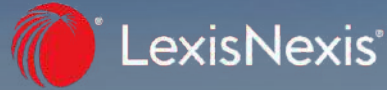




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Keynote Conference

2 October 2025, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD: COMPETITIVENESS BEYOND PILLAR TWO.



Leopoldo Parada

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After the keynote, lecturers from the programme will introduce each course in the Aurifer GCC Tax Certificate



ABOUT THE COURSE

Launched in 2022, the Aurifer GCC Tax Certificate is the first executive programme on taxation in the Gulf region.

Developed and endorsed by qualified professionals and academics in the field, this unique programme offers a comprehensive overview of tax systems in the GCC countries and the UAE in particular.

The Certificate delves into the essentials of direct and indirect taxation in GCC countries, including Corporate Tax, VAT, Excises, and Customs. It also features modules on key aspects of international taxation, with a specific focus on their practical application in the tax systems of the GCC countries and the UAE. For the 2025 edition, the programme introduces two specialised tracks, designed to meet the needs of aspiring and current tax advisors in the region:

- **Taxation of Financial Services**

- **Private Wealth Tax Planning**

The programme begins with a keynote conference on 2 October 2025, setting the stage for two months of immersive learning. The academic schedule comprises 16 sessions spanning 16 days, totaling 48 hours of teaching, and will run from October to November 2025.

Led by Thomas Vanhee (Aurifer) and Assoc. Prof. Pallavi Kishore (Middlesex University Dubai), the programme boasts a faculty composed of experts from leading law and accounting firms across the Gulf and internationally. This ensures a learning experience that blends academic excellence with real-world insights.

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The Aurifer GCC Tax Certificate is designed to provide high-quality tax education. Training for each program module is led by experienced professionals who have gained extensive tax expertise in different fields in the Gulf region and internationally.

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