

The Paris School of Economics creates the European Tax Observatory

The European Tax Observatory, a project for which the European Commission called for proposals at the end of 2020 (1), has been established at the Paris School of Economics, under the direction of Gabriel Zucman (2).

GREAT AMBITIONS

The Observatory's mission is to conduct and disseminate innovative, high quality research into taxation within the European Union. Created and hosted by PSE, it aims to stimulate exchange among the scientific community, civil society and political decision makers in member States and across the EU region. The Observatory intends to encourage democratic and inclusive debate on the future of taxation in the EU (in particular, company tax). Its goals also include participating in the development of new practical propositions that can meet the fiscal challenges that globalisation poses for each member state and the EU itself, particularly in relation to tax evasion and fraud.



A BROAD AND DIVERSE ECO-SYSTEM

At PSE, the European Tax Observatory will bring together European universities (including the University of Copenhagen), civil society organisations (including the Human Act Foundation), research centres (including the *Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung* of Berlin), as well as individuals of renown, including economists, lawyers and journalists.

GABRIEL ZUCMAN, A WORLD EXPERT IN TAXATION

The European Tax Observatory is headed by Gabriel Zucman, Professor in Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, former student of the ENS Paris-Saclay, of the APE Masters (2008) and who defended his thesis at PSE (2013). First Assistant Professor at the LSE, he was recruited by Berkeley in 2015. He is also co-director of the World Inequality Lab (PSE/Berkeley). Gabriel Zucman has published in the best international scientific journals, and is author of three books, including *The Hidden Wealth of Nations* and *The Triumph of Injustice* which have had an international impact. He has won the 2018 Best Young Economist award by *Le Monde* and the *Cercle des économistes*, the Bernácer prize in 2019, an Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy in 2017, and a prestigious fellowship at the Sloan Foundation in 2019.



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(3) RePEC rankings: <https://ideas.repec.org/top/top.econdept.html>