

Global IFA Travelling Lectureship Programme 2026

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

BOSTON, UNITED STATES
19 MARCH, THURSDAY



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, treaty interaction with domestic law and trends on how to shape WHT in the future.

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🕒 **16:15-17:45**

📍 **Boston Marriott Long Wharf**
296 State St
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
United States

Registration: Free of Charge

Language: English

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Prof. Dr. Xaver Ditz

Lecturer



Prof. Dr. Xaver Ditz studied economics in Mannheim and Hamburg (1999 Diplom-Kaufmann, 2003 Dr. rer. pol.). He has been a partner with Flick Gocke Schaumburg in Bonn since 2005. Xaver is a professor at Trier University, lectures at the universities of Zurich (LL.M. programme) and Lausanne (Executive Programs in Transfer Pricing), and at the Federal Financial Academy of the German Finance Ministry. He co-edits a commentary on double tax treaty law and the German Foreign Tax Act, handbooks on transfer pricing and permanent establishment taxation, as well as journals such as "Internationales Steuerrecht", "Internationale Steuerrundschau" and "International Transfer Pricing Journal". Xaver is the chairman of the German branch of the International Fiscal Association, the chairman of the German Institute of Tax Advisors and a board member of TAXAND. He is also a member of the Foreign Tax Law Committee of the Institute of Public Auditors in Germany.

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15:45-16:15

Arrival attendees

16:15-16:25

Welcoming words:

- **Peter Glicklich**
IFA USA President
- **Alexia Kardachaki**
Global IFA Secretary-General,
Head of Secretariat

16:25-16:30

Opening of scientific agenda:

- **Prof. Dr. Adolfo Martín Jiménez**
Chair of Global IFA's
Permanent Scientific
Committee: introduction of
the topic, objectives,
travelling lecturer, and
panel composition.

16:30-16:55

Global Travelling lecturer's presentation:

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

16:55-17:30

Panel discussion

17:30-17:45

Q&A with the audience

Concluding remarks by Prof. Dr.
Adolfo Martín Jiménez

17:45-19:00

Cocktail Reception

PROGRAMME



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Europe

Lecturers: **Florian Haase**

**Copenhagen
Denmark**
4 March, Wednesday

**Amsterdam
The Netherlands**
5 March, Thursday

North America

Xaver Ditz

**Mexico City
Mexico**
17 March, Tuesday

**Boston
USA**
19 March, Thursday

Asia Pacific

Patricia Brown

Hong Kong
20 April 2026, Monday

Singapore
22 April 2026, Wednesday

Africa

Deana d’Almeida

**Pretoria
South Africa**
1 June, Monday

**Rabat
Morocco**
8 July, Wednesday

Latin America

Luis Schoueri

**Asunción
Paraguay**
23 June, Tuesday

**Santiago
Chile**
24 June, Wednesday

**Santa Cruz
Bolivia**
26 June, Friday



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