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Workshop on tax evasion, tax avoidance and inequality

October 27-28, 2017

Conference venue:

University of Copenhagen, Department of economics

Øster Farimagsgade 5, DK-1353 Copenhagen, Building 26, Large Seminar Room (CSS.26.2.21)

Friday 27 October

09:25 – 09:30: Short welcome address

09:30 - 11:00: Income and wealth inequality

Daniel Waldenström (Paris School of Economics)

Tax Progressivity and top incomes: evidence from tax reforms

Spencer Bastani (Linnaeus University)

"What drives preferences for wealth redistribution? Evidence from linked survey and register data"

Chair: Niels Johannesen (University of Copenhagen)

11.30 – 13.00: Fighting offshore tax evasion

Daniel Reck (London School of Economics):

"Taxing Hidden Wealth: The Consequences of U.S. Enforcement Initiatives on Evasive Foreign Accounts"

Gaute Torsvik (University of Oslo)

"International Tax Information Exchange Agreements and the dynamics of Tax Amnesty applications"

Chair: Gabriel Zucman (University of California, Berkeley)

13:00 - 14.00: Lunch

Venue: Building 26, 3rd floor, Large Lunch Room

14:00 - 15.00: Key note lecture

Joel Slemrod (University of Michigan)

15:30 - 17.00: Tax fraud and evasion

Sebastian Escobar (Uppsala University)

"Inheritance tax planning: Spousal bequests and under-reporting of inheritances in Sweden"

Carolin Holzmann (University Erlangen-Nuremberg)

"Stock Market Behavior on Ex-Dividend Dates: The Case of Cum-Ex Transactions in Germany"

Chair: Ludwig Wier (University of Copenhagen)

19.00: Conference Dinner

Venue: Orangeriet Kongens Have

<http://www.restaurant-orangeriet.dk/engelsk.html>

Saturday 28 October

09.00 - 10.30: Avoidance of income and wealth taxes

Håkan Selin (Uppsala University)

"When Swedes disinherited themselves: A study of inheritance tax avoidance"

Albrecht Bohne (University of Mannheim)

"Learning Dynamics in Tax Bunching at the Kink: Evidence from Ecuador"

Chair: Annette Alstadsæter (Norwegian University of Life Sciences)

11.00 - 12.30: Tax evasion of the wealthy

Gabriel Zucman (University of California, Berkeley)

"Tax Evasion and Inequality"

Kristine Sævold (University of Bergen)

"A British Dual Position to Tax Havens – A History Lesson from 1961 to 1977"

Chair: Wojciech Kopczuk (Columbia University)

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

Venue: Building 26, 3rd floor, Large Lunch Room

13.30 - 15.00: Small-firm firm tax evasion in developing countries

Mazhar Waseem (University of Manchester)

"Information, Asymmetric Incentives, or Withholding? Understanding Self-Enforcement in the Value-Added Tax"

Anne Brockmeyer (World Bank)

"Casting a Wider Tax Net: Experimental Evidence from Costa Rica"

Chair: Peer Skov (Auckland University of Technology)

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