

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite doctoral candidates to participate in the **Seminar on European Tax Law**, which is scheduled from **February 27–March 2, 2026** and organized by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business.

This seminar is part of a doctorate program jointly organized by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Tax Law Department, Faculty of Law of the University of Leiden, the law faculties at Stockholm University and Uppsala University. All seminars are offered **free of charge**; participants will have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

If you are a doctoral candidate engaged in research and writing a dissertation in the field of tax law, you are entitled to attend this seminar, provided your supervisor issues a signed statement that you are effectively engaged in writing a doctoral thesis.

The core topic of the seminar held in Vienna will be European tax law. Outside the core program, there will be a **"Poster Session"**, allowing the participants to present the quintessence of their doctoral thesis to the public. A poster containing the highlights of the participant's doctoral thesis must be prepared by **February 13, 2026**.

The **program** is as follows:

Friday, February 27, 2026

09.00 – 10.30	Sources of EU Law relevant for Direct Taxation (<i>Prof. Pasquale Pistone</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Coordination of Tax Laws and Tax Policies in the EU: history and challenges of harmonization and reforms under discussion (<i>Dr. Nevla Čičin-Šain</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Prohibition of State Aid: Its relevance for tax law and procedures; current developments and implications in relations with third countries (<i>Assoz. Prof. Rita Szudoczky</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	Poster session

Saturday, February 28, 2026

09.00 – 10.30	The EU Anti-tax avoidance directive (<i>Dr. Martin Klokár</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	The Interest and Royalties Directive (<i>Dr. Valentin Bendlinger</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Mutual assistance in tax matters (<i>Dr. Mario Riedl</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	Settlement of disputes (<i>Prof. Claus Staringer</i>)

19.30



*Invitation to an evening at the Viennese Heurigen Hengl Haselbrunner
(wine tavern) sponsored by PwC*

Monday, March 2, 2026

09.00 – 10.30	Trends and developments on CJEU case law on fundamental freedoms in tax matters (<i>Prof. Alexander Rust</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	The Parent-Subsidiary Directive (<i>Prof. Daniel Blum</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Pillar 2 Directive (<i>Priv.-Doz. Dr. Christoph Marchgraber</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	The Merger Directive (<i>MMag. Matthias Hofstätter</i>)

Please find the application form on our website (<https://www.wu.ac.at/taxlaw/upcoming/doctorate-seminar/doctorate-seminar-on-european-tax-law-online-application>). We look forward to receiving applications by **November 30, 2025**. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance/refusal mid of December 2025.

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If you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Denisse Vincke (denisse.vincke@wu.ac.at).

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