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Donnerstag 16. Juni 2014, 10-12 Uhr (anschl. Mittagsbuffet) WKO Skylounge, 4., Wiedner Hauptstraße 63

#### **Alternatives for Tax Reform**

Taxes should be simple, efficient and fair. In reality, taxes affect household and firm behavior on many margins, including labor supply, savings, investment and offshoring. Such tax avoidance tends to reduce welfare and growth, raises the cost of government activity, and undermines redistributive goals. How should the tax system be reformed to arrive at a better trade-off between equity and efficiency?

#### Welcome

## **Christoph Leitl**

President of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, WKO

# **Introductory Remarks**

# **Christian Keuschnigg**

Director IHS and University of St. Gallen

## Keynote Speakers

## **James Poterba**

MIT and National Bureau of Economic Research

### **Martin Feldstein**

Harvard University and National Bureau of Economic Research

## Moderation of General Discussion

## **Christoph Schneider**

Head of Economic Policy Division of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, WKO