

# Global IFA Travelling Lectureship Programme 2026

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

**HONG KONG  
20 APRIL, 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, treaty interaction with domestic law and trends on how to shape WHT in the future.

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 **17.00 - 18.30**

 **PwC**  
21/F Edinburgh Tower  
The Landmark  
15 Queen's Road Central  
Hong Kong

**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:

- **Anne Quenedey**  
IFA Hong Kong 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**



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## 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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**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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