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VAT fraud: Interdisciplinary Research on Tax crimes in the European Union

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DAY 1

23rd of June 2022

Zoom Registration Link

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Please note that the registration links for day 1 and day 2 are different; also, all times indicated are in British Summer Time (UTC +1).

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OPENING SESSION

- Prof. Andrew Francis - Dean of Manchester Law School at The Manchester Metropolitan University
- Dr. Costantino Grasso – Project Principal Investigator, Associate Professor in Law at The Manchester Metropolitan University

2:20 pm
3:10 pm



FIRST PANEL - Exploring the interconnections between tax crime and corruption in the EU Member States and UK

Chair

- Prof. Nicholas Ryder - Professor in Financial Crime at the University of the West of England Bristol
- Dr. Vasileios Petropoulos – Assistant Professor in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at the University of Athens, Partner at Ovadias S. Namias Law Firm
- Dr. Branislav Hock – Senior Lecturer in Economic Crime at the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies of the University of Portsmouth
- Dr. Pietro Maria Sabella – Adjunct Professor in Criminal Law at the University LUISS Guido Carli

3:20 pm
4:20 pm



SECOND PANEL - Challenges and perspectives in countering tax fraud and corruption: the European Union level

Chair

- Dr. Donato Vozza – Lecturer in Law at the University of Roehampton
- Prof. Umut Turksen – Professor in Law at Coventry University

- **Dr. Valeria Sico** – Italian European Delegated Prosecutor for the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).
- **Prof. Carlos Weffe** – Professor in Tax Law at The Central University of Venezuela, Senior Research Associate at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD)
- **Massimiliano Vincenti** – European Anti-Fraud Office EU Funds Frauds' Investigator; Lieutenant Colonel of Guardia di Finanza

4:30 pm
5:20 pm



THIRD PANEL - Identifying the interrelations between corrupt practices and tax abuses: Lessons from beyond Europe

Chair

- **Prof. Diane Ring** - Interim Dean of Faculty, Professor of Law at Boston College Law
- **Sarah "Poppy" Alexander** – Lawyer, Partner in Constantine Cannon's San Francisco Office
- **Prof. Benja Satula** Vice-Rector, Professor in Law, and Coordinator of the Center for Research in Law at the Catholic University of Angola
- **Dr. Sarah Carrick** – Lecturer in Law at The Manchester Metropolitan University

5:30 pm
6:30 pm



FOURTH PANEL - Adverse consequences of tax crime and corruption on sustainability, development, and human rights

Chair

- **Alex Cobham** - Economist and Chief Executive of the Tax Justice Network
- **Eva Joly** – Member of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation, Lawyer, Former Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Evasion and Fraud.
- **Prof. Rita Calçada Pires** – Associate Professor of International Tax Law, Vice-President of the Pedagogical Council at NOVA University
- **Will Fitzgibbon** – Senior Reporter and Africa Coordinator at International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
- **Benjamin Angel** – Director at the European Union Directorate General for Taxation and Customs Union

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CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

Prof. Diane Ring - Interim Dean of Faculty, Professor of Law at Boston College Law

DAY 2 24th of June 2022

Zoom Registration Link

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2:00 pm INTRODUCTION

- **Dr. Costantino Grasso** – Project Principal Investigator, Associate Professor in Law at The Manchester Metropolitan University

2:10 pm **FIRST PANEL - Exploring the multiple dimensions of institutional and regulatory capture in the area of taxation**

- Chair
- **Prof. Stefano Mancorda** – Professor in Criminal Law at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli
 - **Prof. Daniel T. Ostas** – Chair in Business Ethics and Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Oklahoma
 - **Prof. Gaetana Morgante** – Professor in Criminal Law at the University Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa
 - **Dr. Ina Kubbe** – Researcher and Lecturer at the School of Political Science, Government and International Relations of Tel Aviv University
 - **Dr. Jason MacLean** – Assistant Professor, University of New Brunswick

3:20 pm **SECOND PANEL - The legal framework: purposes, intended and unintended consequences, and risks**

- Chair
- **Dr. Lorenzo Pasculli** – Associate Head for Research at Coventry Law School, VIRTEU Co-Investigator
 - **Prof. Nicholas Ryder** - Professor in Financial Crime at the University of the West of England Bristol
 - **Sam Bourton** – Lecturer in Law at the University of the West at the University of the West of England Bristol England
 - **Rachel Cook** – Senior Associate, Peters and Peters LLP
 - **Dilpreet K. Dhanoa** – Barrister at Field Court Tax Chambers

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THIRD PANEL - Detecting fraudulent practices in the area of taxation: the crucial role of whistleblowers

Chair

- **Mary Inman** – Lawyer and Partner at Constantine Cannon LLP
- **Charles Middleton** – International Tax Lawyer and Whistleblower
- **Moran Harari** – Lead researcher & Interim Director of Financial Secrecy and Governance at Tax Justice Network
- **Dr. Salvatore Coluccello** – Course Director MA Terrorism, International Crime and Global Security at Coventry University

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FOURTH PANEL - Countering fraudulent and corrupt practices: risks and opportunities in the area of tax enforcement

Chair

- **Dr. Slobodan Tomic** – Lecturer in Law at the University of York
- **Michael Zummer** – Former FBI Special Agent, Founder of Accountability FBI, Whistleblower Advocate
- **Dr. Italo Borrello** – Executive at the Italian Financial Intelligence Unit, Bank of Italy
- **Ksenia Cipek** – International Tax Expert, Head of Tax Risk Analysis at the Ministry of Finance/Tax Administration of the Republic of Croatia
- **Dr. Carlo Lazzari** – Commandant at Guardia di Finanza

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VIRTEU is a high-profile legal research project, which includes both comparative and interdisciplinary studies, funded by the European Union under the HERCULE III programme.

The project explores the interconnections between tax crimes and corruption to unravel the intimate relationships that exist between fraudulent and corrupt practices in the area of taxation with a focus on VAT fraud, which poses a direct threat to the European Union's financial interests.

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