



# Summer conference 2016 Corporation tax for the 21st century

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#### INTRODUCTION

Following the public and political outcry at the tax planning practices of some well-known multinationals, the OECD set up its BEPS project in 2013; this has now reported and proposed a raft of reforms. However, the limitations of the project were clear from the start. The project lacked any serious analysis of the fundamental aims and rationale for the taxation of multinationals' profit, and in particular where profit should be taxed. The BEPS proposals address specific issues, or loopholes, but the fundamental structural weaknesses in the system will remain. For this reason, it is unlikely that such an approach can generate a stable international tax system.

Towards the end of 2013 I invited an international group of economists and lawyers to meet to reconsider the fundamentals of the system, and to propose more considered reforms. The group, which has been working and meeting together since then, has two main goals. The first is to set out and examine fundamental issues of principle and practice in the taxation of business profit and the allocation of taxing rights over such profit amongst countries, paying attention to the interests and circumstances of advanced and developing countries. The second is to evaluate the existing system and potential reform options.

The group has considered a number of reform options, ranging from those requiring relatively marginal change to radically different systems. It has considered two options in some detail: (i) a Residual Profit Allocation system and (ii) a Destination Based Cash-Flow Tax. A common feature is that they assign taxing rights partly or fully to the location of relatively immobile factors: shareholders or consumers.

This summer conference of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation will discuss these issues. Members of the group will present the group's ideas to date, and leading figures from government, business, academia and the media will respond and give their own views on the future development of international corporation tax.

This summer conference has been organised in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich.

#### Michael Devereux

Director, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

The Group has the following members:

Alan Auerbach, University of California at Berkeley

Michael Devereux, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

Michael Graetz, Columbia University and Yale University

Michael Keen, International Monetary Fund

Paul Oosterhuis, Skadden Arps LLP

Wolfgang Schön, The Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich

John Vella, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

## Programme

9:00 – 9:30am	Registration and coffee
9:30am – 11:30am	The need for reform, and current policy proposals  Michael Devereux, Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business
	Taxation Welcome and Introduction
	Chair: John Vella, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation
	Michael Graetz, Columbia University and Yale University The need for reform Michael Devereux, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation
	Principles for reform  Wolfgang Schön, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich
	Reforms on the current political agenda  Reuven Avi–Yonah, University of Michigan
	Valeska Gronert, European Commission Discussion
11:30am – 12:00pm	Coffee
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Residual Profit Allocation Proposal
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3:45pm – 4:15pm	Coffee
4:15pm – 5:30pm	Panel Discussion Chair: Michael Devereux, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation
	Ian Brimicombe, AstraZeneca plc Alex Cobham, Tax Justice Network Michael Graetz, Columbia University and Yale University Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MBE MP, House of Commons Vanessa Houlder, Financial Times John Kay, Financial Times
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Close and drinks reception

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# **Biographies**

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International Network for Tax Research. Reuven is also the chair of the AALS Tax Section and trustee of the American Tax Policy Institute, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and an International Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation. He has held teaching appointments at Harvard University (law) and Boston College (history), and practised law with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York; with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York; and with Ropes & Gray, Boston. After receiving his BA, summa cum laude, from Hebrew University, he earned three additional degrees from Harvard University: an AM in history, a PhD in history, and a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. Reuven has published over 150 books and articles, including International Tax as International Law (2007) and Global Perspectives on Income Taxation Law (2011).

## Jennifer Blouin

Jennifer Blouin is an Associate Professor of Accounting at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. She studies taxation in many contexts, including capital structure, asset pricing, payout policy and multinational firm behaviour. Jennifer's research has been published in top-tier academic journals including Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Accounting and Economics,



Journal of Financial Economics, National Tax Journal and the Journal of the American Taxation Association. She has received funding from the Rodney L. White Center for Financial Research, the Global Initiatives Research Program and the International Tax Policy Forum. Jennifer is a current Penn Fellow, and was a 2009–2010 Golub Faculty Scholar.

Jennifer teaches taxation to undergraduate, MBA, and PhD students. She won Wharton's 2010 MBA Teaching Commitment and Curricular Innovation Award and the 2014 Award for Teaching Excellence. She received her PhD in Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her BS from Indiana University Bloomington. Prior to obtaining her PhD, Jennifer was a tax manager with Arthur Andersen LLP.

### Ian Brimicombe

Ian Brimicombe is VP, Corporate Finance at AstraZeneca. He trained in audit, tax and corporate finance at Coopers & Lybrand, London (now PwC) from 1986, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Tax Adviser. In 1994, he moved to Zeneca Group Plc and in 1995, he transferred to Alderley Park as Corporate Finance and Tax Manager for the Zeneca Pharmaceuticals business. Ian returned



to Zeneca Corporate Office in London as Deputy Tax Controller in 1998. From 2002, he was Head of Group Tax, responsible for global tax strategy and operations and delivery of AstraZeneca's group tax targets. In 2011, he was made Group Head of Tax and Treasury adding the treasury management to his existing portfolio in AstraZeneca. He was recently appointed VP, Corporate Finance. Ian is also a Board member of AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals India Ltd. He is a member of the 100 Group Fiscal Committee and the Business Tax Forum.

#### Alex Cobham

Alex Cobham is a development economist and Director of Research at the International Tax Justice Network, and a visiting Fellow at King's College, London. Previously he was a Research Fellow at the Center for Global Development, and before that held posts at Christian Aid, Save the Children, and at Oxford (St Anne's College and Queen Elizabeth House). Recent research includes analysis of the scale of global



profit-shifting by US multinationals, and an assessment of the potential for the Sustainable Development Goals to challenge the relationships between power, inequality and what goes uncounted.

Alex's work has mainly focused on issues of taxation, horizontal and vertical inequality, and illicit financial flows. He is a co-creator of both the Financial Secrecy Index (the leading global 'tax haven' ranking), and the Palma ratio of inequality. He played a central role in the establishment of the first major development INGO campaign on tax justice at Christian Aid; and created the original proposal for what is now the leading international tax revenue database, the ICTD-WIDER GRD.

Alex is a trustee at ActionAid UK and the Citizens Income Trust, and a member of the advisory groups of the International Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT), the Pan-African Inequalities conference, the Fair Tax Mark, and the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE, Oxford).

## Michael Devereux

Michael Devereux is Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Professor of Business Taxation at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford and a Professorial Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford. He is Research Director of the European Tax Policy Forum, and Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research and CESifo. He is Honorary President of the International Institute for



Public Finance, Assistant Editor of the British Tax Review and a member of the Editorial Board of the World Tax Journal. Professor Devereux is a member of the Business Forum on Tax and Competitiveness, chaired by the Exchequer Secretary, and in 2014 was a member of the European Commission High Level Expert Group on Taxation of the Digital Economy.

# Steve Edge

Steve Edge qualified with Slaughter and May in 1975, and acts for clients across the full range of the firm's practice. In the transfer pricing area in particular, Steve has been involved in negotiating with HMRC for over 30 years – and also in advising on many transfer pricing disputes up to and including litigation.



Steve advises on the tax aspects of private and public mergers, acquisitions, disposals and joint ventures and on business and transaction structuring (including transfer pricing in all its aspects) more generally. He also advises many banks, insurance companies, hedge funds and others in the financial services sector in a wide range of areas.

At present, Steve is advising a number of US and other non-UK based IT companies or groups with substantial offshore IP on their UK transfer pricing position – particularly following the introduction of diverted profits tax. (Steve and other partners in the firm were consulted by HMRC about that tax on its introduction and were involved in commenting on the first drafts of the official guidance). In the past he has advised overseas motor manufacturers on transfer pricing disputes involving their UK operations and a number of UK and non-UK multinationals on a variety of transfer pricing issues.

Steve has just, with Michael Devereux and Paul Morton, given evidence to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee looking at how to protect the UK tax base and asking whether the UK business tax regime is fit for purpose. In 2013, he gave oral evidence to the Inquiry by the House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs on "Tackling corporate tax avoidance in a global economy", and in 2011 he submitted a written testimony to the US Congress' Ways and Means Committee on "How other countries have used tax reform to help their companies compete in the Global Market and Create jobs".

Steve has worked with HMRC on the creations of the REIT rules, and he was appointed by HMRC to the Committee which was involved in the drafting and approval of the guidance supporting the newly introduced GAAR. He is involved in many informal consultations on tax policy.

Steve was invited by the OECD to both private consultative sessions and advisers response sessions on a number of aspects of the BEPS proposals.

### Judith Freedman CBE

Judith Freedman is Pinsent Masons Professor of Taxation Law at the Oxford University Faculty of Law, a Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford and Director of Legal Research at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation. Previously she was a solicitor in the corporate tax department of Freshfields and then lectured on tax and company law at the London School of Economics. Judith is general editor of the British



Tax Review and on the editorial boards of several other journals. She is a member of the Tax Law Review Committee of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), and of the Council of the IFS. She has served on various tax law reform bodies including the DTI's Company Law Review working party on small companies, the small business consultative committee of the Office of Tax Simplification and the Aaronson GAAR Study Advisory Group. One focus of her research and writing has been the legal form and taxation of small businesses. She was co-author, with Claire Crawford, of a chapter on small business taxation in Dimensions of Tax Design, published as part of the Mirrlees Review.

# Malcolm Gammie QC

Malcolm Gammie started his tax career in the City with Linklaters & Paines. After a period working on tax policy at the CBI, he was among the first lawyers to work in the tax field with a leading accounting firm.

At KMG Thomson McLintock (now part of KPMG), he was the first Director of the firm's National Tax Office and then its Director of National Tax Services. In 1985 he returned to Linklaters & Paines and from 1987 to 1997 was one of its senior tax partners. He moved to the Bar in 1997 to concentrate on tax litigation and advisory work and took Silk in 2002. He is a part time Judge of the First-tier and Upper Tax Tribunals and is one of the UK's nominated arbitrators under the European transfer pricing Arbitration Convention.

Malcolm has had a long association with the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and is particularly noted for his work on corporate tax policy. Between 1987 and 1992 he chaired the IFS' Capital Taxes Group which, in its final report, proposed that the UK should adopt an allowance for corporate equity (ACE) system to replace the UK's imputation system. In the 1990s Malcolm also chaired several committees established by the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels to consider corporate taxation in Europe. In 1998 as Unilever Professor at Leiden University in The Netherlands he developed a proposal for European Home State Taxation, the details of which he subsequently published with Professor Sven-Olof Lodin. Between 1997 and 2013 he acted as Research Director of the IFS' Tax Law Review Committee, which he now chairs. He was one of the editors of the IFS' Mirrlees Review, "Tax by Design", in 2011.

## Michael Graetz

Michael Graetz is the Justus S Hotchkiss Professor Emeritus of Law and Professorial Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. He also holds an appointment at Columbia University where he is the Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law and Columbia Alumni Professor of Tax Law. His specialties include taxation, tax policy, health law and policy, and income security law and policy. In addition to Yale and Columbia,



Professor Graetz has taught at Georgetown, Virginia, the University of Southern California, and the California Institute of Technology; he also served in the US Treasury in Washington, DC in the early 1990s. His books include The Burger Court and the Rise of the Judicial Right, Follow the Money: Essays on International Taxation, 100 Million Unnecessary Returns: A Simple, Fair, and Competitive Tax Plan for the United States, Death by A Thousand Cuts and The Decline and Fall of the Income Tax. Professor Graetz received his BBA from Emory University and his LLB from the University of Virginia.

## Rachel Griffith

Rachel Griffith is Research Director of the IFS. She is Professor of Economics at the University of Manchester, a Fellow of the British Academy, Editor of the *Economic Journal* and a Research Fellow of CEPR. Rachel won the Birgit Grodal award in 2014 and was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2015 for services to economic policy.



Her research considers the relationship between government policy and economic performance. Her specific interests relate to empirical industrial organisation, the retail food sector, nutrition, innovation, productivity and corporate tax.

#### Valeska Gronert

Valeska Gronert is an Economic Analyst working in the European Commission's Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union on the economic analysis of corporate and capital taxation. She has previously worked in the European Commission on the economic adjustment programme for Cyprus with a focus on tax reform and tax administration reform. Prior to joining the European Commission she



has worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She holds a PhD from Vanderbilt University and has published in peer-reviewed academic journals.

# Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MBE MP

The Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MBE has been Member of Parliament for Barking since 1994. She is the former Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, the first female and elected person to take that role.



She is a Visiting Professor in the Public Policy Unit at King's College London (appointed 2015) and was appointed Chair of the Theatre

Royal Stratford East in 2016. She is Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Responsible Taxation (appointed 2015) and co-Chair of Govern Up with Nick Herbert MP (appointed 2016). Margaret has been a Director of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy since 2015.

She carried out the following roles in the Labour Government between 1998 and 2010: She was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment and Equal Opportunities, Department for Education and Employment (1998–2001); Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, Department for Education and Skills (2001–2003); Minister of State for Children, Young People and Families, Department for Education and Skills (2003–2005); Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform in the Department for Work and Pensions (2005–2006); Minister of State for Industry and the Regions in the Department for Trade and Industry (2006–2007); and Minister for Culture, the Creative industries and Tourism in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (2007–2010).

In the 2010 General Election Margaret fought off the challenge from Nick Griffin and the British National Party in her constituency, doubling her majority to 16,555.

Margaret entered politics in 1973 as a councillor for the London Borough of Islington where she was Chair of the Housing Committee from 1975 to 1979 and Deputy Leader from 1981 to 1982, before becoming Leader from 1982 to 1992. Prior to her appointment to the DfE she was Joint Chairman of the House of Commons Education and Employment Select Committee.

Margaret was educated at Bromley High School and Oxford High School before obtaining a BSc at the London School of Economics.

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Vanessa Houlder has worked as a journalist on the Financial Times since 1988 writing about companies, the property industry, technology, management, environment, economics and taxation. For the past decade she has written extensively about tax policy, in the UK and internationally. She has a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University and a post-graduate diploma in journalism from City University.



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He recently chaired the Review of UK Equity Markets and Long-Term Decision–Making which reported to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills in July 2012. He is the author of many books, including *The Truth about Markets* (2003), *The Long and the Short of It: finance and investment for normally intelligent people who are not in the industry* (2009) and *Obliquity* (2010). His latest book, *Other People's Money* – towards a financial system for the needs of the economy rather than financial market participants – published by Profile Books and (in North America) by PublicAffairs in September 2015.

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Honorary President of the International Institute of Public Finance (of which he was elected President from 2003 to 2006), and in 2008 was ranked the world's leading author in public economics journals. He has led technical assistance missions to over thirty countries on a wide range of issues in tax policy, and consulted for the World Bank, European Commission, and the private sector. He has served on the Board of the National Tax Association in the US, and on the editorial boards of American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, International Tax and Public Finance (of which he was joint founder), Journal of Public Economics, the Review of Economic Studies and many other journals. He is co-author of books on The Modern VAT, the Taxation of Petroleum and Minerals, and Changing Customs. Recent publications also appear in the American Economic Review, Economic Policy, the Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics and the National Tax Journal.

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Paul received his BA from Brown University and his JD Degree from Harvard Law School. After law school he became a Legislation Attorney for the Joint Committee on Taxation, US Congress, and later served as the Committee's Legislation Counsel. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught International Taxation in the Master of Taxation graduate law program.

He has lectured at various professional seminars and institutes, has written on a variety of subjects relating to tax matters, and has testified before Congressional tax writing committees on various tax legislative issues. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and is admitted to practice in the US Tax Court.

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#### The Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

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The Centre undertakes and publishes multidisciplinary research into the aims, practice and consequences of taxes which affect business. Although it engages in debate on specific policy issues, the main focus of the Centre's research is on long-term, fundamental issues in business taxation. Its findings are based on rigorous analysis, detailed empirical evidence and in depth institutional knowledge.

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