

## INVITATION

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Conference

### **“TRENDS AND PLAYERS IN TAX POLICY”**

July 4 – 6, 2013, Rust (Burgenland), Austria

Organized by The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, Vienna and the WU Global Tax Policy Center together with the Research Council of Norway.

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, Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Owens) in co-operation with **Research Council of Norway** would like to draw your attention to the conference on the topic

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which will be held in July 4 – 6, 2013, Rust (Burgenland), Austria.

The main purpose of this research project is to assess the trends and drivers in tax reform over the last decades and the outcome of the efforts made, as well as the changes in tax legislation and regulations. The changes in the relationship between tax administrations and taxpayers and the role of the “mayor players” will be analysed and the importance of Tax Policy in the Global Economy as well as the aspects of Good Governance will be covered. Please read more in the questionnaire which will be provided separately.

More information on the 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, 2013, 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.

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## PROGRAMME

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#### Thursday, July 4

- 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 5

- 9:00 – 10:30                      **I) Trends in Tax Policy as from 2000**  
**Chair:** Michael Lang,  
3-5 input statements, discussion round
- 10:30 – 11:00                      Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30                      **II) Main Drivers of Tax Reforms since 2000**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round
- 12:30 – 14:00                      Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 15:30                      **III) Drafting and Reviewing Tax Legislation and Regulations**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round
- 15:30 – 16:00                      Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **IV) Building up Tax Expertise**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round

18:30 **Dinner/Boating**

**Saturday, July 6**

9:00 – 10:30 **V) The Changing Relationship Between Tax Administrations and Taxpayers**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **VI) Major Players in Tax Policy**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 **VII) Tax Policy in the Global Economy**  
**Chair:**  
3-5 input statements, discussion round

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **VIII) Good Governance**  
**Chair:** Michael Lang  
3-5 input statements, discussion round

18:30 **Dinner** at Seehotel ("Seeblick")

**Sunday, July 7**

**Departure**