La Trobe University’s Centre for Public Sector Governance, Accountability and Performance (CPSGAP) invites you to attend its Seminar on “Future of the Tax Profession”.

ABSTRACT

The seminar will address a number of points including:

- Digital transformation of the tax regime especially the introduction of standard business reporting
- The ATO’s reinvention program and the way it is challenging conventional paradigms of tax administration
- The parallel changes facing the tax profession and its response to various challenges including, amongst others, digital disruption, offshoring, globalisation and a more informed public
- The roadmap ahead for change with emphasis on adaptiveness and changing skill sets.

SPEAKERS

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