

Vienna, July 2016

Dear Colleagues,

With this letter, we would like to invite doctoral candidates to participate in the **Seminar on European Tax Law** which is scheduled from **February 17-20, 2017** and organised by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business).

This seminar is part of a doctorate programme jointly organised by the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business), the International Tax Center of the University of Leiden and Uppsala University. The event in Vienna will be followed by a Seminar on International Tax Law held in Leiden in 2018, and the Uppsala University will take care of a Seminar on Comparative Tax Law in 2019. All seminars are offered **free of charge**; participants will only have to pay for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

If you are a doctoral candidate engaged in research and writing a doctoral thesis (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. Furthermore, an invitation to a typical Viennese "Heurigen" will provide an ideal framework to socialise with colleagues and researchers from all over Europe.

Each participant is required to read some material in advance. The assignment will be given in advance. In addition, a poster containing the highlights of the participant's doctoral thesis has to be prepared by **January 15, 2017**.


The **programme** is as follows:

Friday, February 17, 2017

09.00 – 10.30	Sources of EU Law relevant for Direct Taxation (<i>Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. Michael Lang / Dr. Rita Szudoczky</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Tax policy coordination in the European Union and the implementation of the BEPS Project (<i>Prof. Dr. Pasquale Pistone</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Trends and developments on CJEU case law on fundamental freedoms in tax matters within the Internal Market (<i>Prof. Dr. Alexander Rust, LL.M.</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	Trends and developments on CJEU case law on fundamental freedoms in tax matters in relation to third countries (<i>Dr. Karin Spindler-Simader, LL.B.</i>)

Saturday, February 18, 2017

09.00 – 10.30	Prohibition of State Aid: Its relevance for tax law and procedures (<i>Dr. Lisa Pucher</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Prohibition of State Aid: current developments and implications in relations with third countries (<i>Dr. Rita Szudoczky</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Mutual assistance in tax matters (<i>Dr. Karoline Spies</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	Settlement of disputes (<i>Dr. Mario Züger</i>)

19.30  *Invitation to an evening at a Viennese "Heurigen"
(wine tavern) sponsored by PwC*

Monday, February 20, 2017

09.00 – 10.30	Poster session
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	The Parent-Subsidiary Directive (<i>Dr. Christoph Marchgraber</i>)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	The Interest and Royalties Directive (<i>Dr. Dimitar Hristov</i>)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.30	The Merger Directive (<i>Dr. Daniela Hohenwarter-Mayr, LL.M.</i>)

On our website (<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/taxlaw/eventsmain/doctorate-seminar/>) you will find an application form. If you are interested in participating, you need to register no later than **November 30, 2016**. The form must be sent to Ms Hedwig Pfanner by e-mail (hedwig.pfanner@wu.ac.at). Applicants will be notified of their acceptance/refusal after the meeting of the Board - by December 10, 2016.

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If you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Lang, Prof. Dr. Alexander Rust, Prof. Dr. Josef Schuch, Prof. Dr. Claus Staringer, Prof. Dr. Pasquale Pistone, Prof. Dr. Alfred Storck, Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Owens