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*The Mexican Value-Added Tax (Vat)* Oxford University Press

This is an in-depth analysis of VAT to focus on exemptions as a whole. It grapples with the essential questions: are VAT exemptions avoidable? Are alternative legal designs possible?

*Virtues and Fallacies of VAT: An Evaluation after 50 Years* International Monetary Fund

This report provides information on Value Added Tax/Goods and Services Tax (VAT/GST) and excise duty rates in OECD member countries.

*How to Manage Value-Added Tax Refunds*

Anchor Canada Consumption Tax Trends provides information on Value Added Taxes/Goods and Services Taxes (VAT/GST) and excise duty rates in OECD member countries. It also contains information about international aspects of VAT/GST developments and the efficiency of this tax.

*Modernizing VATs in Africa* Linde Verlag GmbH

In *The Logic of Life*, bestselling author Tim Harford quite simply makes sense of this world. Life often seems to defy logic. The receptionist is clearly smarter than the boss who earns fifty times her salary. Arbitrary lines starkly divide the desirable districts of the city from the dangerous ones. Voters

flock to the polling booths to elect candidates who'll rip them off to favour special interests. None of it makes logical sense — or does it? Economist and acclaimed author Tim Harford thinks it does. By weaving stories from locations as diverse as a Vegas casino to a barroom speed date, Harford aims to persuade you that people are, in fact, surprisingly logical. When a street prostitute agrees to unprotected sex, or a teenage criminal embarks on a burglary — perhaps especially when a racist employer disregards a black job applicant — we would seem to be a million miles from rational behaviour. Harford shows that, discomfitingly, we are

not. It turns out that the unlikeliest of people are complying with the logic of economics and responding to future costs and benefits, often without realizing it; and socially tragic outcomes can have their roots in individually rational decisions. Brilliantly reasoned, always entertaining and often provocative, *The Logic of Life* is a book to help you understand yourself and the world around you.

### **Taxing Banks Fairly**

Linde Verlag GmbH  
Does the design of a tax matter for growth? Assembling a novel dataset for 30 OECD countries over the 1970-2016 period, this paper examines whether the value added tax (VAT) may have different effects

on long-run growth depending on whether it is raised through the standard rate or through C-efficiency (a measure of the departure of the VAT from a perfectly enforced tax levied at a single rate on all consumption). Our key findings are twofold. First, for a given total tax revenue, a rise in the VAT, financed by a fall in income taxes, promotes growth only when the VAT is raised through C-efficiency. Second, for a given VAT revenue, a rise in C-efficiency, offset by a fall in the standard rate, also promotes growth. The implication is thus that in OECD countries broadening the VAT base through fewer reduced rates and exemptions is more conducive to higher long-run growth

than a rise in the standard rate.

### **How to Design Tax Policy in Fragile States** OECD Publishing

The International VAT/GST Guidelines present a set of internationally agreed standards and recommended approaches for the consistent application of VAT to international trade, with a particular focus on trade in services and intangibles.

### **VAT Exemptions**

Springer  
Most African countries are in dire need of more tax revenue. In 28 out of 45 countries with a value-added tax (VAT), total tax revenue as a percentage of GDP is around 15% or less, falling short of what is necessary to finance

basic human and economic development. Far from being revenue-raising instruments, current African VATs are riddled with exemptions, exclusions, and zero rates on domestic goods and services that depress revenue, are highly distortionary, and greatly complicate the administration of VAT. Modernizing VATs in Africa enables policymakers, professionals, and students to analyse African tax systems to ascertain how they can be modernized. It explains the case for VAT base-broadening over rate-increasing, arguing that exemptions and zero rates mainly accrue benefits for higher-income groups. Even

more persuasively, it demonstrates that the net result of fiscal systems can be equalizing if the revenue of broad-based VATs is used to finance in-kind transfers, such as healthcare and education. VAT modernization should be used to enable governments to finance development; Modernizing VATs in Africa puts a compelling case forward for how and why this can be achieved.

*Justice, Equality and Tax Law* International Monetary Fund

This book analyses the voluminous and meandering case law on gambling of the Court of Justice from an empirical perspective. It offers a comprehensive

overview of the legal situation of gambling services in the EU Single Market. Additionally, the book presents the current state of research on gambling addiction. It then seeks to answer the central research question as to what extent the views of the Court of Justice on gambling find support in empirical evidence. The Court of Justice granted exceptionally wide discretion to the Member States due to a so-called 'peculiar nature' of games of chance. With the margin of appreciation having played a key role, the book inquires whether the Court of Justice followed the principles and criteria that normally steer the use of this doctrine. Noting the Court's special approach, the

book elaborates on its causes and consequences. Throughout the book, the approach of the Court of Justice is contrasted with that of its sister court, the EFTA Court. Finally, the potential role of the precautionary principle and of EU fundamental rights in the area of gambling law is examined. Situated at the intersection of law and science, this book seeks to bridge the legal and scientific perspectives and the unique vocabularies common to each. It illustrates the direct relevance of science and empirical research for court cases and policy making. And it contrasts science-informed policy making with the on-going morality discourse on gambling.

*Improving VAT/GST :  
 designing a simple and  
 fraud-proof tax system*  
 Springer Science &  
 Business Media  
 The value-added tax  
 (VAT) has the potential  
 to generate significant  
 government revenue.  
 Despite its intrinsic  
 self-enforcement  
 capacity, many tax  
 administrations find it  
 challenging to refund  
 excess input credits,  
 which is critical to a  
 well-functioning VAT  
 system. Improperly  
 functioning VAT refund  
 practices can have  
 profound implications  
 for fiscal policy and  
 management,  
 including inaccurate  
 deficit measurement,  
 spending overruns,  
 poor budget credibility,  
 impaired treasury  
 operations, and arrears  
 accumulation. This note  
 addresses the following  
 issues: (1) What are

VAT refunds and why  
 should they be  
 managed properly? (2)  
 What practices should  
 be put in place (in tax  
 policy, tax  
 administration, budget  
 and treasury  
 management, debt,  
 and fiscal statistics) to  
 help manage key  
 aspects of VAT  
 refunds? For a refund  
 mechanism to be  
 credible, the tax  
 administration must  
 ensure that it is  
 equipped with the  
 strategies, processes,  
 and abilities needed to  
 identify VAT refund  
 fraud. It must also be  
 prepared to act quickly  
 to combat such  
 fraud/schemes.  
*A Research Agenda for  
 Tax Law* OECD  
 Publishing  
 An in-depth analysis of  
 the specific aspects of  
 justice, equality and  
 tax law "Justice,

Equality and Tax Law" is a topic that is both old and new at the same time. Even if the society changes, the demands that tax needs to be just and equal seem to be immutable. What changes, of course, is the perception of the content of those demands. International taxation post-BEPS has been fraught with new challenges that warranted urgent responses. These challenges were mainly provoked by the unprecedented rise of the digital economy which truly marked a change in the way business is conducted, how value is created, and how goods and services are produced and consumed. Digitalization, in turn, had repercussions on all aspects of taxation -

direct taxation, indirect taxation, and even tax procedures. For instance, the quest for more justice and equality in profit taxes was the reason why, in October 2021, a historical deal based on a two-pillar solution to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy was negotiated within the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting and agreed upon by 137 member countries. It was also the motive behind the shift from a typical vendor collection model to an intermediary collection model supported by centralized registration points in indirect taxes, notably the VAT/GST. Abundant data from the European Union or



the OECD signaled an ever-increasing gap between expected VAT revenues and VAT actually collected, making it obvious that the classical system of VAT/GST collection was unable to respond to challenges posed by the digital economy. Therefore, new solutions based on the participation of digital platforms as intermediaries had been introduced. Finally, new technologies, such as blockchain, paved new avenues in enhancing tax compliance. In this context, this volume entitled "Justice, Equality, and Tax Law" contains not only a selection of the best master's theses of the full-time LL.M. programme in 2021/2022 but also represents an in-depth

analysis of various aspects of this evergreen topic. *Consumption Tax Trends* International Monetary Fund This book integrates legal, economic, and administrative materials about the value added tax (VAT) to present the only comparative approach to the study of VAT law. The comparative presentation of this volume offers an analysis of policy issues relating to tax structure and tax base as well as insights into how cases arising out of VAT disputes have been resolved. Its principal purpose is to provide comprehensive teaching tools - laws, cases, analytical exercises, and questions drawn from the experience of countries and

organizations around the world. This second edition includes new VAT-related developments in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia and adds new chapters on VAT avoidance and evasion and on China's VAT. Designed to illustrate, analyze, and explain the principal theoretical and operating features of value added taxes, including their adoption and implementation, this book will be an invaluable resource for tax practitioners and government officials.

*Value Added Tax in the Extractive Industries*  
OECD Publishing

This publication contains the official text of the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Assistance in Tax Matters as amended by

the 2010 Protocol.

**International VAT/GST Guidelines**

Edward Elgar Publishing

This report provides practical guidance to tax authorities on the design and implementation of a variety of solutions for digital platforms, including e-commerce marketplaces, in the effective and efficient collection of VAT/GST on the digital trade of goods, services and intangibles. In particular, it includes new measures to make digital platforms liable for the VAT/GST on sales made by online traders through these platforms, along with other measures including data sharing and enhanced co-operation between tax authorities and digital platforms.

*The Kingdom of the Netherlands-Aruba*  
IBFD  
Value-added tax (VAT) is a mainstay of revenue systems in more than 160 countries. Because consumption is a more stable revenue base than other tax bases, VAT is less distorting and hence more likely to encourage investment, savings, optimum labor supply decisions, and growth. VAT is not without criticism however, and faces its own specific technical and policy challenges. This book, the first to thoroughly evaluate VAT from a global policy perspective after over 50 years of experience with its intricacies, offers authoritative perspectives on VAT's full spectrum—from its signal successes to the

subtle ways its application can undermine revenue performance and economic neutrality. The contributors—leading tax practitioners and academics—examine the key policy issues and topics that are crucially relevant for measuring the success of the tax in the first part of the book, including: revenue generation and revenue efficiency; single rate versus multiple rates; susceptibility to fraud; exemptions and exceptions; compliance cost for businesses; policy and compliance gaps in revenue collection; adjustment rules caused by the transactional nature of the tax; transfer pricing issues; treatment of vouchers;

permanent establishments and holding companies; payment of refunds; cross-border digital transactions; and supplies for free or below cost price. The second part offers six country reports—on New Zealand, Japan, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, and India—to demonstrate the different ways in which VAT operates in a variety of national economies. Whether a government is contemplating the imposition of a general consumption tax for the first time or new rules for applying an existing one, it is important for policymakers to keep central the aim to design a tax that realizes optimal efficiency and causes minimal distortions.

This invaluable book serves as an expert guide to VAT policy development in this area. It will be welcomed not only by concerned government officials but also by tax professionals (both lawyers and accountants) and academics in tax law. *A VAT/GST Model Convention* Edward Elgar Publishing Explores how the value-added tax (VAT) has risen from relative obscurity to become one of the world's most dominant revenue instruments.

[Taxing Consumption in the Digital Age](#)  
International Monetary Fund

A breadth of new digital platforms has dramatically expanded the range of possibilities for exchanging anything

required by business or personal needs from accommodation to rides. In the virtual marketplaces shaped and ruled by these novel matchmakers, rather than by a single centralized entity, value is created through the granular interaction of many dispersed individuals. By allowing instantaneous and smooth interaction among millions of individuals, platforms have indeed pushed the digital frontier farther and farther, so as to include within it even services once not capable of direct delivery from a remote location such as accommodation and passenger transport. Legal disruption is also underway with foundational dichotomous

categories, such as those between suppliers and customers, business and private spheres, employees and self-employed, no longer viable as organizational legal structures. This is the essential background of the first book to relate what is synthetically captured under the umbrella definition of 'sharing economy' to key features at the core of European Value Added Tax (EU VAT) and to look at the feasibility of a reformed EU VAT system capable of addressing the main challenges posed by these new models of production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Specifically, the study analyses five legal propositions

underpinning the current EU VAT system as the following: taxable persons; taxable transactions; composite supplies; place of supply rules; and liability regimes for collection and remittance of VAT. Exploration of these five legal propositions is meant to assess the practical feasibility of shoehorning the main sharing economy business models – notably, those available in the accommodation and passenger transport sectors – into the framework of existing EU VAT provisions. The author further draws on the normative standards of equality, neutrality, simplicity, flexibility and proportionality to test the ‘reflexes’ of the current EU VAT system

in the sharing economy domain. Opportunities for reform of the current EU VAT system are in turn evaluated with each chapter including cogent proposals in the form of incremental and targeted amendments to the current EU VAT provisions. As the first comprehensive analysis of the treatment of the sharing economy for VAT purposes, the book provides not only a theoretical framework for future studies in the tax field but also indispensable practical guidance for VAT specialists confronting daily with the many challenges ushered in by the sharing economy. Moreover, the various solutions and recommendations advanced in the book

offer valuable insights to international and national policymakers dealing with similar issues under other VAT systems.

### **Tax By Design**

Primento

Sales promotion techniques, or SPTs, are a common facet of consumer life, with many companies offering price reductions, bonuses, or other deals in order to attract or retain customers. Although VAT on advertising costs is in principle fully deductible, problems frequently arise when products are supplied as part of a sales promotion. This book provides the first in-depth investigation of the extent to which the current VAT treatment in the EU of the various SPTs corresponds to the

core properties of the VAT, with particular attention to the so-called neutrality principle. With nuanced precision, the author catalogs the SPTs commonly used in practice. Then, revealing serious inconsistencies among the relevant rulings of the European Court of Justice, she goes on to propose specific amendments to the VAT Directive. Focusing on the importance for VAT of determining the presence of an SPT, she thoroughly analyzes such aspects of the VAT-SPT relationship as the following: What are the key considerations for effectively determining whether the supply of a benefit upon fulfillment of a certain condition by a customer constitutes

an SPT or a barter? To what extent are the VAT consequences of the use of SPTs compliant with the principle of neutrality? What distinguishes the VAT treatment of an SPT whereby a sales promotor both finances and supplies a benefit from that of an SPT whereby a sales promotor finances but does not himself supply a benefit? What legislative changes can be made in order to reach a more ideal and clear VAT treatment of SPTs in the EU? Not only considering the principle of neutrality, but also the other key features and principles of EU VAT. The research is conducted mainly through a review of European legislation, policy documents, and CJEU case law and the

Belgian interpretation thereof. Where room is left for different interpretations, some viewpoints of EU VAT in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, as well as in the corresponding system of New Zealand, are considered. With the finely tuned analysis presented in this book, practitioners can ensure an appropriate argumentation on the VAT treatment of SPTs with national tax authorities or before courts. As the first overall study on the VAT treatment of SPTs, clearly discussing the issues and legislative gaps and making concrete suggestions for future legislation, it is sure to be welcomed also by academics and EU policymakers. [The Rise of the Value-Added Tax](#) Cambridge



University Press Insurance constitutes a significant part of the financial services sector and is one of the foundations of modern economy and society. In the design of tax laws, however, whether and how to tax insurance is a complex issue that has become particularly controversial in the area of value-added tax (VAT). In the European Union, as in most of the world, insurance is exempt from VAT, but New Zealand and Australia do not follow this practice. Given that New Zealand's simple, comprehensive goods and services tax (GST) – called 'the world's purest value-added tax' – and its modified Australian version do not appear to suffer from the shortcomings

in efficiency and effectiveness that plague European VAT, a comparison of the two systems is in order. This book is not only the first comparative in-depth study of the treatment of insurance in the two systems, but also the first comprehensive legal research devoted to the treatment of insurance in EU VAT published in English. Among the underlying issues and topics treated by the two systems covered are the following: – who has a right to deduct input VAT in relation to supplies inherent in insurance arrangements and to what extent; – what constitutes a supply of insurance and consideration for such a supply; – what transactions fall within

the scope of the VAT Directive's exemption for insurance; and – drawing a line between insurance and saving. The analysis is grounded in a methodology in which concepts of European VAT are compared with concepts performing the same function in the Australian and New Zealand GST laws. The author concludes with proposals for reform in EU VAT in the light of experience in these two major non-EU countries. Given that it has been proven that exemptions from VAT (such as insurance) cause a significant number of economic distortions and inefficiencies, this study represents a major contribution to a topical debate in European VAT law. It will be welcomed by

taxation authorities, interested policymakers, practitioners, and scholars not only in Europe but worldwide.

*Value Added Tax International Monetary Fund Consumption Tax Trends provides information on Value Added Tax/Goods and Services Tax (VAT/GST) and excise duty rates in OECD member countries.*

*Sales Promotion Techniques and VAT in the EU* OECD Publishing

Based on the findings of a commission chaired by James Mirrlees, this volume presents a coherent picture of tax reform whose aim is to identify the characteristics of a good tax system for any open developed

economy, assess the extent to which the UK tax system conforms to

these ideals, and recommend how it might be reformed in that direction.