

Accommodations

Conference delegates are responsible for their accommodation costs. WU has held a limited number of rooms at the following four hotels; if you would like to reserve a room please provide the details requested below and your hotel preference to Renée Pestuka along with your registration form.

Full name of the delegate and number of accompanying person(s) if any; for children, please provide their age(s)

Date of arrival:

Date of departure:

Credit card number:

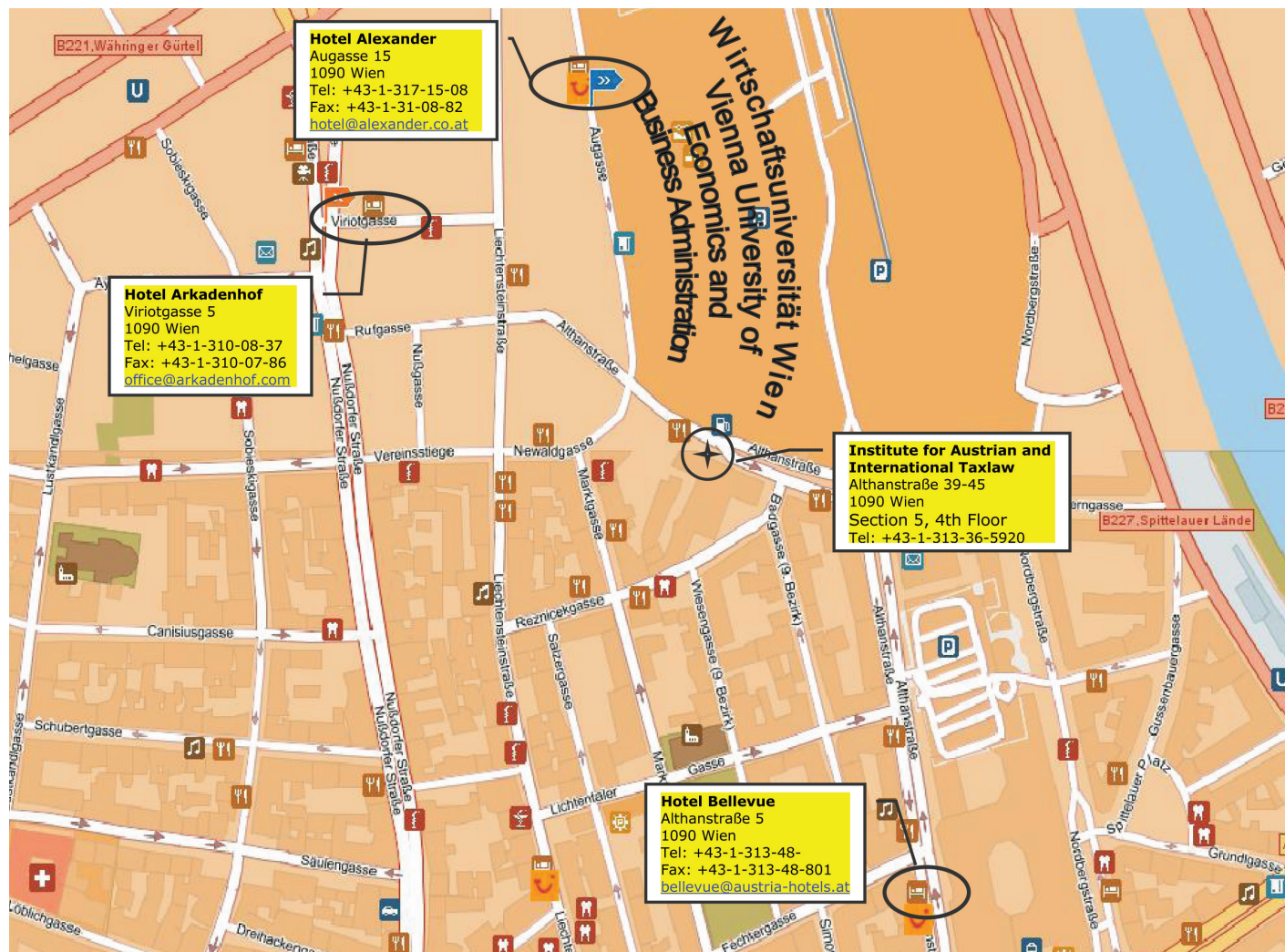
Credit card expiration date:

Credit card type (Visa/Mastercard)

Name of the cardholder:

Special conference arrangement bed & breakfast, single room

Hotel name	Website	Rate	Wi-Fi?
Alexander Hotel	www.alexander.co.at	€63.00	free of charge
Arkadenhof	www.arkadenhof.com	€79.00	on surcharge
Bellevue	www.austria-hotels.at/de/hotel-bellevue/index.html	€85.00	on surcharge
Bellevue, Junior Suites	www.austria-hotels.at/de/hotel-bellevue/index.html	€159.00	on surcharge



29 February –
2 March, 2012

Vienna, Austria

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There is a clear shift emerging, from direct to indirect taxes, as governments worldwide look for ways to raise revenues to finance their budgets. Consumption taxes such as Value Added Taxes (VAT) and Goods and Services Taxes (GST) are increasing in prominence, and now exist in over 150 countries, with other countries planning to introduce consumption tax regimes over the coming months and years.

It is important for regulators and global businesses alike to develop their understanding of the various tax systems and how certain issues are solved under different regimes, in order to encourage international trade, allow legislators to learn from other consumption tax systems, and lay the groundwork for the removal of tax obstacles and related costs in global commerce.

- VAT neutrality
- Anti-avoidance rules
- VAT groups and head-office – branch transactions
- Compliance costs and costs of collection
- VAT and the Financial Services industry
- Advance rulings
- VAT gap

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at an exclusive two day global VAT/GST conference organised by WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and PwC.

Please register for this event by email to renee.pestuka@wu.ac.at using the registration form at the end of this brochure. WU is holding a limited number of hotel rooms convenient to the conference location, but attendees are responsible for their own hotel costs.

The conference is designed for those with an active interest in indirect taxes, including academics, government tax officials, businesses and practitioners. It will focus on a comparison of the different consumption tax regimes, and will compare approaches, assess the impact on governments and taxpayers, and identify best practices that could be applied elsewhere.

We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an informative and stimulating conference.

The conference program will focus on issues examined in the recently released book *The Future of Indirect Taxation: Recent Trends in VAT and GST Systems around the World*, which highlights how the balance is shifting from direct to indirect taxes. The book's authors, VAT/GST experts from academia, government, non-government organisations and business, will attend this year's conference and speak on panels covering diverse topics such as:

Conference Programme

Wednesday, 29 February 2012

19:30: Conference opening & cocktail reception

Thursday, 1 March 2012

8:30–18:00: Conference sessions

Friday, 2 March 2012

8:30 –18:00: Conference sessions

Sessions will take place at the main building (UZA 1, Augasse 2-6, 1090 Vienna) of the WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) in the ceremony hall (Festsaal) on the first floor.

Application

For Academics and Business Professionals

Conference

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Name: _____

Academic Title: _____ Gender: male female

Profession: _____ Nationality: _____

Address: _____

ZIP-Code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

University diploma (please indicate also where you studied): _____ I apply for a **waiver** of the participation fee: yes no

Company/University/Organisation/Affiliation (please indicate where you are presently working): _____ Please enclose a **letter** stating you are a full time academic and give the reasons for this request and the relevance of the conference topic for your research work plus a recent **publication list**.

Internet access in the conference room required: yes no

I apply for being admitted as **participant** on my own expense yes no **Wireless (WIFI):** Please ensure that the drivers of your wlan card are up-to-date. If necessary please ask your local IT service to make a driver update. Having administrator's properties can be helpful.

Please transfer the **participation fee of EUR 1.000** – to the bank account specified in the invoice. You will receive the invoice by registered mail. (Payment deadline: 15 February 2012)

Please indicate here the **exact name and address to be shown on the invoice:** _____ We kindly ask you for an appropriate virus protection and we wish to point out that for reasons of staff shortage our capacity of providing technical assistance is very limited.

_____ Please return this form by e-mail to Ms. Renée Pestuka (renee.pestuka@wu.ac.at) or by fax: 0043/1/313 36 730

_____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Signature:** _____