

#TJN19

PROFESSIONAL ENABLERS OF TAX ABUSE AND CRIME

THE ROLE OF BANKS, LAW FIRMS AND ACCOUNTANTS

TAX JUSTICE NETWORK CONFERENCE 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

2-3 July 2019

City, University
of London



The challenges of tax justice do not exist in a vacuum. It is not an accident that billions of dollars are lost worldwide to tax avoidance and tax evasion each year. Nor is there anything random about the failure to tackle loopholes, or to adopt proven measures to improve transparency and accountability of the actors, or simply to maintain progressive taxation.

The professional enablers – including banks, law firms and the major audit and accounting firms, along with real estate agents, trust companies and others, and myriad lobbying groups– are key players in both the design of schemes for tax abuse and

the prejudicial political influence that undermines tax justice, and in some cases in facilitating criminal activities. The resulting impacts on human rights, including women’s rights, are dramatic.

This year, our conference will focus on qualitative and quantitative research that explores the role and the influence of the enablers, and innovative proposals for their better regulation.

The 2019 conference is co-organised by the [Association for Accountancy & Business Affairs, City, University of London](#) (CityPERC) and the [Tax Justice Network](#).

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The organisers wish to invite original, high-quality papers for presentation.

While we particularly welcome papers that focus on the role of professional enablers, proposals will be considered on any aspect of tax justice:

Tax competition and the race to the bottom, including the finance curse and possible implications of the UK's exit from the European Union

Tax justice and human rights, including economic and social inequalities

Financial secrecy: mechanisms for hiding ownership, income or profit-shifting, and policy responses at the national, regional or global level

Scale of revenue losses from tax abuses, and the human (e.g. inequality) impacts

Issues and policies affecting whistleblowers

In addition, we welcome proposals for panels (a chair and two or three speakers) and for innovative session

formats addressing a particular theme. We will only consider gender-balanced sessions.

Please submit abstracts or panel proposals of up to 500 words, along with the required supporting information, at www.taxjustice.net/tjn19 by 14 December 2018.

The review panel will communicate decisions in January 2019. Final papers will be due by March 2019.

Limited financial support may be available for speakers. Please indicate with your submission if you would require support to attend.

This year's conference will take place in English only.

Registration will open when the preliminary programme is published in January 2019.

More information will be published in due course at www.taxjustice.net/tjn19.

For any queries, please email tjn19@taxjustice.net.

This conference is the latest in an annual series dating back to 2003. The events bring together academics, researchers, journalists, policy staff of civil society organisations, consultants and professionals, elected politicians, and government and international organisation

officials to facilitate research, open-minded debate and discussion, and to generate ideas and proposals to inform and shape political initiatives and mobilisation.

Recent events in this series:

[2018](#) | [2017](#)

