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IRISH CENTRE FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS



Postgraduate Programmes

Promoting human rights through teaching, research and advocacy

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Since its foundation, the Centre has seen a constant and ever increasing stream of students, committed to the philosophy and practical outcomes of the human rights movement. They have come from diverse cultural, educational and experiential backgrounds. They have passed through the Centre and gone on to equally diverse careers, pursuits and places. Many have maintained strong ties with the Centre, and many also have returned, for a number of reasons and in a variety of capacities.

The excellence of the teaching faculty of the Centre and the general atmosphere created, of conviviality and shared pursuit, encourages a high level of achievement, and as such there is no shortage of past graduates and current students of whom the Centre can be very proud.



Professor William A. Schabas,

Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights

Professor William A. Schabas is one of the leading experts in the field of human rights law and international criminal law. He is the author of several important books on international human rights, including *The Abolition of the Death Penalty in International Law*, *Genocide in International Law* and *Introduction to the International Criminal Court*. Professor Schabas was one of three international members on the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in Human Rights. In 2009, he was elected President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. He is also the President of the Irish Branch of the International Law Association and Chair of the International Institute for Criminal Investigation. Professor Schabas is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.

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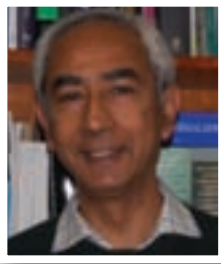
Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh

Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh holds a LLM (Distinction) from the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland (1998), and PhD in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics & Political Science (1997). Her publications and current research agenda, academic interests and specialisation includes: the study of nationalism, ethnic conflict, political violence, applicable human rights laws in entrenched/states of emergency and the laws of belligerent occupation (IHL). Her current projects includes a manuscript with Oxford University Press entitled *Minority Rights in the Middle East* as well as an additional monograph entitled *Militant Democracy* which investigates the exclusion radicalisation thesis, focussing on the Muslim community in the UK. She held the position of Chair of the Executive Committee of Amnesty International Ireland (2004-2010), was a member of their International Policy Committee and has undertaken numerous missions on their behalf including to Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine and Iraq.



Dr. Shane Darcy

Dr. Shane Darcy is a lecturer at the Centre and Director of the PhD Programme. He holds a BA in Law and Accounting from the University of Limerick (2001), and LLM (2002) and PhD (2005) degrees from the National University of Ireland, Galway. His teaching and research interests are in the area of business and human rights, humanitarian law, international criminal law and transitional justice. He has published widely on a number of topics and is engaged in research projects exploring the judicial development of international criminal law and humanitarian law. Shane has participated in training, workshops and research projects in Iran, South Africa, India, Cambodia, South Africa, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Iraq, and China. In 2007, he was awarded the Eda Sagarra Medal for excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences.



Dr. Vinodh Jaichand

Dr. Vinodh Jaichand is the Deputy Director of the Centre. He was formerly associate professor and dean of the Faculty of Law at University of Durban-Westville and National Executive Director of Lawyers for Human Rights. He has been involved in the training of police, lawyers, prosecutors, and judges in China, Ethiopia, South Africa, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Ireland, Nepal and India. Apart from English he is published in Chinese, German, Portuguese and Spanish in numerous journals around the world. He has pioneered the LLM in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Centre, which was launched in September 2009. His academic work is in the area of land rights, racial discrimination, economic and social rights, access to justice and regional systems of protecting rights.



Dr. Noam Lubell

Dr. Lubell is a Lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. He has taught international human rights law and the laws of armed conflict in academic institutions in Ireland, UK, and the US. Alongside his academic work, during the last thirteen years Dr. Lubell has worked with various human rights organisations, as International Law Advisor, and Director of a Prisoners and Detainees Project, and providing consultancies and training in the laws of armed conflict for international bodies including Amnesty, government bodies, and the BBC. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of Amnesty International (Ireland). Dr. Lubell is the Rapporteur of the International Law Association's Committee on the Use of Force. His recent book is 'Extraterritorial Force Against Non-state Actors' (Oxford University Press 2010).



Dr. Ray Murphy

Prior to undertaking an academic career, Dr. Murphy was a practising barrister and a captain in the Irish Defence Forces who served with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon. Dr. Murphy holds a PhD in International Law from the University of Nottingham, England. In addition to his position at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, Dr. Murphy is on the faculty of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, the International Institute for Criminal Investigations and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo, Italy. Dr. Murphy was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2007 and worked with Human Rights Watch in New York. He is currently a member and deputy chairperson of the Executive Committee of Amnesty International (Ireland). He also lectures on international humanitarian law for the International Committee of the Red Cross. In 2007 he was awarded the National University of Ireland Galway President's Award for Teaching Excellence, and in 2008 he received the National Award for Excellence in Teaching from the National Academy for the Integration of Research & Teaching & Learning. He currently lectures in International Peace Operations, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

In addition, the following lecturers also serve in an adjunct or visiting capacity within the Centre along with other NUI Galway faculty staff. These are as follows:

Adjunct Lecturers

- Michael D. Higgins T.D.
- Dr. Nadia Bernaz
- Prof. Joshua Castellino
- Col. William Nott
- Dr. Iognaid O'Muircheartaigh
- Dr. Terry O'Neill
- Dr. Elvira Dominguez Redondo

Visiting Lecturers

- Aoife Daly
- Peter Fitzmaurice
- Prof. Anita Ramasastry

NUI Galway Faculty Staff

- Dr. Su-ming Khoo
- Dr. Laurent Pech
- Dr. Terrence McDonough



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Postgraduate Programmes

The Irish Centre for Human Rights offers four distinct LLM courses completed entirely within the Centre itself, and in addition participates in two inter-university programmes.



International Human Rights (LLM)

The Masters of Law in International Human Rights (LLM), launched a decade ago, is the Centre's flagship postgraduate programme. It aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international human rights, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time - 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements:

It is preferred that applicants hold a degree in Law (Honours 2.1 or higher). However, the Centre also welcomes students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than law. In cases where applicants come from a non law background, the Centre will look carefully at the academic background, relevant work experience, references and personal statement.

Fees:

Current fees are €6,015 (full-time, EU)

€13,000 (full-time, non-EU) and €3,120 (part-time, EU)

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code: GYL00/GYL01

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on

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Why study International Human Rights?

The LLM in International Human Rights programme aims to build specific and general skills with respect to the modern regime of human rights protection, and knowledge of the philosophies and theories that underpin it. The course provides students with the requisites enabling them to contribute to the advancement of human rights globally, both in their individual capacities and in association with institutions that have such a focus.

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Programme outline

The coursework comprises a general introduction to the systems and documents of international human rights law and specialised courses in such areas as minority rights law, regional human rights systems such as the European Convention on Human Rights, criminal prosecution by international tribunals of human rights violations, gender and child rights, refugees and asylum seekers and international humanitarian law.

The course emphasises the communication, analysis and critique of international human rights law and legal regimes. While the emphasis of the course is legal it accepts suitably qualified candidates from other backgrounds in the firm belief that human rights itself is multidisciplinary.

The programme is divided into three four month terms. The first term commences in September and runs through to December, the second term begins in January and ends in April, while the third term begins in May and terminates with the submission of a dissertation at the end of August. During the first two terms candidates are required to attend a full course load as prescribed in the Guidelines, while the third term is devoted entirely to the research required for the preparation of the final dissertation.

Career opportunities

Graduates have found employment in the field of international human rights, with international institutions, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates. Students are encouraged to put into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships, following their studies, with such organisations.

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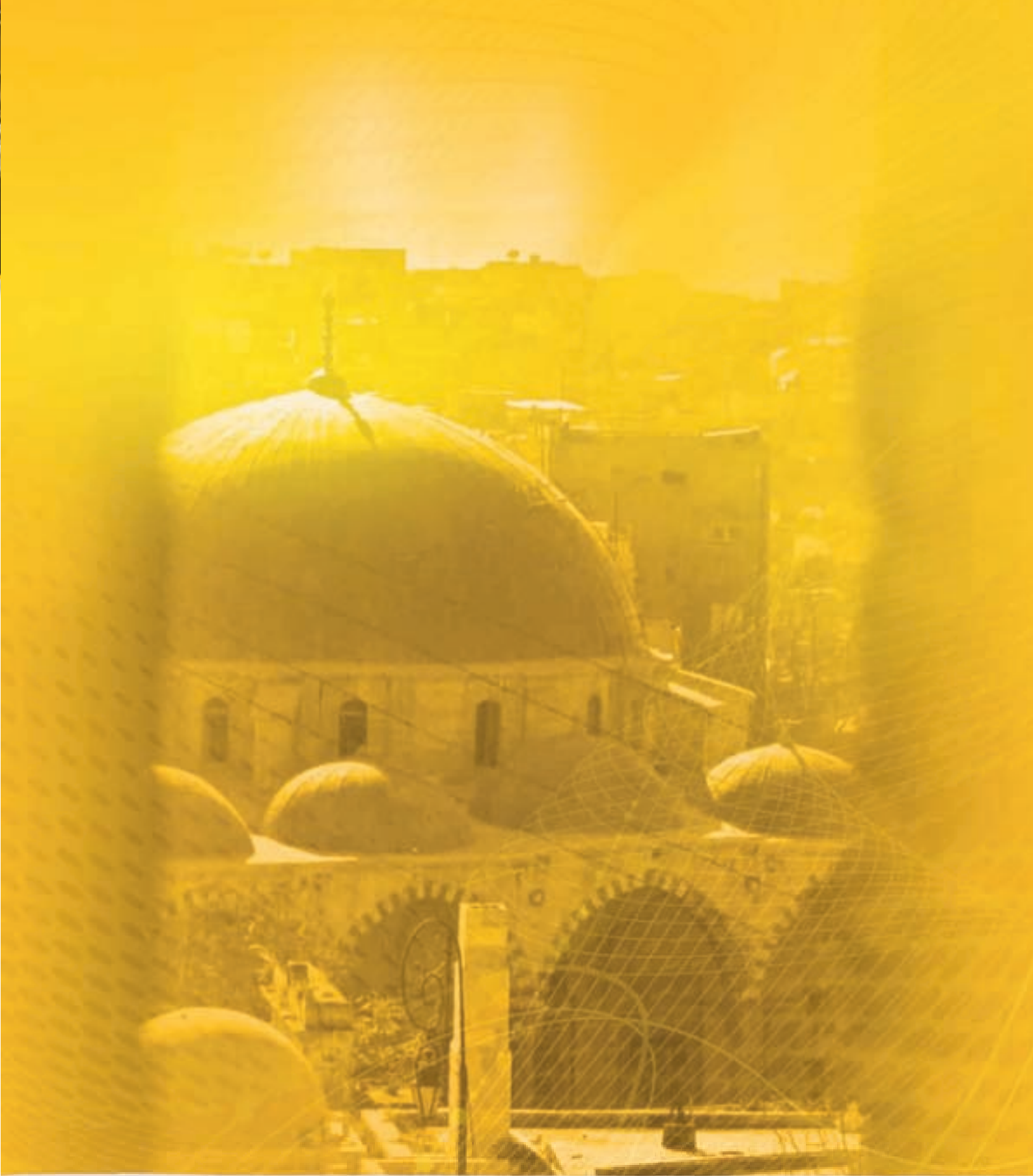
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Graduate/ student profile

Rebecca Pawul

International Human Rights (LLM)

"The courses offered for the LLM in International Human Rights are both interesting and diverse, allowing students to adjust their concentration of study in order to identify an area of specialisation suited to their interests. This diversity has allowed me to explore various areas of human rights that I may not have had the opportunity to study otherwise. I chose this programme above others due to the background and diversity of staff and students, and am very happy with my decision"



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International Criminal Law (LLM)

International Criminal Law is now at the forefront of the development of international human rights and humanitarian law, making it both exciting and challenging to study.

The LLM in International Criminal Law was launched at the Irish Centre for Human Rights in September 2008.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time - 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements:

Law degree, or an interdisciplinary degree which includes a substantial law component, in which they have attained a minimum Second Class Honours (Grade 1) standard or equivalent international qualification.

Fees:

Current fees are €6,015 (full-time, EU)
€13,000 (full-time, non-EU) and €3,120 (part-time, EU)

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code: GYL06 / GYL07

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates

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Why study International Criminal Law?

International Criminal Law aims to provide students with an advanced understanding of the history and institutional structures of the various international criminal tribunals and the International Criminal Court.

It equips students with an in-depth knowledge of the principles of international criminal law and its component crimes and procedural issues, while also allowing them to develop a critical approach and to explore complementary approaches to international criminal justice, such as truth commissions and local justice initiatives.

Programme outline

The Master of Laws in International Criminal Law involves coursework and the preparation of a dissertation.

Throughout the academic year, students pursuing the LLM in International Criminal Law are introduced to experts and personalities working in the area of international criminal law through the various activities, including lunchtime seminars and guest lectures.

Students choose from a wide range of optional courses, such as:

- Procedure before International Criminal Courts
- Transitional Justice
- Genocide
- Business and Human Rights
- Refugee Protection
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Security Law

Career opportunities

Graduates have found employment in the field of international criminal law, both in international and domestic institutions.

Students are encouraged to go out into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships, following their studies, with international institutions and non-governmental organisations. The Centre offers advice in locating suitable opportunities and, if possible, some financial support to offset travel expenses.

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Graduate/ student profile

Ronald Sekagya

International Criminal Law (LLM)

"I am a civil servant in Uganda. I was in charge of a sub-committee of Integrated systems in the Transitional Justice Working group of the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS). My role as the chair of the sub-committee involved considering all reports from the other sub-committees in order to produce a working document to be used to have a law that effects the peace agreement between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army. I needed skills and knowledge in International Criminal law. This Masters in International Criminal Law covers all the areas of concern. In one year God willing, I will be back in Uganda to put this knowledge to practice. So far I am overwhelmed by the knowledge I am receiving. Prof. Schabas and Dr. Murphy are wonderful. The questions I had are slowly being answered. To be honest, I have been tempted to clap my hands after the lectures. I have no regrets".

If you destroy our houses
you will not destroy our souls.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (LLM)

This programme aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of economics, social and cultural rights, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates for the rights of the minority.

The masters of Law in Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is currently in its third year of operation. The programme draws upon the resources of the LLM in International Human Rights, with the addition of specialised courses in the economic, social and cultural rights sphere.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time - 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements:

It is preferred that applicants hold a degree in Law (Honours 2.1 or higher). However, the Centre also welcomes students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than law. In cases where applicants come from a non law background, the Centre will look carefully at the academic background, relevant work experience, references and personal statement.

Places available: 15

Fees:

Current fees are €6,015 (full-time, EU)
€13,000 (full-time, non-EU) and €3,120 (part-time, EU)

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code: GYL09 / GYL10

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates

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Why study Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?

The LLM programme aims to impart specific and general skills with respect to the modern regime of human rights protection, and knowledge of the philosophies and theories that underpin it.

It provides students with the requisites enabling them to contribute to the advancement of human rights globally, both in their individual capacities and in association with institutions that have such a focus.

Programme outline

The first semester comprises a general introduction to the systems and documents of international human rights law, and an introduction to economic, social and cultural rights, while in second semester recommended courses are Human Rights & Development and How to Argue with an Economist.

In addition there is a wide range of optional courses to choose from, such as:

- Transitional Justice
- International Humanitarian Rights
- Minority Rights
- Rights of the Child
- Counter-Terrorism & Human Rights
- Genocide
- The African and Inter-American Regional Systems of Protecting Human Rights
- Refugee Protection

Career opportunities

Graduates have found employment in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, with international institutions, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates. Students are encouraged to put into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships, following their studies, with such organisations. The Centre offers advice in locating suitable opportunities and, if possible, some financial support to offset travel expenses.

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Graduate/ student profile

Margaret Dean

LLM (Economic Social and Cultural Rights)

"I am a mature student with a lifetime's work behind me in sales and marketing. I returned to education in 2002 and now hold a Diploma in Community Development Practice, BA in Soc/Pol and Legal Science and an LLB. As you can see from this, my interests lay in society and the law and how they interact on different levels. With this in mind, a Masters in Economic Social and Cultural Rights was a natural progression. I have found the course to be stimulating, informative and provoking. It has the correct blend and balance of lectures, seminars, tutorials and informal discussion to keep ones interest high at all times. My aim is to make government policy more socialistic (by this I mean more society friendly) in any way I can."



The Centre is autonomous in both its physical location and day-to-day operations, its academic staff are members of the Faculty of Law at the National University of Ireland, Galway, with whom the Centre is linked and maintains a close and cooperative working relationship.



In addition to its academic pursuits, the Centre is also involved in a number of research and advocacy projects designed to actively contribute to the promotion of human rights, both in and outside of Ireland.



Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict (LLM)

The LLM programme in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace operations and related activities, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and as individual advocates.

The programme draws upon the resources of the LLM in International Human Rights Law, but adds specialised courses on matters particular to peace-keeping in the modern age.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time - 2 years, part-time

Entry Requirements:

Degree with Second Class Honours, Grade 1, or equivalent international qualification. Applications are welcomed from students who have relevant professional experience in the field of peacekeeping or international Human Rights, or who can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments. Candidates who have completed a military Command and Staff Course or its equivalent at an institute recognised by NUI Galway and who have professional experience in peace support operations or a related field.

Fees: Current fees are €6,015 (full-time, EU) €13,000 (full-time, non-EU) and €3,120 (part-time, EU)

Applying: www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC code: GYL02 / GYL03

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on

www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates

First round offers will be made mid February 2011, therefore you are advised to apply early, which may result in an early offer.

Why study Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict?

This LLM programme aims to impart specific knowledge of the workings of the United Nations and other organisations involved in peace operations and conflict resolution. It aims to provide insights and analysis of responses to conflict situations and the framework governing contemporary peace operations.

The course recognises the experience of candidates who have participated in peacekeeping activities in various parts of the world. Thus the programme provides credit for a full semester course (15 credits) in exchange for submission of a written assignment of appropriate length, reviewing field experience and lessons learned. Many of the students enrolled have worked previously in peace support operations with the Irish Defence Forces.

Programme outline

The coursework begins with a general introduction to international peacekeeping and peace support operations, and proceeds to a series of specialised courses in such areas as:

- International Humanitarian Law
- Conflict and post-conflict studies
- Refugee law
- International Criminal Law
- Counter Terrorism & Human Rights

Career opportunities

Graduates have found employment in the field of international peace operations and related activities, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and as individual advocates.

Students are encouraged to put into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships, following their studies, with such organisations. The Centre offers advice in locating suitable opportunities and, if possible, some financial support to offset travel expenses.

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Graduate/ student profile

James Byrne

Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict (LLM)

"In a heartbeat I would recommend postgraduate study at NUI Galway to anyone. I studied for a LLM International Peace Support Operations at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. The Centre has a reputation as one of the world's leading institutions in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. The curriculum taught e.g. International Humanitarian Law (Law of Armed Conflict) and Peace Support Operations (UN Peacekeeping/Enforcement mission case studies) among others by the most preeminent lecturers with practical experience in their respective fields greatly benefitted me. As a result of my study, I have focused career goals and aspirations. I have improved my employability, gained work experience abroad and opened doors to further study.

Finally on a personal level, Galway, academically, socially and culturally are without equal in my esteem. The calibres of courses, staff but most importantly fellow students who will become lifelong friends for me are the biggest reason why I would choose NUI Galway. I would urge anyone who is thinking of postgraduate study to put NUI Galway as your first choice. You won't regret it, I know no one who has!".



Human Rights Law (Cross-border) (LLM) Human Rights and Criminal Justice (LLM)

The School of Law, Queen's University Belfast and the School of Law (Irish Centre for Human Rights), National University of Ireland Galway have established two exciting Masters programmes. These LLM degree programmes are the first such law programmes in Ireland. Please note that these programmes are offered on a full-time basis only.

Course Facts

Course level: Level 9

Duration: 1 year, full-time

Entry Requirements:

For the LLM in Human Rights Law applicants must normally have a good second class law degree. For the LLM/MSc. in Human Rights and Criminal Justice applicants must normally have a good second class degree in a relevant social science (e.g. law, sociology, psychology, etc.). Previous experience in a relevant legal or criminal justice setting may be taken into account.

Fees:

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Applying: qolps.qub.ac.uk/home

PAC code: GYL09 / GYL10

Closing date:

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Why study Human Rights Law (Cross-border) & Human Rights and Criminal Justice?

Queen's

Law has been studied and taught at Queen's since 1845. As well as a range of undergraduate programmes, Queen's Law School already provides a range of postgraduate courses in Human Rights, Criminology and Computers and Law. With the Law School, human rights teaching and research has been carried out under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights since 1990. Within the field of criminology and criminal justice, teaching and research is carried out under the auspices of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, established in 1995.

Galway

The Galway Law Faculty has also been involved in teaching and research of law since the mid-nineteenth century. The Law School provides a number of undergraduate programmes. In addition, since 2000 the Law School provides a post graduate LLM in International Human Rights Law. Teaching and Research in Human Rights Law is carried out under the auspices of the Irish Centre of Human Rights within the School.

Programme outline

Students will be required to spend Semester I (Oct-Dec) in Belfast and Semester II (Jan-April) in Galway. In the third and final semester (summer), the student can opt to complete his/her dissertation in either location. Students will be required to complete a combination of compulsory and elective modules as well as their dissertation in order to complete the degree/s.

Employment and career opportunities

Graduates have found employment in the field of human rights and criminal justice, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates.

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Graduate/ student profile

Louise Dear

LLM Human Rights Law/Cross Border

"Studying for an LLM Human Rights Law / Cross Border provided me with unexpected career opportunities. I had always been interested in human rights campaigning and activism, but studying human rights law provided me with intellectual and professional skills which were necessary to pick up interesting jobs. Queen's university was a great place to study; the facilities, lecturers, internship opportunities, general learning environment, financial and academic support were excellent. I have recommended the course to several colleagues and friends."



The diverse and widely acclaimed Masters programmes form the traditional core of the academic life at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. Since 2000, there have been over 500 graduates from the LLM programme, 30 from the PhD programme. These graduates are drawn from over 40 different countries.



European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA)

The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of 39 universities participating in the European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA), co-ordinated by the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights (EIUC) in Venice, Italy. The E.MA Programme, sponsored by the European Commission, is divided into two semesters. During the first semester, students are taught by European and international academic experts and professionals at EIUC in Venice. During the second semester, students study at one of the participating universities, where they also finalise their Masters thesis. The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosts and supervises a maximum of five students each year during their second semester of the E.MA Programme. For more information about the E.MA, please visit:

www.emahumanrights.org or www.eiuc.org and follow the E.MA links.

DOCTORAL (PhD)

The Irish Centre for Human Rights is at the forefront of doctoral research in the field of human rights, with probably the largest cohort of students in the world.

The doctoral programme is unique not only because of the exceptional standard of research and level of publication but also because of the environment in which doctoral students work. Students from a range of academic backgrounds are engaged in research on a broad spectrum of issues related to international human rights law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law and international relations.

In addition to their individual research project, doctoral candidates meet regularly with Centre faculty to discuss recent developments and case-law and attend the annual Doctoral Seminar week. Doctoral students may audit seminars that are offered by the Centre as part of the post-graduate teaching programmes and contribute to research projects carried out at the Centre. In addition, opportunities exist for doctoral candidates to deliver seminars and to gain valuable teaching experience both on and off campus.

Find out more/ Enquiries to

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Studying at the Irish Centre for Human Rights

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The diversity of the group in terms of culture, nationality, age and experience greatly adds to the dynamism of the programmes and the life of the Centre in general. It also provides great breadth and depth to the collegiate atmosphere of the Centre, in which knowledge imparted formally, is well complemented and fleshed out by perspective, argument and experience originating from fellow students.

This atmosphere is further fostered by the Centre's policy of encouraging applications from those with non-legal backgrounds, enabling contributions from students seeking a qualification in law but with previous educational qualifications ranging from sociology and philosophy to economics and politics.

Internship Programme

Since 2003, the Irish Centre for Human Rights has administered an internship programme as part of the core activities of the Centre. As part of the LLM programme, interested students apply to for an internship placement with a particular group or organisation. The student then engages with the internship Director of the Centre to ensure that the placement is secure and the organisation is credible. Students that are selected to participate in the programme then link with the specific human rights organisation and agree on a topic of research. Internships allows students to put into practice some of the foundational work provided by the LLM programme, as well as to provide much needed assistance to both local and international groups working on pressing human rights and development issues. The results of research undertaken by the student may be produced in both report form for the NGO and, as well, may serve as the basis for the student's own publication. In some cases, it could also serve as their proposal for further postgraduate study.

Since the programme began, the Centre has placed well over 100 students in the field in assignments which range from working with Ad Hoc Tribunals, UN agencies, local based NGOs, INGOs (including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch), the ICC, ICRC, public interest litigation firms, several National Human Rights Commissions (NI, South Africa, Cambodia, Mexico, Brazil, to name but a few). The internships have been undertaken on every continent and in over 20 different countries. A number of students have gone on to obtain job placements in these organisations or have been able to find jobs in the field as a result of their internships. Still others have used this time to build their research portfolio before returning to undertake further study (PhD) or return to full time employment.

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**The photos included in the brochure were taken by the staff and students at the Centre.
They depict events and people encountered during internships, field study and Centre events.**



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