

# Global IFA Travelling Lectureship Programme 2026

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

A photograph of the Boston skyline at dusk, with the city lights reflecting on the water in the foreground. The buildings are illuminated, and the sky is a mix of blues and purples.

**BOSTON, UNITED STATES**  
**19 MARCH, THURSDAY**



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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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**The Chair of Global IFA's Permanent Scientific Committee**

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**16:15-17:45**

**Boston Marriott Long Wharf**  
296 State St  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
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**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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<b>15:45-16:15</b> Arrival attendees	<b>16:15-16:25</b> Welcoming words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Peter Glicklich</b> IFA USA President</li><li>• <b>Alexia Kardachaki</b> Global IFA Secretary-General, Head of Secretariat</li></ul>	<b>16:25-16:30</b> Opening of scientific agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Adolfo Martín Jiménez</b> Chair of Global IFA's Permanent Scientific Committee: introduction of the topic, objectives, travelling lecturer, and panel composition.</li></ul>	<b>16:30-16:55</b> Global Travelling lecturer's presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Xaver Ditz</b> Opening presentation blending a fundamental and practical international perspective with specific regional considerations. Emphasis will also be on the latest and most important developments.</li></ul>
<b>16:55-17:30</b> Panel discussion	<b>17:30-17:45</b> Q&A with the audience Concluding remarks by Prof. Dr. Adolfo Martín Jiménez	<b>17:45-19:00</b> 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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*Subject 1. Taxation of Royalties.*

*Subject 2. Tax and the Energy Transition.*

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