From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

We welcome Professor Kathleen Lahey of Queen's University, Canada this week, jointly hosted by TTPI and the ANU Gender Institute. Professor Lahey will present a public lecture on Tax and transfer policies and sex equality: what Australia, Canada and the UK should learn from experience on Wednesday 4 November 2015, 5.15pm at Crawford School.

Professor Lahey will also take part in our two day invitation workshop on Gender equality in Australia's tax and transfer system sponsored by the Academy of the Social Sciences and in cooperation with the Curtin University Women in Social and Economic Research group.

A reminder that Professor Bob Breunig will be leading a Crawford introductory Executive Education course on the Economics of Tax Policy on 12-13 November 2015. Course overview and details on how to apply are available here. A guest lecture will be presented by Mr Jeremy Sherwood, from the Office of Tax Simplification in the UK.

TTPI is also supporting a number of other interesting events this month. The Australian Centre for Federalism presents The politics of fiscal equalization in Canada and Australia: contemporary responses and practical reforms on Friday 18 November 2015 with Professor Brian Galligan, University of Melbourne and Professor Daniel Beland, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, Canada. Registration and more details are available here.

Crawford School and HC Coombs Policy Forum will be holding a conference on Designing effective and innovative public policy in a complex environment conference on Monday 23 November 2015. Professor Cass Sunstein, Harvard University is the leading speaker with many other luminaries. Registration and details are available here.

Applications are open for TTPI's 2016 Australian Visiting Fellow Awards. These awards fund a one or two week visit by Australian tax and welfare scholars from around the country to TTPI at Crawford School, to build our national public finance research network. Visiting fellows will carry out research and we will aim to build collaborative
Students researching international tax and public finance may be interested in entering the US Tax Analysts annual student writing competition for 2016. This global competition enables winning students to publish a paper in widely read US tax journal *Tax Notes International*. Students must be enrolled in a law, business, or public policy program. The paper should be between 2,500 and 12,000 words and focus on an unsettled question in international tax law or policy. Submissions are to be sent to studentwritingcomp@taxanalysts.org by 31 May 2016, with “Submission: [School name]” in the subject line.

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

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