

TAXAND GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2025

Tax @ The Gate of Change...which path will you take?

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11-13 JUNE, BERLIN



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Wednesday, 11 June 2025

From 19:00 : Please join us for our Welcome Reception at the **JW Marriott Hotel Berlin**.

Thursday, 12 June 2025

09:00 – 09:15 : Welcome to Berlin with Frédéric Donnedieu de Vabres, Taxand Global Chairman, Arsene; Prof. Dr. Xaver Ditz, Flick Gocke Schaumburg and Caroline Conder, Taxand Global CMO.

09:15 – 09:45 : **At the gateway: A turning point in global politics?** For our opening keynote, we will be joined by guest speaker **Dr. Stefanie Babst**, Former Deputy Secretary General of NATO, renowned international publisher and speaker on international security issues, who will share with us her insights on pivotal shifts in global politics.

09:45 – 10:15 : **Beyond the gate : The fiscal pathways to sustainable transformation**
Guest speaker **Dr. Tobias Hentze**, Head of Topic Cluster State, Taxes, Social Security at the Institute of German Economy, discusses tax strategies to maintain resilience and grasp opportunities in uncertain times.

10:15 – 11:15 : **Which route will we take? Navigating a brighter future together**
Prof. Dr. Xaver Ditz, Flick Gocke Schaumburg, discusses the themes of our opening keynotes with his esteemed panelists including **Frédéric Plisson**, Executive Director of Estée Lauder and **Dr. Monika Wünnemann**, Head of Tax and Finance, Federation of German Industry.

11:15 – 11:45 : Networking break

11:45 – 13:15 : **Tax is on the road to change : But who is in the driving seat?**
Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Guglielmo Maisto**, founder of Maisto e Associati and President of IFA Global, our next panel includes **Dr. Martin Arzethauser**, Senior Vice President Corporate Tax, Kuehne+Nagel, **Prof. Dr. Christian Kaeser**, Global Head of Taxes, Siemens AG; **Dr. Kunka Petkova**, PhD, Adviser at the German Federal Ministry of Finance and **Dr. Achim Pross**, Deputy Director within the OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration.

13:30 – 14:30 : Networking lunch

14:30 – 15:45 and 16:15 – 17:30 : This afternoon, our **breakout sessions** will run in parallel, repeated twice. You will have the chance to explore the latest developments in Transfer Pricing, Permanent Establishments; Real Estate; M&A and Private Equity; Indirect Taxation, Customs and Global Mobility. Our panel discussions will feature your peers, our esteemed clients from a variety of industries around the world, together with our international Taxand colleagues.

19:30 : Please join us for our **gala dinner** at the beautiful historic residence, **Schloss Charlottenburg**.

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Friday, 13 June 2025

09:00 – 09:05 : Welcome back

09:05 – 09:45 : **The magic within AI : The path to innovation and progress** *Join us this morning for a very special spectacle as we welcome award-winning **digital illusionist Keelan Leyser to the stage**. A mesmerising, magical opening to our day not to be missed!*

09:45 – 11:00 : **Beyond the illusion : How is AI disrupting organisations, professional skillsets and the tax ecosystem?** *In our first panel of the morning, chaired by **Holger Maier**, Managing Director of FGS Digital GmbH, your peers, industry experts and researchers on the frontier of AI development, come together to explore both the transformative opportunities AI offers and the potential risks it poses for organisations, including how these will shape the future of the tax ecosystem.*

11:00 – 11:30 : Networking break

11:30 – 12:30 : **Tax is on the road to change : How do we build bridges that last?** *Our panelists discuss the effect of U.S tax developments and their far-reaching implications for international taxation. Chaired by **Prof. Dr. Jens Schönfeld**, Flick Gocke Schaumburg, who will be joined by **Prof. Dr. Ulf Freytag**, Senior Vice President, Fresenius Group, a global leader in healthcare; **Sandra Reuter**, Head of Direct Tax Germany, Ford-Werke GmbH; **Dirk Suringa**, Covington & Burling LLP, USA and **Craig Webster**, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Canada.*

12:30 – 13:30 : **The next wave : Where will it take you?** *We are delighted to welcome our final guest, **Mark Matthews** for an inspirational closing to this year's conference. From his 20 years as a professional big wave surfer, entrepreneur, and innovator, Mark certainly has in-depth knowledge of high-performance! Join us for a memorable conclusion to our time in Berlin as Mark entertains us with insights from his own remarkable journey and the parallels that we might all draw for our own.*

13:30 – 14:45 : Networking lunch