



16th Annual IRS/TPC Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration

June 25, 2026

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast/Check-In

8:30 – 8:45 Opening

Robert McClelland, Senior Fellow, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center

Reza Rashidi, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue

8:45 – 10:15 Session 1: Help Me Help You: Nudging Taxpayers Into Compliance

Moderator: **Masanue Vah**, Social Scientist, Internal Revenue Service

- **Does Taxpayer Assistance Encourage Income Tax Compliance? Evidence From IRS Staffing**
Vishal Baloria, Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Connecticut
- **Tracing the Invisible: Tax and Criminal Investigations of Digital Assets in Brazil and the Emergence of a New Asset-Tracing Architecture**

Ali Ekmen, Former Chief Tax Inspector, Turkish Tax Inspection Board; MSc Taxation Candidate, University of Oxford

Discussant: **Michael Udell**, Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service

10:15 – 10:35 Break

10:35 – 12:05 Session 2: From Good to Great: Getting the Most Out of Audits

Moderator: **Valentina Kachanovskaya**, Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service

- **A New Approach to Dealing With Imperfect Detection Tax Return Audits: Leave One Out Estimator Income and Self-Employment Tax**
Alex Turk, Supervisory Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service
- **Refresh Rate Matters: Monthly Retraining Improves Audit-Selection Under Concept Drift**
Brandon Anderson, Technical Advisor, Internal Revenue Service
- **Rethinking Post-Audit Compliance Heterogenous and Persistent Effects in Experimental Data**
Carlos Scartascini, Principal Technical Leader, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, Leader of Research Department, Behavioral Economics Group

Discussant: **Brian Erard**, Principal, B. Erard and Associates, LLC



12:05 – 12:35 **Break/Lunch**

12:35 – 1:05 **Keynote Speaker**

***Janet Holtzblatt**, Senior Fellow, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center*

1:05 – 1:20 **Break**

1:20 – 2:45 **Session 3: Indirect Impacts of Enforcement Over Time**

Moderator: **Lori Stuntz**, Senior Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service

- **Experimental Evidence on the Specific Indirect Effects of Audits**
***Justin Nave**, Project Lead, MITRE*
- **Long-Distance Deterrence Spillovers from High-Intensity Tax Enforcement: Social Network Evidence from the 2015 New York City Zapper Crackdown**
***Zizhuo Chen**, PhD Student, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota Twin Cities*
- **The Specific Indirect Effect of IRS's Automated Underreporting (AUR) Enforcement**
***Thomas Hertz**, Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service*

Discussant: **William Boning**, Financial Economist, US Department of the Treasury

2:45 – 3:00 **Break**

3:00 – 4:30 **Session 4: Making Third-Party Data Work Harder**

Moderator: **Biz Bedane**, Economist, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue Service

- **Unpacking Box 12: Imputing Deferred Compensation Categories on Population-Level Form W-2 Data Using SOI Transcription and Machine Learning**
***Rachel Geiger**, Economist, Internal Revenue Service*
- **Wage Misreporting on Individual Income Tax Returns: Evidence from W-2 Mismatches**
***Lucas Goodman**, Financial Economist, Office of Tax Analysis, US Department of the Treasury*
- **Out of Sight, Out of Tax: Strategic Payment Routing and the Limits of Third-Party Reporting**
***Riddha Basu**, Assistant Professor of Accountancy, George Washington University School of Business*

Discussant: **Jamie McGuire**, Senior Economist, Joint Committee on Taxation

4:30 – 4:35 **Wrap-up**

***Reza Rashidi**, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics, Internal Revenue*



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