

From the Director



Dear friends and colleagues

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016. Taxes and transfers continue to be hotly debated as we look forward this year to an interesting budget and possible tax reform proposals, not to mention a federal election. Meanwhile I have been visiting Professor Asa Gunnarson at Umea University, Sweden which hosts the major collaborative [European 2020 Project](#).

In December we launched [Austaxpolicy: Tax and Transfer Policy Blog](#). I hope you can visit and bookmark the blog which presents new research and policy analysis, reviews and interviews in accessible style. We are tweeting [@Austaxpolicy](#), and will establish a newsfeed soon.

I would like to encourage tax researchers to consider applying for an [Australian visiting fellow award for 2016](#). We are receiving applications on a rolling basis, so please get in touch if you are interested. Researchers interested in submitting a research paper to the Working Paper series, or a blog post to [Austaxpolicy.com](#), please email us at tax.policy@anu.edu.au with your proposal.

This year, TTPI benefits from two researchers with [Australian Government Endeavour Fellowships](#). We look forward to welcoming Assistant Professor Tereza Rogic Lugaric from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, who will do postdoctoral research work on tax co-operative compliance, while PhD student Peter Varela will be visiting the University of Michigan later in the year.

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

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TTPI Seminar Series

The first TTPI seminar is at lunchtime on **Tuesday 23 February 2016**, *Improving the efficiency of the Australian tax system: a CGE model-based analysis*, by Mr Chris Murphy, a visiting fellow at Crawford School of Public Policy. More details on the event and registration is available [here](#).

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