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Dealing with the Enablers of Economic Crime

**INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM**

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OVERVIEW

The International Symposium aims at exploring the role of professionals as enablers of economic crime and conceiving possible solutions to address such a phenomenon. The event has been co-organized by:

Prof. Diane M. Ring

Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Boston College Law School
VIRTEU Special Adviser

Dr. Costantino Grasso

Associate Professor in Business and Law, Manchester Law School
VIRTEU Principal Investigator

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VIRTEU Co-Investigator

The event will consist of the following three interconnected sessions:

- The **first panel (The Phenomenon)** will open the event exploring from a phenomenological perspective the various ways in which professionals may play a role in enabling or facilitating tax crimes and potentially interrelated corrupt practices.
- The **second panel (The Causes)** will build upon the themes and elements that emerged during the discussion of the first panel in order to explore relevant legal, regulatory, and moral dimensions of professional involvement in such questionable practices.
- The **third panel (The Solutions)** will build upon the phenomenological and theoretical issues identified during the discussion of the first two panels, and will discuss the measures currently in place to address such forms of misconduct before considering what improvements could be made.



PROGRAM

3:15-3:20 pm (BST) - **INTRODUCTION**

- **Dr Costantino Grasso**

Associate Professor in Business and Law, Manchester Law School
VIRTEU Principal Investigator

3:20-3:30 pm (BST) - **POSTER PRESENTATION**

- **Engin Erken and Stephen Holden**

Ph.D. Candidates and VIRTEU Research Assistants

3:30-4:50 pm (BST) - **SESSION 1: THE PHENOMENON**

- **Chair: Prof. Diane M. Ring**

Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Boston College Law School
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- **Simon Bowers**

Investigations Editor, Finance Uncovered

- **Richard Brooks**

Investigative Journalist and Former Tax-Inspector

- **John Christensen**

Founder and Chair of the Board, Tax Justice Network

- **Antoine Deltour**

Whistleblower and Former Auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers

- **Joshua B. Dugan**

Assistant Attorney General, Taxpayer Protection Bureau, NYOAG

- **Jesse Eisinger**

Senior Reporter and Editor, ProPublica

- **Mary Inman**

Lawyer and Partner, Constantine Cannon LLP

- **Marco Letizi**

Lieutenant Colonel of the Italian Guardia di Finanza (Tax Police)

- **Charles Middleton**

International Tax Lawyer and Whistleblower



PROGRAM

5:00-5:50 pm (BST) - **SESSION 2: THE CAUSES**

- **Chair: Prof. Andrew Francis**

Professor of Law , Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Manchester Metropolitan University and Head of Manchester Law School

- **Dr. Aleksandra Jordanoska**

Lecturer in Corporate Law, King's College London

- **Prof. Daniel T. Ostas**

Professor of Business Ethics and Legal Studies, University of Oklahoma

- **Prof. Kelly Richmond Pope**

Professor in Accountancy, DePaul University

6:00-6:50 pm (BST) - **SESSION 3: THE SOLUTIONS**

- **Chair: Prof. Diane M. Ring**

Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Boston College Law School
VIRTEU Special Adviser

- **Prof. Linda Galler**

Professor of Law at the Maurice A. Dean School of Law

- **Jonathan Goldsmith**

Solicitor and Member of the Council of the Law Society

- **Henry Grzes**

Certified Public Accountant and Reviewer at AICPA

- **Paul D. Scott**

Attorney and Founder of Law Offices of Paul D. Scott

- **Frederica Wilson**

Executive Director, Deputy CEO, Federation of Law Societies of Canada

- **Simone Zancani**

Lawyer and Vice-President of the Criminal Law Association of Venice