

Session 2, De-globalisation and the reassertion of tax sovereignty



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He was invited as speaker in IFA APAC Conferences held in Seoul (2016), Hong Kong (2024), Kuala Lumpur (2025) He was invited to speak at the IFA Congress recently held in Lisbon, Portugal in October 2025.



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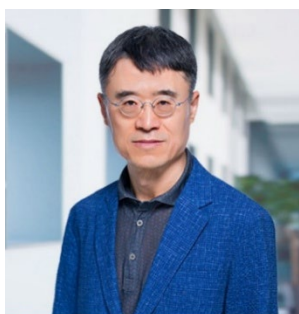
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