New Economy Taxation (NET) and the Global Tax Policy Center of the WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) are proud to present the second Digital Economy Symposium on 15-16 August 2017 in Singapore. This event follows the hugely successful inaugural Digital Economy Symposium on New Age Tax, Accounting and Valuation Issues in November 2016 in Singapore.

The Symposium will explore how both businesses and tax administrations are reacting to and managing the disruptive effect of new and emerging business models and technology in Asia, the taxation of the digital economy in the post-BEPS world, including indirect taxes on digital services, as well as the use of new technology to transform tax administration. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with leading regional and international direct and indirect tax, transfer pricing and customs experts, policy makers and administrators, and business leaders in a unique forum.

This year has added significance as it includes a global multi-stakeholder meeting series on the challenges and opportunities presented by Blockchain technology for taxation and tax administration. The first meeting in this series was held in Vienna, Austria on 15 – 16 March 2017 and continues in Singapore at this Symposium, with the third meeting scheduled in New York on 22 May 2018. Apart from transfer pricing, indirect tax and customs valuation perspectives, this meeting series focuses on areas such as beneficial ownership, registries of land and payroll taxes, where distributed open ledger technology could potentially transform taxation and tax administration.


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Digital Economy Symposium: Reimagining Taxation in the Age of Disruption
15-16 August 2017 | Singapore

Day 1
Chair: Jeffrey Owens, Director, WU Global Tax Policy Center, Vienna

08:30 – 09:00  Registration
09:00 – 09:15  Opening and Introduction
09:15 – 10:00  Digital Economy Taxation: Tax Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Era
   Jeffrey Owens, Director, WU Global Tax Policy Center
10:00 – 10:15  Break
10.15 – 12:00  Session 1: Disruption Explained: Digitalization and Disruptive Business Models in Asia
   • Digitized Old Economy vs Unicorns
   • FinTech, Blockchain, Bit-coin, Crypto Financing
   • Sharing Economy, Industrial Revolution 4.0
   Video presentation: Perianne Boring, President/Founder, Chamber of Digital Commerce
   Panel: Michael Gao, President, Tax Management Dept, Huawei (keynote speaker)
   Kwan Chang Yew, Senior Vice President & Head of Group Tax, DBS Bank
   Vaibhav Sanghvi, Tax Director, Asia Pacific & Japan, Symantec Corporation
   Mark Tan, Head of APAC Tax, LEGO Group
   Shermin Voshmgir, BlockchainHub, Austria
   Yuan Yuan, IBM Singapore Lab
12:00 – 13:15  Lunch
13.15 – 15.15  Session 2: Disruption to Traditional International Tax Norms
   • PE in a Digitalized World: Deemed Permanent Establishments and Digital Presence
   • Taxing the Digital Economy from a Policy Perspective: India and China – Disrupters or Pace-Setters?
   • Treaties – An Inconvenient Truth? Australia’s Diverted Profits Tax, India’s Equalisation Levy
   • Tax Incentives for the Promotion of High Tech
   • Are Small Economies Better Placed to Respond than Big Economies?
   Panel: Mukesh Butani, Vice Chairman, ICC Taxation Commission
   Jan de Goede, Principal, IBFD, Netherlands
   Michael Lennard, Chief of International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office (FfDO), United Nations
   Yansheng Zhu, Law School, Xiamen University, China
   EY (TBC)
15:15 – 15:30  Break
15:30 – 17:30  Session 3: Braving the New World
   • Session 3A: The Tax Administration Response
     - Harnessing Technology to Transform Tax Administration
     - Big Data Opportunities in Exchange of Information and Risk Assessment, and the Potential of Blockchain
     Panel: John Hutagaol, Director of International Taxation, Directorate-General of Taxes, Indonesia
     Michael Lennard, United Nations
     P.N. Pandey, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization
     State Administration of Taxation, China (TBC)
     Japan Tax Commission (TBC)
   • Session 3B: The Business Response: Disrupt or Be Disrupted
     - Tax Implications of the New Landscape and Change in Business Models
     - Opportunities for Utilizing Technology in Tax Compliance
     Panel: Annalise Foong, Global Tax Director, ASMPT, Singapore
     Michael Gao, Huawei
     Kwan Chang Yew, DBS Bank
     Ketan Madia, South East Asia Leader for Global Enterprise Tax Solutions, PwC Singapore
     Vaibhav Sanghvi, Symantec Corporation, Singapore
17:30 – 17:45  Closing Remarks

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09:00 – 10:45  US Tax Reforms in the Trump Era: Implications for Asia and Impact on the Digital Economy  
Panel: H. David Rosenbloom, James S. Eustice Visiting Professor of Practice and Taxation, NYU School of Law  
(keynote speaker)  
Jeffrey Owens, WU Global Tax Policy Center  
Stephen Phua, Law Department, National University of Singapore

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:30  Session 1: Transfer Pricing in the Digital Age  
Panel: Mukesh Butani, ICC Taxation Commission  
Darren Koh, Singapore University of Social Sciences  
Emma Purdy, Global Digital Tax Leader, Transfer Pricing and Tax Technology, PwC Toronto

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:30  Session 2: Growing Indirect Tax Challenges in Asia-Pacific  
• Taxing Digital Supplies: VAT and Digital Levies  
• Valuation Rules for VAT, Transfer Pricing and Customs Duties  
Panel: David White, Associate Professor of Taxation, Victoria University of Wellington  
P.N. Pandey, World Customs Organization  
Satoshi Watanabe, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

15:30 – 15:45  Break

15:45 – 17:15  Learning Lab: Applying Technology to Tax  
David Deputy, Director of Strategic Development and Emerging Markets, Vertex Inc.  
David DeStefano, CEO, Vertex Inc.

17:15 – 17:30  Closing Remarks


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