Substantive Rights: The Principles

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- Equality
- Ability to Pay
- Competition/Neutrality
- •Tax Justice/Fairness/Equity

Fairness and Taxpayers' rights

- International Organizations, governments, NGOs, scholars address fair share/fair taxation.
- No clarity on the concept of fairness (Burgers & Mosquera 2018)
- Taxpayers' rights necessary in the framework of the rule of law.
- Sufficient safeguards should be provided by countries when exchanging information (e.g. Council of Europe Convention on Automatic Processing of Personal Data including Big Data)
- IOs, governments and NGOs aim to prevent tax fraud, aggressive tax planning and tax evasion, and therefore, exchange of information is key.

Question:

How to reconcile fair taxation with the protection of taxpayers' rights?

More fairness, require less protection?, or in order to enhance fairness, mutual trust and rule of law should be taken into account?

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