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Dr Cnossen has testified on VAT before the US Senate Committee on Finance and the House Ways and Means Committee of the US Congress, as well as the Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. Recently he has been a commentator on the Value-added Taxation (VAT) for the Mirrlees Review.

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Sijbren Cnossen has recently been appointed as a Professor Extraordinarius in the Department of Economics, University of Pretoria (for the period 2009-2011). He has been teaching classes at the African Tax Institute (and its predecessor SATI) since 2002 - on VAT and more recently also on Excise Taxation.

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