

From the Director



Dear friends and colleagues

In June, we welcome Associate Professor Lisa Marriott from the Victoria University of Wellington NZ, to the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute. Professor Marriott will present a TTPI research seminar on **Governing the poor in New Zealand** including her research funded by a Marsden grant on approaches to tax evasion and welfare fraud. Professor Marriott will participate in an invitation-

only social policy/tax and transfer policy workshop on Wednesday 28 June, sponsored by Jobs Australia, that brings together policymakers, academics and other researchers to discuss New Zealand and Australian approaches to tax and social security enforcement.

Our upcoming conference, **What shall we do with company tax?** on 24-25 July presents leading thinkers from the United Kingdom, United States and Australia to talk about current developments and new approaches to company tax in theory and practice. It's worth noting that the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) project of the G20-OECD hit a new milestone this week, as Australia was one of 76 countries to sign or affirm its intention to sign the ground-breaking multilateral treaty aimed at controlling international tax avoidance by closing treaty loopholes. The treaty was signed in Paris on 8 June.

Keynote speakers at **What shall we do with company tax?** include Michael Devereux from Oxford University, an originator of the Republican destination cash-flow tax proposal; Dhammika Dharmapala from the University of Chicago; Yariv Brauner from the University of Florida; David Rosenbloom from New York University; presenters from India and China, and leading Australian experts. The detailed program will be available soon [here](#). Places are limited, so please register soon if you wish to attend.

The latest TTPI working papers present ground-breaking empirical research by Mathias Sinning and Syed Hasan, [GST reform in Australia: Implications of estimating price elasticity of demand for food](#) and Nicholas Biddle, Katja Fels and Mathias Sinning, [Behavioural insights and business taxation: Evidence from two randomized controlled trials](#).

TTPI Seminar Series
Tuesday 27 June 2017
4.30 - 5.30pm

Governing the poor in New Zealand, Professor Lisa Marriott, Victoria University of Wellington NZ. Registration is available [here](#).

CONFERENCE

What shall we do with company tax?
24 - 25 July 2017

Registration for this conference is available [here](#).

As we review **Budget 2017-18**, TTPI researchers and invited contributors presented significant commentary on Budget 2017-18, including myself on [Q&A, ABC TV](#) and at the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation [Post-Budget Panel](#) and at a National Press Club forum with Women in Economics. You can find the Press Club speeches by Danielle Wood, Rachel Ong, and myself, plus numerous other insightful articles in our **Budget Forum 2017** on [Austaxpolicy Blog](#). Researchers also contributed to the National Foundation for Australian Women [Gender Lens on the Budget 2017](#).

The one-day Executive Education Introductory course at Crawford School on **Gender analysis of public policy**, will now be offered on **Monday 31 July 2017, 9.30-4.30pm**, led by Dr Monica Costa and I. 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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