

# Dlíscéala

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## Supreme Court sit at NUI Galway



*The Hon Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice, introducing the first morning sitting at NUI Galway*

Legal history was made when the highest court in Ireland, the Supreme Court, sat in the Aula Maxima, NUI Galway in March 2019. This was the first time that the Supreme Court sat outside of a courthouse since it returned to the Four Courts in 1932, the first time it sat in Galway and only the third time the court sat outside of Dublin. (see inside page 12)

### School of Law Secures 'Law School of the Year' Award

*The School of Law NUI Galway was named 'Law School of the Year 2019' at the Irish Law Awards, securing the prestigious accolade for the first time. (see Welcome from Head of School pg 2)*



*(L to R) Stella Carty, Director of Strategic Development and Planning, Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of School of Law, Rebecca McKittrick, LLM graduate from NUI Galway and Dr Conor Hanly. Photo: Paul Sherwood*

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students & alumni



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# Welcome from Head of School



Dear Friends,

On behalf of myself and my colleagues I hope you enjoy the 7th issue of *Dlíscéala*, the annual newsletter of the School of Law, NUI Galway.

It has been both an eventful and exciting year here in the School of Law. Highlights include the historic sittings of the Irish Supreme Court on campus, winning the Law School of the Year Award and the roll out of significant student-focused changes to our undergraduate law programmes.

Legal history was made last March, when the Supreme Court held sittings outside of a courthouse for the first time since it returned to the Four Courts in 1932. This was also the first time the Supreme Court sat in Galway and only the third time the court sat outside of Dublin. The School of Law, NUI Galway was delighted to host these momentous sittings on campus from the 4th to 6th of March, 2019. The judges of the Supreme Court took over lecturing duties in the School of Law on the 5th of March in collaboration with colleagues in the School of Law. This resulted in memorable moments for our students and opportunities for transformational learning. This visit of the Supreme Court was a unique learning experience for students and an excellent opportunity for them

to engage with Supreme Court judges. The Supreme Court sittings were open to the public and gave the people of the west of Ireland an opportunity to see the work of the Court first hand.

We were pleased to see the CAO points for our law programmes increase significantly again this year. There was significant demand for our new Law (BCL) & Human Rights degree with CAO points for this programme at 510. We look forward to welcoming the first cohort of law students onto our new degrees in Law & Taxation and Law (BCL) Criminology & Criminal Justice in September 2020. These are distinctive degrees that gives students the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law programme and specialise in either tax or criminology / criminal justice.

I am delighted to introduce new colleagues appointed to the School of Law over the past year, Dr Maeve O'Rourke who is the Programme Director of the Law & Human Rights Programme and Aisling Conroy who is the Placement Officer for the School of Law. All students enrolled on our undergraduate degrees have the opportunity to undertake professional work placement or study abroad in year three of their programmes and will work closely with Aisling.

The School and our Centres organised a number of excellent events, conferences, summer schools and seminars throughout the course of the year. I hope you enjoy reading about these in the newsletter. Colleagues in the School of Law have also produced some really innovative research and made very important contributions to public policy over the course of the past year and I hope you enjoy reading about these contributions in the newsletter.

I would like to thank my colleague Michael Coyne for compiling this issue and for all of our colleagues, students and alumni for contributing to the content.

As always, we are thrilled to hear from our friends and our alumni community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to share a story or connect with us. You can contact me at the following email address: [charles.omahony@nuigalway.ie](mailto:charles.omahony@nuigalway.ie).

To keep up-to-date with the School, explore our website ([www.nuigalway.ie/law/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/law/)), like our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/schooloflaw](https://www.facebook.com/schooloflaw)) and follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/NUIGLaw](https://www.twitter.com/NUIGLaw)) or @NUIGLaw and Instagram ([www.instagram.com/nuiglaw](https://www.instagram.com/nuiglaw))

You may also be interested in attending the different events we host throughout the year, many of which offer CPD points. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please sign up at [law@nuigalway.ie](mailto:law@nuigalway.ie).

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# Student Activities

## CÉIM 2018/19

Pictured (right) at the University CÉIM Celebration where they received Certificates of Participation are some of the fantastic BA Law CÉIM Leaders of 2018/19 who contributed enormously to what was the 5th year of CÉIM in the BA Law. Congratulations and a massive thank you from the School of Law to all the Leaders, with a special thanks to BA Law leaders Ambre Fadden and Daniel O'Gorman who spoke at the event, and Emily Jennings who acted as joint MC.

Such has been the success of the peer-mentoring scheme that it will be expanded to the Bachelor of Civil Law, and Law and Business programmes from 2019/20. We are delighted to announce that in 2019/20 there will be 34 Law leaders in total - 15 Leaders in the BA Law, 12 in the BCL & BCL with Human Rights, and 7 in Law and Business.



## Lá na nGradam

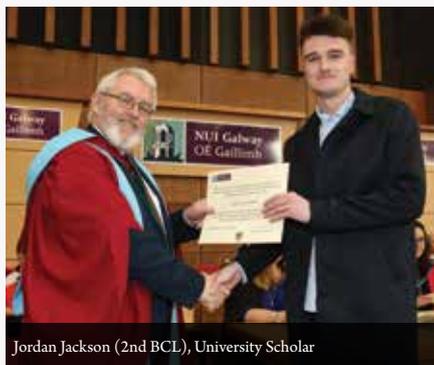
Pictured with the Registrar and Deputy President of NUI Galway, Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh at Lá na nGradam in February 2019 are: Alison O'Brien, Aoibh O Connor, Jordan Jackson, Kesley Ahern and Cathal Ó Maoilchiarain.



Alison O'Brien (Final B Corp Law), winner of the LK Shields Hugh Garvey Memorial Prize



Aoibh O'Connor (1st BCL), University Scholar



Jordan Jackson (2nd BCL), University Scholar



Kesley Ahern (1st B Corp Law), University Scholar



Cathal Ó Maoilchiarain (2nd B Corp Law), University Scholar



Pictured (L to R) Professor John McHale, Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy, and Law, Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of the School of Law, Alison O'Brien (Final B Corp Law), Pearce Clancy (3rd BCL), winner of the Val O'Connor Memorial Prize in Equity and Dr Connie Healy.

## Visit to the EU Institutions

Students on the LLM in International and Comparative Business Law and the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy programmes at NUI Galway visited the EU institutions (European Court of Justice, EU Parliament, EU Commission) in January 2019. The visit offered a first-hand learning experience to our Masters students regarding the operation of these institutions. We are very grateful to the Irish Members of the EU Parliament (Mairead McGuinness and Matt Carthy) and the members of the ECJ (Advocate General Hogan, Justice Regan, Justice Mac Eochaidh) who spent time discussing their work with the students.



## AMOSS Competition

The AMOSS Case Study Competition took place in March 2019 in NUI Galway. The winning team in the AMOSS competition were Loughlin Russell (2nd BCL), Patrick Mc Walter (2nd B Corp), Emma Rowe (2nd BCL) and Cian Maher (3rd B Corp). They are pictured right with Gavin Simons, founding partner of AMOSS and NUI Galway alumnus (LLB 1996). Special thanks to Gavin and his team at AMOSS for organising and sponsoring the competition and to Aisling Conroy of the School of Law.



## European Youth Parliament Visit

A group of NUI Galway law students - Maeve Charles (BA (Law)), Dylan Kelly, Bryony Kelly, Ethan Cleary and Ben Doyle (all B Corp Law) - attended the National Selection Conference of the EYP in April 2019 in Schengen, Luxembourg. The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is an independent and unique Non-Governmental Organization which brings young people from all over Europe together to discuss current political issues in a parliamentary setting and encourages intercultural exchange between young people throughout 40 different European countries through educational experiences and events.



(L to R) Maeve Charles Dylan Kelly, Ben Doyle, Tilly Metz MEP, Alain de Muyser, Deputy Secretary General of the Benelux Union, Bryony Kelly, and Ethan Cleary.

Maeve Charles writes:

"Since 1987, the European Youth Parliament (EYP) has supported the development of young people to become politically aware and responsible citizens by involving them in European political thinking and promoting intercultural understanding. This year, five lucky EU Law students in the School of Law here in NUI Galway were fortunate enough to get to experience what it is like to take part in the European Youth Parliament first hand.

The conference took place in Schengen, Luxembourg, a town rich of symbolic importance in the EU. The five Irish delegates were assigned committees on topics such as Foreign Affairs and Environmental and Economic matters. Each committee had two days to come up with their own resolutions on these matters, suggesting ways to improve how the EU is currently handling them. On the final day of the conference, the General Assembly gave all of the committees a chance to debate the proposed resolutions. The debate was followed by a vote on whether the proposed resolutions should pass. All of the Irish delegates' proposals passed with impressive majorities.

However, the entire week wasn't all work and no play! The organisers scheduled plenty of fun team-building activities as well as an extensive cultural programme. The most spectacular of which was the opening ceremony which took place aboard the magnificent Ms Princesse Marie-Astrid pleasure boat, upon which the famous Schengen agreements were signed in 1985 and 1990. Here the Irish delegates conversed with the other delegates from all over Europe as well as Luxembourgish MEP, Tilly Metz.

The entire week was a whirlwind of a learning experience. Not only did the delegates improve their ability to think on their feet at the open debates, but they also deepened their knowledge of the various cultures and opinions around Europe. The five students displayed such enthusiasm and expertise in their speeches and overall performance throughout the week that all were made honorary delegates of the Luxembourgish Youth Parliament - something which has only ever happened once before in the history of EYP! This means that all five were also invited to the Parliament's most prestigious event of the year, the International Forum, which took place in Coimbra, Portugal, in August 2019."

Maeve

# Internationalisation

## Study Abroad

The Law School's internationalisation efforts, led by Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti this year, continued to gather momentum. The School was successful in placing 5 students to study abroad with Institutions in North America. During Academic Year 2019-2020 Briain Doherty will study at the University of Iowa School of Law, Sinead O'Regan at McGill School of Law, Ava Kavanagh and Bryony Kelly will study at the Catholic University of America and James Pope will study at Willamette University.

The School of Law is participating again this year in the EU Erasmus mobility programme. Janine O'Connor, Olivia Lydon and Dylan Kelly will study at Groningen University, Rangelie Pinchay and Caoimhe Tierney at Leiden, Rozarah Glenane,

Shauna Burke and Chidinma Ogbugu at Leuven, William Pery and Conor Kelly will study at the University of Budapest, Robin Marshall will study at the University of Krakow, Kelsey Ahern, Niamh McAndrew, Orna McLoughlin, Patrick McWalter, Cailin Morrin and Aoibh O'Connor will study in Aix-En-Provence, Caroline Beirne, Ania Buckley, Deirbhile O'Donoghue, Amy O'Reilly, Mairtin Seoighe at the University of Bordeaux, Margaret Multoon and Power Zach at Clermont-Ferrand, Aoidhfinn Broderick, Ethan Cleary, Dara Collins Madden, Eimear Fahey, Michael Keating Dake and Karlis Kudla at the University of Toulouse, Lora Burke, Michael Kilcar-Shiel, Dylan Murphy and Hannah Torpey at the University of Göttingen, Kelvin Brosnahan and Riocard Gorham at the University of Leipzig, James O'Mahony, Maeve

Romano, William Ryan, Bohdana Tabachuk at the University of Wurzburg, Pryia Mehan at the University of Granada, Niamh Loughran at the University of Salamanca.

The School is continuing to expand its student exchange agreement with Institutions all over the world. The School has currently student exchange agreements with the University of Technology Sydney (Australia) Shantou University (China), Carleton University (Canada), Southern Utah University, the University of Southern Mississippi, Case Western Reserve University, the University of Richmond, Villanova University, the University of Illinois Chicago, the University of Connecticut School of Law and the University of California Davis School of Law.

## Jordan Jackson

Jordan Jackson (Final BCL), who studied in Shantou for the 2018-19 academic year writes:

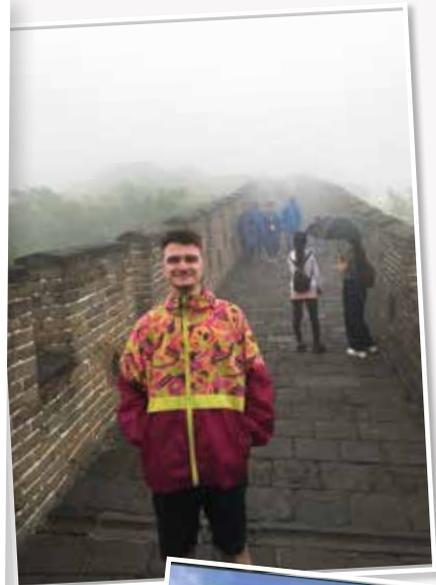
Being the only person to come to Shantou from NUIG and coming alone was very daunting. However, it isn't too difficult to settle in and meet new people. The number of exchange students changes from year to year. Although there was a lot to adjust to, from the food, to the people, to the weather and being so far away from home, I had a great year and I got to do a lot of travelling around China itself and Asia. We get 5 weeks holidays for Chinese New Year here at the end of January. So I went travelling to Vietnam, Cambodia and Japan. My friends and family came out to visit me on different occasions which was great. Shantou is not an expensive city and being in Guangdong province, it is in a great location. You can take a high-speed train to bigger cities like Guangzhou, Shenzhen or even into Hong Kong.

Since last semester, I have taken Reading and Writing, Spoken, Listening and Comprehension and Everyday Chinese classes. The teachers are brilliant, very helpful and very friendly. The class size for Chinese is very small,

there are only 6 of us in the class. This provides for a great learning environment, with the teacher having lots of time for each student. I strongly recommend anyone who wants to come to Shantou to study to do all the Chinese classes. I am extremely happy with my Chinese considering I only started studying it in September. There is absolutely no English spoken outside the University gates, so you really are in the deep end when it comes to communicating with the local people.

I want to emphasise to anyone coming here this year or the following year that you have to be willing to study Chinese. It is difficult but it is very enjoyable and rewarding. My whole purpose of coming here was to explore a new culture and learn what I believe to be one of the most important languages in the world. I will definitely keep up Chinese when I go home and get private lessons throughout final year.

Jordan



# Doctoral Programme

## Doctoral Scholarships

The School of Law had great success in the latest round of Hardiman Scholarships with the following applicants receiving offers:

- Parisa Zangeneh - supervised by Professor Ray Murphy, ICHR. Her research seeks to fill the gaps in our knowledge regarding why and how the International Criminal Court has been designed to interact only with states and not with the multitude of actors that may need its assistance. Parisa is a lawyer and is currently a consultant at the Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide. She has completed internships in Chambers at the International Criminal Court, the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.
- Niamh Keady-Tabbal - supervised by Professor Siobhán Mullally, ICHR. Her research explores how the EU-Turkey Agreement has shaped asylum policy and practice on the Aegean

Islands in Greece. After graduating from Trinity College Dublin with a BA in Middle Eastern Studies and French, Niamh worked with a range of NGOs supporting refugees and asylum seekers in camps across Greece. She recently completed an LLM in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights and was awarded the prestigious NUI Dr Peter Sutherland Travelling Studentship to be awarded in European Studies in August 2019.



Parisa Zangeneh



Niamh Keady-Tabbal



Photograph by Aengus McMahon

In addition, four doctoral candidates in the School were successful in their applications for Irish Research Council funding. Pictured are (L to R) Professor Eilionóir Flynn, Professor Siobhán Mullally, Keelin Barry, Cliona De Bhailís, Noemi Magugliani and Sahara Nankan.

- Cliona de Bhailís is supervised by Professor Eilionóir Flynn and is based at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy. Her research is entitled 'It's My Life! Decision-making for young people with disabilities in Ireland and Article 12 of the UN Convention on the

Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)'. It will examine how the will and preferences of young people with disabilities (aged 15-20) in Ireland can be respected in line with the CRPD. As part of her research she will work directly with people with disabilities in two ways – by establishing a youth advisory board and collecting information on the young people's experiences via decision-making diaries.

- Noemi Magugliani is supervised by Professor Siobhán Mullally. Her research topic is "Male victims of trafficking, gendered constructions

of vulnerability and access to protection in Italy and in the United Kingdom". The aim of the research project is to critically evaluate the theoretical underpinnings, together with the practical implementation, of the relationship between gender, victimhood and protection and to explore how anti-trafficking and international protection laws, as well as migration control procedures, in Italy and in the United Kingdom include (or exclude) third-country nationals adult male victims of trafficking.

## Dr Bo Chen

Congratulations to Bo Chen who successfully defended his PhD thesis in August 2019. Bo Chen is pictured here with his supervisors Dr Mary Keys and Dr Charles O'Mahony, the external examiner Prof Anna Lawson from the University of Leeds, the internal examiner Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and the viva chair Prof Ray Murphy. Bo Chen's PhD is titled 'Rethinking China's Mental Health Law Reform: Treatment Decision-Making and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.'



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## Dr Sinéad O'Donnell

Congratulations to Dr Sinéad O'Donnell who successfully defended her PhD thesis in April 2019. Sineád is pictured in the Centre for Disability, Law and Policy with Dr Nata Duvvury, Professor Eilíonóir Flynn, Finian Quinn, Sinéad O'Donnell, Tatiana Kelly, lead supervisor Dr Shivaun Quinlivan, and Professor Luke Clements. Absent from the photo is supervisor Dr Andrew Power.

## Dr Theerada Somanand

Congratulations to Dr Theerada Somanand of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy who successfully defended her PhD thesis on access to civil justice for Persons with Disabilities in Thailand and Ireland in December 2018. Dr Somanand (centre of photo) is pictured here with Professor Donncha O'Connell (Chair), Professor Anna Lawson of Leeds University (External Examiner), Professor Eilíonóir Flynn (Supervisor and Director of the CDLP) and Professor Siobhán Mullally of the Irish Centre for Human Rights (Internal Examiner).



## Dr Niloufar Omid

Congratulations to Dr Niloufar Omid of the Irish Centre for Human Rights on the successful defence of her doctoral thesis on the 'Right to Peace' in December 2018. Dr Omid is pictured here with Professor Ray Murphy (Internal Examiner), Professor Siobhán Mullally (Supervisor), Professor Javaid Rehman (External Examiner) and Professor Donncha O'Connell (Chair). Dr Omid is currently a lecturer in Human Rights for Advocates in the Huston School of Film & Digital Media.



## Dr Silvia Gagliardi

Many congratulations to Silvia Gagliardi who successfully defended her PhD in September 2018. She was examined by Prof Fatima Sadiqi, senior professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies at Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco and Professor Siobhán Mullally. Pictured also are Professor Ray Murphy and Silvia's supervisor, Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh.



## Dr Caroline Sweeney

Many congratulations to Dr Caroline Sweeney who successfully defended her PhD in November 2018 at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. Caroline was supervised by Professor Ray Murphy and examined by Dr Anthony Cullen, Senior Lecturer in Law at the School of Law, Middlesex University, and Dr Shane Darcy.



## Dr Hayley Mulligan

Congratulations to Dr Hayley Mulligan in the successful defence of her doctoral thesis in July 2019. Dr Mulligan, centre, is pictured with Professor Donncha O'Connell (Supervisor), Examiners, Dr Kirsty Horsey (External Examiner), Professor Eilionóir Flynn (Internal Examiner) and Professor Siobhán Mullally (Chair).

# New Staff Appointments

## Maeve O'Rourke



Dr Maeve O'Rourke, PhD (Birmingham), LLM (Harvard), BCL (University College Dublin) joined the Irish Centre for Human Rights and School of Law at NUI Galway in April 2019 as Lecturer in Human Rights Law and Programme Director of the new BCL Law and Human Rights.

Maeve's research interests are primarily in the development of the rule against torture and ill-treatment, human rights protections in institutional and care settings, access to justice and redress for systemic and so-called 'historical' human rights abuses, and human rights research and advocacy methods. She was awarded her PhD (entitled 'Older People, Dignity and Human Rights: Towards the Development of the Rule against Torture and Ill-treatment in International Human Rights Law') in 2018.

From October 2017 to January 2019 Maeve was Senior Research and Policy Officer at the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. Between 2015 and 2017 she was a Visiting Scholar and Occasional Lecturer at University College Dublin School of Law where she established a Human Rights Clinic for LLM and MSc Human Rights students and co-taught an undergraduate Social Inclusion Law Clinic.

Maeve is a barrister at 33 Bedford Row, London and a registered Attorney at Law in New York. She has previously practised family law and currently practises in the broad area of human rights. Since 2010 Maeve has provided pro bono assistance to the voluntary advocacy group 'Justice for Magdalenes' and she is currently a member of the research group, 'Justice for Magdalenes Research'

([www.jfmresearch.com](http://www.jfmresearch.com)). She is co-director of the evidence-gathering initiative with Hogan Lovells LLP, 'Clann: Ireland's Unmarried Mothers and their Children: Gathering the Data' ([www.clannproject.org](http://www.clannproject.org)). Maeve's legal research and public advocacy concerning Ireland's Magdalene Laundries abuse and the forced separation of unmarried families in Ireland during the 20th century has received international and national awards including UK Family Law Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year (2013), Ireland Fund of Great Britain 'Forgotten Irish' Award (2013), University College Dublin Inaugural Alumni Achievement Award in Law (2014), Ireland/United States Alumni Association Inaugural Emerging Leader Award (2015), Lord Mayor of Dublin Award (2016), and PILnet Local Pro Bono Impact Award (2018).

## Aisling Conroy

Aisling is a B. Comm. graduate of NUI Galway and is also a qualified career guidance counsellor having completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Guidance and Career Counselling from Maynooth University.

Prior to joining NUI Galway as Placement and Study Abroad Officer for the School of Law in 2018, Aisling worked as an Account Manager and Senior Recruitment Specialist for over fourteen years in recruitment agencies and as an in-house recruiter.

She has experience in recruiting students, technical and commercial professionals across a number of sectors where she was also responsible for employer engagement and strategic account management.

In her current role Aisling is responsible for coordinating the new placement programme for the School of Law. This includes working with students in preparing applications, guidance on CV and interview preparation for placement in addition to sourcing placements and employer engagement.



# Staff News

## Dr Caterina Gardiner

Congratulations to Dr Caterina Gardiner who, in March 2019, successfully defended her doctoral thesis in the School of Law, University College Cork. Her thesis, supervised by Dr Fidelma White, is titled 'Business to Consumer Contracts in the Electronic Marketplace: Striking a Proper Balance between Private and Public Regulatory Objectives'. The thesis investigates the effectiveness of judicial and legislative control of standard terms in mass-market consumer online contracts, highlighting the tension that exists between private and public regulatory objectives in the control of standard terms. The investigation, which includes an empirical analysis of the online marketplace, makes recommendations for reform to provide appropriate protection of the collective public interest.



## Dr Connie Healy

Congratulations to Dr Connie Healy of the School of Law who was awarded Irish Research Council (New Foundations) Funding in March 2019 to undertake research into the Unified Family Courts system in Baltimore, USA. This comes at a time where there has been a renewed call for specialist family courts in Ireland highlighted by research undertaken by the Child Care Law Reporting Project led by Dr Carol

Coulter and the report of the Special Rapporteur for Child Protection, Dr Geoffrey Shannon. Dr Healy's doctoral research into Conflict Resolution within the Family Law System was also funded by the IRC. Separately, Connie also secured EU Erasmus Mobility Funding, (DELTA Scholarship) to undertake training in International Arbitration at Leiden University, Den Haag Campus.



## Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti was awarded in December 2019 the Simon Roberts Fellowship by the Law Department of the London School of Economics and Political Science. The fellowship is awarded to scholars "who have demonstrated an ability to produce outstanding research in their fields, in the hope that they contribute and benefit from the research atmosphere in the School". She was also awarded a year-long fellowship by LSE's Law Department for AY 2019-2020.

As the Chair of the Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL), Dr Tourkochoriti organised the 8th Annual Conference of the group in May 2019 at McGill School of Law. The event,

which was a great success, offered the opportunity to 60 early stage comparative law scholars from all over the world to discuss their work in a supportive and constructive spirit. Participants were selected following a rigorous peer review process. The Society's paper prizes were also awarded at the event. Dr Tourkochoriti was also part of the Committee which awarded the ASCL Buxbaum Teaching Prize in Comparative Law and she organised the ASCL Scholarship Exchange Programme in the summer of 2019. Participating in numerous book editing projects, she organised this year again workshops and panel discussions in Universities all around the world.

## Dr Shane Darcy

Dr Shane Darcy has been appointed to the Business and Human Rights Implementation Group established by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in January 2019. He also served as a country reporter for an EU-funded project on human rights and environmental due diligence coordinated by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. From September 2019, Dr Darcy will be a visiting fellow at Doshisha University in Kyoto, having been awarded a fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. His forthcoming book, 'To Serve the Enemy; Informers, Collaborators and the Laws of Armed Conflict' was published by Oxford University Press in September 2019.



Pictured are Achalie Kumaraige receiving the Colin B. Picker Prize from Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti, YCC Chair.

## Dr Brian Tobin

Congratulations to Dr Brian Tobin, who was part of a consortium (with Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley & Dr Rebecca Barr, NUIG, and Dr Mary McAuliffe, UCD) awarded funding from the Irish Research Council in March 2019 for a 'Creative Connections' project on 'Feminism, Fertility and Reproduction: Towards a Progressive Politics'. The team's innovative research project will explore progressive approaches to reproduction in 21st century Ireland.

Dr Tobin has previously appeared before UK and Irish parliamentary committees advising on the legal issues pertaining to surrogacy and donor-assisted human reproduction (DAHR). He was on sabbatical leave in 2018/19 as a Visiting Researcher at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, which was ranked 1st in the UK for 4\* world-leading legal research in the most recent REF.



## Dr John Danaher

Dr John Danaher has been appointed to the European Commission's dedicated Expert Group on specific ethical issues raised by driverless mobility. This group of experts will help to address legitimate societal and ethical concerns about connected and autonomous driving and will assist policymakers and designers in the safe, sustainable and efficient transition to connected and automated mobility. The group is due to meet several times over the next 12 months and to issue its final report by June 2020.



## Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan

Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan were appointed as expert advisors to the States of Guernsey regarding the development of new multi-ground equality legislation. Dr Buckley and Dr Quinlivan were previously appointed to advise the States of Guernsey on the development of a new disability discrimination law. However, this work was subsequently expanded and the new discrimination legislation will now cover multiple grounds, such as age, race and sexual orientation, as well as disability. The legislation will prohibit discrimination in relation to employment, goods and services (including education). Dr Buckley and Dr Quinlivan's final report, which they presented to legislators and key stakeholders in November, developed a model piece of legislation, largely based on Irish and Australian law. This is now being adapted by the States of Guernsey to meet its specific requirements. A public consultation on the proposed new law has recently opened in Guernsey, and the final law is likely to be enacted in 2020.





# Supreme Court Visit to NUI Galway

In March, legal history was made when the Supreme Court sat on campus. It was the first time the court had sat outside a courthouse since its return to the Four Courts in 1932, the first time it sat in Galway and only the third time it had sat outside Dublin. The Quadrangle buzzed with interest, as the nine judges heard two high profile cases – *Fitzpatrick & anor v An Bord Pleanála & ors*, an appeal against the decision of An Bord Pleanála to approve an Apple data centre in Athenry, and *167/17 Promontoria (Oyster) Designated Activity Company v Hannon* concerning equitable mortgages. The Supreme Court also issued its judgment in the *O'Brien v Clerk of Dáil Éireann & ors* appeal.

The School of Law organised a number of events to engage students and the public for the historic visit. Chief Justice Frank Clarke delivered a speech

to the legal community on ‘The Common Law Post-Brexit’ at an event hosted jointly with the Galway Solicitors’ Bar Association. To coincide with International Women’s Day, a public lecture on ‘Women on Supreme Courts’ took place with many high-profile speakers including Údarás na hOllscoile Chair and former Supreme Court Judge, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, and NUI Galway graduate and Chief Justice of the Seychelles, Mrs Justice Matilda Twomey. The School of Law delivered a series of student seminars in conjunction with members of the Supreme Court where students had a unique opportunity to interact with the judiciary and academic law staff. Pictured above are the Supreme Court judges with the School of Law staff in the Aula Maxima, where the temporary court was located.

Photographs by Neil Warner and Law School staff.



The Hon Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice being welcomed to NUI Galway by the Registrar and Deputy President of NUI Galway, Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh



The historic first sitting of the Supreme Court in Galway



At the official launch of the Inaugural Annual Report of the Supreme Court were (L to R) Mr. Justice George Birmingham, President of the Court of Appeal, Ms. Justice Elizabeth Dunne, Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice, Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh and Mr. Justice John Mac Menamin.



(L to R) Mr. Justice Peter Charleton, Ms. Justice Iseult O’Malley, Mr. Justice Donal O’Donnell, Ms. Justice Elizabeth Dunne, Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice, Ms. Justice Mary Finlay Geoghegan, Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh, Mr. Justice Peter Kelly, President of the High Court, Mr. Justice John Mac Menamin and Mr. Justice George Birmingham, President of the Court of Appeal.



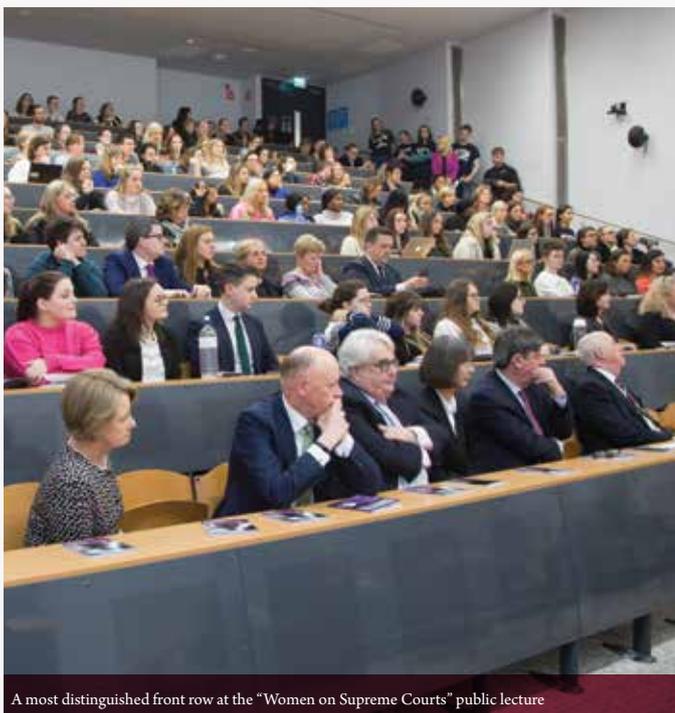
On the panel at the public lecture on "Women on Supreme Courts" were (L to R) Professor Siobhán Mullally, Dr Ciara Smyth, Ms. Justice Elizabeth Dunne, Mr. Justice John Mac Menamin, Mrs Justice Matilda Twomey, Chief Justice of the Seychelles and Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, former Supreme Court judge.



The panel answering a question from the floor at the "Women on Supreme Courts" public lecture



Full house at the "Women on Supreme Courts" public lecture



A most distinguished front row at the "Women on Supreme Courts" public lecture



Past, present and prospective students in the Human Biology Building



At the Galway Solicitors' Bar Association and School of Law event, "The Common Law post-Brexit" were Ms. Justice Iseult O'Malley, Mr. Justice George Birmingham, Geri Silke, BL and John McCormack, BL



Law School staff Rosemary Keogan, Nicola Murphy, Deirdre Callanan and Dr Caterina Gardiner at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event.



Prof Siobhán Mullally, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, and Emer Joyce, Solicitor at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



Brendan Ryan, Chief Executive of the Courts Service and Dr Thomas Courtney, Adjunct Professor in the School of Law and Head of the Company Compliance and Governance Practice and Partner at Arthur Cox Solicitors at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



Brendan O'Connor and Aisling Wall, Galway Solicitors' Bar Association and Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head, School of Law, at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



Mr. Justice Donal O'Donnell, Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh, Dr Charles O'Mahony and Padraic Brennan, Partner-in-Charge, Ronan Daly Jermyn (Galway) at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



The Hon Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice addressing the "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



Mr. Justice John Mac Menamin and Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness at "The Common Law post-Brexit" event



Students at the seminar on "The Role of the Judge"



A question from the floor at the student seminar on "Tribunals of Inquiry"



Mr. Justice John Mac Menamin at a special event for CAO applicants in the Aula Maxima, NUI Galway



Ms. Justice Mary Finlay Geoghegan answering a question from the floor at the "Women on Supreme Courts" public lecture



A full house at the seminar on "Consent in relation to Sexual Offences and other Offences against the Person"

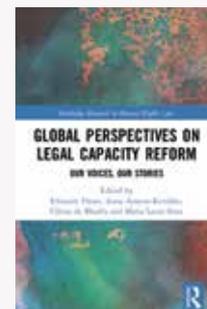
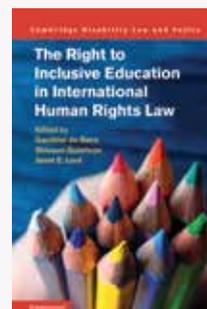
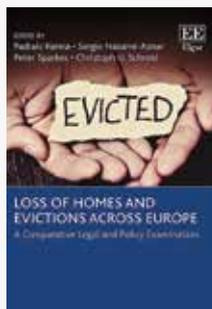
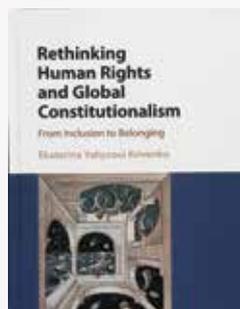


LLM in International & Comparative Business Law students at a seminar on "Restriction and Disqualification of Company Directors" with the Chief Justice, The Hon Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice



Dr Padraic Kenna of the School of Law giving an explanatory lecture to his Land Law students before the Supreme Court hearing of Promontoria (Oyster) Designated Activity Company v Hannon

# Selected Publications & Research



What follows is a selection of major publications by colleagues from the School of Law and its Centres published during the past year. It evidences a consistently high quality of academic research and writing but, also, of engaged scholarship and impact both nationally and internationally.

Dr Eoin Daly, Associate Head for Research

## Books:

- John Danaher, *Automation and Utopia: Human Flourishing in a World Without Work* (Harvard University Press 2019).
- Eilionóir Flynn, Anna Arstein-Kerslake, Cliona de Bhaillís, and Maria Laura Serra (eds), *Global Perspectives on Legal Capacity Reform: Our Voices, Our Stories* (Routledge 2018).
- Padraic Kenna, Sergio Nasarre-Aznar, Peter Sparkes and Christoph U. Schmid (eds), *Loss of Homes and Evictions across Europe: A Comparative Legal and Policy Examination* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 2018).
- Padraic Kenna and Sandra Murphy (eds), *eConveyancing and Title Registration in Ireland* (Clarus Press 2019).
- Shivaun Quinlivan, Gauthier de Beco and Janet E. Lord (eds), *The Right to Inclusive Education in International Human Rights Law* (Cambridge University Press 2019).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, *Rethinking Human Rights and Global Constitutionalism: from Inclusion to Belonging* (Cambridge University Press 2018).

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- Lucy-Ann Buckley, 'Autonomy and prenuptial agreements in Ireland: a relational analysis' (2018). 28 *Legal Studies* 164.
- Kathleen Cavanaugh, 'Turkey's Hidden Wars' (2018) 31 *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 33.
- Eoin Daly, 'Transparency as a justification for legislative supremacy' (2018) *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*.
- John Danaher, 'Welcoming Robots into the Moral Circle: A Defence of Ethical Behaviourism' (2019) *Science and Engineering Ethics*.
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- John Danaher, 'The rise of the robots and the crisis of moral patiency'. (2019) 34 *AI & Society* 129.
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- Eilionóir Flynn, 'The rejection of capacity assessments in favour of respect for will and preferences: the radical promise of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' (2019) 18(1) *World Psychiatry* 50.
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- Charlotte May-Simera, 'Reconsidering Sheltered Workshops in Light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)' (2018) 7 *Laws* 6.
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- Ray Murphy, 'Command Responsibility after Bemba' (2019) 15 *New Zealand Yearbook of International Law* 2017 94.
- Ray Murphy, 'Contributor Profile – Ireland 2018' (2018) *Providing for Peacekeeping*.
- Maeve O'Rourke, 'Prolonged Impunity as a Continuing Situation of Torture or Ill-Treatment? Applying a Dignity Lens to So-Called Historical Cases' (2019) 66(1) *Netherlands International Law Review* 101.
- Ciara Smyth, 'Towards a Complete Prohibition on the Immigration Detention of Children' (2019) 19(1) *Human Rights Law Review* 1.
- Brian Tobin, 'Marriage Equality in Australia and Ireland: Separate Jurisdictions, Similar Politics' (2019) 32(3) *Australian Journal of Family Law* 294.
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- Brian Tobin, 'Regulating Non-Clinical Donor-Assisted Human Reproduction in Ireland' (2018) 60 *Irish Jurist* 179.
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- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Law, Space and Spatial Justice in Leibniz: Leibniz as a Theorist of Spatial Justice' (2018) 36(4) *Law and History Review* 891.
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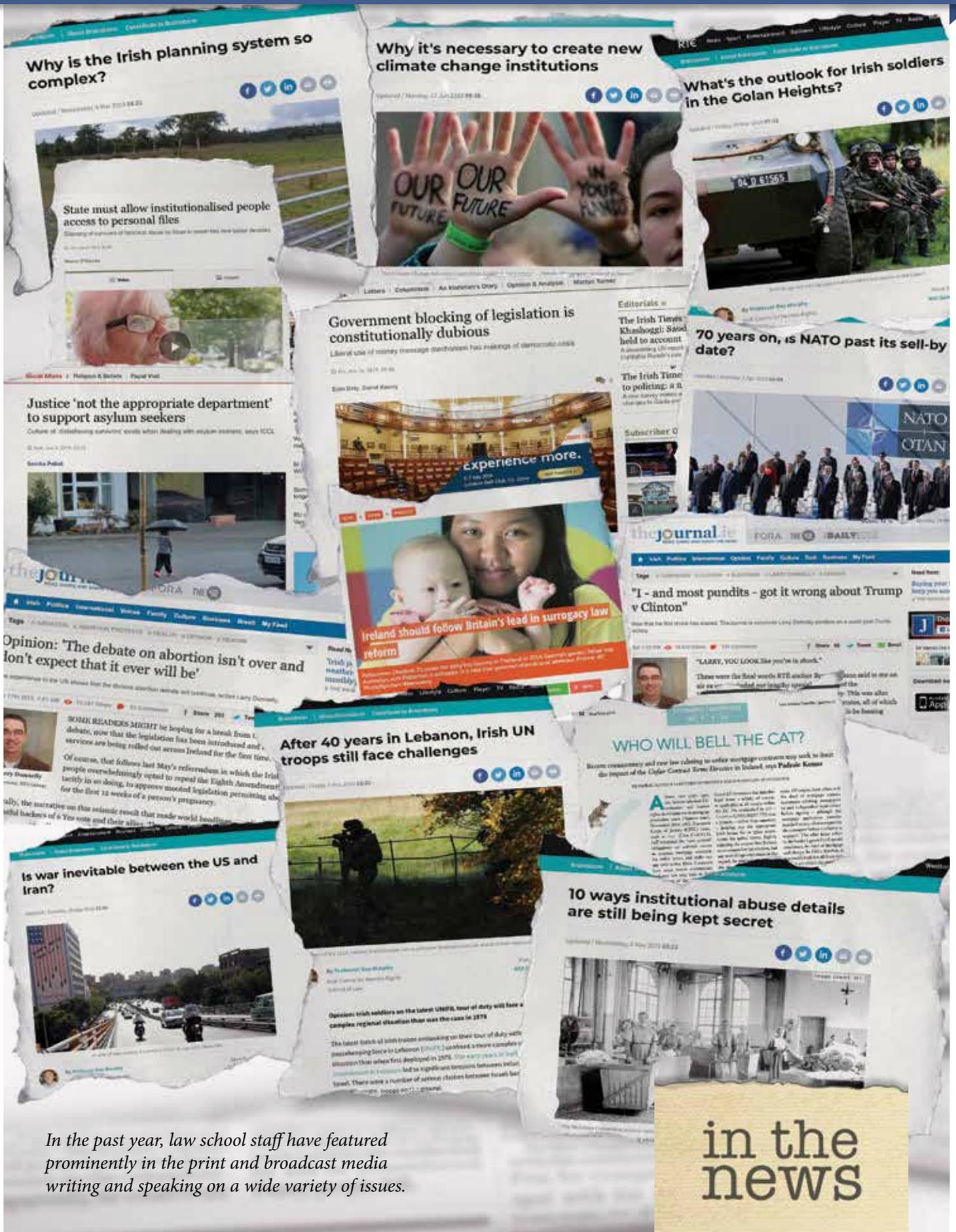
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- John Danaher, 'Sexuality' in Markus Dubber, Frank Pasuale, Sunit Das (eds), *Oxford Handbook of Ethics of AI* (Oxford University Press 2019).
- John Danaher, 'In Defence of the Post-Work Future: Withdrawal and the Ludic Life' in Michael Cholbi and Michael Eric Weber (eds), *The Future of Work, Technology and Basic Income* (Routledge 2019).
- John Danaher (2019) 'Building better sex robots: Lessons from Feminist Pornography' in Yuefang Zhou and Martin F Fischer (eds), *AI Love You - Studies on Human-Robot Intimate Relationships* (Springer 2019).
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- Anita Ferrara, 'Assessing the Long-Term Impact and Legacy of Truth Commissions' in Jeremy Sarkin (ed), *The Global Legacy of Truth Commissions* (Intersentia 2019).
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- Conor Hanly, 'Criminal Law' in Raymond Byrne and William Binchy (eds), *Annual Review of Irish Law, Volume 31* (Round Hall Thompson 2018).
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- Padraic Kenna, 'Evictions in Ireland' in Padraic Kenna, Sergio Nasarre-Aznar, Peter Sparkes and Christoph U. Schmid (eds), *Loss of Homes and Evictions across Europe: A Comparative Legal and Policy Examination* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 2018).
- Ray Murphy, 'Back to the Basics: Core Law of War Principles through the Lens of the DOD Manual', in Michael A. Newton (ed), *The United States Department of Defense Law of War Manual, Commentary and Critique* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).
- Ray Murphy and Declan Gannon, 'Changing the Landscape' in *Forgotten Occupation: Life on the Syrian Golan after 50 Years of Occupation* (Al-Marsad 2018).
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- Shivaun Quinlivan, 'Reasonable Accommodation: An Integral Part of the Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities' in Shivaun Quinlivan, Gauthier de Beco and Janet E. Lord (eds), *The Right to Inclusive Education in International Human Rights Law* (Cambridge University Press 2019).
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- Ciara Smyth, 'Migration, Refugees and Children's Rights' in Ursula Kilkelly and Ton Liefaard (eds), *International Human Rights of Children* (Springer Publishers 2018).
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- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Exploring the Future of Individuals as Subjects of International Law: example of the Canadian private sponsorship of refugees programme' in James Summers and Alex Gough (eds), *Non-State Actors and International Obligations: Creation, Evolution, and Enforcement* (Brill 2018).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Imagining Futures of International Law Through Spacetime' in Paulina Bies-Srokosz, Rafal Manko and Jacek Srokosz(eds), *Law, Space and the Political: An East-West Perspective* (Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa 2018).

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- Lucy-Ann Buckley and Shivaun Quinlivan, *Developing a model for disability equality law in the States of Guernsey* (States of Guernsey, 2018).
- Lucy-Ann Buckley and Shivaun Quinlivan, *Developing multi-ground equality legislation in the States of Guernsey* (States of Guernsey, 2018).
- Eilionóir Flynn, Mónica Pinilla-Rocancio and María Gómez-Carrillo de Castro, *Disability-Specific Forms of Deprivation of Liberty: Report on a Two-Year Project* (Centre for Disability Law and Policy, 2019).
- Eilionóir Flynn and María Gómez-Carrillo de Castro, *Good Practices to Promote the Right to Liberty of Persons with Disabilities* (Centre for Disability Law and Policy, 2019).
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- Conor Hanly, *Access to Justice, including crime victims* (EU Fundamental Rights Agency 2019).
- Conor Hanly (2018) *Criminal Detention in the EU - Conditions and Monitoring: Ireland* (EU Fundamental Rights Agency 2018).
- Catriona Moloney and Geoffrey Shannon, *Short Thematic Report on the Rights of the Child - Contribution to the Fundamental Rights Agency Annual Report 2018* (EU Fundamental Rights Agency 2018).
- Catriona Moloney, *European Semester Ireland's Country Report on Disability* (Academic Network of European Disability Experts 2019).
- Ray Murphy, *Contributor Profile Ireland 2018 -Providing for Peacekeeping* (International Peace Institute 2018).
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# Staff in the media



*In the past year, law school staff have featured prominently in the print and broadcast media writing and speaking on a wide variety of issues.*

**in the news**

# News from the Centres

## CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

### New Staff Appointments

- Jenny Dagg, Post Doctoral Researcher
- Aine Sperrin, Post Doctoral Researcher
- Joan Lally, Part Time Administrator
- Marie Ni Fhlatharta, Research Assistant
- Mary Faherty, Project Manager, DARE



(L to R) Maria Ni Fhlatharta, Dr Áine Sperrin, Dr Jenny Dagg and Professor Eilíonóir Flynn

### Re(al) Productive Justice: Gender and Disability Perspectives (Wellcome Trust)

Disabled people are often denied the right to make reproductive decisions, including decisions about fertility, contraception, pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. In many countries, there are specific laws criminalising sex with disabled people. There are also higher rates of sterilisation, and forced abortion among disabled women and girls than non-disabled women. This project will explore the legal regulation and the real life experiences of disabled people in Ireland in making reproductive decisions. As part of this project, disabled people will be invited to tell their stories of making, or being denied the opportunity to make, reproductive choices for themselves. The experiences shared in this project will be used to develop a toolkit for health and social care practitioners. This toolkit will be designed to encourage good practice in respecting the rights of disabled people to make reproductive decisions, and providing appropriate support so that they can make informed choices.



### CDLP Gold Medal Winner

Congratulations to Emily Cukalevski, winner of the Centre for Disability Law & Policy Gold Medal for Excellence 2018. The medal is awarded to the top student in the LLM International and Comparative Disability Law & Policy each year. Emily is now a Policy Adviser with the Disability Discriminations Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission



### Making rights real for those in prison

The Centre for Disability Law and Policy has embarked on a research project on prisoners with disabilities and their situation in Ireland. The findings will be presented next fall and include recommendations, an update of the 'Know Your Rights' booklet and a training guide for prison staff. This study has been commissioned by the Irish Penal Reform Trust, and includes a panel of representative organisations of persons with disabilities as advisory board. During the first meeting, a common concern for lack of accessibility and lack of support within prison was expressed, as well as heightened exposure to risk of violence and other human rights violations within prison. The team will look into existing literature, international and regional standards and interview different stakeholders, including

prisoners with disabilities. As an example, the European Court of Human Rights has found in several cases that the lack of accessibility and of appropriate support amounts to a violation of article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights (prohibition of torture). In a recent resolution (Resolution 2223 (2018)), the Council of Europe expressed deep concern for the situation of prisoners with disabilities and highlighted the lack of accessibility, reasonable accommodation and support, which expose them to violations of fundamental rights and degrading and discriminatory conditions of detention, amounting to a double punishment. This report hopes to provide some guidance in how to tackle the issues at stake and guarantee the rights of prisoners with disabilities in accordance with the human rights standards.

### Student Internships

- Claire Rommelaere is a teaching assistant in law and a researcher in bioethics at the University of Namur (Belgium). She is currently an intern at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, for her PhD partly focuses on the access to legal capacity for persons with disabilities.
- Grace Moulding is a Human Rights MA student from The University of Sussex and

is currently completing an internship here at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy. Her research focus surrounds awareness-raising and the disability advocacy sector.

- Nicole Meyer, Universität Hamburg - Erasmus + Student from March to September 2019.

### DARE Project

A new European-wide training network for early stage researchers in the field of disability rights secured received €4.1m in funding from the European Commission's Marie Curie programme in Autumn 2018. This network is known as the DARE Project (Disability Advocacy Research in Europe) and will be co-ordinated by the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland, Galway, with the collaboration of seven partner institutions: the Institute for Social and Political Sciences (Portugal), Maastricht University (Netherlands), University of Leeds

(UK), the European Disability Forum, the European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities, the University of Iceland and Swiss Paraplegic Research.



## IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

### Annual Doctoral Seminar

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted its 18th Annual Doctoral Seminar from 29 April-3 May 2019. PhD candidates and faculty were joined by visiting scholars Professor Ratna Kapur (QMW / Harvard / Symbiosis, Pune); Professor Noam Lubell (University of Essex); and Dr Lars

Waldorf (University of Dundee). The Doctoral Seminar is a vibrant and engaging event which comprises the highlight of the academic year for the community of doctoral students. During the seminar, PhD candidates had the opportunity to share part of their ongoing research and to receive

feedback from visiting academics, the Centre's faculty and their own peers. A variety of topics covering international criminal law, human rights, international humanitarian law and socio-legal studies featured during the week's presentations.



### Distinguished Lecture 'Gendering Counter-Terrorism' by Fionnuala Ní Aoláin

The Irish Centre for Human Rights co-hosted a Distinguished Lecture in April 2019 with the International Law Association (Irish Branch) on 'Gendering Counter-Terrorism' with Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, UN Special Rapporteur

on Counter-Terrorism. The chair was the Hon. Ms. Justice Iseult O'Malley of the Supreme Court. It can be viewed on YouTube via [www.bit.ly/2RM6LWG](http://www.bit.ly/2RM6LWG)



Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin and Professor Siobhán Mullally

### Holocaust Memorial Lecture – 'Genocide, the Holocaust, and the Lie of Racial Superiority'

Professor William A. Schabas, Emeritus Professor at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law delivered a Holocaust Memorial Lecture in January 2019 on the role that ideas of racial superiority played in the Holocaust. He discussed international efforts, including those of international law, to condemn notions of racial superiority, linking this to the Holocaust, but also to colonialism and the slave trade. He also talked briefly about his own family's experiences with Nazi racism and genocide.

The event was introduced by Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights and chaired by Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh, Registrar and Deputy President, NUI Galway.

## CENTRE FOR HOUSING LAW, RIGHTS AND POLICY (CHLRP)

### Launch of 'eConveyancing and Title Registration in Ireland'



(L to R) Dr Padraic Kenna (co-editor), Ms. Justice Mary Laffoy, Judge of the Supreme Court (retired) Sandra Murphy (co-editor), Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of School of Law and Ms. Justice Marie Whelan, Judge of the Court of Appeal.

A very successful launch of 'eConveyancing and Title Registration in Ireland' a co-edited book by Sandra Murphy, solicitor and Dr Padraic Kenna, took place in the President's Drawing Room in the Aula Maxima, National University of Ireland, Galway in March 2019. Ms. Justice Mary

Laffoy, Judge of the Supreme Court (retired) and President of the Law Reform Commission, launched the book with Dr Charles O'Mahony as Master of Ceremonies. The book, published by Clarus Press, follows a conference held in 2017, chaired by the Honourable Ms. Justice Mary Laffoy

and Mr. Justice Michael Peart and brought together national and international experts in the area of land law and conveyancing. The book represents a significant milestone in the development of a system of electronic conveyancing for Ireland.

### Workshop on EU Economic Governance and the Charter of Fundamental Rights Project

The first workshop in the EU Economic Governance and the Charter of Fundamental Rights Project took place in September 2018 in Galway. The workshop was attended by participant/experts from all over Europe and opened by the European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly. The project is organised by Dr Padraic Kenna of the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy NUI Galway, and funded by Open Society Initiative for Europe.



Dr Padraic Kenna, Cecilia Forrester, Community Action Network, Deirdre Halloran, Researcher on the Project and Dr Karen Lynch-Shally



# Clinical Legal Education

In academic year 2018-2019, the Clinical Placement cohort of students was the largest since its inception in academic year 2006-2007. There were 46 final year BCL and LLB students in the module. The numbers were bolstered by several new placement partners coming on board and by the extraordinarily successful Innocence Clinic offering led by visiting Fulbright Scholar Anne Driscoll, which some students received credit for under the rubric of the module. Two students were trainee contracts in Galway solicitors' firms on the basis of their outstanding performance during their clinical placements, which indicates how valuable the clinical legal education programme is for students, the law school and the wider legal community. The programme has also been the lead "feeder source" for the new full-time, year-long, placement programme which is being piloted in

academic year 2019-2020. It is hoped that there will again be new linkages and placement partners in the coming academic year. Please contact Larry Donnelly ([larry.donnelly@nuigalway.ie](mailto:larry.donnelly@nuigalway.ie)) if you are interested in partnering with the School of Law and providing current law students with a wonderful opportunity to obtain valuable experience and see how the theory they learn in the lecture theatre is applied in the "real world" of law practice and in law-related careers.

In terms of research on the clinical legal education programme, a survey has been sent and completed by a number of students from the first year of the Clinical Placement module to trace its impact on their career trajectory and progression. This is the first impact assessment of clinical legal education in Ireland and was discussed at the International

Journal of Clinical Legal Education annual conference and will form the basis of an article in that publication.

With respect to placements/externships more broadly, five of our students are participating in the Suffolk Law exchange programme and are now in the midst of course work with US law students and externships with, among others, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, a Judge of the Massachusetts District Court and the City of Boston Law Department. Five Suffolk Law students are here in Ireland and, having completed the recent Suffolk Law/NUIG Law Summer School, are undertaking placements with, among others, the Law Reform Commission, the General Counsel of Bio-Medical Research Ltd, the Law Centre of the Immigrant Counsel of Ireland and GLANLaw.

## Internal Moot Court Competition

The School of Law internal Moot Court Competition took place in the Galway Courthouse in February 2019 presided over by his Honour Judge Francis Comerford, judge of the Circuit Court. This year's competition saw our largest number of competitors yet, with thirty students from across our programmes participating in the moot. The competition culminates in the award of the Ross O'Driscoll Cup, named after the late Ross O'Driscoll, a School of Law graduate and barrister. The fifteen competing teams demonstrated excellent oral advocacy and rebuttal skills in presenting their arguments which this year involved a hypothetical workplace bullying action. Commending the teams for their professionalism and energetic arguments Judge Comerford ultimately declared the team of Kelly Dalton and Mary O'Rourke to be the overall winners. In a close second came the team of Aoife Cannon and Peo Mosepele.

Judge Comerford also singled out a number of other students for special mention: Hannah Finn, for her ability to engage with questions from the bench, and Massimo Austin and Bernard Cosgrove for their skill in rebutting the arguments of the opposing team. Well done!

The School would like to thank lecturers Conor Hanly, Padraic Kenna, Rónán Kennedy,



Judge Francis Comerford with the student mooters and Law School mentors

Rosemary Keogan, Nicola Murphy, Tom O'Malley, Shivaun Quinlivan, Ioanna Tourkochoriti and PhD students Stefano Angeleri, Jurgita Bukauskaite and Sahara Nankan for their generous contribution as mentors.

Particular thanks is also extended to his Honour Judge Comerford and to Ray Fitzgerald of the

Galway Courthouse for their contribution to and facilitation of the moot.

The competition is the culmination of the Moot Court module, an optional module which runs annually. Students interested in the module should contact Ursula Connolly at the School of Law ([ursula.connolly@nuigalway.ie](mailto:ursula.connolly@nuigalway.ie))

## Mooting Round-up

The School of Law continues to develop and expand on the number of students engaging with mooting. The *Novice Moot Competition*, organised by the School of Law and now in its third year, took place in November 2018 in the Galway Courthouse, presided over by Colleen Brownlee BL, and the *Tom O'Malley Moot*, organised by the student Law Society, took place in the Aula Maxima in March. The winners of the novice competition were Simeon Burke (1st BCL) who came first, Clodagh Killian (1st BA Law) and Emma Woulfe (1st B Corp Law) who came second, and runner-up Sarah O'Connor (1st BCL) who came third.

School of Law students also represented the University at the *DCU National Moot Competition* in Dublin in November. This year also saw our first *International and Comparative Business Law Moot*, with the final taking place in the Galway Courthouse in March, adjudicated by Mr Justice Michael Twomey of the High Court.

The School is indebted to the Galway Courthouse and the generous support of current and former colleagues of the School, including Colleen Brownlee BL and Judge Comerford, in continuing to grow mooting within the School of Law.



(L to R) Sarah O'Connor, Clodagh Killian, Colleen Brownlee BL, Simeon Burke, Emma Woulfe.

## Careers in Law Week 2018

We had a very successful and busy year of activities dedicated to careers. *Careers in Law Week*, an initiative by the School of Law organised by Ursula Connolly in conjunction with the Career Development Centre, took place in September 2018. The week included a *Law Fair* and a series of talks including Qualifying as a Solicitor and a Barrister, Alternative Careers in Law, and Jobs in the Public Sector and Human Rights. The Law Fair was attended by 17 firms

who got to meet the 270 or so students who attended the event.

In October 2018 we were delighted to welcome the Hon. Mr. Justice Tony O'Connor and the Hon. Mr. Justice Denis McDonald to the School of Law. They and their Judicial Assistants Morgane Conaty and NUIG BA Law (2014) graduate Jack McGrath, gave a fascinating talk on *Career Opportunities as a Judicial Assistant*.

The student Law Society also organised a number of very successful events, including an *Evening with the Galway Solicitors and Barristers Association* where students had an opportunity to talk with and hear from representatives from some of Galway's legal firms.

Further information on careers events can be obtained by contacting Dr Maureen O'Sullivan, Director of Student Career Development, directly at [maureen.osullivan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:maureen.osullivan@nuigalway.ie)



Pictured (L to R) Ms Ursula Connolly, Judicial assistant Mr Jack McGrath, Judicial assistant Ms Morgane Conaty, Hon. Mr Justice Denis McDonald, Hon. Mr Justice Tony O'Connor, and Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of School

## Professional Work Placement Programme 2018/19

This year we successfully piloted the new Professional Work Placement programme for 3rd year students in Civil Law and Corporate Law. Twenty-one students are excited to begin placements in September 2019 with reputable employers in Galway, Dublin, Clare and Sligo.

We are very thankful to all of the employers who supported the placement programme in this first year and look forward to building and strengthening our relationship with employers locally, nationally and internationally over the coming years as the program develops. Students are delighted to be working with the following organisations for the next academic year:

*Note: Many of these employers have multiple locations; address listed below is where our student(s) will be based.*

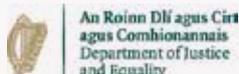
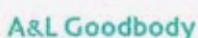
Berwick Solicitors, Galway; Ronan Daly Jermyn (RDJ), Galway; Horan & Son Solicitors, Galway; Catherine Murphy & Co. Solicitors, Headford, Co. Galway; Gearoid Geraghty & Company Solicitors, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway; Damien Tansey Solicitors, Sligo; Michael Houlihan & Partners, Ennis, Co. Clare.

In Dublin, A&L Goodbody, Matheson, Eversheds Sutherland, AMOSS Solicitors, CIE, Irish Water, the Immigrant Council of Ireland Independent Law Centre, the Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre, the Central Bank of Ireland and the Department of Justice and Equality.

The success of the pilot Professional Work Placement programme this year would not have been possible without the support of many staff across the School of Law. Many of our alumni from

the School of Law have offered support by way of placements, advice and mentoring to our students and we look forward to working closely with students, staff, alumni and employers as we build this programme over the coming years.

For further information or to discuss how to get involved in law placements please contact Larissa Lamb or Aisling Conroy, Placement Officer on 091 493610 or email [placement@nuigalway.ie](mailto:placement@nuigalway.ie)



# Conferences and Events

## Panel Discussion with Dr Mary Robinson on 'The Necessity of Advocacy'



Pictured (L to R) Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of School of Law; Mr. Justice Tony O'Connor, Gerry Liston Legal Officer, Global Legal Action Network; Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights; Dr Mary Robinson; Dr Gearóid O'Cuinn, Director, Global Legal Action Network; Professor Donncha O'Connell, NUI Galway and the Law Reform Commission; Professor Niamh Reilly, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway; Dr Maeve O'Rourke, Irish Council for Civil Liberties and Justice for Magdalenes.

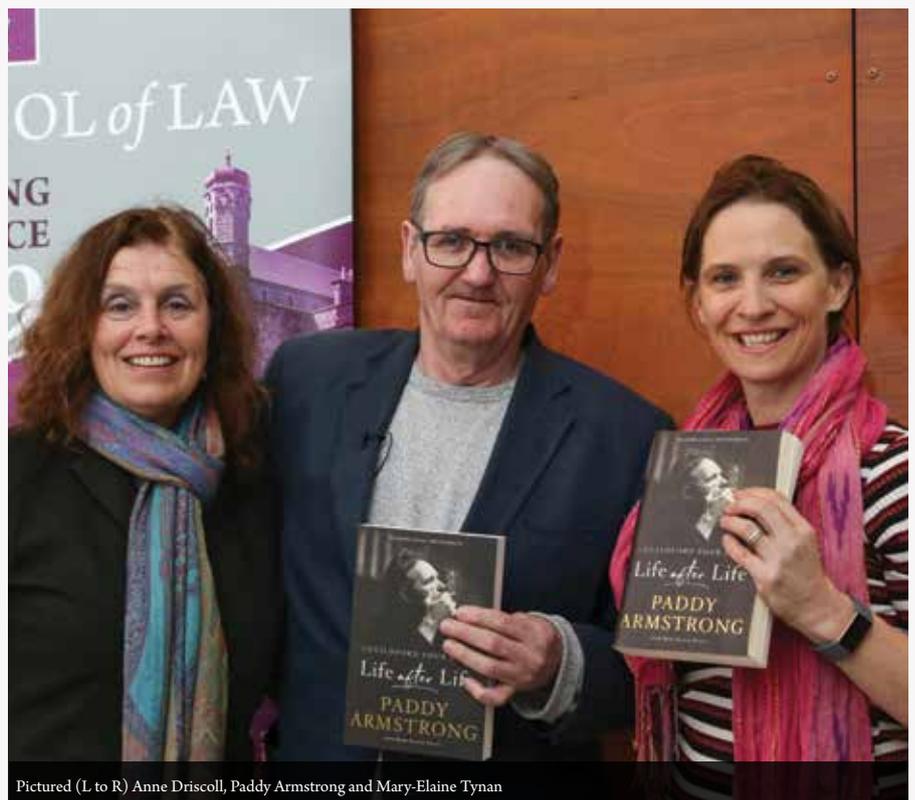


The Irish Centre for Human Rights and the School of Law hosted a panel discussion with Dr Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) and the first female President of Ireland (1990-1997), on the 'The Necessity of Advocacy' at NUI Galway in October 2018. A recording of the event can be watched on our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/user/NUIGSchoolofLaw](http://www.youtube.com/user/NUIGSchoolofLaw). Opening remarks were provided by Professor Siobhán Mullally and the event was chaired by Mr. Justice Tony O'Connor of the High Court.

## Life After Life: A Conversation with Guildford Four Member Paddy Armstrong and Journalist Mary-Elaine Tynan

The NUI Galway Innocence Clinic hosted an onstage-conversation with Paddy Armstrong, wrongfully convicted as part of the Guildford Four, and journalist Mary-Elaine Tynan in their first ever appearance in Galway in April 2019. As part of the programme, NUI Galway students, who have been investigating wrongful convictions with the NUI Galway Innocence Clinic, also highlighted their work in a panel discussion moderated by Mary-Elaine Tynan.

Armstrong and Tynan collaborated on *Life After Life: A Guildford Four Memoir*, which was published in 2017. The book is a nakedly honest and compelling exposure of Armstrong's experience being wrongfully convicted, its crushing aftermath and the ultimate restoration of his life.



Pictured (L to R) Anne Driscoll, Paddy Armstrong and Mary-Elaine Tynan

## 11th International Summer School

“The world’s largest Disability Law Summer School focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities took place in NUI Galway from 17-21 June. This was the 11th International Disability Law Summer School to be hosted by the University’s Centre for Disability Law and Policy. The overall theme of this year’s Summer School was ‘Persons with Disabilities and the Right to Family Life’.

The right to family life of persons with disabilities includes, but is not limited to, the right to form a family, the right to reproductive autonomy, the right to marry and enter civil partnerships, the right to privacy, the right of disabled children not to be separated from their families, the rights of persons with disabilities as parents, the right to information

about one’s biological family, the right to choose where and with whom to live on an equal basis with others, and the right to liberty.

The 11th International Disability Law Summer School explored creative advocacy to advance the right to family life from around the world, informed by the experiences of front-line advocates from social movements, academia, NGOs, policymakers and other stakeholders with different forms of expertise. The event spurred participants to think in a more inclusive way about the identities and contexts of constituencies who face barriers in exercising their right to family life and how we would ensure protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, not just in terms of anti-discrimination measures, but also in terms of

policies that promote human rights across a range of different environments and contexts.

210 delegates from over 50 countries took part in this year’s Summer School, including persons with disabilities, civil society groups, as well as disability activists, feminist activists, older people’s advocates, children’s rights activists, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts. The speakers included academics, practitioners, activists, members of different UN agencies and policy makers from around the world. Many of the speakers were directly and actively engaged in drafting and implementing the UN Convention. Freyja Haraldsdóttir from TABU, Iceland gave the keynote address at the Summer School.



## Launch of LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy

The Irish Centre for Human Rights launched the LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy in February 2019. Ms Gráinne O’Hara, Head of the Department of International Protection at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, gave the keynote address reflecting on her experience of working with refugees in Mexico, the former Yugoslavia, Burundi, Sudan (Darfur), the US, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. Ms O’Hara also spoke to the need for highly qualified postgraduates in the area of migration and forced displacement, both at the policy level and in the field.

The LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law will commence in September 2019 and is the only course of its kind on offer in an Irish university. The programme enables the development of expertise in international, regional and domestic law, policy and practice in the areas of migration, human trafficking and refugee law. There is the opportunity to combine the study of international migration with specialised courses in international humanitarian law and peace operations, gender and law, child rights, and international criminal law.



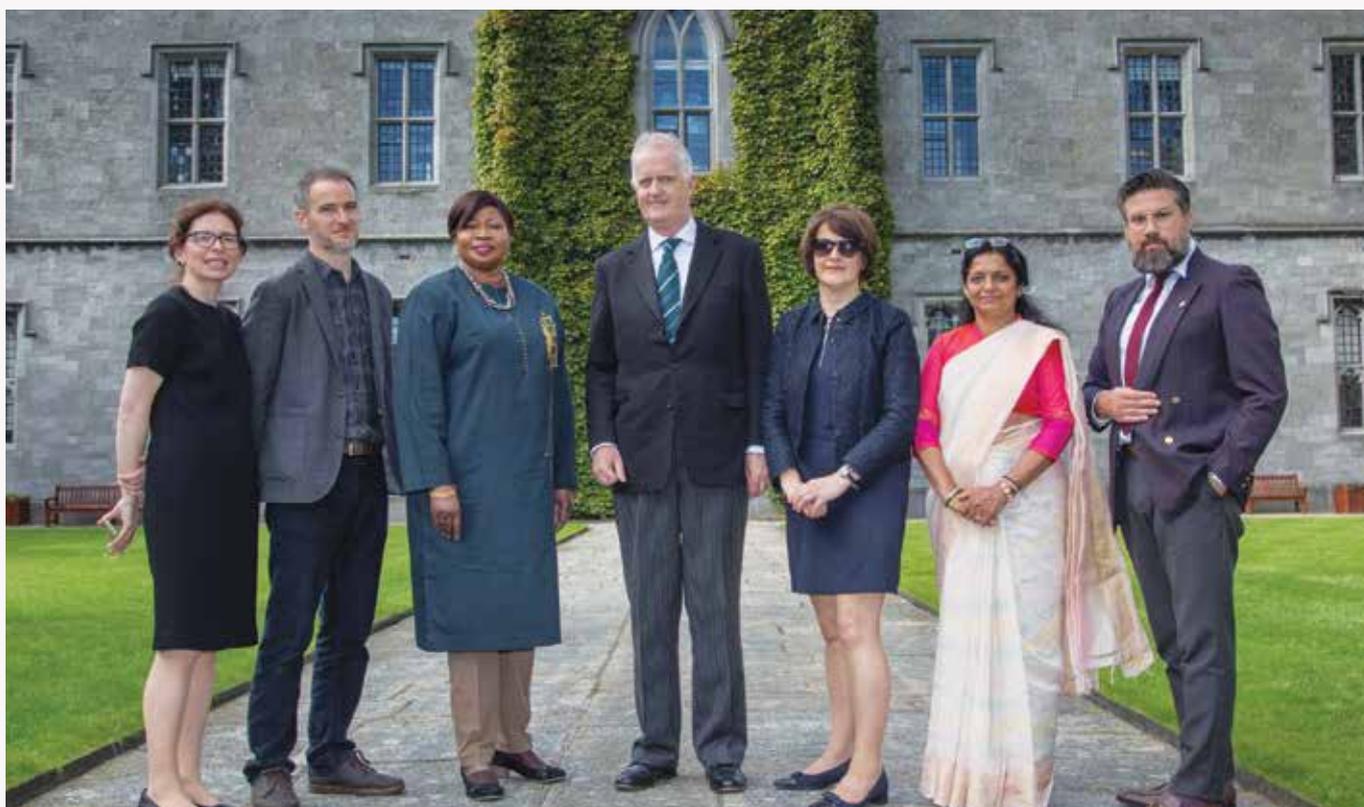
(L to R) Professor John McHale, Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law; Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights; Dr Ciara Smyth, LLM Programme Director; Ms Gráinne O’Hara, Director of International Protection, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Mr Enda O’Neill, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

## Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at 20th Anniversary Summer School at NUI Galway

Ms Fatou Bensouda, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court delivered a public lecture in June 2019 during this year's annual Summer School on the International Criminal Court. This special event marked the 20th anniversary of this world-renowned Summer School hosted each year by the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the School of Law.

Prosecutor Bensouda delivered a lecture entitled "Whither a ruled-based global order and the import of international criminal justice", during an event jointly hosted by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and chaired by Supreme Court judge Peter Charleton.

"We were honoured to welcome Prosecutor Bensouda to NUI Galway and to the 20th anniversary Summer School", said Dr Shane Darcy, organiser of the annual Summer School. "She offered her insights on the Court's role in a rule-based global order and on the challenges currently facing international criminal justice".



On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Summer School on the International Criminal Court pictured l-r are Bridín O'Donoghue, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dr Shane Darcy, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Ms Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Peter Charleton, Supreme Court of Ireland, Professor Siobhán Mullally, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Professor Shashikala Gurpur, Symbiosis Law School, and Sam Shoamaneesh, International Criminal Court.

## Policing, Human Rights & Communities Conference

A conference on 'Policing, Human Rights & Communities' hosted by the School of Law and Irish Centre for Human Rights with support from Government of Ireland/Rialtas na hÉireann took place in April 2019. The conference focused on the main recommendations of the Report of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland, published in September 2018, which acknowledged human rights as the core purpose of policing and committed unequivocally to the ideal of policing with communities. The conference also considered new arrangements for national security that are being put in place as part of the implementation plan for the Commission's report.

Speakers included the Minister for Justice & Equality, Charles Flanagan, TD, and Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Drew Harris, Emily Logan, the Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission, Liam Herrick, the Executive Director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Professor Maura Conway of Dublin



City University, Dr Mick Feehan, former Assistant Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Dr Sindy Joyce, Human Rights Activist and Member of the Council of State and Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway.

Recording of the sessions can be accessed on our YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/user/NUIGSchoolofLaw](https://www.youtube.com/user/NUIGSchoolofLaw)

## VOICES Exhibition

The VOICES Project, based under Professor Eilionóir Flynn at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, held an exhibition to mark the publication of their edited collection and the completion of the project in October 2018 at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in Dublin.

The edited collection entitled, 'Global Perspectives on Legal Capacity Reform: Our Voices, Our Stories' is the culmination of the project and features 14 co-authored chapters by authors from 12 countries. The book is structured across four thematic areas – criminal responsibility, contractual capacity, consent to medical treatment, and consent to sex and relationships with each chapter featuring the lived experience of a person with a disability and a legal response in line with Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The exhibition included a poster of each chapter as well as an object and quote which captured its core theme.

The exhibition was also run in Galway at the Institute for Lifecourse and Society, NUI Galway in November/December to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the 3rd December 2018.

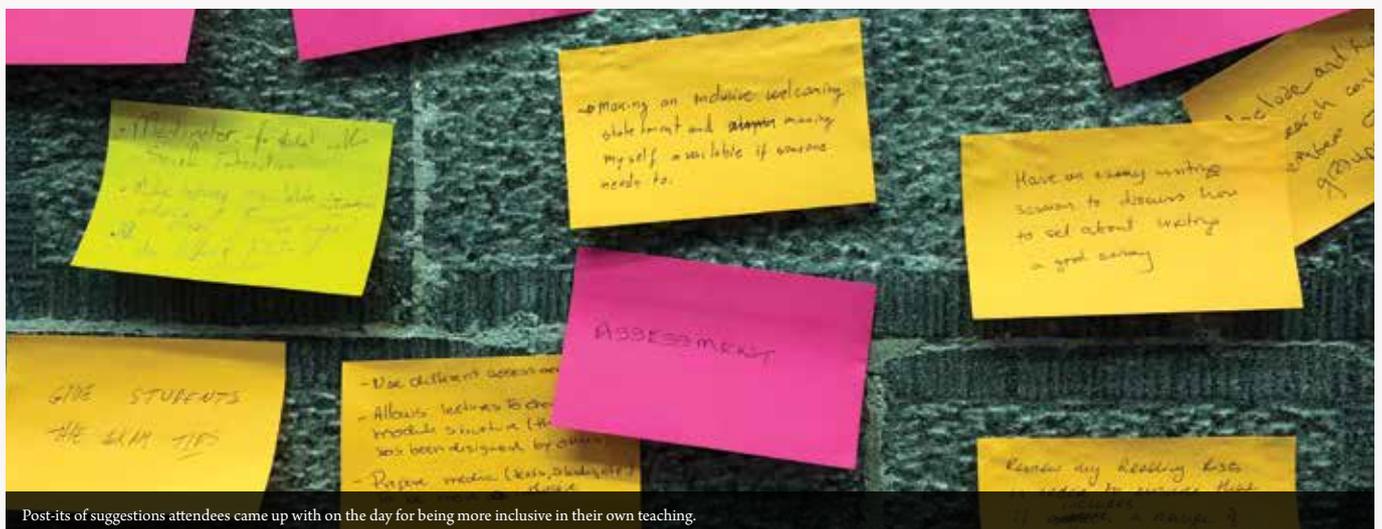


## Training Workshop on Inclusive Teaching and Learning Practice

Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley are co-leading a flagship project on inclusive learning in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law. The first training workshop took place in October 2018. The project seeks to identify barriers to learning faced by different student groups, such as international students, students with disabilities, LGBT+ students and students of different genders (including parents). The project then aims to improve the experience of students by developing strategies to address these barriers. Key initiatives to date include a series of workshops on inclusive learning, which are open to all teaching staff, an online training module in universal design for learning, and the Dean's Awards for Inclusive Teaching, inaugurated in 2018. The project is supported by the NUI Galway Student Project Fund.



Workshop organisers Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley (Vice Dean for Teaching and Learning), Dr Shivaun Quinlivan (Vice Dean for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion), Dr Sharon Flynn (Assistant Director, CELT) and Mr Cameron Keighron (NUI Galway Students' Union Education Officer).



Post-its of suggestions attendees came up with on the day for being more inclusive in their own teaching.

## Medical Litigation Conference

A conference on Medical Litigation, organised by Ursula Connolly of the School of Law and Mr Stephen Kearns, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Bon Secours Hospital, took place in October

2019. Addressing issues such as informed consent in medical negligence, giving expert evidence, the duty of candour, and open disclosure, the conference was attended by over 100 delegates

from the legal and medical professions. The School of Law was honoured to have Mr Justice Nicholas Kearns deliver the keynote address.



(L to R) Mr Justice Nicholas Kearns, Margaret Muldowney, Damian Tansey, Ursula Connolly and Stephen Kearns

## Summer Schools for Secondary School Students – Now in its 7th Year

Nicola Murphy organised a Summer School in Law for secondary school students in June 2019. The summer school provided participants with an insight into studying law at NUI Galway. Students travelled from all over the country to participate. Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of the School of Law, welcomed the students to the university and spoke about studying at the School of Law. Dr Conor Hanly introduced students to Criminal Law; Dr John Danaher showcased examples of Loopholes

in the Law; Dr Brian Tobin led a session on the Regulation of Surrogacy in Ireland; and Dr Connie Healy and Larry Donnelly led exercises in "Street Law" developed at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. The students also had an opportunity to meet with current students of the School of Law and learn about the different undergraduate law programmes that we offer. Dr Máire Áine Ní Mhainín and Dr Deirdre Byrnes, from the School of Languages, Literatures

and Cultures, spoke about the opportunity to study French, German and Spanish, and Nicola Murphy and Dr Conor Hanly outlined the many exciting opportunities there are to study throughout Europe and internationally as part of the undergraduate law programmes offered at NUI Galway. Students also learned about the wide-ranging options available to them after graduation both as members of the legal profession (solicitors and barristers) and in alternative careers in law.



## Suffolk Summer School



Larry Donnelly, a Suffolk University Law School (SULS) graduate, and Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation in the School of Law, together with Professor Sara Dillon of SULS, organised the annual SULS/NUIG Law summer school that ran in May 2019. The summer school builds upon the pre-existing partnership between the two law schools, which was established to capitalise on the many close ties between Boston and Galway. For the past several years, students from both law schools have travelled to the other side of the Atlantic to avail of a short programme of academic courses and internships.

This summer, NUIG Law students Alexander Burke (Judge Thomas Kaplanes of the Massachusetts District Court), Darra Deane (City of Boston Law Department), Paige Donnelly (Suffolk County District Attorney's Office), Andrew O'Dwyer (DHAR Law) and Mary O'Rourke (Suffolk County District Attorney's Office) studied and worked in Boston. And SULS students completed internships with the Law Reform Commission, the Immigrant Council of Ireland's law centre, the general counsel at Bio-Medical Research Ltd and GLANLaw.

The summer school, which is held on the campus of NUI Galway, was taught this year by Professor Sarah Boonin and Professor Steven Ferrey of SULS with contributions from various members of School of Law staff, including a module by Larry Donnelly and Dr Conor Hanly on aspects of Irish and comparative law.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to Twitter headquarters in Dublin with presentations from the public policy team and the chief legal counsel for the EMEA region; a panel discussion at the offices of the European Commission in Dublin on the law and policy of climate change; and a visit to the Brothers of Charity in Galway where law students heard from the organisation's advocacy council representatives and others.

The summer school has expanded every year and there were more than 30 participants in 2019, including staff and students from the two law schools. Recent School of Law graduates are invited to take part in the 2020 summer school (those interested should contact [Larry.Donnelly@nuigalway.ie](mailto:Larry.Donnelly@nuigalway.ie)).

# Alumni News

## Alumni Awards



(L to R) Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President of NUI Galway; Grainne McMorrow and Padraic Brennan, Partner in Charge Ronan Daly Jermyn

Congratulations to Grainne McMorrow, Senior Counsel who was presented with the NUI Galway Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy and Government (sponsored by Ronan Daly Jermyn) in March 2019. Grainne completed her BA at NUI Galway in 1980 and her LLB in 1983, before calling to the Bar in 1988 and then the Inner Bar in 2000. The award was kindly sponsored by Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors.

## Dr Tarlach McGonagle



Congratulations and best wishes to Dr Tarlach McGonagle, NUI Galway graduate (BA, 1997), who was appointed as professor of Media Law in the Information Society in May 2019. The Chair is established by the Leiden University Fund (LUF) and is situated within the department of Constitutional and Administrative law. Tarlach is also a senior researcher/lecturer at the Institute for Information Law (IVI), Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam.

## Judicial Appointments



Judge John O'Connor

Congratulations to Judge John O'Connor, alumni of the School of Law (LLB 1984), who was appointed to the Circuit Court in February 2019. He was appointed to the District Court in 2012.



Judge John Hughes

Congratulations also to John Hughes, an LLB (1993) graduate who was appointed as a District Court Judge in October 2018. John was enrolled as a Solicitor in 1996 and is also a CEDR Accredited Mediator and has been State Solicitor for County Offaly since 2013.



Deirdre Fottrell, QC

Congratulations to our distinguished alumna, Deirdre Fottrell, QC, who was appointed a Deputy High Court judge in the UK in September 2018. Deirdre is a BA (1989) and LLB (1992) graduate who practises mainly in the areas of Child and Family Law.

## Andrea Broderick



Dr Andrea Broderick, a graduate of the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy at the Centre for Disability Law & Policy, was chosen out of 7 academic nominees of high calibre and was awarded the prestigious Edmond Hustinx Prize (€15,000) in September 2018 for her recent research activities on equality and accessibility for persons with disabilities. According to the jury awarding the prize: "In a short period of time, Dr Broderick built up a very good reputation in the field of disability law and the law of equal treatment generally. She publishes in the major international journals in this field and

is in the final stage of co-authoring a textbook on International and European Disability Law to be published with Cambridge University Press. She is also in high demand as a speaker at conferences around Europe and a much-appreciated lecturer in a range of different courses in both Maastricht and Hasselt University. The Edmond Hustinx Prize will provide her with vital resources to undertake this research".

After completing her undergraduate degree (BA 2005) and LLM (2011) at NUI Galway, Andrea went on to complete her PhD at Maastricht University under the framework of the DREAM (Disability Rights Expanding Accessible Markets) network of researchers. She is currently an Assistant Professor in International and European Law in the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University. She gave a seminar on 'The European Court of Human Rights and the Human Rights Model of Disability: Convergence, Fragmentation and Future Perspectives' in May 2019 to current Centre for Disability Law & Policy students.

## Alumni

We would like to hear from you, wherever you are in the world. Alumni Links is an annual online newsletter produced by the Alumni Relations Office to keep you connected. To submit your class note, please email [alumni@nuigalway.ie](mailto:alumni@nuigalway.ie) or visit [www.nuigalway.ie/alumni-friends/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/alumni-friends/)

## Tomás Ó Síocháin



Comhghairdeachas le Tomás Ó Síocháin, céimí den chéad rang BCorp Law in 1993, a ceapadh ina Phríomhfhéidhmeannach ar Choimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair, an WDC. Tomás joined the WDC from NUI Galway, where he was External Engagement Programme Manager and led the incorporation of Shannon College of Hotel Management into NUI Galway. Tomás previously spent more than 14 years as an editor and journalist with RTÉ and TG4.

# New Undergraduate Programmes in 2020

We are delighted to announce the launch of our Bachelor of Law & Taxation and Bachelor of Law Criminology & Criminal Justice degrees, new in September 2020. We have made significant changes to our undergraduate law programmes over the past year with the successful launch of the ground-breaking Bachelor of Law & Human Rights in September 2019 and the revamped Bachelor of Law & Business.

## Bachelor of Law Criminology and Criminal Justice

This is a unique degree offering in Ireland for students with an interest in both law and the fields of criminology and criminal justice. Students have the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law degree with an additional specialisation that focuses on the causes of crime and the operation of the criminal justice system.

Students will have access to world-class academics that specialise in the fields of criminal law, criminal justice, criminology, psychology and human rights.

Students will have the opportunity to work in firms with a substantial practice in criminal law, a statutory agency that has a criminal justice remit or national and international non-governmental organisations (NGO). Students on placement will be able to see the criminal justice system in action, thereby supplementing their academic education with practical experience.

As an alternative to a work placement, students can also study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience their academic education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on law, criminology and criminal justice.



### Career Opportunities

On graduation, students will have completed all the modules required to support them to undertake the entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland, should they wish to qualify as a solicitor. Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all additional modules required by the Honourable Society of King's Inns, through the Legal Professions specialised stream in the final year.

Graduates of the Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice programme will be well prepared to

pursue career opportunities with criminal justice agencies (such as the Gardaí, Courts Service) as well as the non-governmental sector, international organisations, statutory agencies and research institutes.

This degree will also provide an excellent platform for graduates interested in working outside of the professions as more and more areas of life are legally regulated. The comprehensive grounding in the law and criminal justice process that graduates receive during this degree will make students attractive to a wide range of potential employers in industry and the public sector.

## Bachelor of Law and Taxation

Taxation is a key component of global business in today's commercial world. Law firms are expanding their practice in the area of taxation, creating an increased demand for law graduates with a knowledge of taxation. This degree will provide students with the knowledge and skills for legal practice, taxation or both.

This distinctive degree allows students to combine the study of a full undergraduate law degree with taxation. Students also have the opportunity to explore related subjects such as Business and Commercial Law, Accountancy, Economics, Digital Business and Management.

Students will have completed all the modules required to support them to undertake the entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland, should they wish to qualify as a solicitor. Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all additional modules required by the Honourable Society of King's Inns, through the Legal Professions specialised stream in the final year.

Graduates may also be eligible for exemptions from the Irish Taxation Institute and other similar professional awarding bodies.



### Career Opportunities

Commercial law firms are expanding their expertise in taxation to respond to international markets and the growing demand for legal expertise to support global operations.

Taxation is an emerging career pathway in the area of law and business. Graduates of this

programme will have many options to support a successful career in law, taxation or both.

A solicitor working in a tax team would provide expert advice on topics such as commercial transactions, capital markets, financial transactions, investment banking, mergers and acquisitions, tax planning and litigation.



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