements and Tax Consequences of Cross-Border and Domestic Circumstances
- SCHWARZ Magdalena, GERMANY, The Term "Income Tax" under WTO Law
- TAMBUNAN Maria, INDONESIA, The Developing Countries' Tax Challenge on Globalization: TP on Manufacture Industry in Indonesia
- WÖHRER Dr. Viktoria, AUSTRIA, Regularization of Tax Non-Compliance







Outgoing Researchers

Prof. Michael Lang gave a lecture at the University of British Columbia (Canada).

Prof. Pasquale Pistone was visiting professor at the University of Cape Town (South Africa). Furthermore, he gave lectures at the University of British Columbia (Canada), the University of Bergamo and LUISS-Rome (Italy), the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands), the University of Örebro (Sweden), the London School of Economics (United Kingdom), and Harvard University (United States).

Prof. Alexander Rust gave lectures at the University of Leiden (the Netherlands), the University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg), the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), and taught as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University (United States).

Prof. Alfred Storck gave lectures in the postgraduate tax program: WU-TA Advanced Transfer Pricing Program at the Singapore Tax Academy.

Every year, not only professors but also young scholars from the Institute are invited and able to visit academic institutions in the area of tax law all over the world. During the past year, teaching and research associates have visited international organizations in Australia, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Singapore, and the USA. These numerous visits to foreign academic institutions provide a unique opportunity for young academics to establish and enhance contacts within the international scientific community. Furthermore, the international research environment of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law is strengthened through these exchanges.

Research Stays Abroad

June – November 2019 • Sayee Prasanna: OECD, Paris, France November 2019 – February 2020 • Ioana-Felicia Rosca: European Commission, Brussels, Belgium March – August 2020 • Shimeng Lan: OECD, Paris, France

- June September 2020
- Gabriela Capristano: United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA

Engaging with International Academic Institutions

Prof. Michael Lang is President of the Austrian Branch of the International Fiscal Association (IFA); Prof. Josef Schuch, Prof. Claus Staringer, and Prof. Georg Kofler serve as members of the Board. Prof. Michael Lang is also a member of the EU Tax Task Force of CFE Tax Advisers Europe, a member of the Scientific Advisory Council, as well as of the Board of the Deutsche Steuerjuristische Gesellschaft, of the Joint Tax Committee of the German, Swiss and Austrian Chambers of Accountants, and of the Scientific Committee of the Centre for Research on Business Taxation (CERTI), Bocconi University Milan. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Leibnitz Science Campus MaTax, as well as the Chairman of the Academic Committee of the Kardinal-Innitzer-Studienfonds.

Prof. Alexander Rust is Professeur Associé at the University of Luxembourg and a member of the EU Task Force of CFE Tax Advisers Europe.









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Prof. Georg Kofler currently serves as the chairman of the EU Tax Task Force of CFE Tax Advisers Europe as well as of the Joint Tax Committee of the German, Swiss and Austrian Chambers of Accountants, and as a vice-chairman of the working group on constitutional law and EU law of the Austrian Chamber of Tax Advisors' Scientific Board; he is also a member of the Permanent Scientific Committee (PSC) of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) (since 2016), an alternate member of the EU's Joint Transfer Pricing Forum (JTPF).

Prof. Alfred Storck has been appointed as arbitrator in transfer pricing disputes (MAP Procedere).

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Book Series, Tax Journals

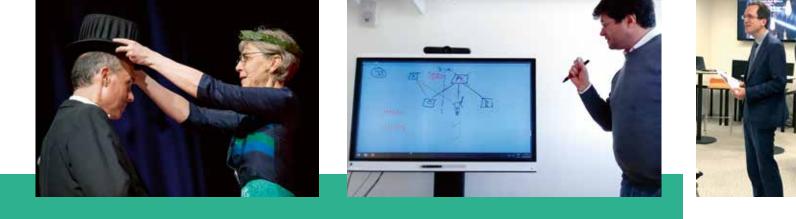
In academic year 2019/20, many books were written or edited by the professors of our Institute, most of which were published by the Facultas, Linde, and Wolters Kluwer publishing houses. The Institute has continued publishing a book series with the IBFD. Prof. Michael Lang, Prof. Josef Schuch, and Prof. Claus Staringer are editors of the "Series on Austrian Tax Law", originally founded by Prof. Gerold Stoll. Prof. Michael Lang is the editor of the "Series on International Tax Law", presently comprising 121 volumes; he has also continued to be the editor of "SWI" (Steuer und Wirtschaft International), a tax journal specializing in international tax law, which he founded 29 years ago. Prof. Josef Schuch is also one of the editors of Ecolex, a journal on business law and tax law.

Prof. Alexander Rust is a member of the editorial board of the Dutch tax journal "Intertax" and of the German tax journal "Internationale Steuer-Rundschau". He also serves on the advisory board of the Austrian journal "Spektrum der Rechtswissenschaft"; he is editor of the English version of the commentary "Klaus Vogel on Double Taxation Conventions" and is editor of the book series on "Recht der Steuern und der öffentlichen Finanzordnung / Tax Law and Public Finance".

Prof. Claus Staringer is one of the editors of "AVR" (Abgabenverfahren und Rechtsschutz), a journal that was first published in February 2020 and is specialized in tax procedural law. He is also responsible for initiating Lexis 360, a new online news project.

Prof. Georg Kofler is on the editorial board of "EC Tax Review", and serves as one of the editors of the peer-reviewed "Spektrum der Steuerwissenschaften und des Außenwirtschaftsrechts" (StAW) and of "Zeitschrift für Gesellschaftsrecht und angrenzendes Steuerrecht" (GES); he is also active on the board of, for example, "TPI" (Transfer Pricing International), "IStR" (Internationales Steuerrecht), and "beck.digitax".





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Prof. Pasquale Pistone is editor-in-chief of the World Tax Journal and a member of the editorial board of Diritto e Pratica Tributaria Internazionale (Italy). He is also the editor of the IBFD Doctoral Series. Furthermore, he is also a member of the scientific board of the Revista Mexicana de Derecho Financiero y Tributario (Mexico), of the Revista de direito tributario atual (Brazil), of the Revue de fiscalité international (France), and of the Revista de Finanças Públicas e Direito Fiscal (Portugal).

Moreover, Prof. Michael Lang and Prof. Pasquale Pistone are members of the scientific board of the Russian Yearbook on International Tax Law. Prof. Michael Lang is a member of the board of editors of the World Tax Journal and is also editor-in-chief of the Bulletin for International Taxation, as well as one of the editors of Kluwers' Series on International Tax Law. Prof. Michael Lang, Prof. Alfred Storck, and Dr. Raffaele Petruzzi are editors of the "Series on Transfer Pricing Developments Around the World", published by Wolters Kluwer.

Prof. Robert Risse and Dr. Raffaele Petruzzi are members of the editorial board and coeditors of the tax journal "TPI" (Transfer Pricing International) published by Linde, the first transfer pricing journal in the German language.

Prof. Alfred Storck was until the end of 2019 a member of the editorial board and coeditor for the tax journal "TPI" (Transfer Pricing International), published by Linde.

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held via Microsoft Teams. The seminar in September was held with the physical presence of participants and via Microsoft Teams. The collaboration between Henkel and the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law is very much appreciated and we are looking forward to many more seminars.

Corporate Tax Lunch

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Information Evenings

Together with the Austrian Chamber of Tax Advisers and Public Accountants, the Institute organized a lecture on September 21, 2020, (Prof. Staringer) on the topic "Responses of corporate tax law to the current crisis".

Tax Treaty Courses

Two seminars were held on tax treaty law (in January and June 2020), where our knowledge and experience was shared with practitioners during courses which lasted between three and six days, making use of the specialization of our research staff in international tax law. Due to COVID-19 the summer term course was organized as an "online video" course. We are happy about our longstanding and valuable cooperation with Akademie der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer Vienna for the organizational aspects of these seminars.



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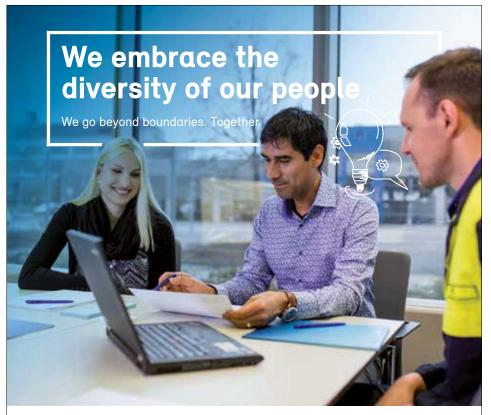
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