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DEBATE COVERAGE

On Wednesday 17 April, Milestone hosted a debate on International Corporate Tax Avoidance in the House of Commons. Originally destined for the Thatcher Room, which would have been quite apt given the debate that ensued, we saw the Grimond Room packed with MPs, lawyers, journalists, accountants and economists. The Conservative MP, Guto Bebb, a member of the Public Accounts Committee, introduced our leading man, Miles, tax barrister David Goldberg QC, GMB union officer and Labour candidate Kamaljeet Jandu, and professor of economics Mariana Mazzucato.

Guto Bebb kicked off the debate quoting Nigel Lawson that taxes should be low and should be paid. There followed a lively debate, a transcript of which can be found by clicking [here](#), in which we saw Miles and David argue that the concepts of “fairness” and “morality” in tax are ill-placed and irrelevant. Contrast that with Kamaljeet’s position that fairness and morality is innate in all human beings and Marianna’s position that there should be more economic argument. All in all, a very lively debate followed, together with fiery questions from the floor.

The journalist, Andrew Goodall has written an excellent coverage of the debate for the TaxJournal (please click [here](#)), Callum Fuller has published his account of the debate for Accountancy Age (please click [here](#)), and Julie Irvine has written a piece for *economia* (please click [here](#)).

If you have any comments or questions for our leading man himself, please don’t hesitate to fire them across. He would only be too pleased to continue the debate!



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