

Rowan Williams on tax

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Rowan Williams [had this to say](#) on tax in his speech to the TUC yesterday:

[T]he point is that we should be thinking about taxation neither as an unreasonable burden on enterprise nor as a simple mechanism of redistribution but as a potentially sophisticated tool for long-term 'economy' — housekeeping. Taxation builds a habitat — already, quite properly, through state welfare provision, but potentially in other less familiar ways.

He then explored green and other tax issues.

Good to note I'm not the only person who believes in the positive contribution of tax to society — something we have to shout about, often — because tax has had and will continue to have an enormously beneficial and civilising impact on our world.