

Global IFA Travelling Lectureship Programme 2026

**Topic: The International Dimension of Withholding Taxes
(Tax Treaties and Beyond)**

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Withholding taxes (WHT) continue to play a pivotal role, particularly in relation to dividends, interests and royalties, both within domestic tax systems and in the context of tax treaties. Globalisation has (i) increased the volume and complexity of cross-border transactions; (ii) expanded the scope of domestic source taxation and WHT; (iii) drawn more attention to potential abuse; (iv) underscored the need for better tax treaty relief procedures. The 2026 TLP edition will examine practical WHT issues across jurisdictions, treaty interaction with domestic law and trends on how to shape WHT in the future.

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 17:00-18:30

 **Tax Academy of Singapore**
Auditorium
Revenue House, 55 Newton Road
Singapore

Registration: Free of Charge

Language: English

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Patricia Brown

Lecturer



Ms. Brown joined the United Nations in 2020 and currently is a Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office where she supports the development of the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation. She began her career at a large international law firm, working in New York and London. She moved to the U.S. Treasury Department in 1994, and in 1997 became the Deputy International Tax Counsel (Treaty Affairs), with responsibility for coordinating U.S. tax treaty policy. From 2006 through 2010, she was a consultant to the OECD, working on the collective investment vehicle and the Treaty Relief and Compliance Enhancement projects. From 2010 to 2020, she was the Director of the Graduate Tax Program at the University of Miami School of Law.

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16:30-17:00

Arrival attendees

17:00-17:10

Welcoming words:

- **Vikna Rajah**
IFA Singapore President
- **Prof. Dr. Christian Kaeser**
Global IFA Vice President

17:10-17:15

Opening of scientific agenda:

- **Shefali Goradia**
Vice Chair of Global IFA's
Permanent Scientific
Committee: introduction of
the topic, objectives,
travelling lecturer, and
panel composition.

17:15-17:40

Global Travelling lecturer's presentation:

- **Patricia Brown**
Opening presentation blending a fundamental
and practical international perspective with
specific regional considerations. Emphasis will
also be on the latest and most important
developments.

17:40-18:15

Panel discussion

18:15-18:25

Q&A with the audience

18:25-18:30

Concluding remarks by Shefali
Goradia

18:30-19:30

Cocktail Reception

PROGRAMME



GLOBAL IFA TLP 2026: THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF WITHHOLDING TAXES (TAX TREATIES AND BEYOND)

Europe

North America

Asia Pacific

Africa

Latin America

Lecturers: Florian Haase

Xaver Ditz

Patricia Brown

Deana d'Almeida

Luís Schoueri

**Copenhagen
Denmark**
4 March, Wednesday

**Mexico City
Mexico**
17 March, Tuesday

Hong Kong
20 April 2026, Monday

**Pretoria
South Africa**
1 June, Monday

Asunción, Paraguay
23 June, Tuesday

**Amsterdam
The Netherlands**
5 March, Thursday

**Boston
USA**
19 March, Thursday

Singapore
22 April 2026, Wednesday

**Rabat
Morocco**
8 July, Wednesday

Santiago, Chile
24 June, Wednesday

Santa Cruz, Bolivia
26 June, Friday



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2 MAIN SUBJECTS

Subject 1. Taxation of Royalties.

Subject 2. Tax and the Energy Transition.

10 SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS

3 LUNCHEON DIALOGUES

8 SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENTS



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