

Tax justice and Covid -19 : this month's Taxcast

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In the Tax Justice Network's monthly podcast, the [Taxcast](#) which is out now: from the ashes of the coronavirus crisis how can we build a better economic and socially just system that works for all of us? The pandemic also exposes the pile-up of unaddressed crises which we must also fix. A transcript is available [here](#) due to popular request (not guaranteed to be 100% accurate).

TJN discusses:

- * tax justice (which was always key)
- * bailout conditions for companies now seeking government assistance
- * Universal Basic Services

Interviews:

- * Idriss Linge, finance journalist and producer and presenter of the French language Tax Justice Network monthly podcast [Imp ts et Justice Sociale](#)
- * The voices of US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Chamath Palihapitiya of investment firm Social Capital speaking with presenter Scott Wapner on CNBC
- * [John Christensen](#) of the Tax Justice Network
- * [Anna Coote](#) of the [New Economics Foundation](#) and co-author with Andrew Percy of The case for Universal Basic Services published by Polity Press
- * [The Taxcast](#) is presented and produced by the Tax Justice Network's [Naomi Fowler](#)

I think it's quite likely that we'll see a much longer period of full depression, closer to what happened in the banking collapses in 1873. Far too many commentators have failed to grasp that we're not facing one crisis in 2020 but we're facing multiple crises, some of which have been building up for decades. If ever there was a moment to launch a truly radical departure from the neoliberal world order, this is that moment."

~ John Christensen, Tax Justice Network

It's about reclaiming the collective ideal and the idea that if we all get together and pool our resources and share risks, we will do a lot better. And it's about putting people in control of how services are designed, to help each other, to look after each other."

~ Anna Coote of the New Economics Foundation on Universal Basic Services

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TIHvbCNgNA?version=3&rel=1&fs=1∓autoplay=2&showsearch=0&showinfo=1&iv_load_policy=1&wmode=transparent

Further reading:

- * Tax Justice Network work and proposals on covid-19 are available [here](#)
- * ***"there's an estimated [\\$8-35 trillion](#) sitting offshore that must now be tapped into"***
- * ***[Argentina refuses to bail out](#) a company headquartered in Luxembourg, plus companies based in 'non-cooperative', low tax or no tax jurisdictions***
- * ***Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez [speaking in Congress](#) on the US stimulus package***
- * ***[Exchange on CNBC](#) between Chamath Palihapitiya of the investment firm Social Capital and presenter Scott Wapner***
- * ***the [Australian government forces Facebook & Google to share advertising](#) revenues with news companies***