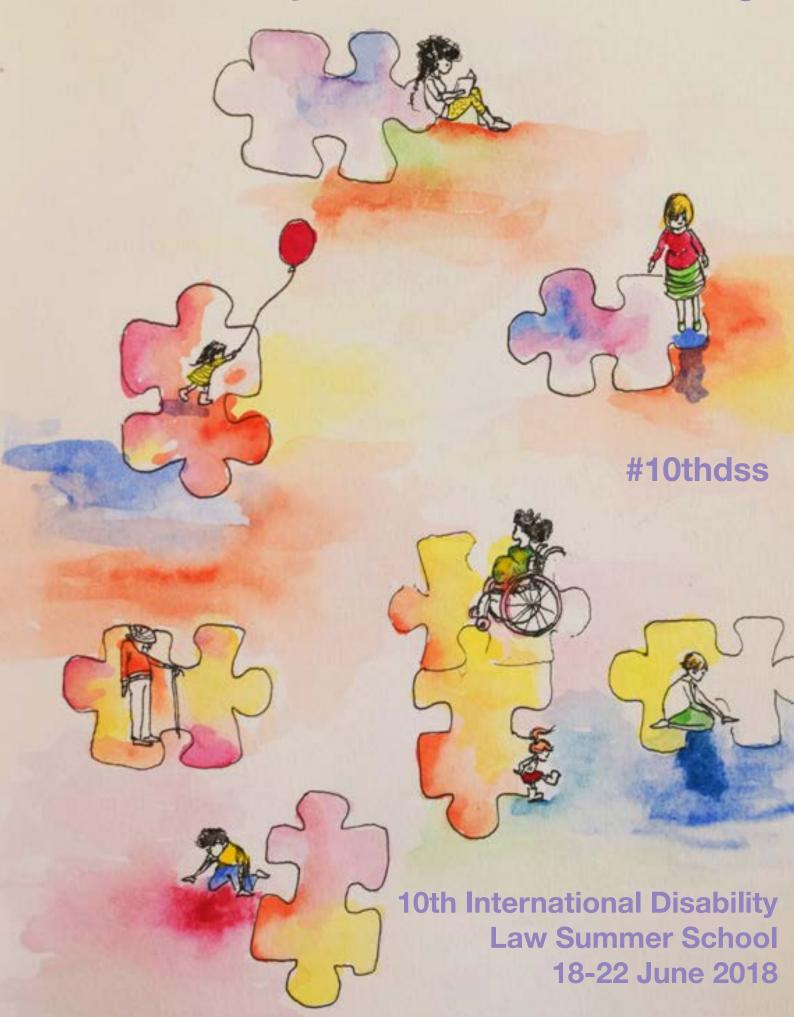
### **Moving Forward:**

Intersectionality as a tool of social change



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### 10th International Disability Law Summer School

18-22 JUNE 2018

### Introduction to the 2018 Programme

In recent years, the Summer School has adopted a general theme. The overall theme of this year's Summer School is intersectionality of gender, disability and age.

The combined effect of discrimination on the basis of disability on women, children, and older persons has had and continues to have devastating consequences for the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in both the public and private spheres around the world.

The 10th International Disability Law Summer School will explore creative advocacy in terms of intersectionality from around the world. It will learn from advocates from social movements, academia, NGOs, policymakers and other stakeholders with different forms of expertise. It will facilitate participants to think in a more inclusive way about all the identities and contexts of all people with disabilities and how we can ensure protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, not just in terms of discrimination against persons with disabilities, but also in terms of policies that promote human rights across a range of different environments and contexts.

The proceedings will be highly interactive – including roundtables and conversations between speakers, with plenty space for questions and answers. The proceedings will be video recorded and placed on the Centre's YouTube site.

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### Day 1: Monday 18 June

### **About Today**

### Introduction to the CRPD

Day 1 will provide participants with a general introduction to the CRPD. Leaders from the global disability rights movement will participate in a roundtable discussion and will provide inside knowledge of how the treaty came about as well as sharing their experiences and stories from the negotiation process. This will be of interest to those familiar with the CRPD as well as those who are new to this topic. The keynote address will be delivered by the Chairperson of the CRPD Committee with a response from an Irish perspective. At the end of the day participants will be introduced to the moot court exercise which attendees will take part in on Day 5.

8:15 - 9:15	Registration
9:15 - 9:25	Welcome to the University and the Summer School Prof. Lokesh Joshi. Vice-President for Research, NUI Galway.
9:25 - 9:45	Welcome to the Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP) Dr. Eilionóir Flynn. Director of the CDLP, NUI Galway.
9:45 - 10:00	Introduction of the 10th International Disability Law Summer School Dr. María Laura Serra. Co-director of the 10th International Disability Law

### Dr. María Laura Serra. Co-director of the 10th Intern Summer School

### **10:00 - 10:30** Keynote Address

Prof. Theresia Degener. Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Professor of Law and Disability Studies, Protestant University of Applied Studies.

### 10:30 - 10:45 Response

Dr. Mary Keogh. Director of Disability Inclusive Development Initiative, CBM International.

### 10:45 - 11:00 Questions and Answers

**11:00 – 11:20** Tea and Coffee Break

### **11:20 – 1:00** Introduction to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Facilitated by Prof. Kieran Walsh. Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, NUI Galway.

### **CRPD Obligations**

- Prof. Rosemary Kayess. Senior Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales.

### **CRPD** Reservations and Declarations

- Dr. Ciara Smyth. School of Law, NUI Galway.

### **Questions and Answers**

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

### 2:00 - 3:30 Roundtable: How the Treaty Came About - the Real Experiences and Challenges

Facilitated by Dr. Charles O'Mahony. Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway.

- Prof. Rosemary Kayess. Senior Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales.
- Prof. Amita Dhanda. National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR).
- Prof. Theresia Degener. Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Professor of Law and Disability Studies, Protestant University of Applied Studies.
- Prof. Gábor Gombos. Adjunct Professor at the CDLP, NUI Galway and Disability Rights Defender.

### **Questions and Answers**

**3:30 – 3:45** Tea and Coffee Break

**3:45 – 5:00** Preparation for the Moot Court

### Day 2: Tuesday 19 June

### **About Today**

### Introduction to Intersectionality

Day 2 will provide participants with an introduction to intersectionality as a tool of social change as well as a tool to achieve equality. Leading contributors will speak from different perspectives about intersectionality and its relationship to some key rights in the CRPD, such as legal capacity and community living. Participants will also learn about the challenges faced in exercising the rights to legal capacity and independent living around the world and how intersectionality can be used to address these.

> Chair: Prof. Siobhan Mullally. Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway.

8:30 - 9:15 Registration

9:15 - 11:00 What is Intersectionality Anyway?

- Prof. Mary Romero. Professor of Justice Studies and Social Inquiry at Arizona State
- Eleanor Lisney. Co-founder and Coordinator Sisters of Frida

**11:00 - 11:20** Tea and Coffee Break

11:20 - 12:00 Legal Capacity, Personhood and Intersectionality

- Prof. Amita Dhanda. National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR).

**Questions and Answers** 

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 Community Living and Intersectionality - Intergenerational and Disability **Perspectives** 

- Prof. Luke Clements. Cerebra Professor of Law and Social Justice at the School of Law, Leeds University.
- Phyl Kennedy Bruen. Parent and Disability Rights Campaigner.

**Questions and Answers** 

3:30 - 3:45 Tea and Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:00 Roundtable on global challenges in legal capacity and independent living. Intersectional responses.

Facilitated by the chair

- Michael Njenga. Executive Council Member Africa Disability Forum.
- Stella Reicher. Pontificia Universidade de Católica de São Paulo.
- Prof. Gábor Gombos. Adjunct Professor at CDLP, NUI Galway and Disability Rights Defender.

**Questions and Answers** 

5:30 - 7:30 Poster Presentation and Wine Reception



### Day 3: Wednesday 20 June

### **About Today**

### Intersections of ableism, sexism and ageism

Drawing on the framework of the previous days, Day 3 provides a deeper exploration of intersectionality. Through conversational panels and roundtables, speakers will debate the intersections of ableism with sexism and ageism. The speakers bring different kinds of knowledge and expertise to these discussions, which triggers a more powerful debate about these intersections. Specific global challenges which can be addressed from an intersectional perspective such as the global migration crisis will also be discussed.

Chair: Prof. Anne Scott. Vice-President for Equality and Diversity. NUI Galway.

8:00 - 8:30 Registration8:30 - 9:15 Preparation for the Moot Court

9:15 - 11:00 Intersections of Disability and Ageing: Between Ableism and Ageism

Facilitated by Nena Georgantzi. Human Rights Officer, AGE Platform Europe and Ph.D. Candidate, CDLP, NUI Galway.

A conversation between:

- Prof. Soledad Cisternas. UN Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility.
- Ms. Rosa Kornfeld. Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons.

### **Questions and Answers**

**11:00 - 11:20** Tea and Coffee Break

11:20 - 1:00 Intersections of Disability and Gender: Between Ableism and Sexism

Facilitated by Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley. Associate Head of Teaching and Learning, School of Law and Vice-Dean for Teaching and Learning, College of Business, Public Policy and Law, NUI Galway.

- Stephanie Ortoleva. Founding President and Executive Director of Women Enabled International.
- Melissa Upreti. Member of the UN Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice.

### **Questions and Answers**

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

### 2:00 - 3:40 Intersections of Disability and Youth

Facilitated by Prof. Gerard Quinn, Professor Emeritus in Law, NUI Galway, Wallenberg Chair, Faculty of Law, University of Lund, and Chair, Leeds University School of Law, Disability Law Hub.

### A conversation between:

- Dr. Ignacio Campoy Cervera. Senior Lecturer, Instituto de Derechos Humanos Bartolomé de las Casas, Universidad Carlos III.
- Sergio Meresman and Natalia Farias. META Juvenil.

### **Questions and Answers**

**3:30 – 3:45** Tea and Coffee Break

### 3:45 - 5:00 Challenging times: Disability Rights in the Global Migration Crisis

Facilitated by Dr. Ioanna Tourkochoriti. School of Law, NUI Galway.

- Emina Ćerimović. Researcher, Disability Rights Division. Human Rights Watch.
- Roberto Pla Cordero. Technical Advisor, Handicap International.

### **Questions and Answers**

6:30 Evening Social Activity: A BBQ for the participants at the Galmont Hotel & Spa (formerly the Radission Hotel)



### Day 4: Thursday 21 June

### **About Today**

### Intersectionality, Non-Discrimination and Social Change

Day 4 begins with a panel discussion about intersectionality in the work of the UN. In this panel, members of UN agencies will discuss how they use intersectional approaches in their work. A panel about the inclusion of disabled people in broader social movements and civil society campaigns follows this discussion. The central idea of this panel is to discuss how campaigns can include all social groups as well as how different social groups can help each other and reinforce solidarity.

A major focus of Day 4 is reproductive justice. This topic is divided into two panels, one for abortion and disability with speakers from different perspectives talking about the implications of access to safe and legal abortion and the rights of persons with disabilities. The other panel is about forced sterilisation where international and comparative perspectives will be discussed.

8:30 - 9:15 Registration

### 9:15 - 11:00 Intersectionality in the Work of the UN

Panel discussion facilitated by Victoria Lee. Programme Manager, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

- Dr. Samuel Kabue. Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Velina Todorova. Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- Melissa Upreti. Member of the UN Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice.

**Questions and Answers** 

### 11:00 - 11:20 Tea and Coffee Break

### 11:20 - 1:00 Panel Discussion on Intersectional Approaches in Civil Society: Inclusive Social **Action Movements**

Panel discussion facilitated by Andrea Parra. Director of Advocacy, CREA.

- Suzy Byrne. Disability Activist and Co-chairperson Disabled People of Ireland.
- Evie Nevin. Founder of Disabled People Together for Yes and Disability Rights Activist.

- Simmy Ndlovu. Dedicated Community Activist.

### **Questions and Answers**

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

### 2:00 - 3:30 Challenging debates: Disability and Reproductive Justice

Facilitated by Andrea Parra. Director of Advocacy, CREA.

### **Abortion and Disability**

- Stephanie Ortoleva. Founding President and Executive Director of Women
- Prof. Siobhan Mullally. Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI
- Emma Burns. Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway.

### **Questions and Answers**

### 3:30 - 3:45Tea and Coffee Break

### 3:45 - 5:15 Challenging debates: Disability and Reproductive Justice

Facilitated by Suzy Byrne. Disability activist and Co-chairperson Disabled People of Ireland.

### Forced sterilisation

- Andrea Parra. Director of Advocacy, CREA.
- Natalia Acevedo Guerrero. Lawyer and activist for women with disabilities' rights.
- Magdalena Szarota. Association of Disabled Women ONE.pl. and Centre for Disability Research, Lancaster University.

### **Questions and Answers**

### 6:00 - 8:30 10th International Disability Law Summer School Celebration at Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway. Wine reception and entertainment.

### Day 5: Friday 22 June

### **About Today**

### **Moot Court Competition**

The purpose of Day 5 is to provide participants with an opportunity to apply the knowledge and expertise acquired during the Summer School through a participatory group exercise. Participants are provided with a fact scenario for a moot court competition framed by an oral hearing at the CRPD Committee. The objective of this exercise is to put forward arguments based on the knowledge acquired over the week.

Chair: Prof. Rosemary Kayess. Senior Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

### **8:30 - 9:15** Registration

### 9:15 - 11:15 Moot court Competition

Oral arguments of the teams before mock UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

### **Moot Court Judges:**

- Prof. Rosemary Kayess. Senior Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales.
- Dr. Samuel Kabue. Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Dr. Ignacio Campoy Cervera. Senior Lecturer, Instituto de Derechos Humanos Bartolomé de las Casas, Universidad Carlos III.

11:15 - 11:30 Tea and Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:00 Deliberation of mock UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and announcement of decision.

### 12:00 - 13:00 Close and Award of Certificates

Finian McGrath TD, Minister of State attending Government and Minister of State at the Departments of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Justice & Equality and Health with special responsibility for Disabilities.

- Presentation of Certificates for attendance at Summer School to participants.
- Certificate for best moot team.
- Certificate for best poster presentation.

### **13:00 - 13:30** Closing Remarks

Dr. Charles O'Mahony. Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway Finian McGrath TD, Minister of State with special responsibility for Disabilities

### **13:30** Lunch

### Natalia Acevedo Guerrero

Natalia is a lawyer with a minor in History from Universidad de los Andes at Bogota, Colombia and holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Her work has focused on public interest law, medical and healthcare litigation and public politics, constitutional law and International Law of Human Rights.



### Emma Burns

Emma Burns is an Irish Research Council-funded Ph.D. Candidate at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway. Her research explores the participation of people with intellectual disabilities in public and political life. Emma is also Co-Convener of the rural civil society group Tipp for Choice and a contributor to the disability rights policy and advocacy work of the Abortion Rights Campaign. She holds an MA in Sociology (Applied Social Research) from the University of Limerick and a BSc in International Studies from the Open University.



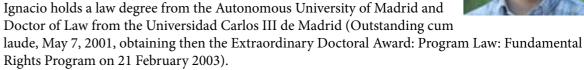
### Suzy Byrne

Suzy Byrne is a disabled woman who has over 25 years experience working on equality and disability issues. She has also written and commented extensively on issues affecting disabled people in Ireland. She is currently working on building a disabled people's movement to advocate for the full implementation and monitoring of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD).



### Ignacio Campoy Cervera

Ignacio Campoy Cervera is Senior Lecturer with tenure at the International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department of the University Carlos III of Madrid and Member of the Institute of Human Rights "Bartolomé de las Casas", of the same University.



His research interests have focused mainly on children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, the rights of children with disabilities, the right to a quality inclusive education, the concept and grounds of human rights, and the Rule of Law.



OGRAPHIE

### Lucy-Ann Buckley

Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley is the Vice Dean for Teaching and Learning in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law. She is also the Associate Head of Teaching and Learning in the School of Law, where she lectures in Equality Law, Labour Law and Equity. Dr Buckley specialises in equality law and policy, particularly in relation to gender and disability, and in family property. Her masters research thesis, for which she was awarded first class honours,



was on the law of sexual harassment, while her doctoral research examined financial provision on marital breakdown in Ireland. She is also active in international policy development, contributing to the draft Joint Statement Towards Inclusive Social Protection Systems Supporting the Full and Effective Participation of Persons With Disabilities prepared by the International Labour Organisation in 2015-2016. Most recently, in 2018, she acted as an expert advisor to the States of Guernsey in relation to the development of disability equality legislation.

### Emina Ćerimović

Emina Ćerimović conducts research and advocacy on human rights abuses against persons with disabilities and works on issues related to migration. Ćerimović has investigated police abuse of migrants and asylum seekers in Serbia and Macedonia and has researched abuses against refugees with disabilities in Greece. Ćerimović holds a law degree from the University of Sarajevo and a LLM degree in Human Rights with a Specialization in EU Law from the Central



### Luke Clements

European University in Budapest.

Luke Clements is the Cerebra Professor of Law and Social Justice at the School of Law, Leeds University specialising in public law and human rights proceedings on behalf of socially excluded groups. He has advised on many cases before the Commission and Court of Human Rights including the first Roma case to reach that court, Buckley v. UK (1996) as well as DH v Czech Republic (2007).



Luke represents disabled people and their carers as well as acting as an adviser for many of the UK's leading charities. In 2013 Luke was the special advisor to the UK Parliamentary Select Committee that scrutinised the draft Bill that became the 'Care Act 2014'.

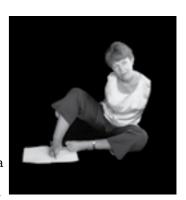
He has written widely including Community Care & the Law (Legal Action Group 2017); Disabled People and the Right to Life (Routledge 2008 jointly with Janet Read); The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: a New Right to Independent Living?' in The European Human Rights Law Review Issue 4 2008 (jointly with Camilla Parker); and Disabled People and European Human Rights (Policy Press 2003 - jointly with Janet Read).

### María Soledad Cisternas Reyes

María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Special Envoy of the Secretary General on Disability and Accessibility of the United Nations, since 2017. Bachelor of Law and Master in Political Science. Lawyer, Law Professor and Researcher. Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of UN 2013 - 2016. National Human Rights Award, Chile, 2014.

### Theresia Degener

Theresia Degener is professor of law and disability studies at Evangelische Fachhochschule RWL - University of Applied Sciences in Bochum, Germany and Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She studied law in Frankfurt am Main Germany and Berkeley, California, USA. She has been teaching law in Germany, Finland, Ireland, South Africa and USA. She is an affiliate to the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, USA and a board member of the Centre for Disability Law



and Policy at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. She worked as a legal advisor to the German Government during the negotiation process of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which was adopted in 2006. During the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee which produced the first draft of the CRPD she acted as the representative of Germany. Her research fields are international human rights, anti-discrimination law and gender and disability studies.

### Amita Dhanda

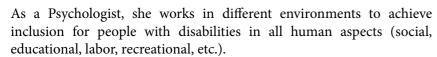
Professor Amita Dhanda is a Professor of Law and Head of the Centre for Disability Studies at the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, University of Law, Hyderbad, India. Professor Dhanda teaches Administrative Law, Law and Poverty, Law and Literature and Judicial Process. Professor Dhanda has published extensive works on the legal position of persons with mental diability. Her book 'Legal Order and Mental Disorder', which is based on the legal status of persons with mental illness, is leading the way in the field of disability law. She has aided the Government of India and the Supreme Court of India in researching legal and policy reform in the field of disability rights. Her research and extensive knowledge in the area has been utilized by national and international institutions such as WHO, UNICEF, the National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC), the National Commission for Women (NCW), and the National Institute for Mentally Handicapped (NIMH). Professor Dhanda was also actively engaged in the work of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee negotiating the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



### BIOGRAPHIE

### Natalia Farias

Natalia has a degree in Psychology and is a certified Teacher in DanceAbillity.





In 2012 she was invited to participate in the training of MIUSA (Mobility International USA) together with a group of women with disabilities from around the world. In 2014 she participated in the meeting of the Global Partnership for Children with Disabilities, GPCwD (UN, New York).

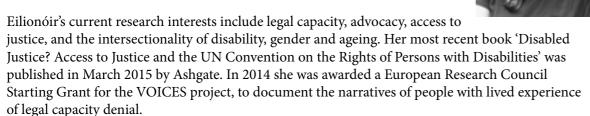
In Uruguay, she participates in the coordination of inclusion projects related to children and young people, working on different projects. She is part of the META youth group of the Inter-American Institute on Disability and Inclusive Development (iiDi), of which she is one of the co-founders.

From 2014 to 2017, she participated at the Network of Mandela Inclusive Schools and Gardens (IIDI, ANEP and Unicef), coordinating workshops with children and adolescents, to promote rights and inclusive education, taking into account the gender perspective.

Currently, she works at the Advisory Division for Gender Equality on Montevideo City Ciuncil, where she collaborates to articulate in the area of Gender and Disability.

### Eilionóir Flynn

Eilionóir is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Law and Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland Galway. She is a graduate of University College Cork (BCL, PhD), and published her first book with Cambridge University Press in 2011, entitled 'From Rhetoric to Action: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.'



At a national level she is actively engaged in the process of legal capacity reform, and co-ordinates a working group of over 15 civil society organisations in the fields of disability, mental health and older people on this issue. Internationally, she has supported the Secretariat of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and in particular the working group which developed General Comment 1. She is also actively engaged with the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing which aims to strengthen the international human rights of older persons. She can be contacted at eilionoir.flynn@nuigalway.ie

### Nena Georgantzi

A trained lawyer specialized in human rights (MA, Université de Strasbourg, France) and social protection (MA, KU Leuven, Belgium), Nena Georgantzi is working since 2010 for AGE Platform Europe (AGE), an EU network, which aims to voice and promote the rights of the 190 million citizens aged 50+ in the



European Union and to raise awareness on the issues that concern them most. She is currently finalising her PhD on the human rights of older persons at the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG). Nena has participated in the drafting of the Council of Europe recommendation on the rights of older persons and has consulted the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She is also involved in the political process around a new UN convention on the rights of older persons.

### Gábor Gombos

Gábor Gombos is a world-renowned independent disability rights defender. A person with a psychosocial disability himself, Mr. Gombos has been advocating for a just and inclusive world where all persons with disabilities enjoy all of their human rights without any kind of discrimination.



Mr. Gombos' work and activism over the past two decades has ranged from grassroots peer support by users and survivors of psychiatry, through national, regional and international non-governmental organizations, up to the United Nations. He chaired the Hungarian Mental Health Interest Forum, the European Network of (ex-)Users and Survivors of Psychiatry and co-chaired the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry. He has consulted extensively on the rights of persons with disabilities by the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Council of Europe. Mr. Gombos is an adjunct professor at the CDLP.

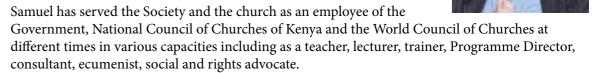
### Lokesh Joshi

Professor Lokesh Joshi is the Science Foundation Ireland appointed Stokes Professor of GlycoSciences at the National University of Ireland Galway. He was appointed the Vice President for Research at National University of Ireland Galway in January 2013.



### Samuel Kabue

Samuel Kabue holds a bachelor of Education, Master of Education (Administration), Master of Education Special Needs), Master of Theology (Systematics) and Doctor of Divinity.

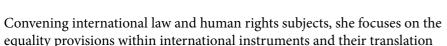


Currently serving as a member of the UN Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



### Rosemary Kayess

Professor Rosemary Kayess, a human rights lawyer, currently teaches in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales.





into domestic law and policy. She is also a Senior Research Fellow with the Social Policy Research Centre UNSW and has extensive research experience working and advising on a variety of social research projects including access to justice, social inclusion, human rights, disability, and the implementation of CRPD in Australia, Asia/Pacific and Europe. Rosemary was an external expert on the Australian Government delegation to the United Nations negotiations for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. During the ad hoc Committee she facilitated the negotiations on Education (Article 24). She is currently a member of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Disability Inclusive Development Reference Group and Chairperson of the Australian Centre for Disability Law.

### Mary Keogh

Dr. Mary Keogh has worked for over ten years at an international level on disability rights and international development. She completed her doctorate in 2014. Her research focus was a comparative analysis of how the US, Finland and Australia mainstream disability in their development



aid programmes. Mary currently works with CBM International as Director, Disability Inclusive Development. Prior to this, she worked Senior Advisor on Disability and Gender Equality with CBM International and CBM Australia as Inclusive Development Advisor and managed the advocacy portfolio with CBM Ireland. Mary has also worked with the International Disability Rights Monitor (IDRM), as coordinator of the IDRM European regional report and authored the Irish report. She has also written reports for the UN on inclusive development, contributed to the development of the CRPD committee general comment on women and girls with disabilities and authored the CBM publication: How to make international development disability inclusive, and is a co-author of Inclusion Counts - The Economic Case for Disability-Inclusive Development.

Mary's research interests are intersectionality and gender and disability.

### Rosa Kornfeld-Matte

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons. Ms. Kornfeld-Matte served as the National Director of the Chilean National Service of Ageing where she designed and implemented the National Policy of Ageing. She has a long career as an academic and is the founder of the programme for older persons at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.



### Phyl Kennedy-Bruen

Phyl Kennedy-Bruen is a Galway-based parent and a disability rights activist with over 25 years of experience fighting for the rights of her daughter Grace, who has downs syndrome, to live independently in her community.



### Victoria Lee

Victoria Lee works in the human rights and disability team within the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights leading a project linking SDGs and CRPD implementation. Formerly, she was Senior Human Rights Adviser of the International Disability Alliance working with the UN treaty bodies, including the CRPD Committee and others to promote participation of organisations of persons with disabilities and ensure the mainstreaming of the rights of persons with disabilities across human rights mechanisms. Victoria has worked in several non-governmental organisations engaged in



strategic litigation on the rights of persons with disabilities as well as on behalf of survivors of torture and ill-treatment. Having acquired her law degree in Sydney, Australia, she was admitted as a legal practitioner to the New South Wales Supreme Court and obtained her Masters in Law at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes of the University of Strasbourg, France.

### **Eleanor Lisney**

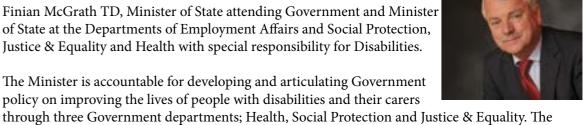
Eleanor Lisney MSIS is a campaigner, founder member, public speaker and coordinator of Sisters of Frida, a disabled women's collective. She is an access advisor, an aspiring creative practitioner and co founder of Culture Access CIC, which is about supporting access, bringing an inclusive edge intersectionally. She was born in Malaysia and has lived in Strasbourg, France and studied at Austin, Texas. She has written for Media Diversified and is



passionate about embedding intersectionality in all her work. She has two grown up children.

### Finian McGrath

Finian McGrath TD, Minister of State attending Government and Minister of State at the Departments of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Justice & Equality and Health with special responsibility for Disabilities.



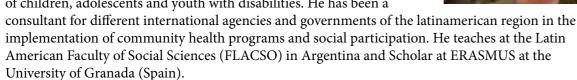
through three Government departments; Health, Social Protection and Justice & Equality. The Minister will also be focusing on the rights of people with disabilities as well as their equality of opportunity, access to early childhood care and educational needs.

Finian has no political party affiliation. He was elected to Dublin City Council in 1999. First elected to Dáil Eireann as an Independent in 2002, he was subsequently re-elected in 2007, 2011 and again in 2016 representing Dublin Bay North. In May 2016, Finian as part of an Independent Alliance, entered into a Partnership Government with an agreed programme of disability reforms.

### Sergio Meresman

Sergio Meresman is a Psychologist, he has a Master in Community Health (University of Liverpool, England) and specialist in inclusive development.

He currently serves as advisor to UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund in the development of a regional agenda for the inclusion of children, adolescents and youth with disabilities. He has been a



He coordinates the projects area of the Inter-American Institute on Disability and Inclusive Development (iiDi) and is a confounder member of the META Juvenil project and the Mandela Network of Inclusive Education in Uruguay.

Since 2015, he has been leading the TRASBORDES blog on community health and inclusive development http://www.sergiomeresman.com/category/blog-es/

### Siobhán Mullally

Siobhán Mullally is Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway. She has published widely in the fields of gender, women's rights, migration, asylum and multiculturalism. She is currently the President of the Council of Europe anti-trafficking body, the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking (GRETA). She is a Commissioner with the Irish Human Rights



and Equality Commission, and is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague. She is the founding Joint Editor-in-Chief of the Irish Yearbook of International Law (with Professor Fiona de Londras), published by Hart Bloomsbury, Oxford.

### Simmy Ndlovu

Simmy Ndlovu is a dedicated community activist who has been involved in a number of organisations including the Campaign to End Direct Provision, with a particular focus on why Direct Provision is harmful to children. She was a member of the working group on improvements to the protection process, including Direct Provision and supports to asylum seekers, led by Judge Brian McMahon. She has been living in Ireland for



the past seven years and holds a Diploma in Marketing and Events Management (IMM), Diploma in Community Development (NUI Galway), and a BA in Early Years Education (AIT). She is also a member of New Horizon Group, a member of Early Childhood Ireland, and a member of the Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Taskforce Team. Finally, she is a storyteller who spends most of the time visiting schools and pre schools inspiring children to read, write and tell their own stories.

### Evie Nevin

Evie Nevin also known as The Zebra Mom is a blogger, mother and disability rights activist. Evie is the founder of Disabled People Together for Yes and campaigned for a Yes vote in the recent referendum. Evie traveled all over Ireland to highlight the barriers facing pregnant people with disabilities in accessing abortion abroad.



Now, Evie is currently campaigning for Irish patients who still have to travel abroad to access healthcare. This is something Evie and her family have personal experience with as a family with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome.

She is also campaigning for the right to die. Evie believes these issues all relate to bodily autonomy and human rights.

### Michael Njenga

Michael Njenga is the Executive Director at Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya. He is also an Executive Council member of the African Disability Forum (ADF). As a self advocate Michael has been passionate in advocating for the right to legal capacity and an inclusive society where all persons with disabilities enjoy all their human rights.



He has been involved in the drafting of legislation and policies specifically relating to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Kenya ratified in 2007. These includes monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) as a representative of organization of Persons with disabilities in line with Article 33(3) of the Convention. Michael was part of a technical team that developed a briefing paper on Article 12 of the CRPD with KNCHR and has also conducted research on legal capacity on behalf of the Mental Disability Advocacy Center. Mr Njenga is also part of a technical committee that is implementing the concluding observations on Kenya by the CRPD Committee.

### Charles O'Mahony

Dr. Charles O'Mahony has been Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway since May 2017. He joined the School of Law in 2012. He completed a PhD at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway entitled "Diversion: A Comparative Study of Law and Policy Relating to Defendants and Offenders with Mental Health Problems and Intellectual Disability". Charles



was elected as President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT) from 2014-2016. He previously worked as Amnesty International Ireland's Legal Officer on its mental health campaign and as a legal researcher for the Law Reform Commission of Ireland. He was awarded a LLM from University College London, a LLM in Public Law from NUI Galway and holds a BA in Law and History and a LLB.

BIOGRAPHIES

### Stephanie Ortoleva

Stephanie Ortoleva is the Founding President and Executive Director of Women Enabled International (WEI), a non-profit organization which works at the intersection of women's rights and disability rights and educates and advocates internationally and regionally for the human rights of women and girls with disabilities, through collaborations with organizations of disabled women worldwide. WEI works at the United Nations and other multilateral organizations to ensure the inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in national, regional and international human rights law, policy and development programing. WEI is recognized as innovative and ground breaking and serves for disabled women's rights advocates globally. Under Stephanie's leadership Winow has a staff of nine and a growing budget. At WEI, she manages the organiz



programing. WEI is recognized as innovative and ground breaking and serves as a prime resource for disabled women's rights advocates globally. Under Stephanie's leadership WEI has expanded and now has a staff of nine and a growing budget. At WEI, she manages the organization, supervises the staff, engages in fund raising, and leads the conceptualization, design and implementation of its work and special projects, including WEI's innovative account ABILITY Toolkit, among other projects. As a woman with a disability herself she brings the development, academic and legal perspectives to her work as well as her personal experience as a woman with a disability. Prior to founding WEI, Stephanie served as an attorney and human rights officer at the U.S. Department of State, where she was awarded the prestigious Franklin Award in 2009 for her outstanding work on human rights matters. Recently, Women's E-News recognized Stephanie as a leader for women's rights for the 21st Century in 2016 and Hofstra University School of Law recognized her as an Outstanding Women in Law awardee for 2017. Stephanie has authored numerous scholarly publications and policy papers regarding women's rights, disability rights, sexual and reproductive rights, access to justice, violence against women, conflict and post-conflict situations, and rule of law. She is the former founding Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law's International Disability Rights Interest Group, serves on the American Bar Association's Commission on Disability Rights and serves on the Board of Directors of several women's rights and disability rights organizations. She graduated from Hofstra University School of Law with outstanding honors, served on the Hofstra Law Review and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and in the State of New York.

### Andrea Parra

Andrea Parra is an attorney, legal activist, translator and experiential trainer. She is the Director of Advocacy at CREA. She holds a law degree from the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia and an LLM in American Law from Boston University. She is admitted to practice in the state of New York and in Colombia. Between 2016 and 2017 she was the interim Practitioner-in-Residence of the Immigrant Justice Clinic of the Washington College of Law at American University. Between 2011 and 2016, she was the Director of the Action Program for Equality and Social Inclusion (PAIIS), a human rights law clinic at the Universidad de los Andes that engages in legal and political advocacy against discrimination based on disability, gender identity and sexual orientation. She was an adjunct professor at the same law school between 2009 and 2014. Prior to joining PAIIS, she



worked as a senior staff attorney at Women's Link Worldwide, where she directed the Gender Justice Observatory and worked on projects related to migrant women and implementation of international human rights standards. Between 2001 and 2006 she worked as staff attorney and supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in Seattle, U.S. Since 2014, she has been a training associate with Training for Change an organization that has developed an experiential methodology of training that helps groups stand up more effectively for justice, peace and the environment. She has trained in several countries and in various cities of Colombia and the U.S. She is also a translator and interpreter on social justice issues including the book Gender Stereotyping, Transnational Legal Perspectives by Professors Rebecca Cook and Simone Cusack.

### Ricardo Pla Cordero

Ricardo Pla Cordero works at the IRC as Risk Mitigation and Inclusion Advisor. As development and humanitarian worker he has designed, implemented, monitored and evaluated rights-based approach programmes in humanitarian crises such as the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, the earthquakes in Nepal in 2015 and the Syrian Crisis, analysing how responses ensure equitable access for persons with disabilities to essential humanitarian aid and promote dignity, safety,



participation and accountability. Mr. Pla Cordero collaborates also in the development of global policy and guidance to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, such as the Charter and IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, UNICEF's guidance on Including Children with disabilities in humanitarian action, and the Humanitarian Inclusion Standards for older people and people with disabilities.

### Gerard Quinn

Gerard Quinn was the founding director of the CDLP. He now holds a Wallenberg chair at the Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights & International Humanitarian Law (University Lund, Sweden) and a research chair at the University of Leeds (UK). Called to the Irish Bar in 1983, he holds a masters (LL.M.) and doctorate in law (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School. His specialisation is international and comparative disability law and policy. He led the delegation of Rehabilitation



International during the UN Working Group that elaborated the basis for the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. He has worked in the European Commission (as a civil servant), and held a number of posts such as Director of Research for the Irish Government's Law Reform Commission and Vice President of the European Committee of Social Rights (Council of Europe). He has sat on various advisory boards dealing with disability law and policy issues such as the Commonwealth Secretariat, SOROS/OSI (Washington, DC), Disability Rights Fund (Boston, MA), European Foundation Centre Consortium on Disability (Brussels), European Coalition for Community Living (London), and Interights (London). In January 2012 President Michael D. Higgins appointed Professor Quinn to the Republic of Ireland's Council of State.

### Stella Reicher

Stella Reicher (LLM from the University of São Paulo Law School in the field of Human Rights) is a s partner of Szazi Bechara Storto Rosa and Figueiredo Lopes Lawyers and teaches at the Catholic University of São Paulo. She built her practice working on projects and initiatives aimed at promoting and ensuring human rights, and more specificaly, the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as providing legal advice to non-profit organizations, including DPOs, businesses and public bodies



in structuring and implementing policies, programs and projects of their interest. Mrs. Reicher has worked with Brazilian DPOs to organize the first civil society report on the implementation of the CRPD in Brazil. Author of articles and papers on the rights of persons with disabilities.

### Mary Romero

Mary Romero is Professor of Justice Studies and Social Inquiry at Arizona State University. The president-elect of the American Sociological Association, Romero is the author of Introducing Intersectionality (Polity Press), The Maid's Daughter, Living Inside and Outside the American Dream (NYU Press), Maid in the U.S.A. (Routledge) and most recent co-edited book is When Care Work Goes Global, Locating the Social Relations of Domestic Work (Ashgate).



### Anne Scott

Professor Anne Scott is Vice President for Equality and Diversity, NUI Galway. She has worked as an academic and academic leader in the Scottish, Irish and the English Higher Education Systems. She held the post of Head of the School of Nursing and Human Sciences, Dublin City University (2000-2006) where she led the development of BSc, MSc and PhD programmes in the school, in addition to founding and developing a vibrant culture of research and scholarship.



In February 2006 Professor Scott was appointed Deputy President and Registrar of DCU, a post which she held until late 2012. During this time she led many initiatives across DCU including a review of the academic promotions process; the development of the e-learning roadmap; and the graduate attributes project for the university. She has a proven track record of transformational leadership in academic environments in both Ireland and the UK, working at senior levels, to bring balance to strategic decision making and insight into the organisational culture and concerns of colleagues.

Professor Scott is an active mentor for the Aurora women only leadership development programme in the UK; she was recognised by the Women's Executive Network (WXN) through the Ireland's Most Powerful Women: Top 25 Awards for her leadership in public service; she has also mentored emerging women leaders and high potentials via the WXN.

### M. Laura Serra

Dr. M. Laura Serra is a Research Associate in the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG). She holds a Ph.D. in Human Rights from Charles III University of Madrid (Spain), a Master's degree in Advanced Studies in Human Rights from the same University and a Law degree from the National University of Mar del Plata (Argentina).



Laura's main research is about women with disabilities, equality and nondiscrimination, with a strong focus on intersectionality. She also focuses on

sexual and reproductive rights of women with disabilities. She has worked on several disability and human rights research projects involving strategic litigation, policy making, legislative drafting, among other topics in Latin America, Europe and the MENA region. She has also provided support to one of the members of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the general comment on article 6, women with disabilities.

Since 2016, Laura has worked as an individual researcher for the Women's Human Rights Institute (Canada) on a research and advocacy project for a thematic report of the UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women in Law and Practice (UNWGDAW) on good practices in addressing discrimination and promoting women's self-empowerment. Before she joined the CDLP she was working on several research projects related to disability studies as a research assistant at Charles III University of Madrid (Spain) and as a minor lecturer leading workshops and working with the leading group of the human rights legal clinic, following cases about disability rights.

In Argentina, Laura worked in the governmental sector as a legal advocate at the Department for the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Discrimination of Mar del Plata County Council and in academia, as part of a disability research group at the National University of Mar del Plata as a research assistant. Laura is a committed feminist and is very interested in the promotion of human rights for women with disabilities of different identities and social environments, applying intersectionality as a paradigm shift in the legal field.

### Velina Todorova

Bulgarian lawyer, Associate Professor (Docent): Law Faculty, University of Plovdiv and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, expert on children's rights with extensive law making experience: Family Code (2008), Child Protection legislation (1999-2000, 2003, 2009; incl. Draft Child's Rights Act of 2010), Protection against Domestic Violence Act (2005), Draft Juvenile Justice Legislation (2014-15), Draft Act on Legal Capacity (2014-15). A former Deputy Minister of Justice (2011-2013),



member of the Commission on European Family Law – CEFL, published and presented nationally and internationally. Awarded by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria for extraordinary contribution for the protection of the rights of the child in Bulgaria and in the occasion of 25th anniversary of the UN CRC (2014). Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2017-2021).

Dr. Ciara Smyth researches in the area of international, European and Irish refugee law and she is particularly interested in how refugee law and human rights law interact. For the past number of years her research focus has been on the Common European Asylum System and her book, European Asylum Law and the Rights of the Child (Routledge, 2014), explores the extent to which



the European regional system of refugee protection is consistent with the rights of the child. She is currently undertaking a comparative analysis of international and regional norms concerning the immigration detention of children. Before joining NUI Galway, Ciara worked for a number of non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations in Ireland and abroad, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She continues to play an active role in civil society and in the influencing of public policy. From 2012-2015 she was a member - and variously Vice Chair and Acting Chair - of the Board of Directors of the Irish Refugee Council.

In 2014 she was nominated by the Minister of Justice and Equality, Ms. Francis Fitzgerald, to the McMahon Working Group, which was tasked with recommending improvements to the Irish asylum process. In 2016 she appeared before the House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee to give expert evidence on the situation of unaccompanied minors in the EU. She also regularly contributes to media discussions on matters relating to immigration, asylum and human rights in Ireland and the UK. Ciara holds a PhD from Leiden University, the Netherlands, for which she was awarded a Max Van Der Stoel Human Rights award in 2013; an LL.M in Human Rights (with distinction) from Queen's University Belfast; and an LL.B and B.A. from NUI Galway. Ciara teaches two undergraduate courses, Public International Law and International Protection of Human Rights, and two postgraduate courses, Immigration Law and Refugee Law, the latter at the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

### Magda Szarota

Magda Szarota is a disabled woman with hidden impairment, who for years has been trying to bridge the world of people with disabilities and non-disabled people with the means of activism, social science and photography. Co-founded first association of women with disabilities in Poland (ONE.pl, 2004). She co-created: first guidebook for women with disabilities under the patronage of the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Status of Women and Men; interactive portal for women with disability and their allies/allies; a manifesto of rights of women and girls with disabilities in the EU and together



with Women Enable International an alternative report for the UN on the situation of women with disabilities in Poland. Magda has been active in propagating Poland's ratification of the UN CRPD (expert bodies, social campaigns, media appearances). In recognition of her advocacy work she was among a few chosen representatives of the Polish NGOs to be invited to the ceremony of ratification by the Polish President of the UN CRPD. Since 2006, together with Monika Mazur-Rafał, she cocreates and manages an award-winning non-governmental organization: Humanity in Action Poland (HIA Poland), which is a part of an transatlantic human rights network Humanity in Action based in 6 other countries that educates and supports young activists and leaders around the world. Magda co-created also the Ashoka Foundation's Academy for Young Social Entrepreneurs in wartorn Nepal (2005). Currently she works on a dual doctorate at the Polish Academy of Sciences and Lancaster University (UK) about the social consequences of activism of women with disabilities. She is a recipient of number of scholarships including: Yale University, Ashoka Foundation, Kosciuszko Foundation and is a winner of the Servas International prize for activists.

### Ioanna Tourkochoriti

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti teaches at the School of Law, NUI Galway and she is the Director of the LLM on International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy. She is also a Fellow with the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School. Before joining the Law Faculty at NUI Galway she held for eight years research and Faculty appointments at Harvard University. She was a Lecturer on Law and Social Studies at the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies at Harvard University. She was also a Visiting Polymer in Social Studies at Harvard University. She was also a Visiting Polymer in Social Studies at Harvard University.



on Degrees in Social Studies at Harvard University. She was also a Visiting Professor at the Department of Law at Carleton University, Canada and she has lectured at numerous Universities all around the world. She has written on freedom of expression, freedom of religion, harm to self, human dignity, postmodernism and the law, as well as on issues of discrimination on the grounds of religion and disability. She is currently working on a project on the concept of human dignity and on a comparison of US and EU Employment Discrimination Law.

### Melissa Upreti

Melissa Upreti (LL.B.) (LL.M.) is a human rights lawyer and women's rights advocate who has spent nearly two decades advocating for the recognition and fulfillment of women's rights through the use of national, regional, and international law and mechanisms. She has led fact-finding missions,



undertaken strategic litigation, built the capacity of civil society organizations, published numerous articles and reports, and advised governments. Ms. Upreti is a Fellow in the University of Toronto Law Faculty's International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program and currently Senior Director of Program and Global Advocacy at the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University in the United States. At CWGL, she oversees and provides strategic guidance on the development and implementation of program initiatives and advocacy strategies at the intersection of macro-economic policy, peace and security, and women's human rights. She is also a Special Procedures Mandate-holder on the Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice, established by the Human Rights Council.

### Kieran Walsh

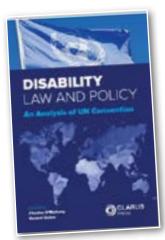
Kieran Walsh is Professor of Ageing & Public Policy and Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, National University of Ireland Galway. Kieran has extensive experience in interdisciplinary social gerontology and life-course research. He has played a leading role in the development of international multi-site and interdisciplinary research programmes. Kieran's research interests and expertise focus on: social exclusion in later



life; the relative nature of disadvantage in cross-national contexts; place and life-course transitions; and informal and formal infrastructures of care. Kieran is also Chair of the European COST Action CA15122 on 'Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion' (ROSEnet – www.rosenetcost.com), which has over 140 members from 39 different countries. With objectives that address critical gaps in research, policy, and international interdisciplinary research capacity, ROSEnet aims to overcome fragmentation in conceptual innovation on old-age exclusion across the life course, in order to address the research-policy disconnect and tackle social exclusion amongst older people.

## **UBLICATION**

### Quinn, G. & O'Mahony, C., Disability Law and Policy: An Analysis of the UN Convention (Clarius Press 2017)



This book undertakes a multidisciplinary examination of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The rights-based perspective on disability is a relatively new lens through which disability law and policy is considered. This is despite the fact that persons with disabilities are often described as the world's largest minority. There are approximately 1 billion persons with disabilities in the world (15 percent of the world's population). This book is an edited volume of essays that undertakes a multidisciplinary examination of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

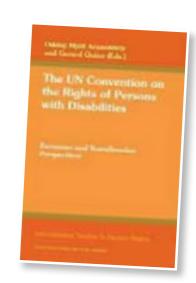
Part 1 of the edited collection focuses on disability and intersectionality; part 2 addresses the on going debate about the meaning of Article 12 the right to equal recognition before the law. The chapters contained in part 3 go on to address the emerging discourse on the right to liberty as contained in Article 14 of the CRPD

and the barriers facing persons with mental health problems. Part 4 of the collection examines the right to live independently and to be included in the community. The themes of the right to inclusive education and employment for persons with disabilities are explored in parts 5 and 6 of the collection. The final part of the book part 7 examines how the CRPD is being implemented regionally and in a number of jurisdictions. Disability Law and Policy: An Analysis of the UN Convention has evolved from an event entitled Global PhD and Researchers Colloquium on Disability Law and Policy organised by the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway. The Colloquium was organised in conjunction with the Burton Blatt Institute, University of Syracuse and the University of Haifa, Israel.

Price: €99.00 Available to buy online at: www.claruspress.ie/shop/disability-law-policy-analysis-un-convention/

### Quinn, G. & Arnardottir, O., The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: European and Scandinavian Perspectives (Brill, 2008).

The International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is the first human rights treaty adopted by the United Nations in the 21st century. It seeks to secure the equal and effective enjoyment of human rights for the estimated 650 million persons with disabilities in the world. It does so by tailoring general human rights norms to their circumstances. It reflects and advances the shift away from welfare to rights in the context of disability. The Convention itself represents a mix between non-discrimination and other substantive human rights and gives practical effect to the idea that all human rights are indivisible and interdependent. This collection of essays examines these developments from the global, European and Scandinavian perspectives and the challenge of transposing its provisions into national law. It marks the coming of age of disability as a core human rights concern.



From Rhetoric

to Action

Dr. Ellismiir Flyna

Price: €87.00 Available to buy online at: www.brill.com/un-convention-rights-persons-disabilities

### Flynn, E., From Rhetoric to Action Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

This book contains a global comparative study of implementation and monitoring mechanisms for national disability strategies. It comprises a comparative study that was conducted at international, regional, and comparative country levels and that highlights critical success factors in implementing disability strategies or action plans worldwide. It explores emerging synergies between what is required to implement principles of international law contained in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and what it is possible to achieve through national policy and systems development. A number of critical success factors for implementing and monitoring strategies are identified, including leadership from government and civil society, participation of disabled people in implementation and monitoring, transparency and accountability in reporting on progress,

independent monitoring and external review, and the ability to measure progress with indicators of disability equality.

### Price £27.99

Available to buy online at:

www.cambridge.org/ie/academic/subjects/law/human-rights/ rhetoric-action-implementing-un-convention-rights-personsdisabilities?format=PB&itemAdded=1

### Flynn, E., Disabled Justice? Access to Justice and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Ashgate Publishing, 2015).



This book analyses the experience of people with disabilities through the entire justice system, from making a complaint, to investigation, and through the court/tribunal process. It also considers the participation of people with disabilities in a variety of roles in the justice system - as witness, defendant, complainant, plaintiff, lawyer, judge and juror. More broadly, it also critically examines the subtle barriers of access to justice which might exist in a given society - including barriers to grassroots disability advocacy, legal education and training, the right to vote and the right to stand for election which may apply to people with disabilities. The book is international and comparative in scope with a focus primarily on examples of legal practice and justice systems in common law countries. The work will be of interest to scholars working in the areas of human rights, equality and non-discrimination, disability rights activists and legal professionals who work with people with

disabilities to achieve access to justice.

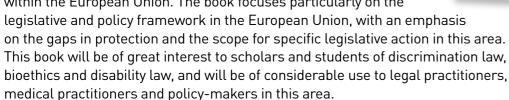
Price: £65.00

Available to buy online at:

www.ashqate.com/isbn/9781472418593

### Quinn G., de Paor A., Blanck P., Genetic Discrimination – Transatlantic perspectives on the case for a European-level legal response (Routledge, 2015)

This book explores the different forms and potential uses of genetic testing. Drawing together leading experts in disability law, bioethics, health law and a range of related fields, it highlights the ethical and legal challenges arising as a result of emerging and rapidly advancing genetic science. On examining transatlantic perspectives on the matter, chapters in the book ask whether the US Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) is proving to be an effective tool in addressing the issue of genetic discrimination and alleviating fears of discrimination. The book also reviews what insights may be gained from GINA within employment and health insurance contexts, and asks how the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) may impact similar debates within the European Union. The book focuses particularly on the



Price: £90.00 Available at:

www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415836937



### Power, A., Lord, E.J. & de Franco, A.S., Active Citizenship and Disability: Implementing the Personalisation of Support (Cambridge University Press, 2013).



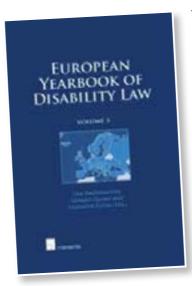
This book provides an international comparative study of the implementation of disability rights law and policy focused on the emerging principles of self-determination and personalisation. It explores how these principles have been enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how different jurisdictions have implemented them to enable meaningful engagement and participation by persons with disabilities in society. The philosophy of 'active citizenship' underpinning the Convention – that all citizens should (be able to) actively participate in the community – provides the core focal point of this book, which grounds its analysis in exploring how this goal has been imagined and implemented across a range of countries. The case studies examine how different jurisdictions have reformed disability law and policy and reconfigured

how support is administered and funded to ensure maximum choice and independence is accorded to people with disabilities.

Price: £80.00

Available to buy online at: www.cambridge.org/ie/academic/subjects/law/human-rights/active-citizenship-and-disability-implementing-personalisation-support?format=HB

### Waddington, L., Quinn, G & Flynn, E., European Yearbook of Disability Law: Volume 5 (Intersentia, 2014).



The European Yearbook of Disability Law is part of the ongoing research programme of the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights of Maastricht University and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy. Each Yearbook contains a series of articles on current challenges and developments from senior analysts and academics working in the field. It aims to provide critical insight into the evolution of European disability law and policy and offers an analysis of pressing challenges in a broad range of fields. The core consists of a review of the preceding year's significant events, as well as a review of policy and legal developments within the institutions of the European Union. It reviews major EU policy developments, studies and other publications, legislative proposals, and case law from the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the European Court of Human Rights.

Price: €89.00

Available to buy online at:

intersentia.com/en/european-yearbook-of-disability-law-16828.html

### Accessible Venues in Galway City

### **Some Attractions**

- Galway City Museum
- Eye Cinema (wheelchair discount plus carer gets in free)
- IMC Cinema
- Salthill Aquarium
- Town Hall Theatre
- Nun's Island Theatre
- Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe Theatre
- Galway Greyhound track

### **Bars / Nightclub**

- Halo
- The King's Head
- Skeff (you have to go through hotel to use bathroom)
- Massimo
- Bierhaus
- Roisin Dubh
- Murphy's
- The Quays
- Busker Browns
- Karma

### **Cafe/Restaurant**

- Bon Appetito (Italian restaurant)
- Asian Tea House (Asian restaurant)
- Kasmir (Indian restaurant)
- Oslo (Craft beer/ gastro pub)
- Gourmet Tart Co (bakery and delicatessen)
- Supermacs (fast food)
- Blake's Brasserie on the Corner (gastro pub)
- McDonald's (fast food)
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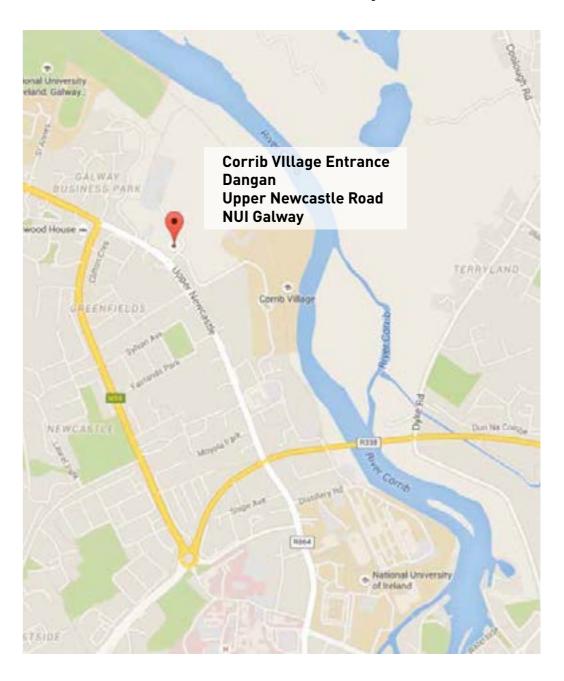
### **Bus Services**

 University Road Bus Stop to Eyre Square Centre: 404

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- An Garda Síochána (Police), Ambulance Service, Fire Service: 112/999
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- Pharmacy on Campus, Matt O'Flaherty Chemists: 353 91 495044
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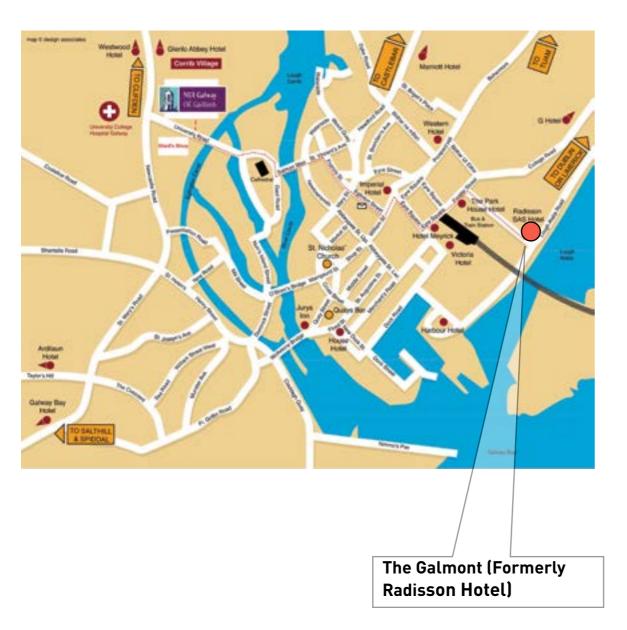
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