

2023 WU Tax Law Technology Conference

Tax & Technology:
Academic Perspectives and Implications
for Tax Practice



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Abstract

Tax transformation projects are high on the agenda for the current decade. Tax Law Technologies are challenging the application of existing international tax rules. Furthermore, technologies help to increase efficiency and tax compliance as well as to refocus attention on decision-making processes. These factors will change the way of working and legal settings in future.

In general, technologies allow even greater automation for accounting, taxes and customs applications. Analytics and business intelligence (ABI) platforms extend the vision for analytics beyond simply providing datasets and presenting dashboards to providing enriched, contextual insights that will deliver business value. Digital innovations from areas such as Artificial Intelligence or Blockchain can be interwoven with existing applications to transform the tax function to the next level. But identifying such trends alone is not enough. We need to understand their significance and track down the dynamics in the global context in order to derive strong use cases.

This conference will explore the challenges and opportunities of using technology in the context of tax types-specific issues and use cases. The starting point of the individual sessions are research questions derived from practice, which were answered in the context of master theses of the postgraduate WU LL.M. program "Digitalization & Tax Law". The state of research will open the panel discussion between representatives from business, academia and tax administration.



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Preliminary Program

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

08.30 – 09.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.00 – 09.15 **Welcome Address**
Michael Lang (WU)

09.15-10.45 **Session 1: Tax Compliance & Digitalization**

- Digital maturity models for tax functions
- Tax Compliance in a digital age

Chair: Alexander Rust (WU)
Presentation: Ellen Birkemeyer (Allen & Overy)
Panel: Holger Eilers (Commerzbank)
Kristina Bexa (Clifford Chance)
Robert Risse (WU)
Franz Buranits (Nokia)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.45 **Session 2: Tax compliance supported by ERP systems
such as SAP S/4HANA**

Chair: Robert Risse
Presentation: Stephanie Henseler (greenfield)
Panel: Erika Buson (SAP)*
Robin Slupinski (WTS)
Jens Schäperclaus (Deloitte)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3: VAT, Transactional Taxes**

- Impact of electronic B2C distance selling of goods on VAT collection in the European Union: effectiveness, shortcomings and technology-based application opportunities

Chair: Nevia Cicin - Sain (WU)
Presentation: Jan Körner (BASF)
Panel: Matthias Grieb (Siemens)
Anna-Katharina Heidbüchel (Taxdoo)
Atanas Mateev (KMLZ)
Aksels Zingulis (RocketGrip)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 4: Transfer Pricing**

- Data - "The world's most valuable resource": Analysis of data in the pharmaceutical industry against the tax definition of "Intangible"
- Can AI and Blockchain take Transfer Pricing back to a true "at arm's length principle"?

Chair: Raffaele Petruzzi (WU)
Presentation: Michael Beckmann (Henkel)
Panel: Philipp Kaiser (Bayer)
Marc Gonzalez (Novartis)
Alexander Totzek (Novartis)

17.30 – 17.40 **Concluding Remarks – Day 1**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

08.30 – 09.00 Registration and Coffee

09.00 – 09.15 **Welcome Address – Day 2**

- 09.15 – 10.45 **Session 5: DTL / Blockchain**
- Blockchain technology applied in VAT processes – a research about the opportunities and challenges of blockchain technology to combat VAT fraud in the EU
 - The taxation of security and utility tokens, the double taxation and double non taxation
 - Rewards from Liquidity Pools – From when are liquidity pool rewards attributable to the beneficial owner?
- Chair: Ivan Lazarov (WU)
Presentation: Robert Müller (FerrumTax)
Panel: Aleksandra Bal (Stripe)*
 Lara Olms (agus ag)
 Andreas Mylonas (AMG Mylonas & Associates)
- 10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15 – 12.45 **Session 6: Digital tax audit / tax disputes**
- Audit procedures for tax processes using process mining and BPMN
 - How digital tax proposals could change the landscape of cross-border tax dispute resolution
- Chair: Christian Weinzinger (Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance)
Presentation: Daniel Dallhammer (WU)
Panel: Gregor Danielmeyer (North Rhine-Westphalia Regional Tax Office)
 Simon Hofstätter (Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance)
 Teresa Teixeira Mota (vda)
- 12.45 – 13.00 **Concluding Remarks**

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VENUE

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