From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

Early in March, the TTPI released our report, *A stocktake of the tax system and directions for reform: five years after the Henry review*, co-authored by Andre Moore, Quentin Grafton, Peter Whiteford and me. This is a comprehensive new report on Australia’s tax system which aims to examine what has changed, what challenges remain and the key areas for tax reform at federal and State level. We await the Government’s issues paper on tax reform with interest, while observing the *reform of the federation* White Paper process gradually unfold.

We are delighted to kick start our TTPI Seminar series for the year with Dr Chung Tran on tax, pensions and demographic challenges. We invite tax scholars to contact us if you wish to present a seminar and contribute a working paper to the TTPI working paper series.

We will be holding a conference *Looking Forward at 100 Years: Where Next for the Income Tax?* on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 April 2015. Our keynote speaker is Professor Michael Graetz of Columbia University. The conference will address key topics of future of the personal income tax, company tax and income tax in the federation. Confirmed speakers include Professor Geoffrey Brennan, Richard Vann, Chris Evans, Neil Warren and Richard Eccleston. More information and program for this invitation conference will be available soon.

We are pleased to have another US visitor as Professor Alan J. Auerbach, Director of the Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance at University of California at Berkeley, will be visiting to participate in the forthcoming East Asia Forum conference. Professor Auerbach will present the annual *Sir Roland Wilson Public Lecture* on the topic of *taxation of capital and inequality*, co-hosted this year by TTPI on Wednesday 15 April 2015, 5:30pm.

As always, please circulate this information and Newsletter widely to people who you think may be interested.

TTPI International Visiting Fellow Awards

The International Visiting Fellows awards program was launched earlier this year with opportunities for international visiting fellows to spend a minimum of two weeks visiting TTPI. Submissions are due by 15 March 2015. Guidelines and application form available [here](#).

TTPI Seminar Series

Dr Chung Tran from the Research School of Economics, ANU will be presenting his paper ‘Facing demographic challenges: pension cuts or tax hikes’ on Tuesday 17 March 2015, 12.30 - 1:30pm in the Springbank room, Crawford School of Public Policy. All welcome, please register at the link.

Sir Roland Wilson Public Lecture - Taxation of Capital, by Professor Alan Auerbach

Listen to Professor Alan Auerbach, University of California Berkeley, give the Sir Roland Wilson Public Lecture on the taxation of capital and inequality, on Wednesday 15 April 2015, 5:30pm.

The International Fiscal Association offers a number of research prizes in tax law and policy. Submissions of research papers are due for the [Mitchell B Carroll Prize](#) for a research paper on international or comparative tax law or policy for writers aged under 35, papers are due for submission by 1 April 2015. 

IFA also has a “Poster Programme” at the annual international Congress for PhD
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students writing a thesis on international taxation. Applications due by 31 March for participation at the next IFA Congress in Basel, Switzerland from 30 August – 4 September 2015.