

# Vienna LL.M. News

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Michael Lang and Michael Jackson (!), Anthropologist from Harvard, another Honorary Doctor

## MICHAEL LANG – APPOINTMENT AS HONORARY DOCTOR

**Congratulations to Prof. Michael Lang, academic director of the LL.M. Program, for receiving an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Copenhagen. This is already the second one after being selected by the University of Uppsala to receive an Honorary Doctorate in 2010.**

The University of Copenhagen, the second oldest Scandinavian University, appointed Prof. Lang as Honorary Doctor in November 2016. During the academic ceremony, Prof. Lang emphasized that he accepts the honor not only for himself but also for the work and efforts of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law at WU.

The Institute is now the biggest research unit of any University in the area of Tax Law and welcomes academics and researchers from all around the world. At the same time, the academic staff is actively encouraged to present their research outside Austria. There is a collaborative intensive academic exchange between the experts at WU and at the University of Copenhagen.

The topic of Prof. Lang's honorary doctorate lecture was about "The Multilateralization of Double Taxation Conventions – Recent Trends in OECD'S Tax Treaty Policy". He presented the most recent OECD developments to create a multilateral instrument for implementing the changes in international tax law proposed by

anti-BEPS initiatives in bilateral double tax treaties. This was followed by several questions regarding interpretation, including among others questions regarding the importance of national law for interpreting this multilateral agreement and the future role of arbitration in tax treaty disputes.



Congrats  
to Michael

# The worldwide Alumni-Network



**Maria Valkama**  
(Finland, Full-time 12/13)  
Tax manager at Deloitte Finla  
*Studying in the inspiring academ  
environment, surrounded by top p  
professionals and teachers from across  
globe and – most importantly –  
with great colleagues, was a pleas  
Finally, having Vienna as a hom  
town for a year was the cherry in  
LL.M. cake!*

**Shauna Pittman**  
(Canada, Full-time 08/09)  
Senior counsel in international tax at  
the Legal Services Branch of the CRA  
*My work has also evolved because of  
changing perspectives in international  
tax law. The LL.M.'s focus on differ  
rent tax systems and different ways  
of looking at things prepared me for  
the new projects I undertook.*



**Maurizio Di Salvo**  
(Italy, Part-time 11/13)  
Tax Partner at Noda studio Milan –  
member of Andersen Global, Italy  
*My personal experience with the  
LL.M. Program can be summarized  
with one word: "growth". I grew  
and developed my knowledge of  
international tax law, and achieved  
a subsequent growth in my profes  
sional activities, and a growth in the  
relationships with other colleagues  
from all over the world – many  
of whom now are my friends. The  
LL.M. Program in Vienna is really  
a big opportunity to invest in oneself.*



**Daniel Fuentes Hernández**  
(Mexico, Full-time 10/11)  
PhD student at WU  
*The core value of the LL.M.  
Program is the lasting friend  
ships. My current contact  
with friends all over the world  
remains very enriching not only  
at the personal level, but has  
also brought some professionally  
challenging opportunities.*



**Anna Cristina Valdes Zauner**  
(Panama, Full-time 12/13)  
Tax associate at GALA –  
Galindo Arias & Lopez  
*Besides Vienna's great culture and  
astonishing sights, the LL.M. Program  
has a lot to offer. The program is a  
great opportunity, not only for your  
professional career, but also because of  
all of the contacts you make from all  
over the world, which is certainly a  
key feature of becoming an interna  
tional tax advisor.*





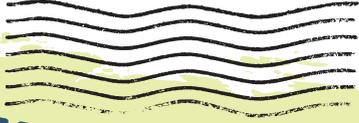
*You could be part  
of it – join us!*

**The deadline for  
applications is  
April 15, 2017.**

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Maria Valhama



**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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The LL.M course gave me a broader understanding of the fundamentals of international tax law. Certainly after this course it is much easier for me to deal with the taxation of cross-border transactions. And now I have tax colleagues around the world to whom I can address my tax issues and with whom exchange views.

**Sergey Kalinin**  
(Russia, Part-time 11/13)  
Tax partner at Russian Law Firm "Liniya Prava"



Lubica Adame

**Lubica Adame** (Slovakia, Full-time 05/06)  
Head of the International Tax Department at the Slovak Ministry of Finance  
It was the LL. M. Program that gave me a profound theoretical background and a broad and in-depth understanding of the whole picture of international taxation. The members of the faculty motivated me to learn more about various tax systems and approaches to international taxation.



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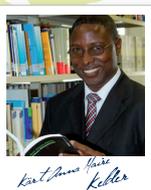
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Tian Xu

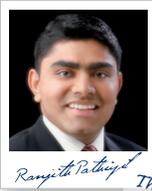
The LL.M. program at NU not only laid a solid foundation for understanding international tax issues, which have proven to be very helpful in my present practice, but also opened doors to the international business world and to valuable networks.

**Tian Xu** (China, Full-time 02/03)  
Partner at Eiger, a Greater China law firm



Samuel McLord Chekpeche

**Samuel McLord Chekpeche**  
(Ghana, Full-time 13/14)  
Ministry of Finance (Tax Policy Unit), Head International Tax Desk  
The LL.M. has helped me develop unique communication, analytical and problem-solving skills that will help make me succeed in a new role. The program offered me the opportunity to interact with the best faculty members and prominent practitioners from all over the world.



Ranjith Pathiyil

The year ranks as the most memorable days of my life, with amazing people around and the infrastructural facilities in Vienna. It was also an incredible experience sharing space with colleagues from different parts of the world in the lecture/seminars/presentation rooms and the short trip to EU Commission at Brussels, Belgium was really fascinating.

**Ranjith Pathiyil**  
(India, Full-time 13/14)  
Assistant Manager at EY Kuwait, Business Tax Advisory



# In class / Alumni

## JOB FAIR AND WTS TAX AWARD

Hosted by Prof. Michael Lang, the annual Career Fair took place at the Institute of Austrian and International Tax Law in January. This Fair is held exclusively for the current students of the full- and part-time group who will finish the LL.M. Program in June. It was a unique opportunity to get in touch with some of the leading firms, among which figured Deloitte, EY, KPMG, LeitnerLeitner, PwC, Siemens and TPA. On this occasion WTS presented the WTS Tax Award 2017. All master's theses which will be submitted by students who graduate in 2017 are eligible. The three winners of the WTS Tax Award will receive endowments of EUR 2,500, EUR 1,500 and EUR 1,000.



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What are the job opportunities?



WTS and the International Tax LL.M. Program are proud to announce the

### WTS Tax Award 2017

All master's theses which have been submitted by students of the LL.M. Program in International Tax Law of WU who are supposed to graduate in 2017 are eligible. All theses will enter the contest automatically.

A Jury will select the best three theses that had been submitted. The Jury will consist of Fritz Esterer (Chief Executive Officer of WTS), Prof. Michael Lang (Academic Director LL.M. Program) and Prof. Josef Schuch (Deputy Academic Director LL.M. Program).

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The decision will be announced in early September 2017. The awarding ceremony will take place within the scope of the Alumni Reunion 2017.

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## WU BALL 2017

The city of waltzes celebrated Carnival and plenty of students and graduates experienced something that is authentically Viennese: a ball at the Hofburg palace. The WU ball presented a wide-ranging music programme: from classical dance music to quick swing rhythms all the way through to current dance hits, offering enjoyable dancing for every taste.



Michael Lang with graduates from Germany and Czech Republic at the WU Ball

The next Alumni Reunion is scheduled for October 27-28, 2017. Please save the date!

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