From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

This month TTPI has welcomed our Australian Visiting Fellow Dr Diane Kraal from Monash University. Diane is researching the impact of resource commodity prices on tax revenues. During her visit Diane and Dr Craig Emerson presented a seminar on Current tax reform in Papua New Guinea for mining, at Crawford School.

While tax reform debates are wide ranging, TTPI will focus on the economics and law design of Australia’s Future GST in the Real World, at a conference to be held on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 August 2015. Further details and a program will be made available shortly on our web at events.

We are also pleased to announce the International Visiting Fellow has been awarded to Associate Professor, Dr Sacchidananda Mukherjee from the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) New Delhi, India. Dr Mukherjee will be visiting TTPI in August this year and will also present a paper at the TTPI GST Conference on Present state of GST reform in India. We look forward to Dr Mukherjee’s visit.

Senior Research Fellow Dr David Ingles and I have recently engaged in debates on design of the age pension assets test in Australia, making a submission to the Senate Committee that argues for a coherent, smoother treatment of lifecourse savings across tax and transfer systems. More generally, to help in thinking through the government's tax discussion paper, our TTPI report A stocktake of the tax system and directions for reform: five years after the Henry review, can now be purchased as a bound copy, or downloaded for free, from our website.

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

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TTPI Seminar Series

Our next TTPI seminar will be held on Tuesday 21 July 2015, 12.30 - 1.30pm, The impact of tax policy on the demand for private health insurance in Australia, by Associate Professor Xiaodong Gong of NATSEM, University of Canberra. Further details and registration are available on our website here.

Upcoming event: Road pricing and costs

On Wednesday 9 September 2015, we look forward to hosting Professor Clifford Winston, Senior Fellow of Brookings Institution. Professor Winston will be the keynote speaker on The full social costs of roads and how to reduce them, together with Australian panelists on transport taxes, congestion policy and more. We host Professor Winston jointly with CAMA at the Crawford School. More details will be on our events page shortly.
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