Faculty of Law, in conjunction with the Faculty of Business and the Institute of Sustainable Futures University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) invite you to the 16th Global Conference on Environmental Taxation (GCET16)

23-26 SEPTEMBER 2015, UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

THEME: GREEN FISCAL REFORM: PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

GCET is the leading global forum for exchanges on the principles and practices of environmental taxation and other market-based instruments relevant for greening of the economy and a more sustainable development.

Research presented at the previous conferences has helped provide a much stronger theoretical and empirical underpinning of the legal, economic and behavioural issues in this area.

These conferences are not intended to advance any particular environmental agenda on an advocacy basis but rather to advance knowledge, understanding and debate.

The theme chosen for the 16th Conference is designed to place greater focus on natural resource protection, a theme that has received less explicit attention in past conferences. It also emphasises an area of great concern to the host country, Australia.

Topics can extend from climate change, biodiversity protection, environmental stewardship, pollution control, water conservation, land degradation, renewable energy, mining and rehabilitation, wildlife protection and feral animal treatment while encompassing market instruments such as carbon pricing, emissions trading schemes, other environmental taxes, subsidies, direct action or spending programs and tax concessions both positive and perverse.

PAPER SUBMISSION

Abstracts of papers should be submitted by 30 April 2015 on the conference Website.

Additional details about the paper submission process and deadlines will be found on the Website.

16TH GCET CONFERENCE VENUE

The 16th GCET will take place at The City and Haymarket Campus and the Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), Australia, commencing the afternoon of Wednesday 23 September through to Friday 25 September with an optional Roundtable on the morning of Saturday 26 September 2015.

UTS has developed a City Campus Master Plan with sustainable principles as its heart. These principles are driven by an Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) Master Plan which is central to UTS’s commitment to a 30% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020-21.

Seven key themes underpin the UTS ESD Master Plan: Water, Daylight, Transport, Energy, Flexibility/adaptability, Work environment and Education product.

The ESD Master Plan explores these themes at two levels:

• UTS City Campus as a whole
• Holistic strategies such as black water recycling or waste reduction that are either campus-wide or relate to multiple buildings.
• Individual buildings
• Building-specific ESD strategies such as natural ventilation systems, rainwater capture or photovoltaic panels.

UTS is also a founding member of the Green Building Council of Australia.
A BRIEF HISTORY OF GCET

GCET provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and research findings about environmental taxation issues and sustainable economic development. Recent GCET conferences have attracted delegates from more than 50 countries representing a wide range of disciplines (law, economics, accounting, environmental management, and public administration) and a variety of sectors (academic, government, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations) gathering to exchange ideas on how effective environmental taxation policies can promote the protection of the environment and sustainable economic development.

The main emphasis of GCET is to provide insights and analysis on how enlightened tax policy can promote sustainable environmental goals. By discussing environmental taxation issues that exist around the world, effective approaches used in one country can be considered and implemented by governmental authorities in other countries.


CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

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