

PHILANTHROPY SERIES

Philanthropy is increasingly a topic of keen interest to individuals and companies alike, particularly in Geneva, a canton with a long tradition of giving. Proactive thinking about the framework conditions conducive to philanthropic initiatives can only benefit such momentum. For this reason, in line with the actions already engaged by SwissFoundations, the Canton of Geneva and Fondation Lombard Odier, the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva launches a *Philanthropy series*.

Initiated under the impulse of Professor Xavier Oberson and Professor Henry Peter, the *Philanthropy series* is comprised of four conferences throughout the university year 2014-15. The objective of these half-day sessions is to debate different aspects of philanthropy from an academic standpoint, with a view to providing policy makers and practitioners with concrete recommendations.

#1 Philanthropy and Taxation

Comparative perspectives, cross border issues
and recommendations for Switzerland

Moderated by **Professor Xavier Oberson** | 2 October, 2014

#2 Philanthropy and Art Law

Art donations to museums

Moderated by **Professor Marc-André Renold** | 29 January, 2015

#3 Philanthropy and Intellectual Property

Access to drugs for developing countries

Moderated by **Professor Jacques de Werra** | 13 March, 2015

#4 Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility

Utopia, duty or opportunity?

Moderated by **Professor Henry Peter** | 28 May, 2015



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#1 Philanthropy and Taxation Comparative perspectives, cross border issues and recommendations for Switzerland

Moderated by **Xavier Oberson**
Professor of Tax Law, University of Geneva

Thursday, 2 October, 2014 | 9:00 - 12:30
Hôtel Président Wilson

Under the chairmanship of Professor Xavier Oberson, an international panel of specialists will discuss the tax aspects relevant to philanthropy with the aim to identify best practices and develop recommendations to enhance the fiscal framework for philanthropy in Geneva and Switzerland.

PANELISTS

Victoria Bjorklund, Of Counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

James Carleton, Partner, Farrer & Co

Isabelle Combes, Legal Director, Fondation de France

Benoît Merkt, Partner, Lenz & Staehelin

Xavier Oberson, Professor at the University of Geneva and Partner, Oberson Avocats

PROGRAMME

Session 1

Comparative analysis and issues regarding the status of philanthropic entities, donors and beneficiaries

Session 2

Practical cases and recommendations for transnational giving

REGISTRATION AND VENUE

Registration required before Wednesday, 24 September, 2014 at <http://bit.ly/1sQlsmt>

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