

INVITATION

Conference

“Tax secrecy and tax transparency – the relevance of confidentiality in tax law”

July 5 – 7, 2012, Rust (Burgenland), Austria

Organized by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU, Vienna, and Örebro University, Örebro, Sweden

The **Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law** of WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) (Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Lang, Prof. Dr. Josef Schuch, Prof. Dr. Claus Staringer, Prof. Dr. Pasquale Pistone and Prof. Dr. Alfred Storck) in co-operation with **Örebro University**, Örebro, Sweden (Prof. Dr. Eleonor Kristoffersson, Prof. Dr. Joakim Nergelius, Prof. Dr. Annina H. Persson) would like to draw your attention to the conference on the topic

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which will be held in Rust, Burgenland, on July 5 – 7, 2012.

The main purpose of this research project is to assess not only the ways in which different countries regard the treatment of tax information and tax secrecy, but also its impacts. The conference will deal, among other topics, with the collection of data, the sharing of information domestically as well as internationally and the access to taxpayers' data not only by the public but also by individuals.

More information to that topic including the legal questions which will be dealt within the course of the conference can be found on the following homepage:

<http://www.wu.ac.at/taxlaw>

We kindly invite researchers and practitioners in the area of international tax law of any nationality to apply for participation. Please find the application form on our website for download.

The participation fee for the conference is 1.000,- Euro. A waiver may be granted to a limited number of professors and other researchers (full-time academics), who are employed by a University or other academic institution (wherever located) and who have been engaged in research activities related to the topic of the conference. The participation fee must be paid not later than June 1, 2012, and will not be refunded in the case of cancellation one week prior to the conference.

As the number of participants is limited we would like to invite you to apply soon.

PROGRAMME

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Thursday, July 5

until 18:00	Arrival
18:30	Dinner at the Seehotel Rust
20:00	Wine Tasting at the Seehof in Rust (invitation by the Mayor of Rust)

Friday, July 6

9:00 – 10:30	I) Overview (Policy issues, Historical Development, General Legal Framework) 3-5 input statements, discussion round
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	II) Collection of data 3-5 input statements, discussion round
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	III) Specific Relationships (Banks, Lawyer/Tax advisor, Other professional confidentialities) 3-5 input statements, discussion round
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **IV) Sharing information domestically**

3-5 input statements, discussion round

18:30 **Dinner/Boating**

Saturday, July 7

9:00 – 10:30 **V) Sharing information internationally**

3-5 input statements, discussion round

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **VI) Access to taxpayers data by the public**

3-5 input statements, discussion round

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 **VII) Access to taxpayers data by individuals**

3-5 input statements, discussion round

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **VIII) Consequences of infringements**

3-5 input statements, discussion round

Sunday, July 8

Departure