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## NEWSLETTER

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### Semester 1 Tax Subjects

The Tax MLM program for 2021 starts in March. Subjects are in high demand and places are filling rapidly. Applications are open now, visit the [handbook](#) for information. Subjects have waitlists - we note that limited places are still available in:

- Goods and Services Tax - May
- Tax Policy - May
- Tax Practice: Writing Effectively - Semester long
- Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions - June
- Transfer Pricing: Practice and Problems - April

Visit [here](#) for list of all Tax Subjects.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted throughout the year. Apply [here](#) or visit the website for further information:

<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/study/masters/specialist-legal-areas/tax>

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### Meet the Tax Group

Mr Andrew Mills



**Mr Andrew Mills** has nearly 40 years of experience in taxation, including in the ATO, commerce and the tax profession. Andrew is the Director, Tax Policy and Technical at The Tax Institute, the Australian professional organisation for chartered tax advisors. Previously, Andrew was appointed as Second Commissioner of the ATO in 2014, and prior to that was a Director in leading tax firm Greenwoods & Freehills. Andrew is co-

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to our first Tax Group newsletter in 2021. A warm welcome to our colleagues who will commence teaching soon, as we continue to deliver outstanding courses to our students online in semester 1.

We start our 2021 Tax Research Seminars Online on Thursday, 25 February with **Associate Professor Mark Bowler-Smith** (Deakin University) on a new-knowledge approach to efficiency of corporate tax. **Professor John Freebairn** of the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne is our discussant.

The **MLS Tax Clinic** for our JD students will start in March 2021, and will be delivered online. We are looking forward to meeting you at our future activities, online or in person.

**Miranda Stewart**  
Director, Tax Studies and the Tax group

**Tax Law Research Seminars Online.** A new-knowledge approach to corporate income tax efficiency

This research seminar is presented by **Dr Mark Bowler-Smith** (Deakin University). **Professor Miranda Stewart** will chair the seminar and the discussant will be **Professor John Freebairn** (University of Melbourne).

The **MLS Tax Law Research** online seminar series provides a regular and congenial online forum for presentation and discussion of new academic tax law, policy and theory research by colleagues in Australia, New Zealand and the region. Papers will be circulated to registered participants ahead of time. The usual format is a presentation of the paper for 25 to 30 minutes, comments from a discussant and then ample time for questions and discussion.

View the updated 2021 schedule [here](#).

**Date**  
Thursday, 25 February 2021

**Time**  
3.30pm - 5.00pm

**Zoom Seminar**

**Register**

teaching International Tax: Principles and Structure with Miranda Stewart at the Law School and he is a member of the Tax Group Advisory Board. Andrew comments: "During the day I get to spend time pursuing one of my tax passions – Tax Reform. However, after an 8 year break from teaching at the LLM level, I am looking forward in 2021 to teaching in my other tax passion, International Tax."

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**Speaker:**  
**Associate Professor Mark Bowler-Smith** of Deakin Law School. Mark has been researching, teaching and consulting on all aspects of tax law and policy for the past 16 years including at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and in the UK.

### Around our Campus.

#### 50 Words in Australian Indigenous Languages

A new University of Melbourne online resource - **the 50 words Project** - makes words from local Indigenous languages available for everyone to hear and learn. The website was launched in July 2019. The languages and words are displayed on a map of Australia so that users can easily find the information relevant to their local area. (Source: *Pursuit*, University of Melbourne, 2020)



### Melbourne Law School Tax Clinic

The Tax Clinic provides free tax assistance to individual taxpayers, small business and small not-for-profit organisations, supported by funding from the Australian Tax Office. The 'live' client facing clinic also provides students with the opportunity to put their existing tax law knowledge into practice, under the guidance and supervision of the Clinic Supervisor and members of the tax profession. The Clinic will run online in Semester 1 (March - May) and on campus for Semester 2 (July - October).

For further information, please email: [mis-tax-clinic@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mis-tax-clinic@unimelb.edu.au)



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