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### DAY 1 (September 26) Keynote Speech Spotlight on Global Tax Issues

#### **Abstract:**

Taxation of multinationals is complex and as business models evolve country-level tax authorities have a difficult time keeping up. How and who should tax the earnings of multinational companies are difficult questions. In this talk I will discuss efforts by the OECD in its Base Erosion and Profit Shifting initiative and research related to the initiative, especially research conducted by accounting academics. I will also briefly discuss the efforts in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to address profit shifting by U.S. multinationals.



### Speaker:

### Terry Shevlin, University of California, Irvine

**Terry Shevlin** holds a Paul Merage Chair at the Paul Merage School of Business at the University of California-Irvine where he is also Associate Dean for Research and the PhD Program. He just completed his term as the 2019-2020 President of the AAA. He earned his PhD from Stanford University in 1986 and joined the faculty at the University of Washington where he worked for 26 years until joining the University of California-Irvine in the summer of 2012. While at Washington he held various administrative position: faculty director of the PhD Pogram 1998-2006 and Accounting Department Chair from 2006-2012. He has served as editor on 3 AAA academic journals: Journal of the American Taxation Association (1996-1999), Senior Editor, The Accounting Review (2002-2005) and Co-editor, Accounting Horizons (2009-2012) and on numerous editorial boards (including the top 4 accounting journals). He has published over 45 articles in the very top accounting and finance journals. He has received a number of awards for his research and mentoring of PhDs the most recent being named the American Accounting Association Outstanding Educator for 2012. He was also named the American Taxation Association 2005 Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator. He has won the American Taxation Association Tax Manuscript Award 4 times (in 2017, 2004, 1995, and 1992) and twice won the AAA Competitive Manuscript for young scholars (1990 and 1987).

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### DAY 2 (September 27) Keynote Speech Tax Reform in China: the Next Step

#### **Abstract:**

Deepening tax reform is one of the three tasks of establishing modern fiscal system. China should speed up tax reform commensurate with a high-level market economy. In light of the problems that may arise in the implementation of the specific tax system, I will discuss the direction of VAT reform, consumption tax reform, corporate income tax reform, individual income tax reform and real estate tax reform in China.



The VAT reform should adhere to the reform direction of simplifying and appropriately reducing the tax rate, and the VAT system of the financial industry should adapt to the requirement of finance as an intermediate industry. The reform of consumption tax should meet the needs of people's consumption to improve the living, play an important role in promoting the return of overseas consumption, and optimize the tax items and rates simultaneously. The corporate income tax does not need to make fundamental changes, but the measurement of costs and expenses is still necessary to optimize, and the in-service consumption of employees in the service industry, the addition and deduction of R&D expenses and other issues are necessary to further optimize. The 2019 individual income tax reform has initially established a comprehensive-categorized tax system, but it is still necessary to reform in terms of final settlement, comprehensive scope and tax rate selection. It is difficult to reform the real estate tax, making it difficult for local governments to rely on as a major source of revenue in the short term. At the same time, China's tax reform must get rid of some misunderstanding of modern system. In the context of tax reduction and fee reduction, tax reduction for large tax categories should be focused on, and no tax increase measures should be introduced.

### Speaker:

### Zhiyong Yang, University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Zhiyong Yang is Vice President and Research Fellow at the National Academy of Economic Strategy (NAES), CASS, and Director of the Center for Public Finance and Taxation Research, CASS. He is also a Professor and a PhD supervisor at the Graduate School of University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (UCASS). Prof. Yang is the chief expert of the major project "Innovative Research on the Theoretical System of Public Economics" supported by the National Social Science Fund of China, and the chief expert of Introduction to Public Finance—the key teaching materials supported by the Central Marxism Theoretical Research and Construction Project. In addition, Prof. Yang has been a candidate of the "New Century National Hundred, Thousand and Ten Thousand Talent Project", and awarded the title "National Young and Middle-Aged Expert with Outstanding Contribution", enjoying special allowance from the State Council.

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### Xiao CHEN, Tsinghua University

Xiao CHEN is a Professor at the Department of Accounting, School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University. He received his bachelor's degree in Engineering from Wuhan Institute of Technology in 1983, his master's degree in Management Engineering from University of Science and Technology of China in 1989, and his Ph.D. in Economics from Tulane University in 1996. Prof. Chen has published more than 40 papers in local and overseas journals, including Economic Research Journal (in Chinese), Management World (in Chinese), Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, and China Accounting and Finance Review, and was a recipient of the 2nd Sun Yefang Financial Innovation Award. He was the principal investigator for four research projects for the National Natural Science Foundation of China and one



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### Zengquan LI, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Zengquan LI is a Professor of Accounting at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. His research interests lie in the accounting and finance issues in Chinese capital markets, with a focus on capital market intermediaries, social relationships and information transfer, incentive mechanisms in state-owned enterprises, and governance structure of family firms. Recently, Prof. Li is conducting research on analysts' behavior in Chinese capital markets, bias in financial media reports, and information acquisition by public fund offerings. He has published more than 30 papers in local and overseas journals, including The Accounting Review, Management Science, Economic Research Journal (in Chinese), Management World (in Chinese), and Accounting Research (in Chinese). In addition, *Prof.* published namely Institution, Governance Accounting (in Chinese) and State Holding and the Effectiveness of Corporate Governance (in Chinese). He is also in charge of several projects at provincial, ministerial and national levels.



### Yunwei TANG Former President of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

Prof. Tang had been a Lecturer, Vice President and President of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. He was a senior fellow in the International Accounting Standards Committee. He had served in Price Waterhouse — Da Hua as a Chairman, and served as a president in Shanghai Da Hua. He is the committee member of China Accounting Standards Committee, Chairman of Shanghai Accounting Society and an honorary member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom. He is also a member of the 4th Subject Appraisal Group of Academic Degrees Committee under the State Council. In addition, Prof. Tang is the founder and ex-Chairman of the China Professors' Association of Accounting; and the Vice Chairman of Auditing Association of China.



Given Prof. Tang's influence to accounting education and practice in China, he becomes a Distinguished International Visiting Professor of American Accounting Association and Chair Professor of Price Waterhouse.

He is currently serving the Independent Director of Ping An Healthcare and Technology Co., Ltd; Independent Director of Shanghai Pharmaceuticals Holding Co., Ltd; Independent Director of Universal Scientific Industrial (Shanghai) Co.,Ltd; and Independent Director of ADAMA Ltd. Prof. Tang is also a famous scholar in China. He founded the China Professors' Association of Accounting and acted as Chairman. He is an editor of "China Accounting and Finance Review" and Chairman of Editorial Board of "Shanghai Accounting" Magazine. His books include "Accounting Theories", "Advanced Accounting", "Large Lexicon of Modern China Economics — Accounting, Auditing", "Accounting and Finance in China" and "Replacement Cost — Countermeasures for Price Changes" etc.

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### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM DAY 1 (September 26)**

Time (Hong Kong UTC+8)	3) Events	
0830-0840	Opening Remarks CS Agnes Cheng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
Moderator	Linda Myers, University of Tennessee Knoxville	
0840-0940	Keynote 1 Spotlight on Global Tax Issues Presenter: Terry Shevlin, UCI Paul Merage School of Business	
0940-1010	Break / Pre-registered Reception (30 min)	
	Reception moderators Linda Myers, University of Tennessee Knoxville Thomas Omer, University of Nebraska–Lincoln CS Agnes Cheng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
Moderator	Thomas Omer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	
1010-1110	A Review of China Tax Research Presenter: Bin Ke, National University of Singapore	
1110-1210	Plenary 1 Asymmetric Corporate Tax Compliance: Evidence from a Tax Reform in China Presenter: Hua Cheng, Nankai University Discussant: Guanmin Liao, Renmin University of China	
1210-1310	Plenary 2 Does it Cost to be Politically Connected? An Examination of the Grabbing Hand Hypothesis Using Corporate Tax Paym Presenter: Rezaul Kabir, University of Twente Discussant: Christian Simon Paparcuri, City University of Hong Kong	nents
1310-1330	Break (20 min)	

### **CONCURRENT SESSION A**

Time (Hong Kong UTC-	8) Events
Session	Tax
Moderator	Koon Hung Chan, Lingnan University/ Caritas Institute of Higher Education
1330-1400 A1	LIFO Abandonments: Footnote Explanations and Tax Factors  Presenters: Qianhua "Q" Ling, Marquette University  Daniel Tinkelman, Brooklyn College, CUNY  Discussant: Christian Simon Paparcuri, City University of Hong Kong
1400-1430 A2	An Examination of the Relationship Between Implicit Taxes and Market Structure: Evidence from Chinese Listed Companies Presenter: Jifeng Cao, Hubei University of Economics, China Discussant: Xiaoqi Chen, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1430-1500 A3	CEO-CFO Gender Congruence and Tax Aggressiveness  Presenter: Xiaoqi Chen, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  Discussant: Vivian Zhang, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
1500-1510	Break (10 min)

Time (Hong Kong UTC+8)		Events
Session		Audit
Moderator		Yangyang Fan, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1510-1540 A	A4	Diversified Auditors: Audit Fees and Audit Characteristics of the Conglomerates Presenter: Ibrahim Siraj, Long Island University Discussant: Ruichang Lu, Peking University
1540-1610 A	A5	More is Less: Extended Audit Report and Information Overload Presenter: Ruichang Lu, Peking University Discussant: Xiao Xiao, Peking University
1610-1640 A	A6	Auditor Liability and Investment Efficiency Presenter: Xiao Xiao, Peking University Discussant: Ibrahim Siraj, Long Island University
1640-1650		Break (10 min)
Session		Cross-disciplinary Studies
Moderator		Albert Tsang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1650-1720 A	A7	Human Capital Outflow and Stock Price Crashes: Evidence from the Rejection of the Inevitable Disclosure Doctrine Presenter: Xin Liu, Renmin University of China Discussant: Fan John Zhang, Auckland University of Technology
1720-1750 A	A8	The Effect of Cultural Diversity on Dividend Policy of Multinational Firms  Presenter: Fan John Zhang, Auckland University of Technology  Discussant: Yanyan Chen, South China Agricultural University
1750-1820 A	A9	The Impact of Geographical Location on Equity Incentive: from the Perspective of "Talent Competition" "人才爭奪戰"視角下地理位置對股權激勵的影響研究 (The paper will be presented in Putonghua) Presenter: Yanyan Chen, South China Agricultural University Discussant: Xin Liu, Renmin University of China
1820-1830		Break (10 min)
Session		Mergers and Acquisitions
Moderator		Nan Yang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1830-1900 A	A10	Time Zone Difference and Employee Coordination: Evidence from Mergers and Acquisitions Presenter: Jason Gong, Lingnan University Discussant: Pawel Bilinsk, Cass Business School
1900-1930 A	A11	Regulatory Comment Letters in Mergers and Acquisitions Presenter: Pawel Bilinski, Cass Business School Discussant: Zheng Wang, City University of Hong Kong
1930-2000 A	A12	Does Segment Reporting Play a Role in the Market for Corporate Control? Evidence from SFAS No. 131 Presenter: Stephen Teng Sun, City University of Hong Kong Discussant: Jason Gong, Lingnan University

### **CONCURRENT SESSION B**

Time (Hong Kong UTC+8) Events		
Session		Analytical and Qualitative Studies
Moderator		Tianle Zhang , Lingnan University
1330-1400	B1	Regulating Unsuitable Transactions Presenter: Ying Xue, Duke University Discussant: Yucheng Ding, Wuhan University
1400-1430	B2	The Optimal Reservation Price Presenter: Ying Xue, Duke University Discussant: Carol Cao, Lingnan University
1430-1500	В3	A Deliberative Approach to Budgeting Presenter: Kevin E. Dow, University of Auckland Discussant: Farzaneh Jalali, La Trobe University
1500-1510		Break (10 min)
Session		Corporate Innovation
Moderator		Paul Hsu, National Tsing Hua University
1510-1540	B4	Does it Pay to be Central? Trade Network Centrality and Firm Innovation Presenter: Yue Luo, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Discussant: Kevin Tseng, National Taiwan University
1540-1610	B5	Does Innovation have Consequences on Business Credit Model between Enterprises and Their Customers?  Presenter: Zhiwei Wang, Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance  Discussant: Fangfang Hou, Xiamen University
1610-1640	В6	Capital Account Liberalization and Firm Innovation: Worldwide Evidence Presenter: Fangfang Hou, Xiamen University Discussant: Zhiwei Wang, Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance
1640-1650		Break (10 min)
Session		Analytical Research in Tax / Accounting
Moderator		Baochun Peng , The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1650-1720	В7	A Model of Accounting Standards and Accounting Quality – Implications of Rules-based versus Principles-based Accounting Systems  Presenter: Baochun Peng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  Discussant: Jinzhi Lu, City University of Hong Kong
1720-1750	В8	Issues in Tax Policies for Reducing Corporate Leverage and Alternative Solutions Presenter: Syed Munawar Shah, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences Discussant: Baochun Peng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1750-1820	В9	Profit Shifting and the Attractiveness of Advanced Pricing Agreements  Presenter: Alex A.T. Rathke, University of São Paulo  Discussant: Shixiang Xia, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1820-1830		Break (10 min)

Time (Hong Kong UTC+8) Events		
Session	Political Connections and Regulatory Effects	
Moderator	Walid Saffar, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
1830-1900	B10 Liquidity Risk, Credit Risk, and Stability in the Banking Sector of South Asia Presenter: Ajab Burki, Ibn Haldun University Discussant: Feng Wu, Lingnan University	
1900-1930	B11 Corrupt Regulators, China's Anti-Corruption Campaign, and Resource Allocations Presenter: Gary Gang Tian, Macquarie University Discussant: Liqiang Chen, Saint Mary's University	
1930-2000	B12 Moderating Effect of Political Connections on the Relationship between Business Strategy and Tax Aggressiveness Evidence from China Presenter: Liqiang Chen, Saint Mary's University Discussant: Gary Gang Tian, Macquarie University	

Notes:

 $Keynote (1 \ hr): \hspace{1.5cm} 45 \ min \ presenter + 15 \ min \ Q\&A$ 

Plenary (1 hr): 30 min presenter + 20 min discussant + 10 min Q&A Concurrent (30 min): 15 min presenter + 10 min discussant + 5 min Q&A

### DAY 2 (September 27)

Time (Hong Kong LITC | 9) Events

Time (Hong Kong UTC+8)	Events
0830-0840	Introduction
Moderator	Jimmy Jianming Ye, Xiamen University
	Keynote 2 Tax Reform in China: the Next Step Presenter: Zhiyong Yang, National Academy of Economic Strategy, University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
0940-1010	Break / Pre-registered Reception (30 min)
	Reception moderators  Xiaohui Qu, Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen)  Jimmy Jianming Ye, Xiamen University  CS Agnes Cheng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1010-1110	Panel: China Taxation Research in the Global Context
Panel Moderator	Katherine Schipper, Duke University
	Bin Ke, National University of Singapore Feng Liu, Xiamen University Kangtao Ye, Renmin University of China Terry Shevlin, UCI Paul Merage School of Business
Moderator	Thomas Omer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
	Plenary 3  Does Credit Default Cost Affect Corporate Tax Avoidance? A Quasi-natural Experiment  Presenter: Yue Chen, Central University of Finance and Economics  Discussant: Haimeng Teng, Penn State Harrisburg
	Plenary 4 What Types of Publicly Listed Firms Evade Taxes? Evidence from China Presenter: Bin Ke, National University of Singapore Discussant: Jaron Wilde, University of Iowa
1310-1330	Break (20 min)

### **CONCURRENT SESSION A**

Time (Hong Kong UTC	J+8)	Events	
Session		Compensation and Managerial Incentives	
Moderator		Jing Xie, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
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1400-1430 A	.14	Managerial Incentives and Risk Taking: Evidence from Hedge Fund Leverage Presenter: Yi Xiao, University of Oregon Discussant: Chen Shen, University of North Carolina at Charlotte	
1430-1500 A	.15	CEO Compensation, Incentive Alignment, and Carbon Transparency Presenter: Le Luo, Macquarie University Discussant: Jonathan Nam, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	
1500-1510		Break (10 min)	10

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Session	Corporate Investment
Moderator	JC Lin, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1510-1540 A16	CEO Influence on Funds from Operations (FFO) Adjustment for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) Presenter: Wentao Wu, Clarkson University Discussant: Srinivasan Selvam, Peking University
1540-1610 A17	Behavioral Bias, Distorted Stock Prices and Stock Splits  Presenter: Tse-Chun Lin, The University of Hong Kong  Discussant: Shuran Zhang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1610-1640 A18	Investment Sensitivity to Lender Default Shocks Presenter: Srinivasan Selvam, Peking University Discussant: Nan Yang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1640-1650	Break (10 min)
Session	Corporate Social Responsibility
Moderator	Albert Tsang, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1650-1720 A19	Good Deeds Earn Chits? Evidence from Financial Restatements of Socially Responsible Firms Presenter: Yi Xiang, The University of Queensland Discussant: Xiang Dai, Australian National University
1720-1750 A20	Corporate Social Responsibility, Local Seniors, and Corporate Dividend Policy Presenter: Xiang Dai, Australian National University Discussant: Youan Wang, The University of Hong Kong
1750-1820 A21	Mandatory Pollution Abatement, Financial Constraint and Firm Investment Presenter: Youan Wang, The University of Hong Kong Discussant: Yi Xiang, The University of Queensland
1820-1850	Closing Remarks / CAFR Hall of Fame

### **CONCURRENT SESSION B**

Time (Hong Kong	Time (Hong Kong UTC+8) Events	
Session		Banking
Moderator		Liangliang Jiang (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
1330-1400	B13	Cross-trading and Liquidity Management: Evidence from Municipal Bond Funds Presenter: Jingyun Yang, Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance Discussant: Shujing Wang, Tongji University
1400-1430	B14	The Information Content of Bank Loans Presenter: Ming Morris Liu, University of Macau Discussant: Zilong Zhang, City University of Hong Kong
1430-1500	B15	Earnings Smoothing and Systemic Risk in the Banking Industry Presenter: Feng Wu, Lingnan University Discussant: Mingming Ji, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
1500-1510		Break (10 min)
Session		Market Investment and Anomalies
Moderator		Meijun Qian, Australian National University
1510-1540	B16	CDS Trading and Stock Price Crash Risk Presenter: Rui Zhong, University of Western Australia Discussant: Lu Xing, University of Glasgow
1540-1610	B17	Does the Social Security Fund Help Entity Enterprises to Transform from the Virtual to the Real?  Presenter: Jiamei Wu, Southeast University  Discussant: Ying Huang, Zhejiang University
1610-1640	B18	Aggregated Predictability of Global Anomalies Presenter: Mike Mengmeng Dong, University of California, Riverside Discussant: Chen Xue, University of Cincinnati

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