

# Global IFA Travelling Lectureship Programme 2026

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

**JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

**1 JUNE, MONDAY**



International Fiscal Association



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, withholding taxes on services, including technical fees, treaty interaction with domestic law and trends on how to shape WHT in the future.

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**🕒 16.45 -18.45**

**📍 SARS Large Business Centre  
54 Maxwell Drive  
Woodmead North Office Park  
Jukskeiview  
Sandton, Johannesburg**

**Registration: Free of Charge**

**Language: English**

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IFA South Africa President



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### **Edwin Visser** **Lecturer**



With a passion for (international) tax policy Edwin works at the interface where tax policy, the business and clients meet. Edwin is dep. Global Tax policy leader at PwC and has a specific focus on EU Tax Policy .His practice includes representing PwC in tax policy matters (e.g. with the EU institutions and the OECD), sharing his and PwC's vast experience and insights in policymaking to help improve tax, legal and regulatory systems for the future. He provides strategic advice to boardrooms to help shaping sustainable tax strategies, and is involved in tax government consulting (advising governments on tax matters).

Edwin brings 26 years of experience in the Dutch government. He was deputy director-general for Tax and Customs Policy and Legislation and Director for Direct Taxes at the Dutch Ministry of Finance. He represented the Netherlands in the Bureau of the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs from 2012 through 2014 and he co-chaired the OECD Informal task force on tax and development (2010-2014). Edwin was director for International Tax Policy and Legislation from 1 January 2009 to 1 March 2012. Before that he was responsible for a coordinated treatment of the 2000 largest companies in the Netherlands by the Netherlands' Tax and Customs Administration (NTCA) and also head of the transfer pricing division of the NTCA.

**To register for the lecture in Johannesburg, please fill out the form using the link provided.**

**16:00-16.45**

Arrival attendees  
and Coffee

**16.45 - 17:00**

Opening and welcome

- **Dr. Johnstone Makhubu (tbc)**  
SARS Commissioner

**17:00-17:05**

Welcoming words:

- **Prof. Johann Hattingh**  
IFA South Africa President

**17:05-17:15**

Opening of scientific agenda

- **Edwin Visser**  
IFA Global Treasurer

**17:15-17:45**

Global Travelling lecturer's presentation:

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

**17:45-18:30**

Panel discussion

**18:30-18:40**

Q&A with the floor

**18:40-18:45**

Concluding remarks by  
Edwin Visser and Natasha  
Singh, SARS Director, LBI segment

**18:45-19:30**

Cocktail reception

**PROGRAMME**



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## Europe

Lecturer  
Florian Haase

Copenhagen, Denmark  
4 March, Wednesday

Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
5 March, Thursday

## North America

Lecturer  
Xaver Ditz

Mexico City, Mexico  
17 March, Tuesday

Boston, USA  
19 March, Thursday

## Asia Pacific

Lecturer  
Patricia Brown

Hong Kong  
20 April, Monday

Singapore  
22 April, Wednesday

## Africa

Lecturer  
Edwin Visser

Johannesburg, South Africa  
1 June, Monday

Lecturer  
Jérôme Monsenego

Rabat, Morocco  
8 July, Wednesday

## Latin America

Lecturer  
Luís Eduardo Schoueri

Asunción, Paraguay  
23 June, Tuesday

Santiago, Chile  
24 June, Wednesday

Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
26 June, Friday



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**IFA** 2026  
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18-22 October

*The TLP 2026 series, spanning 11 cities worldwide, will conclude with debates at the IFA Annual Congress in Melbourne on **18–22 October 2026***

**What to expect from the IFA Congress in Melbourne?**

## **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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