



CONFERENCE

WILLING TO PAY? HISTORY, EXPERIMENTS AND TAX COMPLIANCE

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■ PROGRAMME

11 MAY	PART I - WILLING TO PAY?
9.30 - 09.45	Introduction Sven Steinmo
09.45 - 11.00	Opening Keynote: Advances in Tax Compliance Research James Alm Comments and questions moderated by Sven Steinmo
11.00- 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 - 12.30	Willing to Pay? - Basic Research and Findings Sven Steinmo, Nan Zhang, John D'Attoma, Giulia Andrighetto, David Bruner and Fred Pampel
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch (Sala Bandiere / Speakers only)
14.00 - 16.00	Roundtable: Tax Administration and Compliance - Country experiences Alan Plumley, Stefano Pisani, Mike Hawkins and Lennart Wittberg
16.00 -16.15	Coffee break
16.15 - 17.15	Are Economists Selfish? If so, so what? Nan Zhang and Johan Christensen



Discussants: **Marco Casari** and **Jim Alm**

20.00 Dinner (Speakers only)

12 MAY

9.30 - 10.45 Keynote Lecture: How Fiscal Structure Shapes Economic Growth and Tax Compliance
Benedikt Herrmann

10:45 - 11:00 Gendered Compliance: Taxes and behavior in Sweden, Britain, Italy and the USA. An experimental approach
John D'Attoma, Clara Volintiru and **Sven Steinmo**
Discussant: **Philipp Genschel**

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 12.15 Spontaneous Greed and Calculated Giving? How Decision Context and Prosociality Shape Cooperation
Giulia Andrighetto, Nan Zhang and **Sven Steinmo**
Discussant: **Benedikt Herrmann**

12.15 - 14.00 Lunch (Pizzeria San Domenico / Speakers only)

PART II - THE FISCAL FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN STATES: THE LEAP OF FAITH

14.00 - 15.30 Italy
Tax Evasion in Italy: A God-given right?
Josef Hien
Explaining Regional Variation in Italian Tax Compliance: an historical analysis
John D'Attoma
Discussant: **Sven Steinmo**

15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 - 17.15 Sweden
Getting to Sweden: The Origins of High Tax Compliance in the Swedish Tax State
Marina Nistotskaya
Social reforms, Security, and Taxes - Social Democracy and Tax Compliance in Sweden
Jenny Jansson
Discussant: **Mark Blyth**

20:00 Dinner (Speakers only)

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- 09.30 - 10.30 Romania
Willing to pay? The politics of trapping down faith in the tax system in post-communist Romania
Arpad Todor
Institutionalizing Informal Rules and State Building in Romania **Clara Volintiru**
Discussant: **Cornel Ban**
- 11.00 - 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 - 12.15 United Kingdom
“When we were just giving stuff away willy-nilly” Historicising contemporary British tax morale
Liam Stanley
Creating Consent to Taxation in Britain since the Napoleonic Wars **Martin Daunton** (*paper only*)
Discussant: **Matthias Matthijs**
- 12.15 - 13.30 Lunch (Sala Bandiere / Speakers only)
- 13.30 - 14.30 United States
Seeing Taxation in the Mid-Twentieth Century: U.S. tax Compliance
Carolyn Jones
A Not-So-Infernal Revenue Service? Tax collection, citizens and compliance in the United States (XVIIIth century- XXth century)
Romain Huret (*paper only*)
Discussant: **Mark Blyth**
- 14:30 - 16:00 Wrap-up discussion
Moderators: **Sven Steinmo, Mark Blyth, Benedikt Herrmann, Alan Plumley, Lennart Wittberg**
- 20:00 Dinner (Speakers only)

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