

Further Readings on World Public Finances

" [...] Trillions of dollars are flowing every day in the financial markets. Are there any global rules? The answer is no. There are no global rules which govern the operations of the global institutional investors from hedge funds to mutual funds to pension funds. There are no global rules which govern the international interest rates. There are no global rules which govern the exchange rates. There is no global policy framework which coordinates the international monetary policy. And even within the powerful G7 countries there is hardly any policy coordination on these global financial issues. So basically, what we have right now is a global financial nonsystem."

– Kavaljith Singh (<http://www.attac.fi/moretaxes>) -



Above: "Asile", a logotype by the Swiss artist Franck Na.

Below: translations of the word "Asile":

asile (abri, refuge) nm asylum (shelter)

asile (havre de paix) nm sanctuary (refuge)

asile (hôpital psychiatrique) nm psychiatric hospital

(<http://www.wordreference.com/fren/asile>)

Franck Na has also been active in the World Social Forum, where he has been building an ambulating library called The Book Tree (Arbol de livros). He can be reached by email at gevona@freesurf.ch

In English:

Sing, Kavaljith: Taming Global Financial Flows. A Citizen's Guide

Relation: Public Interest Research Centre in New Delhi

Published/ accessed: Zed Books, 2000.

Comment: This book qualifies as "A Citizen's Guide".

Kaul, Inge & Conceição, Pedro (Eds.) : The New Public Finance. Responding to Global Challenges (overview)

Relation: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

URL: <http://www.thenewpublicfinance.org>

Published/Accessed: Oxford University Press 2006

Comment: Essays by excellent economists. One day they might speak up in favour of World Public Finances, on the condition that the World Social Forum process grows stronger.

Ugarteche, Oscar & Acosta, Alberto: Global Economy Issues and the International Board of Arbitration for Sovereign Debt (IBASD)

Relation: The Economic Research Institute, UNAM, Mexico City.

Published/accessed: Forthcoming

Comment: Ugarteche is a Peruvian, Acosta an Ecuadorian economist. They are authors of numerous publications. This is a technical paper on the financial nonsystem.

In several languages

Tax Us If You Can

URL: http://www.taxjustice.net/cms/front_content.php?idcat=30

Accessed December 2006.

Comment: Introduction to the associated problems of capital flight, tax evasion, tax avoidance and tax competition, prepared by specialists of the Tax Justice Network. Translations into Dutch, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish are currently available.

Denys, Lieven & Patomäki, Heikki: Draft Treaty on Global Currency Transactions Tax

Relation: Network Institute for Global Democratisation, NIGD.

URL: <http://www.nigd.org/ctt>

Published/accessed: 2001/ Accessed December 2006.

Comment: This is the complete draft international treaty on the "Tobin Tax" that was presented as a discussion paper at the second WSF in Porto Alegre, January 2002. Translations into Portuguese, Japanese, Finnish, Swedish and Catalan are currently available.

Writing and reading more together

World Public Finances Blog

Starting from Matti Kohonen's concept paper in ISC 24 (this issue)

URL: <http://worldpublicfinances.blogspot.com/>

World Public Finances Mailing list

URL: <http://sympa.kaapeli.fi/sympa/info/wpf>

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