

Offshore, Mobility and *Taxation*

How do wealthy individuals and multinational corporations avoid effective taxation by exploiting offshore structures, legal fictions, and mobility? This conference brings together academics, policymakers, and NGOs to address these pressing questions and explore what might be done.

DATE
Thursday 28 May 2026

VENUE
Thai Lecture Theatre, LSE · London WC2A 2AE

TIME
9am to 6pm

9am Coffee and arrival

9.30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

TBC

9.45am to 11am **SESSION 1 · MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND TAX**

Hidden Related-Party Transactions and the Impact of Beneficial Ownership Transparency on Profit Shifting
Miroslav Palanský — Tax Justice Network / Charles University, Prague

Obscuring Ownership: How Contractual Arbitrage Reconfigures Control in a Transparent World
Ronen Palan — City, University of London
Co-author: Richard Phillips, Director, Iconomist / Cityperc, City University of London

The Amfree Case and the Selective Claiming of Corporate Nexus
Allison Christians — McGill University

11am to 11.15am Coffee break

11.15am to 12.30pm **SESSION 2 · BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REGISTRIES AND INDIVIDUAL WEALTH**

Asset Beneficial Ownership – Enforcing Wealth Tax and Other Positive Spillover Effects
Andres Knobel — Tax Justice Network
Presented by Miroslav Palanský (Tax Justice Network / Charles University, Prague)

Death and Taxes: Inheritance Tax Planning and Unexpected Mortality
Jeanne Bomare — LSE
Co-authors: Yonatan Berman, King's College London; Ignacio Orueta, LSE

Leveraging Information about Ownership Networks to Improve Taxation and Bridging the Gap for Effective Asset Transparency
Maria Jofre (Data Analysis and Insights Lead) and Tymon Kiepe (Head of Policy and Research) — Open Ownership
Presented by Alanna Markle (Open Ownership)

12.30pm to 1.45pm Lunch

1.45pm to 3.15pm **SESSION 3 · GLOBALISED ASSETS**

What does the global FDI network actually look like? Opening the black box of offshore investment
Daniel Haberly and Charlie Lawrie — Centre for the Study of Corruption / School of Global Studies, University of Sussex

Gateways, Funnels, and Stackers: How People Hide UK Property Ownership through Offshore Structures
Kristin Surak and Johnathan Inkley — LSE / University of Cambridge

The Politics of Wealth and Intangible Assets: Lessons from a Failed Conglomerate of South Africa
Corentin Cohen — University of Oxford

From Residence to Source: Rethinking the Allocation of Corporate Income in a Globalised Economy
Afton Titus — University of Cape Town

3.15pm to 3.30pm Coffee break

3.30pm to 4.45pm **SESSION 4 · INDIVIDUALS, WEALTH, AND TAX**

Global Offshore Wealth, 2001–2023
Sarah Godar — EU Tax Observatory / DIW Berlin
Co-authors: Souleymane Faye, EU Tax Observatory; Carolina Moura, EU Tax Observatory; Gabriel Zucman, Paris School of Economics

How They Do It: A Taxonomy of Billionaire Tax Minimisation Techniques
Marlies Glasius — University of Amsterdam / Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

Naturalizing Privileges in the Offshore World: Moralizing Golden Passports in Malta
Lucas Puygrenier — Université libre de Bruxelles / MIGRAFISC project

4.45pm Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks

5pm to 6pm Reception

Speaker Profiles

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