From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

This month TTPI with the Minerals Council of Australia brings Professor Jack Mintz, a leading tax and public policy expert from Canada, to discuss the likely effects of Trump’s tax policy. Professor Mintz will present a public lecture on **Tuesday 14 March 2017**. Event registration is available on our [website](#).

In our TTPI seminar series, Matthew Taylor from the Centre for Social Research and Methods, ANU presented this month on *The likely distributional impacts of Parental Leave Pay reform* on **Tuesday 7 March 2017**. Forthcoming presentations include Chris Hoy on *Applying behavioural insights in randomised controlled trials in Indonesia* and Sebastian Wende on *The cost of raising an additional dollar of revenue*.

On **Wednesday 19 April**, we are pleased to be hosting with The Development Policy Centre, Dr Vito Tanzi, former head of the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary fund and a leading public finance scholar. Dr Tanzi will give a public lecture on complexity in governments and markets.

As debates continue about Australian and International tax reform, TTPI will be issuing a Call for papers for a forthcoming research and policy conference on business and corporate taxation. The conference will take place in the last week of July, at which we will be hosting some international tax luminaries.

On Austaxpolicy Blog we have some highly topical commentary on the petroleum resource rent tax (especially gas taxation), in an interview by research fellow Emily Millane with Dr Diane Kraal; and failures in social security payment and debt systems in the UK and Australia, by Professor Jane Millar, who was our International Visiting Fellow in February, and Professor Peter Whiteford.

**Timing it wrong: Benefits, income tests, overpayments and debts**, by Jane Millar and Peter Whiteford (first published on Inside Story)

**The petroleum resource rent tax 1987: The process of reform and implications for taxation of petroleum resources today**, by Emily
Means testing public pensions: A policy option for an ageing population, by George Kudrna

A reminder regarding the new one-day Executive Education Introductory course at Crawford School on Gender analysis of public policy, 19 June 2017, 9.30-4.30pm, led by Professor Miranda Stewart with Dr Monica Costa. More details are available here. Other Executive Education courses are available on demand including courses on federalism and tax reform, and tax policy.

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