

# *Staying up-to-date:* Current Developments in European and International Tax Law

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You will receive a reminder as well as details on what is to be discussed before each event.

### WU Institute for Austrian and International

Tax Law – Lecture Room

Welthandelsplatz 1 – Building D3

1020 Vienna, Austria

### PwC

Erdbergstrasse 200, 1030 Vienna, Austria

16.30 until 19.30

### Seminar dates at a glance

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Monday, November 9, 2015	WU
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*We look forward to  
welcoming you!*

Everybody is talking about global tax issues. But not every opinion which is articulated is based on a deep understanding of the underlying issues, which is why it is now more important than ever to build upon existing international tax expertise and get the leading experts of the field involved.

**This is your opportunity to receive the best possible updates.**

This series of seminars entitled Current Developments in European and International Tax Law is hosted by the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) Institute of Austrian and International Tax Law together with PwC. Individually held seminars will give you the opportunity to gain expert insights while also making it possible to exchange views on an informal level.

  
**Professor Michael Lang**  
Head of the WU Institute for Austrian  
and International Tax Law

In the course of the coming academic year we are happy to once again be able to present a number of internationally renowned speakers from a variety of different countries.

Leading researchers as well as experts from the international PwC network will share their expertise and discuss current tax issues. The exact topics and programmes will be decided upon closer to the time of the event itself. This will enable us to focus on the latest relevant issues.

Subject to your registration, you will of course receive details on the themes to be discussed prior to each individual seminar. Participation is free of charge.

**We cordially invite you to come along and meet top international tax experts at these exciting lectures.**

  
**Christine Weinzierl**  
Partner,  
PwC Austria

## Part 1

**Monday, November 9, 2015, 16.30 – 19.30**

WU Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law –  
Lecture Room, Building D3  
Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria

### Lecturers:

#### *Barbara Porizkova and Tomáš Urbášek*

Barbara Porizkova is graduate of Masaryk University Law School. She holds the academic degree of Dr. Juris (2000). Since 1993 she has fully devoted herself to public law and primarily to financial law. She has worked for the state authorities as well as for the subjects under its jurisdiction. She gained her first international experience during an internship with the French Ministry of Finance (1996). Subsequently, she worked for eight years for the Financial and Tax Directorate in Brno and another five years for PwC. In June 2006, she was appointed a judge of the Supreme Administrative Court and since January 2014 she has been the President of a Chamber.



Tomáš Urbášek is a Director in the Tax and Legal Services department at PwC Czech Republic. He is a Global Compliance Services Country Leader for the Czech Republic and head of the PwC tax office in Brno. He is also the country champion and tutor at the PwC Tax Academy. Tomáš Urbášek holds a Master's degree in Economics and Corporate Finance from the Masaryk University in Brno and LL.M. degree in International Tax Law from the WU Vienna. He is a Czech Chartered Tax Advisor and Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA). A native Czech speaker, he is fluent in English and German.



### *John Avery Jones*

Dr John Avery Jones CBE is a retired Judge of the UK Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber), and a retired Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics. Earlier he was a practising solicitor, and he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation, Editor of the British Tax Review, Chairman of the British Branch of IFA, Chairman of the Tax Law Review Committee, and President of the Institute (now Chartered Institute) of Taxation. He has written and lectured extensively on international taxation and has been involved in tax arbitrations.

## Part 2

Monday, November 30, 2015, 16.30 – 19.30

WU Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law –  
Lecture Room, Building D3  
Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria



### Lecturers:

#### *Christoph Spengel*

Christoph Spengel is a Professor for International Taxation at the Business School of the University of Mannheim. Moreover, he is Director of the Leibniz Scientific Campus MaTax, Research Associate at the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), member of the Scientific Council of the Federal Ministry of Finance, International Research Fellow at Oxford University, Saïd Business School, and appointed member of several expert groups on company taxation headed by the European Commission. In addition, he is also a member of the Editorial Boards of World Tax Journal, Die Betriebswirtschaft, Die Unternehmensbesteuerung, and Steuer und Wirtschaft.

#### *Julia Sailer*

Julia Sailer is a Director in PwC's Value Added Tax team in Zurich, Switzerland. She started her professional career with PwC in Austria before joining PwC London and transferring to Switzerland in 2005. Julia Sailer specialises in international VAT, working with multi-national businesses in a variety of industries on their pan-European and global indirect tax matters. Julia Sailer holds a Master's degree in International Business Administration and a PhD in Social and Economic Studies from the University of Vienna, Austria. She is also an Austrian Certified Tax Expert.



## ***Part 3***

**Monday, January 25, 2016, 16.30 – 19.30**

PwC Austria – Office Vienna

Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor

Erdbergstrasse 200, 1030 Vienna, Austria

### ***Lecturers:***

#### ***Elly Van de Velde***

Elly Van de Velde studied law at the University of Antwerp and philosophy at the KU Leuven (Belgium). She currently is professor of tax law at Hasselt University and guest professor at the University of Antwerp. For her dissertation on the topic of tax rulings and other tax ‘arrangements’ she received the European Academic Tax Thesis Award of the EATLP and the European Commission in 2010. Elly Van de Velde is heading the tax law research unit at Hasselt University. She is member of EATLP and Antwerp Tax Academy. She is research fellow at the Ius Commune research school.

#### ***Sjoerd Douma***

Prof. Sjoerd Douma is Director at PwC. He heads the Dutch branch of PwC’s EU Direct Tax Group, a network of EU law experts in all 28 EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland. This international network is coordinated from the Netherlands, and Sjoerd Douma plays a leading role in it. Sjoerd Douma also advises clients and renders second opinions to clients and other advisors, on the interaction between EU law and corporate income tax, individual income tax and withholding tax systems. He has broad experience in EU tax law and tax controversy and assists the Tax Litigation and Mediation Department of PwC in the Netherlands on an ad-hoc basis.



## Part 4

**Monday, March 14, 2016, 16.30 – 19.30**

WU Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law –

Lecture Room, Building D3

Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria



### Lecturers:

#### *Eleonor Kristoffersson*

Prof. Dr. Eleonor Kristoffersson studied law at Gothenburg University (Sweden). She holds a LL.M. from Mannheim University (Germany) and an Doctor of Laws from Jönköping International Business School (Sweden). She was a full professor at Uppsala University (Sweden) and a visiting professor at Gävle University (Sweden), Salzburg University (Austria) and WU Vienna (Austria). She was one of the founders of the Swedish Institute for VAT Research at Stockholm University and was its president for several years. She is a professor in tax law at Örebro University. She is also a member of the Swedish Better Regulation Council appointed by the Swedish Government.

#### *Sami Douenias*

Sami Douenias holds a Master's degree in Tax Management. He is a Lecturer in International Tax for the Special Master Degree in Tax Management at the Solvay School of Economics and Management, ULB and Member of the Scientific Panel for this Special Master Degree. He is a qualified Luxembourg chartered accountant ("Expert Comptable") and a member of the Belgian Institute of Taxation Specialists (IAB/IEC). He leads the Tax Committee of the Luxembourg chartered accountants institute and is a director of Chinalux. Finally, Sami Douenias is Tax partner and International Tax Leader at PwC Luxembourg. He joined the Luxembourg firm from Belgium as a partner in 2000.





## *Part 5*

**Monday, April 11, 2016, 16.30 – 19.30**

WU Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law –

Lecture Room, Building D3

Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria

### *Lecturers:*

#### *Thomas König*

Thomas König is professor of political science at the University of Mannheim and speaker of the collaborative research center of the German National Science Foundation (SFB 884) entitled “Political Economy of Reforms”. His main research interests concern the study of political institutions in a comparative empirical framework. Topics include the different arenas, such as the domestic, European and international arenas, and the different stages of political decision making, such as the constitutional, legislative and implementation stages. Recent work has been published in major scholarly journals university presses.

#### *Ronald Gebhardt*

Ronald Gebhardt is a Manager and tax advisor with PwC in Hamburg/Germany and both a member of the German Tax Technical department and the European Direct Tax Group („EUDTG“). He studied business administration at the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg and worked at the chair of business taxation. For his PhD thesis on „Treaty Overriding“, he was awarded with several prizes.

## Part 6

**Monday, May 30, 2015, 16.30 – 19.30**

PwC Austria – Office Vienna

Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor

Erdbergstrasse 200, 1030 Vienna, Austria

### Lecturers:

#### *Matthias Valta*

Matthias Valta holds a Post Doc position at Heidelberg University. After graduating as lawyer he has written a PhD thesis on the fundamentals of International Tax Law. The thesis develops equity, efficiency and development assistance principles including questions of democratic legitimation. The thesis has been awarded the 2013 Mitchell B. Carroll Prize and a 2014 European Academic Tax Thesis award. Matthias Valta works on German Tax Law and International Tax Law as well as German Public Law and International Public Law. He is currently a member of the Junior Academy for Young Scholars and Scientists of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

#### *Nana Šumrada*

Dr. Nana Šumrada Slavnič, LL.M. studied law at Ljubljana School of Law (Slovenia), Harvard Law School and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. She holds the academic degrees of Dr. Juris, Master of Laws and Bachelor of Laws. She was a fourth referendaire at chambers of Dr. Marko Ilešič, Slovene judge to the Court of Justice of the European Union, for five years. She is currently manager at PwC Slovenia and member of PwC European Direct Tax Group's specialist bodies, the Technical Committee and the State Aid Working Group. Nana Šumrada is a holder of AmCham Slovenia Top Young Potential 2012 Award. She has also authored and co-authored a number of tax and EU law related publications.





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