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Professor de la Feria research focus primarily on tax law and policy, and she has published widely on these areas, including five books (2004; 2009; 2011; 2013; 2020), and over 60 journal articles and book chapters. She has been a visiting scholar at New York University, Law School, USA (2008), ATAX, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (2009), and McGill University, Montreal, Canada (2019). She is a regular public speaker on tax law and policy issues around the world, having presented in over 30 countries and across 5 continents in the last 15 years. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the *British Tax Review* (2008-), the *EC Tax Review* (2016-), and the *Journal of Tax Administration* (2017-); UK representative at the Academic Committee of the EATLP – European Association of Tax Law Professors (2013-); and a founding member of the Executive Board of the EANO VAT – European Academic Network of VAT (2013-).

Her research is regularly cited by courts across Europe, including the EU Court of Justice and various European Supreme Courts, and by international organisations, such as the IMF, and the OECD. She was tax policy and legal drafting adviser to the Portuguese Government (2011-2012), and to the Government of Timor-Leste (2015-2016); has provided tax policy advice, and/or legal drafting advice, to the Governments of Turkey, Uzbekistan, Mozambique, Jordan, and Georgia, under the auspices of the IMF; and has assisted with the legal drafting of the Angolan, Sao Tome and Principe, and Uzbekistan's new VAT laws, again under the auspices of the IMF. She has testified before five elected Parliament, namely: the UK Houses of Parliament on international tax avoidance (2013), and online tax fraud (2017); the European Parliament on tax havens (2017) and on VAT rates (2018); the Parliaments of Timor-Leste (2016) and Sao Tome and Principe (2017) on VAT implementation; and the Brazilian Congress on consumption tax reform (2020). In 2020, she co-authored a policy brief to the G20, calling on tax reform to tackle inequality post the COVID19 pandemic.

Professor de la Feria was listed two years running (2015-2016) in the *Global Tax 50*, by the International Tax Review, as one of the most influential tax people in the World; was co-recipient of the *2016 Outstanding Women in Tax Award*, awarded by the Tax Analysts; and in 2019 was recognised in the *100 Years of Women in Tax*, as one of the most influential women in tax in the last 100 years, by the International Fiscal Association (IFA). She features regularly in general media outlets discussing developments in taxation policy around the world, and worked with the *BBC Panorama* and the *Guardian* as an expert on the "Paradise Papers" leaks (2017).