From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

Summer is upon us! I am excited to let you know that TTPI's new blog, **Austaxpolicy: Tax and Transfer Policy Blog** will launch next week. We will let you know when we go live - we hope that you will enjoy our Blog articles, briefs and news and we welcome your comments and feedback.

We have begun tweeting research, news and (soon) our blog posts at Twitter account @Austaxpolicy, so please follow us. If you are interested in contributing an article to the blog, please get in touch with us at tax.policy@anu.edu.au.

Our TTPI **working paper series** is growing, with latest Working Paper 7/2015 by David Ingles and Miranda Stewart on retirement incomes policy and the age pension. We again encourage tax, transfer and public finance scholars to contribute a paper to the series. These papers can also be viewed on SSRN.

A reminder that 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 present and work on your research and deepen our collaborative research networks. Guidelines and the application form are available here.

Congratulations to ANU PhD student and TTPI research assistant Peter Varela, who has won an Endeavour Scholarship to spend six months at the University of Michigan working with Professor Joel Slemrod in 2016.

Congratulations also to former TTPI research assistant Joel Emery, now with PricewaterhouseCoopers, who was awarded the 2015 law Council Forsyth Pose tax law research prize for his paper on tax and cryptocurrencies, developed while working with us.

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

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**Free Public Seminar**

**Impact of BEPS on Australia's tax treaty policy**, Thursday 10 December 2015 12.30-2pm. In this seminar Lyn Redman and Greg Wood, Senior Advisors in Treasury's Corporate and International Tax Division will talk on the impact of the OECD/G20 BEPS project on Australia’s tax treaty policy conducted by Australia’s tax treaty negotiators. **Hosted by TTPI and the Australian branch of IFA.** Registration available here.

**TTPI Seminar Series**

We will be continuing the monthly TTPI Seminar Series in 2016 with another interesting and informative line-up of speakers, commencing in February. Check our website in 2016 for more details.
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