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Invitation to the 8th EANO VAT PhD Seminar on Indirect Taxes

2 July 2022

University of Münster (Germany)

Call for Papers



We invite doctoral students researching on indirect taxation to the 8th PhD seminar on VAT and other Indirect Taxes, which will be held at the University of Münster, Germany, on 2 July 2022.

Background

Despite its policy significance, research in indirect taxes, in particular on VAT/ GST, is still somewhat underdeveloped. The aim of the EANO VAT *PhD Seminar Series on Indirect Tax* is therefore to foster research in VAT/GST and other indirect taxes, and to create

an arena for doctoral researchers in indirect taxes to meet each other, and exchange experiences with both their peers and senior academics working in this area, within an informal atmosphere.

Our main focus is upon doctoral researchers at European Law Schools with a research project in VAT. However, we are open to participants from other regions of the world or whose research investigates indirect taxes other than VAT (e.g. excises or customs duties).

This initiative is organized by seven scholars specializing in indirect tax research, and it has been designed as an annually recurring event. The first edition was held in April 2013 at Lund University (Sweden). It was followed by seminars at Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), at Durham University (UK), at Münster University (Germany), at Lund University, and at University of Leeds. Feedback and comments at those events were extremely positive, and it was with great regret that we paused the series in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we are now confident that the situation this summer will be such as to allow us to revive the format, and we are therefore happy to announce the 8th edition of this initiative.

Time, place and costs

The PhD Seminar will take place on Saturday **July 2** between 9:00 and 16:30 at the Faculty of Law, University of Münster, Germany. The Faculty is located in the city center and is easily accessible by public transport.

The seminar, and accommodation, will be free of charge. Participants should cover their own travel expenses. Under specific circumstances, it is possible to apply for a travel subsidy. Please indicate whether you will need to apply for a subsidy when applying for the seminar. More specific information will be provided in due time. Please check our web-page at www.eanovat.org.

The day before the PhD Seminar, on Friday July 1, we will organize an academic conference on the topic: ***«VAT in the Digital Age»***, held at the same venue, details of

which will be provided closer to the time. Participants at the PhD Seminar will be invited to attend this conference, free of cost, as well as the dinner on that day.

Applications

In order to have a lively and intense discussion of research projects, we can admit only a limited number of participants, up to 15 PhD students. The intention is that up to six candidates will briefly present their research, focusing on key research issues they have identified and which they would like to discuss. All participants are then welcome to participate actively in the debate.

Candidates are asked to send an application to Professor Joachim Englisch (joachim.englisch@uni-muenster.de) and Katharina Thoma (katharina.thoma@uni-muenster.de) by **April 1, 2022** at the latest.

The application should contain the following information:

- A **CV** with contact details, supervisors' name and University affiliation;
- A brief (maximum 5 pages) description of the **research project**;
- Information on **stage** in which the candidate is in (when did you start and when are you scheduled to have your *viva* /public defense);
- Whether you would also like to do a **presentation** or just to participate; and
- Whether you intend to participate in the **Academic Conference** on 1 July.

You are welcome to participate in the seminar, even if you have just started your PhD research and feel it is too early to discuss your research in depth. However, if the number of applicants wishing to present their research exceeds the available presentation spaces, the selection of presenters will be at our discretion based on defined criteria, such as the stage of their research (priority shall be given to those coming towards the end of their studies, but prior to their *vivas*), whether they have presented before (priority shall be given to those who have not yet presented their research at an EANO VAT event), and the topic of the research (if possible we will try to have presentations that can be grouped together based on, for example, the fact that they deal with the same theme or raise

similar issues).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Münster! Please do forward this invitation to others who may be interested.

Rita de la Feria, Professor of Tax Law (Leeds University)

Tina Ehrke-Rabel, Professor of Tax Law (University of Graz)

Joachim Englisch, Professor of Tax Law (Muenster University)

Marie Lamensch, Professor of Tax Law (Université Catholique de Louvain)

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