



## HISTORY OF TAX: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### GLASS TAX MAGNIFIED – an exploration of its impact and history with Carrie de Silva

We do hope you will be able to join us for our next History of Tax event, either in person at Information Technologists' Hall, London, or via zoom.

**Synopsis:** This exploration of glass tax, other than window tax, will be closely aligned with a consideration of the impact of the taxation. The period of taxation under review is that from 1745 to 1845, with reference to earlier, short-lived levies under Cromwell's parliament. It will also look at the technological, social and commercial developments affecting the landscape of glass at a time when the British manufacture of glass, particularly luxury glass, was just emerging from a market which had previously been dominated by the Venetians. What effect did the tax have on the place of glass-making? On the design and technology of glass-making? Policy makers look at what is, formulate a tax regime, and the landscape alters as a direct result of the imposition. Expected consequences have long been part of the decision-making process, but consequential developments can take unanticipated forms.

**Biography:** Carrie de Silva started professional life in the corporate tax offices of Arthur Andersen in the 1980s. Since the late 1990s she has been an academic, largely in the teaching aspects of law and taxation to prospective rural land agents at Harper Adams University where she is now a Visiting Professor of Real Estate Practice Law. She is also an Honorary Professor at the Royal Agricultural University. In semi-retirement, along with postgraduate teaching, Carrie delivers training and CPD to chartered surveyors, solicitors and accountants in the land and property sector and mentors women to senior career progression in the land and property sector. She has written widely, including several entries for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and is exploring the first woman member of the Institute of Taxation, though sources are proving hard to come by. In her spare time Carrie is writing on women in street names – the stories of women honoured in street names throughout the UK, with a consideration of the possible wider impact of limited female commemoration in public places.

**Supper:** For those attending in person, there is the opportunity for supper afterwards at a nearby venue, [The Fox and Anchor](#), with an opportunity to chat to our speaker. Supper numbers need to be given to the venue one week before the event, and menu choices will be circulated about two weeks before the event. Please register for supper at the time of booking your attendance. Supper is on a self-pay on the night basis.

Wine will be served to those attending in person, allowing you to network with fellow attendees and ask any further questions you may have after the talk.

#### How to book:

The closing date is Monday 10 February 2025 for in person attendance and Monday 17 February 2025 for zoom attendance.

The deadline for booking supper is Monday 10 February 2025.

Please email [events@taxadvisers.org.uk](mailto:events@taxadvisers.org.uk) to book your place, specifying whether you would like to attend in person or via zoom, and whether you would like to join us for supper.

**This event is open to everyone interested in the History of Tax.**

#### DATE

Tuesday 18 February 2025

#### TIME

6pm-7pm (logging on from 5.50pm)

#### PRICE

**In person:** £25

**Via Zoom:** No charge, but you are invited to make a voluntary donation to the Tax Advisers Charitable Trust via the link below.

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#### VENUE ADDRESS

Information Technologists' Hall, 39A Bartholomew Close, London, EC1A 7JN  
Online log in details will be provided **the day before**

**Supper:** The Fox and Anchor, 115 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6AA

#### CLOSING DATE

**Supper:** Mon 10 February  
**In Person:** Mon 10 February  
**Zoom:** Mon 17 February



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