

## The Tax Justice Network podcast: taxing finance sectors...

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**In the February 2017 Taxcast:** how financial transaction taxes can protect us from finance sectors dragging our economies down.

Plus: the Swiss referendum — taxpayers have refused to pick up the tab for corporate tax ‘reforms’. What does that mean for one of the world’s biggest tax haven players?

Also, we discuss President Trump’s valentine gift for kleptocrats and the extractives industry as he repeals anti-corruption regulations — the criminal race to the bottom is on. And, the influence of dark money, the experts in distorting democratic debate and the results of the 2017 [Transparify](#) report.

Featuring: Professor Avinash Persaud, chair of Intelligence Capital and author of [Improving Resilience, Increasing Revenue: the case for modernising the UK’s stamp duty on shares](#), David Hillman of the [Robin Hood Tax Campaign](#) and [John Christensen](#) of the Tax Justice Network. Produced and presented by Naomi Fowler for the Tax Justice Network.

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***“I think they are more opposed to this [Financial Transactions Tax] than any other because this tax really drives a stake into the heart of the current business model... you can see how that is very frightening to them”***

Professor Avinash Persaud, Intelligence Capital

President Trump’s repeal of anti-corruption measures ***“has opened the field for a much wider variety of corrupt practices and one can well imagine the oil lobbies will now start concentrating on the European Union and they’ll be saying ‘we have to compete in this race to the bottom, otherwise we’ll be at a competitive disadvantage with the US companies.’ And that raises questions — what is that competitive disadvantage? Well, it’s the competitive disadvantage which stops us acting like criminals.”***

