Tax abuses, poverty and human rights: What should the law and lawyers do?

Tuesday 13 May 2014, 1800 – 1930
Followed by a drinks and canapé reception

Arnolfini Dark Studio
16 Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA

The International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), the University of Bristol Law School and Policy Bristol invite you to attend a high level panel discussion on tax abuses, poverty and human rights.

Tax revenues lost by the developing world due to tax abuse are estimated at $120bn per annum. This is equivalent to the total amount of aid provided to these countries each year and the situation is worsening. Recovering the lost tax would make a substantial contribution to the alleviation of poverty.

In 2013 the IBAHRI launched an expert Task Force report entitled *Tax Abuses, Poverty and Human Rights*, examining tax abuses from the novel perspective of human rights law and policy. On 13 May 2014 the expert panel – including members of the IBAHRI Task Force – will speak on some of the challenging legal and policy questions such as: where should the line between legitimate tax avoidance and immoral tax abuse be drawn? What are the responsibilities of governments, corporations and legal professionals in combating tax abuse? And how can the law protect human rights through minimising immoral tax practices?

**Moderator**
Shirley Pouget  Senior Programme Lawyer at the IBAHRI; IBAHRI Task Force Facilitator

**Panellists**
Anders Dalhbeck  Tax Justice Policy Advisor at ActionAid
Celia Wells  Head of Bristol University Law School; IBAHRI Task Force Member
Lloyd Lipsett  Advisor at Shift; IBAHRI Task Force Rapporteur
Thomas Pogge  Director of the Global Justice Program and the Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University; IBAHRI Task Force Chair

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This event is free to attend but seating is limited. Please RSVP by Friday 9 May 2014.