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Professor William A. Schabas, director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, outside its premises on Earl's Island in Galway.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights of the National University of Ireland, Galway, began activities in its new dedicated premises in January 2000 with the arrival of its director, Professor William A. Schabas. The Centre held a formal opening ceremony on February 28, 2000, attended by prominent personalities including the Minister of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, members of the Irish judiciary, local government officials and parliamentarians, and representatives of prominent Irish NGOs. The opening was widely covered in the Irish press.

By the end of the year, the Centre had recruited new staff including two junior lecturers and a full-time administrative assistant, established thriving post-graduate LLM and PhD programmes, carried out important academic research, organized and hosted conferences of national and international significance, held a summer school and prepared important funding applications to Irish and European agencies. These developments are described in detail in this report.

The Centre contributed in a significant way to the human rights environment within Ireland. Its symposia focussed on major policy questions in Irish human rights law and practice – the incorporation of the *European Convention on Human Rights*, the adoption of the International Criminal Court *Statute* – and there is no doubt that these influenced the evolving debate. Both of these subjects are now addressed in legislation pending before the Oireachtas. The Centre's advice was sought regularly on human rights matters by government officials, politicians and journalists. The Centre's significant presence in activities in Northern Ireland attests to its determination to forge north-south links and to provide leadership throughout the island in the area of human rights.

A. Structure and Personnel

Professor William A. Schabas was hired by the University as Professor of Human Rights Law, and appointed Director of the Centre, in late 1999. He moved from Canada to Galway in January 2000 and assumed his functions of Director immediately. His research interests include genocide and war crimes prosecutions by international tribunals, and issues relating to capital punishment.

Recruitment began immediately for the other professional positions at the Centre. Two junior lecturer positions were advertised in April, interviews were held in May, and by June offers had been made and accepted by Kathleen Cavanaugh and Joshua Castellino.

Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh, who holds a PhD degree in politics from the London School of Economics and an LL.M. from Queen's University, Belfast, had been working as a lecturer at University College Dublin, in addition to her activities with the NGO Amnesty International with respect to Northern Ireland. She moved to Galway in August, and in addition to teaching and research activities she has assumed special responsibility for the preparation of funding applications, as agreed with her at the time of hiring. Her research interests are focussed on conflict resolution, with a particular emphasis on Northern Ireland and Palestine.

Dr Joshua Castellino, who holds a PhD degree in law from University of Hull, had been working as a lecturer at the University of Wolverhampton. He too moved to Galway in August; in addition to his teaching and research activities, he has taken on special responsibility for the organization of the post-graduate teaching programme. His research interests are focussed on the area of minority rights and self-determination.

In addition to new professional staff recruited by the University, the Centre has also attracted the involvement of two members of the Faculty of Law. Raymond Murphy, a college lecturer, moved his office from the Law Faculty to the premises of the Irish Centre for Human Rights early in 2000, and is now located there on a full-time basis. He has been active in the teaching, research and outreach programmes of the Centre. His principal research area is international humanitarian law and peacekeeping. Professor Gerard Quinn of the Faculty of Law has also been involved in the teaching activities of the Centre, and in December 2000 established the Disability Research and Policy Unit of the Centre.

When Professor Schabas assumed direction of the Centre in January 2000, a part-time administrative secretary, Della O'Donnell, was already in place, having been hired for this purpose more than a year earlier. She subsequently transferred to another service within the University. In December, Ms Fiona Gardiner was hired as a full-time administrative secretary, and she began her functions at the beginning of 2001.

Two doctoral students, Nancie Prud'homme and Niamh Walsh, were recruited to work as research assistants at the Centre. In addition, during the summer of 2000, three foreign students offered their services as interns at the Centre and spent varying amounts of time in Galway working on a variety of projects, including the summer course on the International Criminal Court.

B. Premises and Equipment

The Centre is located in a detached two-story building on Earl's Island, facing the Cathedral in Galway and in between the bridges linking the town of Galway with the University

Campus. The building was constructed in 1820 as the Galway Fever Hospital; it was purchased by the University early in the twentieth century and was used for many years as a sports facility. The building was entirely renovated in 1999 to a very high standard. It now consists of thirteen individual offices, a seminar room, a documentation centre and a dedicated workroom for doctoral students.

The Centre now uses the entire ground floor of the building and one of the nine individual offices located on the first floor. It is expected that two of the offices on the first floor will be taken over for use by the Centre in the early months of 2001, and that more offices will be required in the course of the year should additional funding proposals be accepted.

The Centre offices are now equipped with eleven desktop computers, in addition to one laptop computer. Eight of these are made available to students. There are four computer-equipped workstations dedicated to PhD students; three stations are used by LLM students as well as the general public on a first come-first served basis.

The Documentation Centre contains a rather unique collection of United Nations human rights documents, collected over many years by the former acting director of the Centre, Mr Dennis Driscoll. In addition, many books have been donated or loaned by faculty at the Centre. The International Committee of the Red Cross made a donation of books to the Documentation Centre in late 2000.

The Centre budget has also been used to enhance the collection at the University's main library in the area of human rights. All major periodicals in the area of human rights are now subscribed to, and back issues have also been purchased for several of the more important ones. The library is now purchasing all new books in the field of human rights in order to ensure a research collection suitable for post-graduate studies.

The Centre established a website (www.nuigalway.ie/human_rights) which provides up to date information on all of its activities. The website has proven an invaluable source of publicity.

C. Post-Graduate Education

Regulations for an LLM in international human rights were drafted and approved by the University in February and March 2000. Information about the proposed programme was disseminated and by May 2000 approximately 100 applications had been received. Offers were made to approximately 35 applicants, and some 25 students actually enrolled in the programme, six of them on a part-time basis. The one-year LLM programme in international human rights law began in September 2000. The student body in the first year of the programme includes several foreign students, from the United States, Canada, France, the UK and Egypt. It is a diverse group in terms of gender and age, and includes several older students with rich work experience in justice, development and human rights.

By December 2000, more than fifty requests had been received for information about the 2001-2002 LLM programme, and several applications had already been received.

Teaching for the programme was delivered by the Centre's faculty. In the first semester, the only mandatory course, an Introduction to International Human Rights Law, was delivered by the Director. Other courses delivered in the first semester were: Women's Rights (Dr. Castellino), European Convention on Human Rights (Dr Cavanaugh), Minority Rights (Dr. Castellino), European Union (Professor Quinn). In addition to the Centre's faculty, two visiting academics, Dr Patrick Twoomey (refugee law) and Anne-Marie La Rosa

(international labour standards) have been engaged to deliver courses in the programme in the first semester of 2001.

Since the Centre began operations in early 2000, four PhD students have enrolled. Two of them, Nancie Prud'homme and Niamh Walsh, have been awarded PhD fellowships in the amount of £10,000 each, tenable over two years (this is funded out of the budget line provided for student research assistants). The current research subjects of the doctoral students are: international criminal law and the International Criminal Court, minority rights and the rights of psychiatric patients. Four more PhD students have indicated their firm intent to enroll during the course of 2001.

The Centre is currently exploring possibilities for contract teaching in the field of human rights. In 2000, it was approached by a member of the Irish judiciary with a view to offering judicial training on the European Convention on Human Rights, and discussions are being pursued. A one-day course will be delivered on behalf of the Galway Centre for the Unemployed in early 2001. Such activities enhance the profile of the Centre but they are also valued sources of revenue.

D. Summer School

During the first week of August 2000, the Centre organized a summer course on the International Criminal Court. Several of the leading specialists on the subject, including the president of the Rome Conference and the Preparatory Commission, Ambassador Philippe Kirsch, spent the week in Galway lecturing to students and meeting with them on a more informal basis. Faculty participated without any fee, although their expenses were covered by the Centre. More than 100 students attended the course. They included post-graduate and undergraduate students, practising lawyers, diplomats and public servants, journalists and members of the judiciary.



Students and faculty outside the Galway Court house.

The course attracted attention from around the world and in fact drew participants from all five continents. By all accounts, it was a great success.

Given the experimental nature of the course, the tuition was set at a low level that covered costs of the students (housing, etc.) and contributed towards the travel expenses of the faculty.

The International Criminal Court course will be delivered again in 2001; tuition has been increased so that all costs will be covered and the course will in fact generate revenue. Building on the experience in organizing the course, a second one-week course will also be offered in 2001, on the subject of the rights of national and ethnic minorities. Four of the most eminent international specialists have agreed to make up the faculty.



Faculty at the Summer School on the International Criminal Court. From left, first row: Professor Michael Scharf; Professor Sharon Williams; Ambassador Philippe Kirsch; Ray Murphy; Professor Leila Sadat; second row: Fabricio Guariglia; John Holmes; Professor William Schabas.

A consortium of universities in the United States, led by the New England College of Law, Boston, will offer a five-week summer school in international human rights at the Centre. Courses will be credited towards American Bar Association-approved law degrees in the United States.

E. Research

The Centre held three one-day symposia on themes of interest and relevance to study of human rights in Ireland and internationally. The first, on April 1, 2000, considered the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into Irish law. Speakers were: Andrew Drzemczewski, Council of Europe; Alpha Connelly, Dept. of Foreign Affairs; Donncha O'Connell, Irish Council for Civil Liberties; Prof. Stephen Livingstone, Queen's University, Belfast; Michael Postl, Embassy of Austria, Dublin; Professor Gerard Quinn, NUI Galway. Representatives of the Department of Justice and of the Attorney-General attended and participated in the debates. A report on the meeting was prepared in the form of a "Bulletin" of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and disseminated, notably to Irish parliamentarians and journalists.

On May 12, the Centre held a one-day symposium on developments in international humanitarian law, in association with the Irish and British Red Cross societies. Speakers were: Knut Doehrman, International Committee of the Red Cross; Colonel W. Knot, Irish Defence Forces; Norman Farrell, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre; Professor Colm Campbell, University of Ulster; Ray Murphy, Irish Centre for Human Rights; Nancie Prud'homme, Irish

Centre for Human Rights; Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, University of Ulster; Professor William Schabas, Irish Centre for Human Rights

On October 7, the Centre held a one-day symposium on ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court by Ireland. Speakers at the symposium included academics from the University of Ulster, University College Dublin and NUI Galway, as well as from the International Secretariat of Amnesty International.

Each of the three events was attended by approximately 75 to 100 persons.

The Centre also hosted a number of visiting lecturers who spoke to faculty, students and the public in the seminar room of the Centre:

- Feb. 25: Seminar by Professor Gerhard Hafner, Vienna University, member of the International Law Commission, on the International Criminal Court
- Mar. 7: Seminar by Professor Don Cabana, University of Southern Louisiana, on the abolition of capital punishment in the USA
- July 4: Lecture by Rick Lorentz, University of Oregon, on human rights and the UN mission in Kosovo
- Oct. 18: “Violations of Human Rights: The United Nations Sanctions Regime in Iraq”, Dennis Halliday, former U.N. Assistant Secretary-General, Co-ordinator, Food for Oil programme (Iraq)
- Nov. 10: “Compensating for Past Wrongs: Legal Aspects of the International Reconciliation Fund Conference Dealing with Forced Labour and Property Issues”, Ambassador Hans Winkler, Legal Advisor, Austrian Foreign Ministry
- Nov. 13. “Abolition of the Death Penalty”, workshop organized by “Friends of Roger Collins”
- Dec. 12: “Why some countries are better at fostering social rights: civil literacy, political participation and socio-economic outcomes”, Professor Henry Milner, University of Umea, Sweden

Research activities underway at the Centre prior to 2000, under the direction of Dennis Driscoll, were continued, specifically a study of humanitarian intervention involving examination of statements by governments in United Nations bodies.

Members of the faculty of the Irish Centre for Human Rights published three books with international academic publishers, and several articles in leading peer-reviewed journals:

Books

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Schabas, William A. 2000. *Genocide in International Law*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, xvi, 624 pp.

Schabas, William A. & Lattanzi, Flavia, (eds.) 2000. *Essays on the Rome Statute of the ICC*. Rome, Editrice il Sirente, xxvi, 516 pp.



Launch of Joshua Castellino's book *International Law and Self-determination*. From left, Professor William Schabas, Dr. Joshua Castellino, Professor Daniel Turp (University of Montreal).

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- Schabas, William A. 2000. Groups Protected by the Genocide Convention: Conflicting Interpretations from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Vol. 6, pp. 378-388.
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- Schabas, William A. 2000. Life, Death and the Crime of Crimes: Supreme Penalties and the ICC Statute. *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 2, pp. 263-286.
- Schabas, William A. 2000. Perverse Effects of the *Nulla Poena* Principle: National Practice and the Ad Hoc Tribunals. *European Journal of International Law*, Vol. 11, pp. 521-539.
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F. Other Activities

During 2000, the Irish Centre for Human Rights was approached by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in Geneva, with a view to cooperating in the activities directed by the High Commissioner. The first of these involved training of legal personnel in Indonesia. Preparations were made by the High Commissioner’s office for a field visit by the Director of the Centre, in June 2000, but the project was then postponed indefinitely because of difficulties on the Indonesian side.

Subsequently, the Office of the High Commissioner sought the support of the Centre for the work of a new United Nations mandate, the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders. The Special Representative was appointed in 2000. In the past, the United Nations has sought research and practical support for similar positions among prestigious academic institutions and think tanks, and it is an honour that the Centre has been approached in this context. After discussions with the Office of the High Commissioner and with the Special Representative herself, it has been agreed that the Centre will provide, as a minimum, a doctoral student who will work on research, both legal and field, as requested by the Special Representative. A student with considerable experience in international NGOs has been recruited to begin in the spring of 2001, and a visit from the Special Representative to the Centre is expected around that time in order to consolidate arrangements.

The European Commission requested the Centre to organize a network of human rights centres within European Union member states as part of a project to promote the ratification

of the international human rights covenants by China. The Centre established links with institutions in the other fourteen member states, and it submitted a proposal in October 2000. After discussion with authorities at the Commission, a revised proposal was submitted. It is currently being examined at the political and diplomatic level by the EU and China, and it is expected that the project will proceed during 2001.

A Disability Law and Policy Unit of the Centre was organized in late 2000 under the direction of Professor Gerard Quinn, in association with lecturers Mary Keyes and Shivaun Quinlivan. The Unit expects to carry out contract research for the European Commission, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and various government authorities in Ireland. An inaugural conference was scheduled in early January 2001.

In September, the Centre hosted the founding meeting of the Institute for International Investigation. The prestigious international board of this new NGO dedicated to investigating war crimes and other atrocities assembled in Galway for a three-day session to set out its goals, organizational structure and fund-raising strategy. The director, Professor William Schabas, is a founding member of the Institute and member of its board.

In July, Ray Murphy acted as an election for the duration of the Zimbabwe general elections, at the request of the Irish Government and on behalf of the European Union.

The Centre provided funding to two law graduates of NUI Galway who are working as interns with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica.

G. Community Outreach

The Centre has quickly established links with important NGOs in Ireland, and particularly in the West, involved in human rights work. Several of them have been afforded use of the premises of the Centre for their own events. The Galway One World Centre organized an eight-week evening course on human rights for the public that was delivered at the Centre. Several members of the faculty at the Centre and one of its doctoral students participated as instructors.

The Galway Refugee Support Group held its monthly meetings in the conference room of the Centre.

The Centre was approached by activists involved in community refugee support groups with a view to it coordinating a network of refugee support groups in the West of Ireland. The Centre convened a full-day meeting on October 14, which was attended by representatives of the Irish Refugee Council, Refugee Legal Aid, South Mayo Development Council, Sligo Social Services, United African Association, Refugee Support Groups of: Galway, Kerry, Ennis, Westport, Tubercurry, Limerick. A follow-up meeting of what is now known as the "Alliance of Refugee Support Groups (West of Ireland)", was held at the Centre on November 25. Joshua Castellino continues to act as coordinator for the group, which meets on an ongoing basis.

H. Media Coverage



Launch of *Genocide in International Law* by William A. Schabas. From left, Mary Lawlor, director of Front Line, Professor Schabas, Finola O'Sullivan, Cambridge University Press.

The Centre's activities were regularly covered in the Irish and international medias. The following is a partial list:

- Lorna Siggins, "Support groups alliance protests to Taoiseach over amended Refugee Act", *The Irish Times*, Feb. 2, 2000.
- "International expert to head up the Galway-based Irish Centre for Human Rights", *The Connacht Sentinel*, Feb. 8, 2000.
- Lorna Siggins, "Human rights centre set up in Galway", *The Irish Times*, Feb. 8, 2000.
- Collegian, "Galway's human rights centre 'can make a difference'", *The Connacht Sentinel - Campus Beat*, Feb. 15, 2000.
- Mary O'Connor, "University inaugurates human rights centre", *The Galway Advertiser*, Feb. 17, 2000.
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- Eileen Bennett, "The Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway", *Galway Now Magazine*, Mar. 1, 2000.

- Julie Tierney, “Head of Irish Centre for Human Rights urges Government to honour commitments”, *City Tribune*, Mar. 2, 2000.
- “New centre to put NUIG to for of human rights activities”, *City Tribune*, Mar. 6, 2000.
- Shane Phelan, “Meet Ireland’s Mr Human Rights”, *County Galway*, May. 16, 2000.
- Maresa Fagan, “UCG med students to be taught human rights”, *Irish Medical Times*, Jun. 9, 2000.
- Kernan Andrews, “Ireland’s new role in criminal justice”, *The Galway Advertiser*, Oct. 5, 2000.
- “Refugee network”, *The Galway Advertiser*, Oct. 12, 2000.
- “Refugee groups meet in Galway”, *City Tribune*, Oct. 12, 2000.
- Michelle Mc Donagh, “Irish book used in genocide cases”, *Irish Times*, Nov. 30, 2000.
- Michelle Mc Donagh, “Genocide book is launched by NUIG professor”, *City Tribune*, Dec. 1, 2000.
- Declan Varley, “Book an indispensible guide to international genocide law”, *Irish Examiner*, Dec. 5, 2000.
- Kernan Andrews, “Alliance of refugee support groups to be based in Galway”, *The Galway Advertiser*, Dec. 7, 2000.
- “New Refugee group protest note to the Taoiseach on Laws”, *City Tribune*, Dec. 8, 2000.
- Una Sinnott, “Galway launches book on international genocide law”, *The Galway Advertiser*, Dec. 14, 2000.
- “New Refugee group protest note to the Taoiseach on Laws”, *City Tribune*, Dec. 8, 2000.
- “International honour for NUIG professor”, *City Tribune*, Dec. 23, 2000.

The director was also interviewed regularly on radio and television, both within Ireland and abroad.

I. Activities of Director



Dr Nelson Mandela chats with Professor William A. Schabas in Johannesburg, December 2000.

During 2000, the Director of the Centre visited Morocco, Russia, France, El Salvador, Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, South Africa, Philippines, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Croatia and Yugoslavia (Kosovo), for the purpose of delivering lectures and participating in meetings or conferences. A summary of these activities follows:

- Jan. 19: Participation in Refugee Protection Policy Group, Dublin
- Jan.21: Paper on “International Law and the Abolition of the Death Penalty”, International Symposium, La Protection des droits de l’Homme entre la législation interne et le droit international, Université Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech
- Jan. 27: Lecture on “New Developments in Genocide Law”, Queen’s University Belfast
- Feb. 4-5: Lectures on international humanitarian law, International Committee of the Red Cross, Moscow
- Feb. 19: Participation in meeting at University of Missouri, Columbia, on exchanges between institutions in the field of conflict resolutions
- Feb. 24. Participation in meeting of Department of Foreign Affairs Standing Committee on Human Rights, Dublin
- Mar. 1: Lecture on “New Developments in Genocide Law”, University of Nottingham Human Rights Centre
- Mar. 2: Lecture on “New Developments in Genocide Law”, University College Cork
- Mar 3: Paper on “Complementarity and the Inter-American Human Rights System”, Symposium on Complementarity and Human Rights organized by the Venice Commission and the Council of Europe

- Mar 8: Visit to Garda Siochana College, Templemore
- Mar. 13: Lecture on Canadian human rights institutions, University of Paris XI
- Mar. 14: Meeting with Professors Cohen-Jonathan and Decaux at University of Paris II (Pantheon-Assas) to discuss cooperative activities with Irish Centre
- Mar. 15: Lecture on International Criminal Court at University of Paris XI
- Mar 16: Seminar on Genocide Convention at University of Paris I (Sorbonne)
- Mar 17: Lecture on Crimes Against Humanity at University of Paris XI
- Mar. 22: Lecture on Accountability for Human Rights Violations at Jesuit University, San Salvador, El Salvador
- Mar. 27: Lecture on Genocide Convention at University of Essex, UK
- Mar. 28: Meeting on human rights research at Equality Authority, Dublin
- Mar. 29: Meeting with representatives of Embassy of France, Dublin, on support for Centre activities
- Apr. 3: Lecture on Genocide Convention at Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Nova Scotia
- Apr. 7: Presentation of paper on Islam and Capital Punishment, College of William & Mary, Virginia
- Apr. 8: Presentation of paper on genocide at American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- Apr. 13: Lectures on minority rights, meetings with representatives of minority groups and NGOs, as guest of United Nations Mission for Kosovo, Pristina
- Apr. 16: Presentation of papers on genocide, capital punishment at United Nations Conference on Criminal Justice, Vienna
- Apr. 27: Lecture on Genocide Convention at Cambridge University
- Apr. 28: Participation in seminar on International Criminal Court organized by European Law Students Association, Munich
- May 2-4: Lectures to students in Faculty of Medicine, NUI Galway, on human rights themes
- May 2: Lecture to students in Certificate in Community Development course at NUI Galway
- May 3: Meeting on human rights research at Equality Authority, Dublin
- May 3: Meeting with Sweet & Maxwell/Roundhall (legal publishers) about publishing opportunities for Centre
- May 8: Presentation of paper on genocide at international conference on International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Croatian Law Centre, Opatija, Croatia

- May 12: Presentation of paper on creation of International Criminal Court, Symposium on international humanitarian law, Irish Centre for Human Rights
- May 19: Presentation of paper on the role of NGOs in international criminal justice, Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa
- May 20: Presentation of paper on Armenian genocide, Hellenic-Canadian Association of Ontario, Toronto
- May 23-26: Lectures on human rights at Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Ottawa
- June 3: Attendance at annual meeting of Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Dublin
- June 8: Consultant at seminar on international human rights law, Handicap International, Lyon, France
- June 15: Lecture on human rights research, Irish Refugee Council, Dublin
- June 16: Lecture on use of international human rights law to interpret Human Rights Act 1998, Judicial Studies Board for Northern Ireland, Belfast
- June 17: Panellist, Annual Meeting of Amnesty International (Ireland), Limerick
- June 22: Attendance at Institute of European Affairs, Dublin for seminar on the Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union
- June 29: Attendance at briefing by Equality Authority, Galway
- July 1: Attendance at NGO Forum organized by Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin
- July 5: Attendance at reception in honour of President of the Greek Republic, Dublin
- July 6-9: Lectures on international humanitarian law, summer course of International Committee of the Red Cross, Warsaw
- July 10-14: Lectures on international criminal law, summer course of United Nations Institute for Training and Research, The Hague
- July 13: Lecture for legal assistants of judges, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague
- July 24-28: Lectures on human rights and peacekeeping, Military Academy of Romania in conjunction with Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Bucharest
- July 29-Aug 4: Lectures at Galway summer school on International Criminal Court
- Aug 17-19: Lectures on human rights, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Aug. 20: Lecture on rebuilding justice sector in post-conflict situations, Canadian Bar Association Annual Meeting, Halifax
- Aug. 21-25: Lectures on international criminal law, University of Salzburg
- Sep. 6-10: Chair of founding meeting of Institute for International Investigation, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway

- Sep. 13: Meeting with Lindy Melman, commissioning editor of Kluwer Law International, to negotiate publication of Irish Yearbook of Human Rights
- Sep. 14-18: Lectures in Philippines on capital punishment, various meetings with activists, academics, diplomats, journalists, etc.
- Sep. 20-23: Participation in expert meeting on internally displaced persons, sponsored by Austrian foreign ministry, Vienna
- Sep. 25: Lecture on prosecuting corporations and other accomplices for human rights violations, United States Institute of Peace, Washington
- Sep. 26-27: Lecture on human rights and peacekeeping, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Nova Scotia
- Sep. 28-30: Attendance at 125th anniversary conference of Supreme Court of Canada
- Oct. 4: Lecture to incoming students at Blackhall Place (professional school of Law Society of Ireland), Dublin
- Oct. 7: Symposium on International Criminal Court, Irish Centre for Human Rights
- Oct. 13: Lecture on the international criminal court, University of Ulster, Belfast
- Oct. 14: Lecture on psychiatry and human rights to Irish psychiatrists, Sheen Falls Lodge, Kenmare
- Oct. 16: Lecture to NUI Galway Law Society
- Oct. 18: Presentation of paper on “Developments in Genocide Law”, International Conference on Genocide, Imperial War Museum, London
- Oct. 20-22: Presentation of paper on implementation of International Criminal Court Statute, International Criminal Law Society, Berlin
- Oct. 26: Lecture on Irish human rights legislation, Quebec Human Rights Tribunal, Montreal
- Oct. 26-28: Attendance at Annual Meeting of Canadian Council for International Law
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2: Lectures at University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Nov. 3: Lecture on genocide law, Symposium on international criminal law, New England School of Law, Boston
- Nov. 9: Lecture on international law and racism, NUI Galway
- Nov. 11: Lecture to students in master’s in regional development programme
- Nov. 12: Lecture to refugee support group, Louisburg
- Nov. 13: Lecture to refugee support group, Westport
- Nov. 18: Lecture on international law and capital punishment, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, San Francisco

- Dec. 3: Keynote lecture on human rights and criminal justice, International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Johannesburg
- Dec. 7: Lecture on human rights and the international criminal court, International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, Johannesburg
- Dec. 15: Attendance at conference on human rights, University College Dublin