

Title: (How) Can Taxation Contribute to Sustainability?

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Abstract: Taxes are important both as a tool to address inequality and leverage growth, as well as a way to shape individuals' and firms' behavior. International development organizations have increasingly pointed to minimum levels of taxation as a precondition for the provision of quality public goods, especially across the developing world. Additionally, taxes have been useful in curbing environmental degradation and incorporating the cost of addressing negative externalities such as pollution into the final price of a good or service. Further, tax regimes can be instrumental in creating the right conditions for the exploitation of natural resources in a sustainable fashion that contributes to economic development. The objective of this topical lunch is to bring together faculty from across the University who might be interested in discussing these issues and exploring avenues for future research.