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TRN Annual Conference – Birmingham 2018

Thank you to Penelope, Andy and their colleagues at the University of Birmingham for organising a most fruitful and enjoyable Conference back in September.

A video summary of the Education Day is [available on YouTube](#)

Videos of the Presentations are available on our [Website](#)

TRN Annual Conference – Preston 2019

The 28th Annual Tax Research Network Conference will run from 9 – 11 September 2019.

It will be hosted by the [Lancashire School of Business and Enterprise](#) at the Preston campus of the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

Outside of the formal conference sessions, we will be networking in the School's newly-constructed social spaces:



and heading out to the 14th Century [Samlesbury Hall](#) for the Conference Dinner.

UCLan will also be hosting the annual conference of the [Society of Legal Scholars](#) in the week preceding the TRN conference (3 – 6 September). We understand that SLS will schedule their tax stream for the end of that week. We hope that many of you will be able to attend both events.

Our neighbours, Edge Hill University, in Ormskirk (30 minutes by train from Preston) will be hosting the Accounting History Review conference which starts on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th September. We will arrange our programme to accommodate those who may wish to move on to this event. Their call for papers is at <http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/bes/rabf-annual-conference-cfp-2019>. The call closes on 15 February.

Preston is located next to the M6 motorway and its station lies on the West Coast Mainline with direct services to Manchester Airport, London, Birmingham, Glasgow and Edinburgh. [UCLan's campus](#) is a short walk from the station.

Tax Education Day on Wednesday 11 September 2019

We will be building on the success of the Education Day at our 2018 Birmingham conference and are putting together a programme which will be of value to tax educators as well as researchers and scholars.

Call for papers

The call for papers will open towards the end of January.

Further information

We will update the TRN website as the more detailed arrangements are finalised.

In the meantime if you have any suggestions or questions about the Conference or what else to do while you are in Lancashire, do please email the organisers at UCLan: [David Massey](#) or [Debbie Wood](#)

Opportunities

Professorship of Taxation Law – University of Oxford

Faculty of Law in association with Worcester College, Oxford

Start date: as soon as possible and ideally no later than 1 September 2019

The Professorship of Taxation Law provides an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic candidate with outstanding intellectual leadership skills to consolidate and enhance Oxford's reputation as a centre for excellence in research and teaching in tax law. As well as offering tax courses as part of its undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, Oxford is home to the part-time MSc in Taxation, launched in 2016, which is taught jointly with colleagues at the Centre for Business Taxation in the Saïd Business School, so this is a particularly exciting time to join the tax community in the university. The successful candidate will have an outstanding record of research and publications in taxation law, the ability to teach and supervise students at all levels, and the capacity to set out and implement a strategic vision for tax law at Oxford.

Applications for this post are to be made online. To apply for this role and for further details about how to apply, including the job description and selection criteria, please click on the link below.

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 7 January 2019.

Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

[The full job advertisement is here](#)

Tax Administration Research Centre, University of Exeter – associate professor, senior lecturer, and postdoc vacancies

“Join the TARC team! [Check out the Exeter website](#) for details of our Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Associate Professor, and Senior Lecturer vacancies. **Closing date 14th January**”

Opportunities for graduating economists at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (UG, PG)

“At the Institute for Fiscal Studies we are looking to recruit 2-4 **new researchers** to join IFS next autumn. I want to make you aware of this in case you have students who might be interested.

We recruit exceptionally talented students direct from an undergraduate degree or with a master’s degree. We are also interested in hearing from the very best of those completing PhDs in relevant areas. We are looking for highly motivated students who have shown an unusual aptitude for economics, preferably combined with an interest in policy issues and a taste for numerical work.

IFS has a strong record in training excellent social scientists, some of whom continue to work at IFS for many years while others have moved on to careers in a variety of organisations including the civil service, the media and academia. Researchers at IFS have the chance to carry out in-depth economic research and also to communicate their findings to politicians, journalists, academics and many others. We aim to cultivate a supportive and intellectually stimulating environment, encouraging staff to develop their skills, through further study, ad hoc training and by giving them opportunities to get involved with all aspects of research and communication right from the start.

If you have any outstanding students who might be interested, I would be grateful if you could suggest to them that they consider applying; further details on the role can be found on our website (www.ifs.org.uk/jobs). **The closing date for applications is 18 January 2019**, and interviews will be held at the end of February.

We also run a **summer student scheme** at IFS to give students who are at the end of their penultimate year of study an opportunity to see economic research in action. I would be grateful if you could also draw this opportunity to the attention of any suitable students.

If you have any questions about job opportunities at the IFS, please do get in touch with ... Emma Hyman (emma_h@ifs.org.uk) who will be happy to assist you or your students.”

Teaching Opportunities at UNSW: Business Law and Taxation Sessional Staff

The School of Taxation and Business Law, UNSW Business School is interested in recruiting casual lecturers, tutors and markers for 2019.

Applicants should have appropriate teaching experience at a university level, and at least an undergraduate degree, majoring in the area in which they seek to teach. Applicants seeking to teach in postgraduate programs should have relevant postgraduate qualifications.

Further details are available [here](#)

Calls for Papers – Conferences

Organisers	Date, Venue	Theme	Deadline for abstract
Tax Justice Network	2/3 July 2019, London	Professional enablers of tax abuse and crime. The role of banks, law firms and accountants.	14 December 2018
University of Cambridge, Centre for Tax Law	8/9 July 2019, Cambridge	4th Tax Policy conference Tax Justice and Tax Law	15 December 2018
Group for Research on European and International Taxation	19/20 June 2019, Lund	14th GREIT conference: Tax Sustainability in the EU and International Context	14 January 2019
Reconnaissance Tax Stamp Forum	11-13 September 2019, Budapest	...presentations on new technologies with the potential to enhance the production and protection of tax stamps will be particularly welcome.	14 April 2019
Tax Research Network	9-11 September 2019, Preston	Annual conference – papers welcome from all disciplines and on any aspect of taxation	Call opens January 2019
African Tax Research Network	9-11 September 2019, Ouagadoudou, Burkina Faso	Digitalisation: Challenges and opportunities – Discussing the African Tax Landscape	Link for submission will open in February 2019

Calls for Papers - Journals

Journal	AJG/ABDC	Theme	Deadline
Critical Perspectives on Accounting	3/A	Furthering Critical Perspectives on Taxation	January 1, 2019 to April 5, 2019
Journal of Management Accounting Research	2/A	The interface between managerial accounting and tax	August 1, 2019

Open Consultations

Department	Topic	Closing date
MHCLG	Business rates treatment of self-catering accommodation	15 January 2019
HMRC	Taxation of Trusts: a review	30 January 2019
HMRC	Amendments to tax returns	6 February 2019
HMT & HMRC	Digital Services Tax: consultation	28 February 2019

Discussion Paper – Devolving Taxes across the UK: Learning from the Scottish Experience

The Scottish Taxes Policy Forum (STPF) was formed in 2017 by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and the Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT) to collaborate on technical analysis of Scottish tax matters. The group aims to produce and build alignment around expert opinions that are clear, realistic, accurate and politically neutral.

The group has recently published a discussion paper, [“Devolving Taxes across the UK: Learning from the Scottish Experience”](#)

“Twenty-one years after the people of Scotland voted in favour of a Scottish Parliament with tax raising powers, this paper considers the implementation of the devolved tax powers in Scotland and asks, from an operational perspective, how well ‘Scottish taxes’ are working for Scotland and for the rest of the UK. The Scottish Taxes Policy Forum (STPF) makes a number of observations that should be considered by policy makers and asks some key questions that require further consideration. The STPF proposes further strategic engagement with government, politicians and wider civic society, with the aim of promoting greater public awareness and understanding of Scotland’s changing tax landscape and its interaction with the wider UK tax regime.”

The overarching ‘Big Question’ posed by the paper is: “Is the current devolution model delivering on its potential? ”

Appendix 4 to the paper lists almost 30 key questions, the answers to which will contribute towards answering the Big Question.

If anyone is looking for a route to impact from their current research or has students looking for inspiration to establish their research questions, the paper would be worth a read.

Well worth a read anyway for those of us who need to catch up on what’s been happening to the tax system(s) in the UK.

Books – Contemporary Issues in Tax Research (Volume 3)



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This collection of essays is based on papers presented at the Tax Research Network conferences in 2015 and 2016.

The essays provide valuable insights into the rich diversity of contemporary tax research and draw on a variety of perspectives including law, anthropology, social and public policy.

They cover a range of themes including taxpayers' compliance, tax administration for large businesses, tax avoidance and tax policy. They are written by a mix of scholars ranging from current doctoral students through to more experienced tax researchers and cover a range of themes including equity, taxpayer compliance and rights and tax policy.

This volume will provide insights and inspiration to aspiring and experienced tax researchers and policy professionals alike.

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