Taxes are a tough sell. When their technical intricacies don’t intimidate us, they bore us to death. And, then, of course, the tax burden is also financially tangible, a much-resented feature for all those who happen to shoulder it. It’s not surprising, then, that taxes are the preserve of brave, if not outright reckless, social scientists. A group of them is meeting at Emory within the framework of a Wenner-Gren Foundation funded research workshop entitled *Tax Matters*.

In this roundtable, they share their insights on a range of tax-related matters, from the level and form taxation takes in different parts of the world to the link we tend to take for granted today between taxes, political representation, and accountability.

**Discussants:**

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