

Symposium on Systems of Financial Secrecy

Organised by the London School of Economics - International Inequalities Institute (Wealth, Elites and Tax Justice Theme) and Open Ownership. The symposium is supported by the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity programme.

Agenda

Please note, this is a draft agenda and the timings and running order of each session may change.

Overall opening remarks

Professor Mike Savage

London School of Economics

Session one: Setting the scene: context and background for discussing systems of financial secrecy

09:30–10:45

Moderator: Louise Russell-Prywata, Deputy Executive Director, Open Ownership

Topic	Speaker
Invisible wealth, elites and global inequalities: Coloniality and the case for reparations	Tye Salandy , Sociologist, University of the West Indies
Financial institutions that make rules on illicit financial flows and their impact on developing countries	Mary Ongore , Legal Manager Sustainable Finance, International Lawyers Project
The Regulation of Illicit Financial Flows (RIFF) dataset: A new world map of 30-years of financial secrecy and anti-money laundering reforms.	Daniel Haberly , Senior Lecturer, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex
Exploring patterns of beneficial ownership reform	Angus Barry , PhD researcher, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
Q & A	

Break (10:45–11:10)**Session two: Systems of financial secrecy in the UK: understanding the UK's global role and evaluating current and future policy solutions****11:10–12:45****Moderator: Rachel Davies**, Advocacy Director, Transparency International UK**Discussant: Robert Barrington**, Professor of Anti-Corruption Practice, Centre for the Study of Corruption, University of Sussex

Topic	Speaker
Introductory remarks to the UK session	Dame Margaret Hodge , Member of Parliament for the United Kingdom
Keynote: Hidden ownership of real estate in the UK: the difficult route to transparency.	César Poux , Research Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science International Inequalities Institute
Why hide? The dynamics of secrecy and tax in UK property holdings	Dr. Kristin Surak , Associate Professor of Political Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science and Mr Johnathan Inkley , Research Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science
Avoiding transparency through offshore real estate: Evidence from the United Kingdom	Jeanne Bomare , PhD researcher, Paris School of Economics, and Research Fellow, EU Tax Observatory
The end of Londongrad? The impact of beneficial ownership transparency on offshore investment in UK property	Matthew Collin , Senior Economist, EU Tax Observatory
Q & A	

Break for lunch (12:45–13:30)**Session three: Sanctions and national security****13:30–15:00****Moderator: Thom Townsend**, Executive Director, Open Ownership

Topic	Speaker
Keynote: Kleptocratic adaptation to sanctions: The role of bridging jurisdictions	Jodi Vittori , Professor of the Practice, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
Tackling sanctions evasion in the UK: Recent policy developments and emerging enforcement challenges	Dr Helen Taylor , Senior Legal Researcher, Spotlight on Corruption

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Central bank digital currencies and national security: Policy considerations	Joshua Tjeransen , PhD Researcher, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London
An empirical study of the impact of Magnitsky sanctions on the earliest corruption designees	Steph Muchai , Programme Director, Governance and Accountability, International Lawyers Project
How Russian oligarchs and officials hide assets and skirt sanctions	Simon Lock , Reporter, Bureau of Investigative Journalism and Tom Stocks , Senior Investigator, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project
Q & A	

Break (15:00–15:30)

Session four: Taxation, corruption, and public funds

15:30–17:15

Moderator: Victoria Gronwald, PhD Researcher, London School of Economics - International Inequalities Institute

Discussant: Michael Vaughan, Research Fellow, London School of Economics - International Inequalities Institute

Topic	Delivered by
Keynote: Beyond bribery: The interconnections between corruption and tax crime	Diane Ring , Professor of Law and Dr. Thomas F. Carney Distinguished Scholar, Boston College Law School
Exploring potential conflict of interest in anti-tax abuse policymaking	Costantino Grasso , Associate Professor in Business and Law at Manchester Law School
Using beneficial ownership data for large-scale risk assessment in public procurement	Dr. Mihály Fazekas , Associate Professor, Central European University and Irene Tello Arista , PhD Researcher, Central European University
The Slovak experience: a special BO register as the main know-your-customer tool for public contracting	Andrej Leontiev , Managing Partner, Taylor Wessing; External Consultant, EU Global Facility on AML/CFT
The abuse of trusts for tax evasion and avoidance	Andres Knobel , Lead Researcher on Beneficial Ownership, Tax Justice Network
Q & A	

Reception: 17:15–18:30