WU Tax Law Technology Course

Microsoft Copilot Meets Tax Compliance

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Overview

Microsoft Copilot includes many features that make professional tax work much easier. These features include integrated work with the Microsoft Office 365 application, chatting with text, voice and image functions, web priming, use of plug-ins and Copilot GPTs, as well as other interesting functions. In the various sessions, we will discuss the possible applications and experience them live. Microsoft's US tax department will support us and present the latest technical possibilities and use cases. The interpretation of tax laws and, for example, the Pillar 2 calculation or other regular and simple tax compliance requirements in VAT will be discussed.

The **WU Tax Law Technology Center** at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU Vienna University for Economics and Business was established in 2022 by a group of tax law professors and researchers as a study platform to respond to new challenges which digital economy brings in the field of tax and customs. Some of them have predominately gained practical experience from business environment.

General Information

The course consists of three preparatory online sessions on **September 30, October 2 and 4, 2024** and one and a half days on-site in Vienna on **October 8 and 9, 2024**. Each online session will last 90 minutes, the on-site course is structured into 6 sessions, which can last between one and two hours each. The topics are analyzed with a mix of theory and project work with expert coaching. The course is entirely held in **English**.

In order to guarantee a high degree of interactivity, the course is strictly limited to a **maximum of 30 participants.**

Target Group and Course Level

The course is targeted at professionals around the world who want to broaden their knowledge of tax law technology i.e. digitalization and automation. Participants typically are **tax & customs advisers** (accountants, economists, and lawyers), **in-house tax & customs and finance employees of international companies, government officials, and academics**.

The course starts at an **introductory level** by the online sessions. Hence, it can be attended by both participants with no experience in tax and customs law technology and participants with some experiences in this field. No advance preparation is required.

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Content and Structure

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
16:00 – 17:00 CET **Introduction to Generative AI and Microsoft Copilot**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024
18:00 – 19:30 CET **GenAI for Enterprise Applications: A Perspective for Tax**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024
15:00 – 16:30 CET **Theoretical Overview of BEPS Pillar 2 and VAT in Microsoft Technology**

ON-SITE SESSIONS
Building EA, Sky Lounge 6.022

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

INNOVATIVE LANGUAGE MODELS: LLM, CHATGPT, AND MICROSOFT COPILOT

09:00 – 09:30 **Introduction, Recap Online Sessions**

09:30 – 10:30 **The Rise of Tax Citizen Developers with Microsoft Copilot - A Perspective from Microsoft I**

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 **The Rise of Tax Citizen Developers with Microsoft Copilot - A Perspective from Microsoft II**

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30 **How to Make Optimal Use of Microsoft Applications for End-to-End Direct (e.g. Pillar 2) and Indirect (VAT) Tax Processes**

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **Prompt Engineering for Microsoft Copilot**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2024
PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND REPORTING

09:00 – 10:30   **How to Build Tax Compliance Systems with Copilot, LLM and Tax Compliance Applications I**

10:30 – 11:00   Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30   **How to Build Tax Compliance Systems with Copilot, LLM and Tax Compliance Applications II**

Lecturers

ROBERT RISSE — Professor and Director, WU Tax Law Technology Center at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

YARENNY CASTRO ESTRADA — Manager, Tax Tech Transformation, EY Germany

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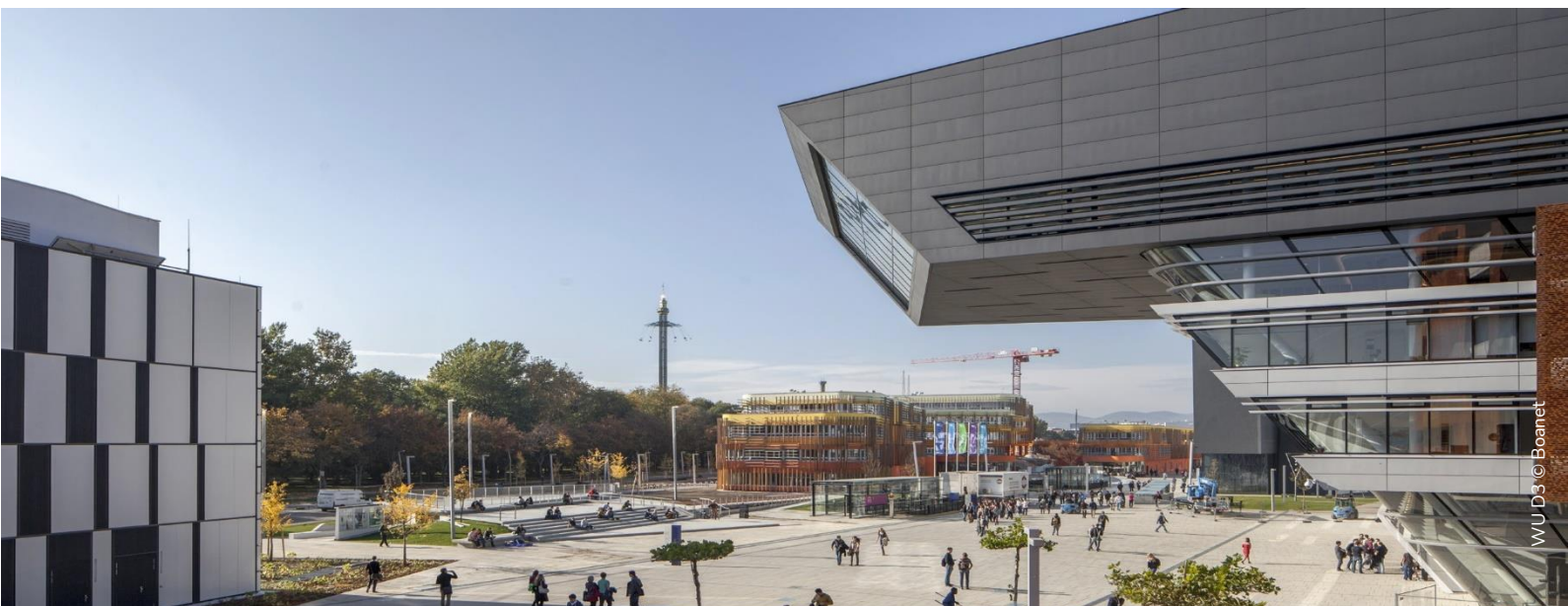
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DAVE SLOAN — CTO Worldwide Public Sector, Microsoft USA

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Registration

Please register on our website:

PARTICIPATION FEE

The course fee is EUR 1,700. A 10% "early bird discount" is applicable to applications received by September 3, 2024.

This fee covers course participation, all course materials, lunches, coffee breaks and refreshments.

The fee does not cover costs of travel and accommodation.

The course materials will be provided as downloads and as handouts (available on the first day of the course).

PAYMENT

You will receive an invoice for the participation fee of EUR 1,700 (or of EUR 1,530 in case of application of the early bird discount). We kindly ask you to transfer your payment within three weeks of the date of the invoice.

CANCELLATION

Any notification of cancellation of registration must be sent in writing. In case of cancellation before September 16, 2024, the participation fee will be refunded. No refund can be made for cancellations received after this date.

PHOTOS

We would like to inform you that this event will be photographed. Should you not wish to be photographed, we kindly ask you to avoid the camera and/or inform Ms. Katharina Dendl (katharina.dendl@wu.ac.at). Photos will be used to inform the public about the activities of the Institute.

VENUE

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Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology

This course is part of the Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology. The certificate program offers a unique opportunity to combine four excellent courses with a high-class case study as well as a technical paper supervised by the experts of the WU Tax Law Technology Center. Ideally, all six parts should be taken within one year.

The certificate targets professionals around the world who want to build or broaden their knowledge in tax law technology and get access to new research results in that area. Candidates are typically tax advisers (accountants, economists, and lawyers), in-house tax and finance employees of international companies, government officials, and academics.

The candidate will receive the "Vienna Certificate in Tax Law Technology" upon successful completion of the following six modules:

1. **SAP Tax Compliance**

2. **Innovative Language Models like ChatGPT**

3. **Microsoft Copilot Meets Tax Compliance**

4. **Selecting and Combining Basic and Intelligent Systems – Strategies for Building Effective Solutions, Use Cases**

5. **Case Study**

   A **case study** containing a specific use case application should be solved by the candidate. This case study will be provided and supervised by the experts of the WU Tax Law Technology Center.

6. **Technical Paper**

   A **paper**, in the form of a technical article (approx. 8,000-10,000 words), should be prepared by the candidate in English. The topic of this technical paper will be agreed by the candidate together with the experts of the WU Tax Law Technology Center, who will supervise.

The **fee** to access the certificate program amounts to **EUR 8,750**. Previously completed courses can be deducted from this amount. The fee might be reduced as a result of an early bird discount related to the courses. You will receive a 10% discount on the courses if you book all four courses in advance. For further information, please contact us on taxlawtechnologycenter@wu.ac.at.

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