

# Sustainable Taxation

– Global challenges and legal solutions

Workshop at the University of Gävle, 8th and 9th of April 2019

## Key Note Speakers

### Monday the 8th of April in Valhall

9.00 – 9.30

**Taxation to promote social justice  
– a new European horizon**

Prof. J.D. Åsa Gunnarsson,  
Umeå University, Sweden

The aim of the presentation is to deliver a thought-provoking view on how the lack of social justice considerations and the one-way approach in tax law reforms have fueled income inequalities, particularly in the aftermath of tax structural adjustment programs and fiscal austerity.

9.30 – 10.00

**Sustainability and carbon taxation**

Prof. Dr. Li Chuan-Zhong  
Uppsala University, Sweden,  
Beijer Institute of ecological economies

Professor Li will discuss the main theory of sustainability in environmental economics, and then some recent developments in sustainability measurement and how to evaluate policy reforms to improve sustainability with carbon taxes.

### Tuesday the 9th of April in Valhall

10.30 – 10.45

**Greenwash? An analysis of the efficiency  
of Swedish environmental taxes**

Robert Lönn, Senior Tax Adviser at  
Confederation of Swedish Enterprise

A true friend of the environment would presumably advocate instruments and environmental policies that have a genuine impact on the environment. Growing numbers of taxes have been introduced with environmental reasons being their main justification.

10.45 – 11.15

**Towards a consistent framework for taxation  
of greenhouse gases, air pollution and energy**

Prof. Dr. Mikael Skou Andersen  
Aarhus University, Denmark

Carbon taxes have proven effective in curbing emissions and with excise taxes on energy and air pollution provide a long-term signal capable of transforming energy and transport systems. Nordic countries have the most coherent schemes of taxes on fossil fuels and energy, yet tax rate reductions and sector specific exemptions need to be addressed to provide adequate incentives for delivering intended national contributions towards the climate stabilization targets of the Paris Agreement.

11.30 – 12.00

**Weaving Together the Strands of  
the Sustainability Approach**

Prof. J.D.Ph.D. Neil H. Buchanan  
George Washington University, USA

This conference brings together scholars who approach questions of sustainability from a number of different, important perspectives, from environmentalism to corporate social responsibility to human rights to international and systemic issues of tax system design and enforcement. This keynote address will attempt to find common themes and broad lessons among these various subsets of the larger question of how public policy should be designed with long-term sustainability in mind.

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