

Dlíscéala

For friends, students and alumni

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CÉIM chun tosaigh!



CÉIM, a peer-led support scheme for first years, was piloted in the School of Law during the 2015-2016 academic year under the guidance of Dr Rónán Kennedy (see inside page 3)



Carol Coulter appointed Adjunct Professor of Law

The appointment has been announced of Dr Carol Coulter, Director of the Child Care Law Reporting Project, as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Law (see inside page 10)

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School of Law
Newsletter



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Welcome from Head of School



Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy the fourth issue of *Dlíscéala*, the annual newsletter of the School of Law, NUI Galway, compiled by my colleague, Michael Coyne.

The past year has been an extremely busy one for the School as you will see in the pages that follow:

Early in the academic year we held our annual Careers in Law Week organised by Dr Brian Tobin in collaboration with the Career Development Centre; Larry Donnelly launched his report on Clinical Legal Education in Ireland commissioned by FLAC/PILA in October 2015; the new Chairperson of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), Ms Justice Mary-Ellen Ring, made her first public appearance at a conference on Policing, Accountability & the State organised by Dr Charles O'Mahony and Dr Eoin Daly for the LLM in Public Law; Dr O'Mahony hosted a very successful annual conference of the Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT) at which he was re-elected as President; in November Dr Connie Healy organised a well-attended public lecture by one of our most distinguished graduates, Dr Tom Courtney, on recent Company Law reforms; Dr Brian Tobin organised a very successful conference on surrogacy and the law with contributions from internationally-renowned speakers in March; we held our first public collaboration with the Arts in Action programme by hosting a show called *Border Lines* featuring comedian, Kevin McAleer, writer, Susan McKay and artist, John Byrne; Dr Conor Hanly and Dr Eoin Daly with Professor Gerard Quinn organised a 1916 commemorative conference – *Law, Revolution & Sovereignty* – as part of the University's *A Nation Rising* series; Dr John Danaher and Dr Rónán Kennedy, in association with the Whitaker Institute, convened a workshop on algorithmic governance in April; our Annual Distinguished Lecture which, this year, was delivered by the acclaimed historian, Professor Emeritus Nicholas Canny, and chaired by former EU Commissioner, Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, was, as in previous years, very well attended by colleagues, students and

graduates; and the annual conference of the Irish Society of Comparative Law (ISCL), co-organised by Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti and Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko, was a great success attracting participants from many countries and academic institutions with a keynote address from the world-renowned scholar, Professor Mark Tushnet of Harvard Law School.

As well as these events, the School hosted an excellent series of seminars on Legal & Political Theory featuring thirteen speakers from institutions in Ireland and abroad. This series was co-ordinated by Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti, Dr John Danaher and Dr Eoin Daly. Dr Ciara Smyth co-organised (with Global Women's Studies and other partners) a hugely successful, IRC-funded conference – *Inclusive Centenaries* – involving asylum-seekers living in direct provision. A scholarship scheme for people living in direct provision was announced at this event which was addressed by the new Minister of State for Equality & Integration, David Stanton, TD.

Both the Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR) and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy (CDLP) have also had tremendous success in the past year with extremely busy schedules of events, activities and international summer schools all of which are documented in this newsletter.

Other highlights of the year for the School included: the appointment of one of our graduates, Dr Mathilda Twomey, as Chief Justice of the Seychelles; the reappointment of another graduate, Máire Whelan, SC, as Attorney General of Ireland; the success of one of our LLB students, Ruth Cormican, in securing a Fulbright Scholarship to complete an LLM at Notre Dame University; and the appointment of Dr Carol Coulter as an Adjunct Professor and the creation of a designated Hardiman Scholarship (jointly supervised by Dr Connie Healy and Dr Carol Coulter) to work with the Child Care Law Reporting Project.

Filling the post of Director of Strategic Development & Administration for the School of Law at AO-level was also of critical importance to the School in the past year and enables us to continue to change, improve and develop. Patricia Conroy was appointed to this post and we are very grateful to her for her continued professionalism and support.

As I commence the final year of my term as Head of School I look forward, in particular, to engaging with our Dublin-based alumni at an event in early October (in Dublin) about which further details will be circulated soon. I have endeavoured since becoming Head of School in May 2013 to keep in touch regularly with alumni and am both encouraged and gratified by the warmth of our graduate community and their willingness to support the School of Law in so many ways.

Professor Donncha O'Connell,

Head of School

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Student Activities

Fulbright Scholarship

Ruth Cormican, a Clarinbridge native and graduate of the School of Law at NUI Galway, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to study for an LLM in International Human Rights Law at the University of Notre Dame in the United States. This is one of the most prestigious programmes of its kind in the United States. Ruth is especially interested in studying the application of human rights laws and norms to transnational corporations. Following her studies, Ruth hopes to engage in field-work with a human rights NGO or with the Human Rights Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

Ruth graduated with first-class honours from the BA (Law) programme at NUI Galway in 2015, during which she spent a year at l'Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. She has received academic prizes for her fluency in French, and was the recipient of the Thomson-Reuters-Round Hall Law Prize in 2012, and the Lexis Nexis Butterworths Law Prize in 2015. Ruth also graduated from the LLB programme with First Class Honours.

Ruth was also selected to participate in a summer internship programme run by the School of Law at NUI Galway and the Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

Ruth spent the summer in Boston working with two criminal justice NGOs: Prisoner Legal Services and the New England Innocence Project (see page 6).



Professor Donncha O'Connell, Ruth Cormican and Dr Conor Hanly

CÉIM in the School of Law

CÉIM is an academic peer-led support scheme for first year students studying for a BA (Law), BA in Geography, and Engineering degrees. Groups of first years meet weekly throughout the academic year with trained second and third year Student Leaders. These sessions are student-led and are about working in small groups to gain a greater understanding of coursework, prepare for exams, develop new skills and become successful university students. Sessions are focused on collaborative learning and are not like lectures or tutorials.

CÉIM was initiated by NUI Galway Students' Union and was first piloted in collaboration with the College of Engineering & Informatics in 2013. It was piloted in the School of Law during the 2015-

2016 academic year, where it was offered to first year BA (Law) students under the guidance of Dr Rónán Kennedy. It will be offered to 20% of first year students in 2016-2017.

The scheme has provided a great opportunity to get feedback from first year students, who are much more willing to speak honestly in a peer-learning setting than they would be in lectures. These issues are then brought to the attention of the teaching team through the leader debrief sessions so that appropriate action is taken. The impact to date of the CÉIM programme is very encouraging with 80% of first years surveyed in 2014-2015 saying that it helped them settle into university. Regular CÉIM attendees achieved

9% higher grades in 2014-2015 than irregular or non-attendees and were much more likely to pass the year.

CÉIM won the 'Student Engagement Activity of the Year' award at the Student Achievement Awards Ireland 2016.



(L to R) Dr Rónán Kennedy, Eleanor O'Fegan, Ciara Finan, Joseph Dunne, Gráinne Gillick, Niall McHugh, Daire Hickey McGovern, Christina Hynes, Míchéal Kilheaney, Frances Whelan, Mary Butler-Walsh, Steven Fox, Natalie O'Shea and Professor Donncha O'Connell. Photo by Patrick Henaghan

Student Law Society

The NUI Galway Law Society enjoyed a very successful 2015/2016. They arranged many educational and social events which provided a platform for all university students to explore the legal profession in a fun and dynamic environment, including:

- Assisting the School of Law with the First Year Induction Week in September. This gave incoming students an opportunity to meet LawSoc members and find out what the society had to offer.
- Hosting evening events such as the visit of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Claire Loftus, and a talk on Chinese disability law with Professor Gerard Quinn (Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy) and Zhijun Fu (LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy student).
- Organising educational events including speed-networking with Arthur Cox in January and a summer internship information session with A&L

Goodbody in February. They also assisted Dr Brian Tobin and the Career Development Centre on Law Firms Fair day in September 2015.

- Setting up the LawSoc Annual Moot Court Cup competition with weekly moot court meetings leading up to a final in February 2016. The problem was drafted by Dr Brian Tobin and the final was judged by Dr Eoin Daly.
- Organising larger events including the annual Law Ball in February and an international trip to The Hague including a visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in March 2016.

The Law Society crowned off a busy year with winning the Phoenix Award in the NUI Galway Students' Union Society Awards 2016 in March. The Phoenix Award is given to a society that remodels itself into something new, fresh and successful. This award reflects the hard work put in by the Society's Committee and is a great credit to each of them.



(L to R) Receiving the Phoenix Award were Mary Kerrigan (Moot Court Convenor), Darren Reilly (Auditor), Grace Kennedy (Treasurer), President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne and Donal Campbell (Public Relations Officer).

Lá na nGradam

Pictured with the President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne at Lá na nGradam in February 2016 are:



Emma Creaven (3rd LLB), winner of the Val O'Connor Memorial Prize in Equity



Daniel Howard (1st BCL), University Scholar



Sive Neary (1st BCL), University Scholar



Grace Kennedy (1st B Corp BCL), University Scholar

Undergraduate Awards Recognition

Congratulations to Alastair Baird (BCorp Law) who was a Highly Commended Entrant in the 2015 Undergraduate Awards. His paper, entitled "Alternative Enforcement Mechanisms - The Role of Negotiated Settlements", made it to the top 10% of all submissions in the Law category, representing NUI Galway, as assessed by a panel of academics from universities around the world.

LLM Student Receives Gold Medal



CDLP Gold Medal for Excellence Award (2014-15) winner Josephine Mc Loughlin (centre) with Professor Gerard Quinn, Director, Centre for Disability Law & Policy, and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan, Programme Director, Director LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy

Doctoral Programme

Doctoral Scholarships

The Irish Research Council (IRC) has awarded scholarships to three candidates from the School of Law and its Centres. They are:

- Maria Corbett - co-supervised by Dr Connie Healy and Adjunct Professor Carol Coulter. Prior to receiving her IRC award, Maria had been the recipient of a specially designated Hardiman Scholarship funded by the Galway University Foundation.
- Caitríona Donnellon - supervised by Dr Charles O'Mahony
- Nicholas McMurry - supervised by Dr Shane Darcy, ICHR

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

- Sarah Hofmayer - supervised by Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley

- Martha Bitorsoli - supervised by Professor Ray Murphy, ICHR
- Hasret Cetinkaya - supervised by Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko, ICHR

In addition, following a competitive application process the School has awarded doctoral scholarships to the following three candidates:

- Jurgita Bukauskaite - supervised by Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko, ICHR
- Stefano Angeleri - supervised by Dr Ciara Smyth
- Bo Chen - supervised by Dr Charles O'Mahony with Dr Mary Keys

This is an excellent result for the School of Law, building on the considerable IRC successes for the School of recent years. Congratulations to each of the successful applicants and their supervisors.

Dr Jack Osimiri

Dr Jack Osimiri graduated in November 2015. His PhD concerned the native title to land of the Diobu people of eastern Nigeria and he was supervised by Maureen O'Sullivan. He's pictured below with President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne.



Dr Ingrid Cunningham

Dr Ingrid Cunningham was awarded her PhD in June 2016. Her PhD, 'Media and Disability – Issues of Portrayal and Access', examines whether the rights and interests of persons with disabilities can be safeguarded and promoted in broadcast media in terms of both their portrayal in and access to the medium. Her supervisor was Marie McGonagle, now retired from the staff of the School of Law.



Dr Bochao Yang

Congratulations to Dr Bochao Yang of the ICHR on his successful thesis defence in February 2016. Pictured (L to R) are Dr Bochao Yang, Professor Ray Murphy (supervisor), Dr Anita Ferrara (Internal Examiner) and Dr Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua (External Examiner) after the completion of Dr Yang's viva on Chinese policy towards UN intervention and peacekeeping.



Dr Matti Twomey

Congratulations to Dr Mathilda Twomey on the successful completion of her doctoral viva in the School of Law in September 2015. Dr Twomey is pictured with Dr Ciara Smyth (Internal Examiner), Dr David Zammit of the University of Malta (External Examiner) and her co-supervisor, Marie McGonagle. Her thesis was also supervised by Professor Sean Patrick Donlan, then of the University of Limerick.



CDLP Graduates

Dr Meredith Raley was awarded her PhD in June 2016 for research on raising the collective voice of persons with disabilities around the world in monitoring the new UNCRPD. She was supervised by Professor Gerard Quinn.

Dr Madgi BIRTHA's thesis entitled, 'Making the new space created in the UNCRPD real: Ensuring the voice and meaningful participation of the disability movement in policy-making and national monitoring', was also supervised by Professor Gerard Quinn.

Dr Caitriona Moloney passed her viva in June 2016. Her PhD considered Irish Mental Health Law, Policy and Practice from a Children's Rights Perspective and was supervised by Dr Mary Keys.



Pictured at the viva were Dr Ciara Smyth, Professor Michael O'Flaherty, former Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, Dr Meredith Raley, Professor Gerard Quinn and Professor Rosemary Byrne, Trinity College Dublin



Dr Madgi BIRTHA



Dr Caitriona Moloney and her supervisor Dr Mary Keys, former member of staff at NUI Galway School of Law

Internationalisation

Suffolk University Law School-NUI Galway Exchange

The Law School's internationalisation efforts, led by Dr Conor Hanly, continued to gather momentum in the past year. The Summer Internship Exchange Programme, initiated in 2014 with Suffolk University Law School (SULS) in Boston, was very popular again this year.

The Law School also welcomed two Suffolk students who spent their summer working in Ireland. Anne Stevenson interned with the Child Care Law Reporting Project under the supervision of Adjunct Professor Carol Coulter. Kayla Johnson interned with the Children's Rights Alliance under the supervision of its Chief Executive, Tanya Ward. Both students also received academic tuition in the School of Law.

Professor Sara Dillon from Suffolk University Law School in Boston met with Professor Donncha

O'Connell, Dr Conor Hanly, Larry Donnelly and Patricia Conroy from the School of Law in June 2016 in preparation for the inaugural Suffolk Law-NUI Galway Law Summer School that will be held in Summer 2017 in Galway. The summer school is another important development in the strategic partnership between the two law schools.

Three NUI Galway students were chosen to spend their summer in Boston: Ruth Cormican interned at the Prisoners' Legal Services and the New England Innocence Project; Gillian Farrell interned at the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court; and Declan Naughton interned at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. The students also took a substantive academic course at Suffolk University Law School.



Ruth Cormican



Gillian Farrell



Declan Naughton



Kayla Johnson and Anne Stevenson in Boston, Co. Clare



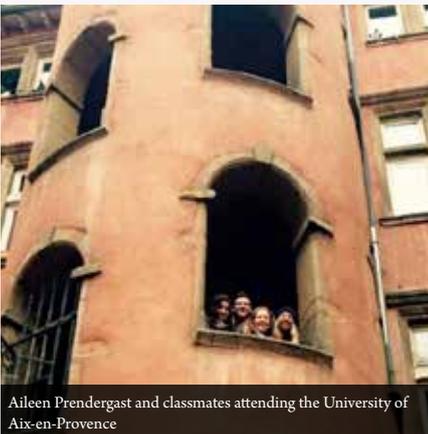
(L to R) Patricia Conroy, Dr Conor Hanly, Professor Sara Dillon, Professor Donncha O'Connell and Larry Donnelly

SARFaL



Dr Ciara Smyth of the School of Law hosting the AGM of SARFaL, the Strategic Alliance of Research Faculties of Law, in NUI Galway in May 2016 with Professor Vincent Correia, University of Poitiers and Professor Francisca Perez-Madrid, University of Barcelona.

Study Abroad



Aileen Prendergast and classmates attending the University of Aix-en-Provence

The Law School has participated for many years in the EU Erasmus mobility programme, and this year has been no different – forty-one law students will spend the current academic year in various universities around Europe. Building on the success of last year, the non-Erasmus study-abroad options for undergraduate and postgraduate law students have also been much in demand. Caoimhe Cotter (2nd BCL) will spend the coming year at Shantou University, Guangdong Province in the People's Republic of China. Three students will study at the University of Ottawa: Anna Hollywood, Bryan Molloy and Orlaith Begley (all 2nd BCL). Hayley Kitson and Simone Crawford (both 2nd BCL) will spend next year at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

Law Student helps build homes in Zambia

Sharon Murray, Final BCorp, was a member of a team of eight NUI Galway students who spent two weeks working in Zambia in June 2016. The students worked with housing charity Habitat for Humanity Ireland in Twapia, Ndola, Zambia, helping widows Cecilia Soko and Malita Kapapila build homes for their families. Sharon and her teammates also held a 'Law in Action' will-writing workshop for local Habitat home-owners that was designed to educate the community on how to prevent property grabbing in the event of a homeowner's death.

Sharon will be the vice-Auditor of the NUI Galway Law Society in the upcoming academic year. Her blog on her experience can be found at <http://bit.ly/2arpTYV> or via www.habitatireland.ie



(L to R) Shane Hughes, Grace Nihill, Niamh Finn, Chelsea McGowan, Shauna Healy, Emma Nolan, Jimmy McGovern and Sharon Murray.

Second Year Law Student Embarks on Washington Internship



Congratulations to Jessica Richter, 2nd Corporate Law, who has secured a much sought after placement on the Washington-Ireland Programme.

The Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (WIP), is an intense program of personal and professional development that brings outstanding university students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to Washington, DC for summer work placements and leadership training. Many WIP graduates are now emerging in important careers in politics, law, business, education and community organizations. As they move into critical leadership roles, they retain their connection with WIP and continue to give back to their local communities through an active alumni network.

Student wins Travel Award

Charlotte May-Simera, a second year PhD Student in the Centre for Disability Law and Policy was awarded a Travel Award from the Comparative Policy and Practice Special Interest Research Group to attend and present at the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities World Congress held in August 2016 in Melbourne, Australia. Charlotte presented her research entitled 'Removing Sheltered Workshops in Ireland: Next steps for Irish Ratification of the UNCRPD'. Charlotte's research addresses the current framework for sheltered workshops in Ireland and how the pending ratification of the UNCRPD will affect employment/rehabilitation policy.

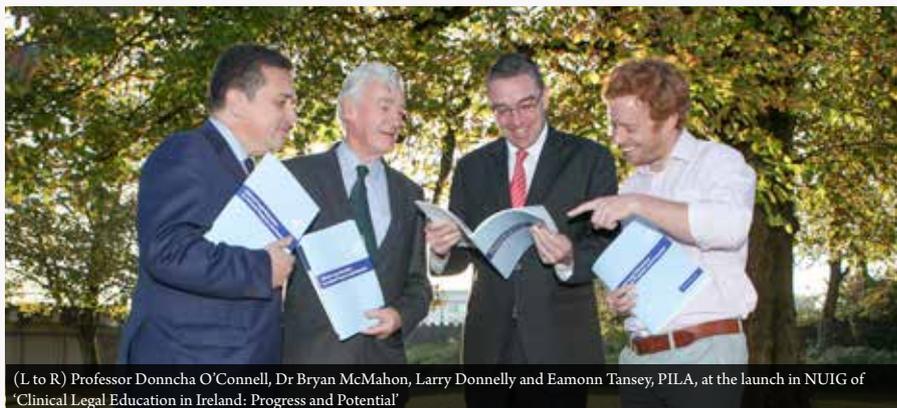


Clinical Legal Education

In the past academic year twenty-seven final year students undertook a range of placements for academic credit in the second semester with government agencies, non-governmental organisations, solicitors' firms and other bodies. Students from the LLB degree were eligible to take the Clinical Placement module for the first time and a number of them did.

In addition to those placements with whom the School of Law has a long-standing relationship, several new solicitors' firms in Galway and elsewhere helped to facilitate the clinical legal education programme. Students were also placed in the Irish Innocence Project, based at Griffith College Dublin, for the first time.

Students on placements perform a wide variety of tasks and gain a deeper understanding of how the law they learn in the lecture theatre is applied in the "real world" of law practice. Again this year feedback from the students and those who supervised the students was universally positive. Students obtain a much better sense of what type of legal or non-legal career they would like to pursue; supervisors typically attest that they benefit from students' legal research skills and the fresh perspectives they bring to the workplace.



(L to R) Professor Donncha O'Connell, Dr Bryan McMahon, Larry Donnelly and Eamonn Tansey, PILA, at the launch in NUIG of 'Clinical Legal Education in Ireland: Progress and Potential'

The School of Law remains committed to ensuring that its graduates are equipped with both the theoretical knowledge and the practical skills required in the increasingly globalised environment that they will enter. The clinical legal education programme and the Clinical Placement module, in particular, are central to this. All graduates who would be interested in becoming involved in the School of Law's various clinical legal education initiatives should contact Larry Donnelly (larry.donnelly@nuigalway.ie).

Additionally, Mr. Donnelly published a report in October 2015 – Clinical Legal Education in Ireland: Progress and Potential – commissioned by the Free Legal Advice Centres Ltd (FLAC) and the Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA) and continues to play an active role in the development of clinical legal education in Ireland. The report is available via the School of Law CLE webpage.

Internal Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Module final took place in February 2016 with the victorious team of Aisling Keenan (2LLB) and Niall Gaffney (2BCL) narrowly overcoming Orla Clissman (2BCL) and Andrew Barr (3BCL) in a tense final moot which exhibited everything that is positive about mooting before an initial bench comprising of Dr Ronán Kennedy, with Ms. Justice Carmel Stewart of the High Court in the Final.

The School would like to thank both judges, in particular Ms. Justice Stewart who travelled from Dublin, for their time and effort. Special tribute to the ten mooters for their application, effort and enthusiasm which culminated in some fantastic mooting.

Thanks also to all members of staff who so generously gave of their time, in particular Tom O'Malley for giving a guest lecture on court etiquette and Professor Patrick Lonergan, from Drama & Theatre Studies, who gave a practical and interactive class on public speaking. The team mentors were: Ursula Connolly, Dr Eoin Daly, Larry Donnelly, Nicola Murphy and Dr Brian Tobin, with Ursula and Brian's teams battling in the final and Ursula's team emerging victorious.

Tom O'Malley, together with a number of NUIG graduates at the Bar, has organised for a cup/trophy in memory of one of our graduates, the late Ross O'Driscoll, BL, to be presented to the winners of the internal moot in the Four Courts at an event to be attended by the late Mr O'Driscoll's family. As recommended by Tom, it will be inscribed as follows: *Nihil quod tetigit non ornavit* meaning "there is nothing that he touched that he did not adorn" (adapted from a tribute by Dr Johnson to Oliver Goldsmith in 1776).



Ms. Justice Carmel Stewart congratulating the second-placed team of Andrew Barr and Orla Clissman



Niall Gaffney and his teammate Aisling Keenan winning their final arguments



Rebecca McKittrick and her teammate Neil Rafter

Careers in Law Week 2015

Careers in Law Week, an initiative by the School of Law organised in conjunction with the Career Development Centre, took place in September 2015 and was led by Dr Brian Tobin on behalf of the School of Law for the second consecutive year.

The highlight of the week was the Law Firms' Fair, which was held at the Bailey Allen Hall on 28th September. Students were able to meet representatives from Ireland's top law firms, network and learn about life in a law firm through interactive panel sessions with partners and trainees from the firms. RDJ, Arthur Cox, William Fry, Matheson, A&L Goodbody, McCann FitzGerald, Maples and Calder and Keating Connolly Sellors were among the many law firms represented on the day. Arthur Cox also facilitated a workshop on 'Designing your own Personal Brand.'



Dr Brian Tobin and Emma Goode, Career Development Centre with students

Student Internships



Mary Heavey and Andrew Barr



Anna Connaughton and the Attorney General, Máire Whelan, SC

The various summer internships were organised by Dr Brian Tobin this year. Andrew Barr (Final BCL) and Mary Heavey (Final BCL) were the successful applicants for the internships in the Superior Courts. Denis Forde (Final BCL) undertook a summer internship in the Office of the DPP while Ciara Ní Ghabhann (Final LLB), Anna Connaughton (Final BCL) and Liam O'Flaherty (LLM in Public Law) were selected for the summer internship opportunities at the Office of the Attorney General. Many other NUI Galway law students interned in law firms around the country including Katie Linden (Final BCL), Robin Hyde (Final LLB) and Alex Burke (1BCL) at RDJ and Rebecca McKittrick (Final BCL) and Sorcha King (Final BCL) at Callan Tansey.



Rebecca McKittrick



Sorcha Dunne

Dr Tobin also organised the Walkers Ireland Summer Internship 2016. Kyle Greene (Final BCL) was the successful candidate for the internship established in honour of the late Cathal Lavelle, a graduate of the B.Corp programme. Sara Waloszek is a graduate of the B.Corp programme and is operating as a Para Legal at Walkers Ireland. Upon completion of her FE1s Sara will begin an apprenticeship with the firm. Muireanna Nic Dhonncha is a graduate of the BCL programme and is an Associate at Walkers Ireland.



(L to R) Gayle Bowen, Partner, Walkers Ireland, Kyle Greene, Final BCL, Sara Waloszek, Para Legal, Walkers Ireland, Muireanna Nic Dhonncha, Associate, Walkers Ireland

New Staff Appointments

Adjunct Professor Carol Coulter



Pictured at the announcement of Professor Coulter's appointment are (L to R); Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, Maria Corbett, Hardiman Scholar, Dr Connie Healy and Professor Carol Coulter, PhD co-supervisors.

The appointment was announced in February 2016, of Dr Carol Coulter, director of the Child Care Law Reporting Project, as an honorary adjunct professor in the School of Law. Carol Coulter graduated from Trinity College Dublin with BA(Mod) and PhD degrees in English. She also holds a Diploma in Legal Studies and an MPhil in Law. She became a journalist and joined *The Irish Times* in 1986, working as a reporter, acting London Editor, acting Northern Ireland editor, deputy news editor, legal affairs correspondent, legal affairs editor and assistant editor (simultaneously).

As legal affairs editor she initiated and edited the Law Matters' page in *The Irish Times* as well as writing extensively there on the courts, law, human rights and justice. She won a number of journalism awards, including Campaigning Journalist of the Year in 1990, Legal Print Journalist of the Year in 2000 and 2012 and, also, overall Legal Journalist of the Year in 2012.

From 2006 to 2007 she took leave of absence from *The Irish Times* to run a pilot project on private family law for the Courts Service, initiating the publication of reports on family law proceedings in Ireland. These were published in quarterly magazines, *Family Law Matters*, from 2007 to 2009 and on the Courts Service website. This pilot project resulted in a Report and Recommendations for the Board of the Courts Service, published in October 2007. Many of the recommendations were implemented.

In October 2012 she left *The Irish Times* to take up a position as founder and director of the Child Care Law Reporting Project, which is examining the public child care law system. To date this has published over 300 reports of child care cases in the District Court and High Court, and two Interim Reports, including statistics and analysis, on its website, www.childlawproject.ie. A third and Final Report, with recommendations, was published in November 2015.

Dr Coulter has lectured extensively in the cultural, social and legal areas, both in Ireland and internationally, including in the UK, the US and Japan, and has also published a wide range of essays

and books in these areas. From 1992 to 2004 she edited the *Undercurrents* pamphlet series for Cork University Press.

The Child Care Law Reporting Project, directed by Dr Carol Coulter, is now in Phase 2 following the publication of the Final Report from Phase 1 in November 2015. This phase will combine reporting on a reduced number of cases with an in-depth analysis of a number of highly complex and lengthy cases.

It is funded jointly by Galway University Foundation and the Department of Children & Youth Affairs for two years. A formal Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed to guide the implementation of the Phase 2 project. The partners in this Agreement are: The Child Care Law Reporting Project, NUI Galway School of Law, Galway University Foundation, The Atlantic Philanthropies, Tusla, Free Legal Advice Centres and the Department of Children & Youth Affairs.

Galway University Foundation has negotiated with Atlantic Philanthropies to provide €70,000 in funding for the project and has a separate agreement in place with FLAC, which provides technical and administrative assistance to the CCLRP, for the management of these funds on behalf of the project.

As well as participating in a Research Coordinating Group NUIG will assist the project through a separate Galway University Foundation-funded Hardiman Scholarship to the School of Law. The scholarship, awarded to the School of Law and linked to the CCLRP, is for a PhD to be supervised jointly by Dr Connie Healy of the School and Dr Carol Coulter. The PhD will look at international best practice examples of Child Protection systems that successfully address the needs of vulnerable children coming before the child protection courts. The aim will be to complement and add significant value to the research arising from Phase 2 of the Child Care Law Reporting Project. The Scholarship has been awarded to Maria Corbett who has worked with the Children's Rights Alliance for many years.

Patricia Conroy

Patricia Conroy joined the School of Law initially in January 2014 as a consultant. She was appointed to the position of Director of Strategic Development & Administration in April 2016. Patricia holds a First Class Honours MBS in Strategic Human Resources degree from DCU, completed a Strategic Human Resources Development Programme with the University of Michigan, has Diplomas in Executive Coaching, Business Studies and Marketing and a Certificate in Psychometric Science.

She has twenty-four years industry experience, eighteen of which involved domestic and international work with AIB and Elan prior to her establishing her own company working with large and small organisations in the public, private and voluntary sector. She has lectured in the area of human resources management for a number of years and has extensive experience in change management, strategy development, competency frameworks, performance management, succession planning, learning and development, coaching and policies and procedures. Patricia has held the positions of Head of HR, Head of Learning and Development and other HR roles supporting sites in Ireland, UK, Israel and US prior to joining NUI Galway



Staff Departure

Michael O'Flaherty resigned as Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights in December 2015 to take up an appointment as the Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna. The School of Law would like to thank Michael for his leadership of the ICHR since 2013-2014 and wish him well in his new post.

Staff News

Professor Donncha O'Connell

Professor Donncha O'Connell with Dr Nelleke Koffeman (pictured right) after the public defence of her doctoral thesis, 'Morally sensitive issues and cross-border movement in the EU: The cases of reproductive matters and legal recognition of same-sex relationships', at Leiden University in November 2015. Professor O'Connell was part of the 'Opposition Committee' for the examination of Dr Koffeman's thesis the case studies for which included Ireland.

In July 2016, Professor O'Connell spoke at a DfID-funded workshop on 'Local, Regional and International Perspectives on Political Settlement and Transition' organised by the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain. His presentation was on the post-Brexit implications for the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement in the Republic of Ireland.



Tom O'Malley publishes tenth book



Tom O'Malley has recently published 'Sentencing Law and Practice' (3rd edition) which is his tenth book. The new work, a monograph running to over 1,000 pages, provides an in-depth analysis of Irish sentencing law with extensive use of comparative material. The book is dedicated to the memory of the late Mr Justice Adrian Hardiman who died suddenly in February 2016 and who contributed a foreword to the second edition of the book published in 2006.

During the past year Tom has acted as External Examiner for doctoral theses at Trinity College Dublin, Durham University and Strathclyde University. In April 2016, he was one of a number of academic experts and judges from around the world invited to participate in a seminar on sentencing hosted by the Law Faculty at Cambridge University.

Dr Ciara Smyth

Dr Ciara Smyth appeared before a House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee in March 2016 to give expert testimony on unaccompanied minors in the EU asylum/immigration system. Along with two academics from the Universities of Coventry and Bedfordshire, Ciara gave evidence in relation to: the dearth of data on unaccompanied minors in the EU; issues of trafficking, exploitation and disappearance of unaccompanied minors in the EU; the inadequacy of EU law in protecting unaccompanied minors; the need for new legislative and policy measures addressing all - and not just asylum seeking - unaccompanied minors in the EU; and the importance of opening up regular and workable family reunification channels to facilitate unaccompanied minors in joining family members in the EU. Ciara has been working in the area of the rights of asylum seeking children for the past number of years, publishing her monograph, *European Asylum Law and the Rights of the Child*, with Routledge in 2014.



(L to R) Professor Ravi Kohli, University of Bedfordshire, Professor Heaven Crawley, Coventry University, and Dr Ciara Smyth, NUI Galway

Professor Ray Murphy

In late-2015, Professor Ray Murphy, Interim Director of the ICHR, participated in three international workshops in Vietnam as part of the European Union-Vietnam Strategic Dialogue Facility. This is an EU-funded project intended to support Vietnam's development through the implementation of activities, including human rights, covered by the EU-Vietnam Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. The theme of the workshops was 'Sharing European and Vietnamese Experiences in implementing International Conventions on Human Rights'.



Professor Murphy at the European Union-Vietnam Strategic Dialogue Facility in Vietnam

Professor Ronán Long



Professor Ronán Long with Benjamin Ferencz in October 2015 at a talk in the University of California School of Law on the "Rule of Law not War".

Professor Ronán Long, who spent the past academic year as a Distinguished Senior Visiting Scholar-in-Residence at the Law of the Sea Institute, Institute for Legal Research, University of California School of Law, Berkeley, was part of a successful consortium, ATLAS, which secured funding under Horizon 2020 for research on ecosystem management. His other NUI Galway partners are Dr Anthony Grehan (Earth & Ocean Sciences), Dr Frances Fahy (Geography) and Dr Stephen Hynes (Economics).

Pictured below at the 1st Session of the Preparatory Committee Established by the UN General Assembly Resolution 69/292 "Development of an International Legally Binding Instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in April 2016 were Carl Grainger, Carl Grainger, Irish Society of International Law, Anna Knyazeva, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation and Professor Ronán Long, NUI Galway.



Dr Shivaun Quinlivan

Shivaun Quinlivan passed her doctoral viva in TCD in September 2015 for her thesis, supervised by Professor Gerry Whyte, on the efficacy of public interest litigation in the area of disability and education. Titled, 'Litigating the Right to Education for Children with Disabilities: A New Era or a False Dawn?', it discussed how the right to education is considered to be an empowerment right, and for many, a prerequisite to accessing and availing of other human rights.

Dr Quinlivan was also recently awarded the prestigious O'Brien Fellowship in Residence at McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism in Montreal, Canada. She will take up the position in September 2016. Supported by a generous gift by David O'Brien, the O'Brien Fellows-in-Residence Program aims to provide opportunities for human rights professionals to visit and contribute to the Centre. The Program is intended to enrich the intellectual life at the Centre and serve as a professional development opportunity for the Fellows. Past fellows include Justice Johann van der Westhuizen judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and Professor Charles Ngwenya from the University of Pretoria.



Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and her daughter Sofra

Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko wins President's Award

Congratulations to Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko of the Irish Centre for Human Rights who received a President's Award for Research Excellence (early-career category) in April 2016. This is a great recognition of Ekaterina's work and is the third occasion on which a staff member from the School of Law has received such an award in recent years: the previous recipients were Dr Shane Darcy and Dr Eilionóir Flynn.



President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne presenting her award to Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko

Dr John Danaher

Dr John Danaher has been awarded an Irish Research Council New Horizons Award (worth over €72,000) for his project entitled, 'The Threat of Algocracy and the Transhumanist Project'. This project will critically evaluate the interaction between humans and artificially intelligent, algorithm-based systems of governance. It will focus specifically on the role of algorithms in public decision-making processes. It will question the political legitimacy of such algorithmic governance and connect this with ongoing debates about the desirability of transcending human limitations through technology. In doing so, it highlights an important social problem and brings together disparate and previously disconnected areas of scholarship.



Dr Rónán Kennedy



Dr Rónán Kennedy received funding from the Irish Research Council for a pilot project to develop a virtual currency. The project will apply a new and very innovative technology, the Ethereum blockchain, to construct a proof-of-concept local currency in a cutting-edge intentional community, Ireland's only eco-village in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary. This will assist in creating a resilient, locally-based, and cohesive economic system which transitions to a low-carbon society. The project aims to construct a working demonstration of a local currency which supports local community decision-making, ongoing activities, and accountability mechanisms; to disseminate knowledge and learning through a workshop and peer-reviewed publications; and to integrate the Cloughjordan eco-village into a wider network of researchers. More information on the project is available at <http://ict4er.org/cloughpenny/>

Dr Diarmuid Griffin

Dr Diarmuid Griffin is currently producing a radio documentary for RTE's 'Documentary on One' radio series based on the experiences of those serving life sentences. RTE's 'Documentary on One' is currently the most successful radio department in the world, having collected 130 national and international awards since 2008. The documentary will explore the experience of a life sentence prisoner from committal to prison to release in the community. It will provide listeners with a perspective on the challenges facing those that are released back into the community, having spent a significant period of their lives behind bars.



Mariamalia Rodriguez Chavez



Commander Patrick Burke, Irish Naval Service, Mr Ciaran McCarthy, B.L., Dr Bénédicte Sage Fuller, School of Law, University College Cork, Professor Ronan Long and Ms Mariamalia Rodriguez Chaves, School of Law, NUI Galway

Professor Ronan Long and Mariamalia Rodriguez participated at the preparatory phase of the negotiations on a new international treaty on the protection of biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in November 2015. The meeting was attended by more than ninety states, twelve intergovernmental organisations and seventeen non-governmental organisations and addressed the core elements of the new instrument including marine genetic resources, area-based management tools, environmental impact assessment and capacity building. The preparatory committee is tasked with making recommendations to the UN General Assembly

on the convening of an Intergovernmental Conference to conclude the substantive text of the new agreement in 2018.

Professor Long and Mariamalia Rodríguez also participated at the Law and the Environment Conference in UCC in April 2016 and delivered a joint paper 'Anatomy of a new International Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity in ABNJ: What's in it for Ireland, the EU and third countries?' The paper provided an overview of the negotiations underway at the UN and focused on the ways to change the way States protect biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Other News

Dr Tarlach McGonagle

One of our graduates, Dr Tarlach McGonagle of the Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam, presented the President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne, with a copy of a book of essays on the UN and freedom of expression published by Cambridge University Press in honour of the late Professor Kevin Boyle. The book is co-edited by Tarlach McGonagle & Yvonne Donders and was donated by the co-editors to the NUIG Hardiman Library in which the Kevin Boyle Archive is lodged. It is planned to have a Moot Court Room named in honour of the late Professor Boyle in the Cairnes Building in which the School of Law will soon be re-located.



Education and the Law

This year saw the commencement of a new Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma/Master of Arts programme in Education and the Law in St. Angela's College, Sligo which is validated by NUI Galway. The programme consists of four stand-alone modules and the mode of delivery is online blended learning with a face-to-face session on the initial weekend in St. Angela's College and the remainder of the module delivered online. The two modules presented this year included Legal Issues in an Educational Setting and Minors/Vulnerable Adults and the Law. The modules Data Protection, Social Media and Intellectual Property in the Educational Setting and Employment and Equality in the Educational Setting will be presented in the academic year 2016-2017.

Modules may be taken on a stand-alone basis or may be combined to achieve an award. Each module has a credit weighting of 15ECTs and successful completion of any two modules will entitle the participant to an exit award of a Postgraduate Certificate. Successful completion of all four modules will entitle the participant to a Postgraduate Diploma award. Candidates wishing to progress to Masters level must successfully complete any 3 modules (45 ECTs) before progressing to Stage 2 where they will complete an Advanced Research Module (15 ECTs) and a 20,000-word Dissertation (30ECTs).

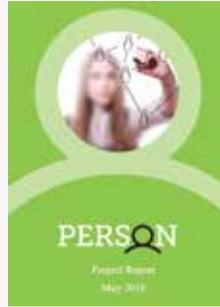
The high-point of the year was the Education and the Law conference which took place on 25th March 2016 and was entitled 'A Duty to Care: Issues of Child Protection, Welfare and Inclusion for Educators and Legal Advisors'. Delegates were presented with some stimulating and thought-provoking presentations by Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court, Dr Geoffrey Shannon, Child Law Expert and Special Rapporteur on Child Protection, Dr Maria Campbell, Thomas Dunning, Enda O'Neill, Patsy Sweeney, and Ann Gill.



Back (L to R) Eugene Toolan, Head of Education, St. Angela's College, Sligo, Marie Conroy Johnson, St. Angela's College, Helen Johnson, BL, Dr Maria Campbell, St. Angela's College, Ann Gill, Department of Justice and Equality. Front (L to R) Dr Geoffrey Shannon, University of Limerick, Judge Rosemary Horgan, President of the District Court, Michell O'Boyle, Solicitor



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 Eilionóir Flynn, Associate Head for Research

Books:

- Shane Darcy, *Judges, Law and War; The Judicial Development of International Humanitarian Law* (Cambridge University Press 2016).
- Eilionóir Flynn and Peter Blanck (eds), *A Research Companion to Disability Law* (Ashgate 2016).
- Ronán Long, Myron Nordquist and John Norton Moore (eds), *Challenges of the Changing Arctic: Continental Shelf, Navigation, and Fisheries* (Martinus Nijhoff 2016).
- Tom O'Malley, *Sentencing Law and Practice* (3rd edn, Round Hall 2016)
- Gerard Quinn and Jing Li (eds), *Selected Readings on the Studies of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (People's Publishing House 2015)

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- Kathleen Cavanaugh, 'Rethinking What is Necessary in a Democratic Society: Militant Democracy and the Turkish State' (2016) *Human Rights Quarterly* 38.
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- John Danaher, 'Should we use commitment contracts to regulate student usage of cognitive enhancing drugs?' (2016) *Bioethics*. doi:10.1111/bioe.12273
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- Larry Donnelly 'Tamanaha and His Critics: Transatlantic Reflections on the Global Crisis in Legal Education' (2015) 16(4) *German Law Journal* 821.
- Aoife Duffy, 'Searching for Accountability: British Controlled Detention in South East Iraq, 2003-2008' (2016) *International Journal of Transitional Justice*.
- Aoife Duffy, 'Legacies of British Colonial Violence: Viewing Kenyan Detention Camps through the Hanslope Disclosure' (2015) 33 *Law and History Review* 489.
- Eilionóir Flynn, Anna Arstein-Kerslake and Piers Gooding 'Assistive Technology as Support for the Exercise of Legal Capacity' (2015) 29(2) *International Review of Law, Computers & Technology* 245.
- Eilionóir Flynn and Anna Arstein-Kerslake, 'Legislating Consent: Emancipatory Research and Sexual Offences Law Reform in Ireland' (2015) *Social & Legal Studies*.
- Eilionóir Flynn and Anna Arstein-Kerslake, 'The General Comment on Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: a roadmap for equality before the law' (2016) *Sur International Journal Of Human Rights*.
- Caterina Gardiner, 'Scheme of Consumer Rights Bill 2015: Paving the Way for Digital Consumers' (2015) 22(10) *The Commercial Law Practitioner* 243.
- Padraic Kenna and Alan Sheerins, 'Development of Irish Housing 1900-1970s' (2015) *Saothar: Journal Of The Irish Labour History Society* 40(1) 7.
- Rónán Kennedy, 'E-regulation and the Rule of Law: Smart Government, Institutional Information Infrastructures, and Fundamental Values' (2016) 21(1) *Information Polity* 77.
- Ronán Long, 'Court of Justice of the European Union Rules on EU Institutional Prerogatives in ITLOS Advisory Opinion' (2016) 20(2) *American Society International Law Insights*.
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- Ray Murphy, 'UN Peacekeeping in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Protection of Civilians' (2016) *Journal of Conflict and Security Law* 1.
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- Charles O'Mahony and Piers Gooding, 'Laws on unfitness to stand trial and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Comparing reform in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Australia' (2016)

44 *International Journal of Law Crime and Justice* 122.

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- Shivaun Quinlivan, 'Stokes v. Christian Brothers High School: An exercise in splendid isolationism?' (2015) 18(2) *Irish Journal of European Law* 81.
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- Ioanna Tourkochoriti, 'Disparate Impact and Indirect Discrimination: Assessing Responses to Systemic Discrimination in the US and EU' (2015) 3 *European Journal of Human* 297.
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Rethinking Human Rights and Culture Through Female Genital Surgeries' (2015) 37 *Human Rights Quarterly* 107.
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Schizophrenie du droit international' (2015) 26(2) *European Journal of International Law* 580.
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Considering time in migration and border control practices' (2016) *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies*.

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- Kathleen Cavanaugh, 'The Architecture of Exclusion' in Fernand de Varennes and Christie May Gardiner (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Human Rights in Asia* (Routledge 2016).
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- Shane Darcy, 'Reciprocity and Reprisals' in Timothy McCormack and Rain Livioja (eds) *Routledge Handbook of the Law of Armed Conflict* (Routledge 2016).
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- Eilionóir Flynn and Sinead Ring, 'DPP v C: Feminist Judgment' in *Northern/Irish Feminist Judgments* (Hart Publishing 2016).
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- Padraic Kenna, 'Milestones in 25 Years of Housing Finance in Ireland' in Jens Lunde and Christine Whitehead (eds) *Milestones in European Housing Finance* (Wiley-Blackwell 2016).
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- Ray Murphy, 'Correspondence Report on Ireland 2014' *Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law* (Springer 2015).
- Ray Murphy, 'Problems Confronting any International Peacekeeping Force in the Israel-Palestine Conflict' in *The Irish Yearbook of International Law* (Hart 2015).
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- Brian Tobin, 'The Regulation of Cohabitation in Ireland: Achieving Equilibrium between Protection and Paternalism?' in Robert Leckey (ed) *Marital Rights* (Ashgate 2016).
- Ioanna Tourkochoriti, 'Jenkins v. Kingsgate and the migration of the US Disparate Impact Doctrine in EU Law' in Fernanda Nicola and Bill Davies (eds), *EU Law Stories* (Cambridge University Press 2016).
- Ioanna Tourkochoriti, 'Contestation of Historical Fact and National Truths: An Analysis of Cases from France and Greece' in Uladzislau Belavusau and Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias (eds), *Law and Memory: Addressing Historical Injustice through Law* (Cambridge University Press 2016).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, 'Conceptualising Human Rights as International Constitutional Guarantees: Promises and Perils of Comparativism' in Alexis Albarian and Olivier Moréteau (eds), *Comparative Law and ... / Le droit comparé et ...* (Presses Universitaires d'Aix-Marseille 2015).
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- Eilionóir Flynn, Jennifer Kline and Meredith Raley, Article 33: Establishing a Monitoring Framework for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Report (Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, 2016).
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Annual Distinguished Lecture 2016

On Friday 15 April the School of Law Annual Distinguished Lecture 2016 was delivered by Professor Emeritus, Nicholas Canny, "English Law in Early Modern Ireland: Promoting or Impeding Anglicization?".

The event was chaired by the former EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation & Science, Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, and took place in the Aula Maxima (Lower) followed by a reception in the Staff Club.

The lecture is held annually to mark the end of the academic year and to bid farewell to Final Year law students and provide an opportunity for them to be introduced to members of the NUI Galway Law School alumni community as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

Pictured above Professor Nicholas Canny. All photographs by Aengus McMahon.



Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn introducing Professor Nicholas Canny



Dr Jim Browne, Professor Donncha O'Connell, Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Professor Nicholas Canny and Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness



Full house at the Annual Distinguished Lecture 2016



Students at the Annual Distinguished Lecture 2016



NUIG law students



BCorp Law student Jana Hokszoová, Thamil Venthana Ananthavinayagan, PhD Candidate and Fellow at the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Mahmoud Abukhadir



Tom Mc Loughlin, State Solicitor for Galway-East with PhD candidates Maria Manuela de Almeida Silva and Sharon Walker



Dr Jim Browne in conversation with Professor Emeritus Hubert McDermott and Professor Dáibhí Ó Cróinín



BA in Law students



Professor Donncha O'Connell with students



Dr Aidan Kane, Professor Nicholas Canny and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti

Last year, the Annual Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Sir Declan Morgan, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, and the event was chaired by Chief Justice of Ireland, Susan Denham. In the past, the annual lecture has been delivered by: Mr. Justice Nial Fennelly of the Irish Supreme Court, Professor Neil Walker of Edinburgh University, Judge John T. Noonan of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Baroness Brenda Hale of the UK Supreme Court with Ms. Justice Catherine McGuinness of the Irish Supreme Court and Professor Christopher McCrudden of Oxford University.

News from the Centres

CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

Visiting Researchers Programme

The Centre has enjoyed extended visits from old friends this year, including Professor Michael Waterstone, Dean of Loyola Law School (LA, USA). Professor Waterstone spent four weeks in Galway as a Fulbright Specialist enabling deep exchange of research and ideas in the area of deinstitutionalisation and community living for persons with disabilities on both sides of the Atlantic.

Professor Kelley Johnson, Centre for Social Policy, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia has been Visiting Professor for three months in 2016 pursuing her interest in deinstitutionalisation, the barriers and facilitators to people with disabilities living good lives in the community, and sexuality and relationships.

In addition, the following researchers came to Galway to work with colleagues at the Centre:

- Dr Paul Harpur, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland
- Dr Nancy E. Hansen, University of Manitoba, Canada
- Michael McCue, US attorney and doctoral candidate in the College of Education at Michigan State University
- Rebecca Irvine, Michigan State University under the MSU-DOCTRID Hegarty Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Hilary Deignan, Northeastern University, USA
- Simone Cavanaugh from McGill University, Canada (in partnership with the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI))
- 18 graduate students from the Central Connecticut State University

Follow The Money: Financing Independent Living in the Community

Centre director Gerard Quinn and PhD fellow Emily Loughlin were guest speakers at this side event of the 15th Session of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee in Geneva in April 2016.



New appointments in CDLP

- Dr Sinead Keogh, Post-doctoral researcher (Áiseanna Tacaíochta (ÁT) and EU Marie Skłodowska Curie ETN). Sinead was formerly post-doctoral researcher with the EU FP7 DISCIT project.
- Jenni Kline, Research Associate (EU DISCIT, IHREC)
- Alex Hillen-Moore, Researcher (Community Living for Europe - Structural Funds Watch)
- Dr Meredith Raley, Researcher (IHREC and Summer School)
- Josephine Lally, Researcher (Irish Research Council New Foundations)
- Trish Lynch, Administrator (Summer School)



(L to R) Josephine Lally, Alexandra Hillen-Moore, Dr Sinead Keogh and Trish Lynch.

New Projects

- Community Living for Europe: Structural Funds Watch is an independent initiative monitoring the use of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds), specifically the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund and the implementation of the 2014-2020 ESI Funds Regulations in the transition from institutional care to community based support services. The project is funded and partnered by Lumos, JK Rowling's charity, initially for one year.



- Human Rights and Equality Analysis of the Implications of the Transition of Persons with Disabilities from Congregated Settings to Community Living – a report for the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC).
- Áiseanna Tacaíochta (ÁT) have commissioned the Centre to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis of Direct Payments in Ireland, led by Dr Sinead Keogh.
- Irish Research Council New Foundations – an inclusive research project to build knowledge transfer between the National Platform of Self Advocates and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy in the areas for housing and transport policy.

EU PERSON - Final Report

The EU DG Justice-funded PERSON project on legal capacity reform in the Balkans and Turkey is in its final year of a successful four-year funding period. The final project report details the significant achievements of this partnership in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia and Turkey.

Developing Disability Rights in China: From Paper to Practice?

A conference entitled 'Developing Disability Rights in China: From Paper to Practice?' took place in January 2016 at the University of Leeds. Co-organised by the Centre for Disability Law & Policy the event sought to raise awareness of current initiatives and challenges experienced by disabled people and their organisations and advocates in China and to generate opportunities for on-going collaboration and exchange.

IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

ICC Moot Court Team

For the first time, the Irish Centre for Human Rights participated in the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Competition. Organised by the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden University with the institutional support of the International Criminal Court, the competition is held in The Hague, The Netherlands as annual event over six days.

This year, 65 universities took part in the competition, with the ICHR moot team reaching the quarter-final stage. The ICHR team had an international flavour with students from five different countries: the three speakers were Anne-Catherine Standaert, Cécile Genoud and Kayla Cook. The researchers were Gabrielle Nava and Ciaran Wallace. The team coach was Dr Shane Darcy, lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the assistant coach was Hellen Carvalho.



(L to R) Anne-Catherine Standaert, Cécile Genoud and Kayla Cook (team members), Gabrielle Nava and Ciaran Wallace (researchers), Dr Shane Darcy (coach) and assistant coach Hellen Carvalho.

IHL Moot Court Team

The ICHR's International Humanitarian Law (IHL) team participated for a second time in Corn Adomnán National IHL competition this year. The competition is organised by the Irish Red Cross and took place on the 2nd of April in Dublin at the UCD Sutherland School of Law.

The IHL team included: Bridget Quitter, Stefanie Fahlbusch and Amanda Poitras. The coaches were Dr Anita Ferrara, lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Thamil V. Ananthavinayagan, PhD candidate at the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

After a competitive and challenging day with participation in numerous scenarios in the first round, followed by a moot court in the second and final round, the IHL team finished third out of eight teams participating from across Ireland.



(L to R) Team members Bridget Quitter, Stefanie Fahlbusch and Amanda Poitras with their coach Thamil V. Ananthavinayagan.

ICHR represented by students at the awarding of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in the European Parliament



Students with Head of Unit of Secretariat of the Subcommittee on Human Rights Rosemary Opacic.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights was represented at the awarding of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in the European Parliament by LLM students: Diego Escribano, Jess Furney, Claire Lynch, and Bridget Quitter; and by BA Connect student, Eoghan (John) Finn, in Strasbourg.

The visit was organised by Dr Anita Ferrara, lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. In addition to the awards ceremony, students attended a seminar with Ensaf Haidar, Raif Badawi's wife, who was accepting the award on Mr. Badawi's behalf. Following the seminar in the morning, students were present in the Chamber of the European Parliament for the awarding of the Sakharov Prize and addresses made by members of the European Parliament and Ensaf Haidar. In addition to the seminar and ceremony, students met with the Head of Unit of Secretariat of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Rosemary Opacic, while this visit was complemented by an excursion to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and a meeting with Dr Siofra O'Leary, Irish judge at the ECtHR.

Conferences and Events

Irish Association of Law Teachers Annual Conference

The Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT) held its Annual Conference in the Salthill Hotel in November 2015. The IALT was co-founded in 1979 by the late Kevin Boyle while he was Professor of Law at NUI Galway. The Association was established to advance legal education, legal research and the work and interests of law teachers on the island of Ireland. A welcome reception was held for the conference delegates in NUI Galway on Friday 27 November where documents relating to the founding of the association from the archive of Professor Kevin Boyle (housed at the Hardiman Library, NUI Galway) were put on display. The President of the IALT, Dr Charles O'Mahony from the School of Law, was re-elected for a second term of office at the Annual General Meeting held over the weekend.

Over sixty law lecturers from Law Schools in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales presented papers at the conference. Research presented at the conference explored human rights issues such as the right to education, assisted human reproduction and the rights of older people. Many of the papers also explored topical issues such as the ineffectiveness of public inquiries such as the one into the banking crisis and recent reforms to company and consumer law.



Pictured are Council Members of the IALT (L to R) Dr Deirdre McGowan, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dr Mark Coen, University College Dublin, Dr Charles O'Mahony, NUI Galway, Dr John E Stannard, Queen's University Belfast, Dr Connie Healy, NUI Galway and Dr Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University



Dr Connie Healy, NUI Galway and Norah Burns, Trinity College Dublin



Dr Eoin Daly, Dr Brian Tobin and Dr Eilíonóir Flynn, NUI Galway



Professor Donncha O'Connell, NUI Galway and Professor Carol Rasnic, Professor Emerita, Virginia Commonwealth University and former Fulbright Visiting Scholar at NUI Galway



Dr Katie Boyle, University of Roehampton and Dr Lynn Ramsey, Letterkenny Institute of Technology



Professor Donncha O'Connell, NUI Galway, Ralph Denny, University of Roehampton and Dr Sara Drake, Cardiff Law School and former member of staff at NUI Galway

Honorary Law Degree for Eamon Gilmore

At a ceremony in NUI Galway in June 2016, Eamon Gilmore was conferred with a Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa). Former Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade of Ireland, Eamon Gilmore is now the EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia. He was born and raised in Caltra, Co. Galway and received his education at Garbally College, Ballinasloe and at NUI Galway (then UCG). He was President of the UCG Students' Union and of the Union of Students in Ireland, and he worked as an officer of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, prior to his election to Dáil Éireann in 1989. He also served as Minister of State for the Marine from 1994 to 1997, and was the Leader of the Irish Labour Party from 2007 until July 2014.

Introducing Eamon Gilmore at the conferral ceremony, Professor Donncha O'Connell of the School of Law said: "To have served in government at a time of real crisis and to have contributed to an economic recovery which was not inevitable; to have played a central part in the restoration of the country's reputation abroad; to have signalled the way to a joyful maturity in the form of constitutional provision for 'marriage equality' – a world first – long before the popularity of that cause was evident; and to have served with honour and authenticity is no small claim for one person from Caltra in County Galway."



President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne, Eamon Gilmore and Professor Donncha O'Connell



Pictured at the honorary conferring reception were Marie McGonagle, formerly of the School of Law, Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and Chairperson of Údarás na hOllscoile, Professor Donncha O'Connell and the Attorney General, Máire Whelan, SC

Border Lines

Comedian Kevin McAleer, painter John Byrne and writer Susan McKay came together for a special event in NUI Galway celebrating (somewhat quizzically) the Irish border. 'Border Lines' took place in February 2016 and was organised by the University's Arts in Action programme, in association with the School of Law and NUI Galway's 1916 Commemorative Programme, 'A Nation Rising'. This was the first collaboration between the School of Law and the Arts in Action programme and further joint ventures are planned for the future.



Kevin McAleer



Susan McKay



John Byrne

Annual Conference on Law of the Sea 2016

An international conference, 'Legal Order in the World's Oceans: UN Convention on the Law of the Sea' was held in June 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. This was the 40th international conference on contemporary marine law issues was co-convened by Professor Ronán Long of the School of Law, NUI Galway in conjunction with the Center for Oceans Law and Policy at the University of Virginia, the UN Division on Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Ankara University Research Center of Sea and Maritime Law, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, Institute for China-America Studies, International Seabed Authority, Korea Maritime Institute and the University of Bergen Faculty of Law.

International Surrogacy Conference



Dr Brian Tobin speaking about the interplay between surrogacy legislation and the constitutional rights of the child, a topic he will also present a paper on at the Society of Legal Scholars' Annual Conference at Oxford University on 9th September 2016



Professor Susan Golombok, Keynote Speaker



Speakers at the conference Professor Donncha O'Connell, Dr John Danaher, Professor Susan Golombok, Deirdre Fottrell, QC, Dr Kirsty Horsey, Dr Brian Tobin, Dr Andrea Mulligan, Professor Deirdre Madden (absent from photo: Hayley Mulligan)

Surrogacy: Forging a Legal and Policy Framework for Ireland' was an interdisciplinary conference organised by Dr Brian Tobin in March 2016 and attended by over 100 people including academics, legal and medical practitioners, policy-makers, students and members of the public.

The keynote speakers included leading child psychologist Professor Susan Golombok, Director

of the Centre for Family Research at Cambridge University, and Dr Kirsty Horsey, a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Kent and member of the Surrogacy UK Working Group on Surrogacy Law Reform.

Other speakers included: Deirdre Fottrell QC, Dr John Danaher & Dr Brian Tobin, School of Law, NUIG, Professor Deirdre Madden, UCC,

Dr Andrea Mulligan, TCD and Hayley Mulligan, a doctoral fellow at the School of Law.

The conference attracted significant media attention with Dr Tobin appearing on, among others, TV3's Ireland AM and Newstalk's Pat Kenny Show. Dr Tobin also proposed a 'surrogacy solution' for Ireland in an opinion piece in The Irish Times in the week following the conference.

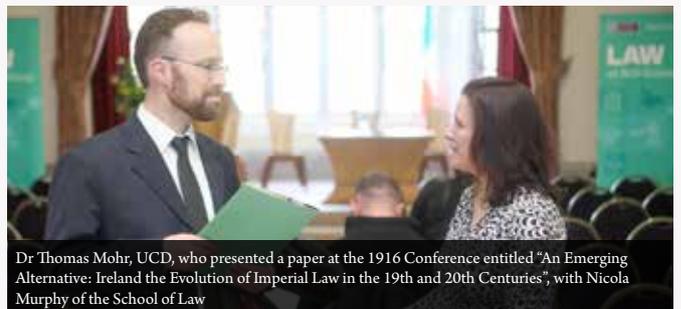
1916 Conference – 'Law, Revolution & Sovereignty'



Mr. Justice John MacMenamin of the Supreme Court



(L to R) Professor Donncha O'Connell, Dr Conor Hanly, Dr Mary Harris (NUIG Coordinator for 'A Nation Rising – NUI Galway 1916 Commemorative Programme'), Mr Justice John MacMenamin of the Supreme Court, Maria Portuondo, PhD candidate at the School of Law, Dr Eoin Daly and Professor Gerard Quinn



Dr Thomas Mohr, UCD, who presented a paper at the 1916 Conference entitled "An Emerging Alternative: Ireland the Evolution of Imperial Law in the 19th and 20th Centuries", with Nicola Murphy of the School of Law

In April 2016 the School of Law hosted a conference – 'Law, Revolution & Sovereignty' - as part of the University's programme of events, 'A Nation Rising', to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising. The conference considered the legacy of Irish independence and sovereignty in the domain of law and of legal thought. Fifteen speakers from Ireland and overseas delivered papers addressing the distinctive character of the legal order that developed post-independence, the impact of revolutionary ideals in the Irish

legal and constitutional system, and the constitutional experimentation and evolution of independent Ireland. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Justice John MacMenamin of the Supreme Court of Ireland, with closing observations from Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. The conference was organised by Dr Eoin Daly and Dr Conor Hanly with Professor Gerard Quinn with assistance from Maria Portuondo, PhD candidate at the School of Law.

Holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental at the Irish Centre for Human Rights

Tomi Reichental, a survivor of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, gave a talk hosted by the ICHR in November 2015. Over four hundred people showed up to listen and the venue was quickly changed to accommodate the large number interested in hearing his story.

For most of his life Tomi did not speak of the atrocities he bore witness to, but in recent years he has become an active advocate for tolerance and compassion. His story is a story of the past. It is also a story for our times. The Holocaust reminds us of the dangers of racism and intolerance, providing lessons from the past that are relevant today. In Tomi's words *"The Holocaust didn't start with cattle wagons and gas chambers, but with whispers, taunts, daubing, abuse, and finally murder. One of the lessons we must learn is to respect difference and reject all forms of racism and discrimination."*

At seventy-nine years of age Tomi Reichental's tireless quest has earned him recognition and numerous awards. In 2012 the President of Germany awarded him the 'Order of Merit' for his untiring commitment to furthering mutual understanding, reconciliation and German-Irish friendship.



Legal & Political Theory Workshop Series



The Legal and Political Theory Workshop Series has completed its first successful year. The series was established in 2015 by Dr Eoin Daly, Dr John Danaher and Dr Ioanna Tourkochorit. It provides a high-quality interdisciplinary forum for presenting and critically discussing work in legal and political theory, broadly construed. In its first year, the series welcomed thirteen visiting speakers from Ireland, UK, Continental Europe, Israel and Australia.

Speakers pre-circulated their papers for discussion at the bi-weekly seminars, during which there was a heavy emphasis on discussion and debate. A diverse range of topics were covered including: the burden of repair in private law; the role of legislative power in governance by law; the formal basis of group powers; the concept of presumptive wrongs in sexual offence law; punishment and solidarity; the nature of responsibility for criminal acts; the deconstruction of human rights in times of economic crisis; what it means to obey the law; the

implications of free will skepticism for the criminal law; the ethical superiority of interpretive explanations in the social sciences; the theory of unconstitutional amendments; and the phenomenon of memory laws in relation to atrocities.

The speakers were: Dr Emmanuel Voyiakis (LSE) (1); Dr Dimitrios Tsarapatsanis (Sheffield) (2); Dr Brian Flanagan (Maynooth) (3); Dr David Prendergast (TCD) (4); Emmanuel Mellisaris (LSE) (5); Professor Bebhinn Donnelly-Lazarov (Swansea) (6); Dr Zoi Aliozi (NUIG) (7); Dr Elizabeth Shaw (Aberdeen) (8); Dr Michael Sevel (Sydney) (9); Dr Michael Frazer (East Anglia) (10); Dr Yaniv Roznai (Haifa) (11); and Dr Uladzislau Belvusau (Amsterdam) (12) and Dr Alexandra Gliszczynska-Grabias (Amsterdam) (13).

The workshop will be recommencing in September 2016. If you are interested in attending or participating, please contact one of the convenors via lptheory@nuigalway.ie or visit <http://www.nuigalway.ie/law/research/lptheory/>

LABSA Conference

The conference of Local Authority Solicitors Bar Association (LASBA) was hosted by the School of Law in October 2015. LASBA represents in-house solicitors of the Local Authorities in Cork City and County, Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, County Galway, County Kerry, South Dublin, and County Wicklow. Law Agents for other counties also attended the conference. LASBA is officially recognised by the Law Society of Ireland as a representative bar association. This was the second occasion on which the LASBA conference was held in NUIG.

(L to R) Dr Padraic Kenna, conference organiser, with speakers Michael Clancy, BL, Deirdre Halloran, IRC Scholar, NUI Galway, Robert Meehan (Solr), Galway County Council, Mikayla Sherlock (Solr), Ballymun Community Law Centre, Joe Noonan (Solr), Noonan, Linehan, Carroll, Coffey Solicitors, Cork, Terence G. O'Keeffe (Solr), President of LASBA, Yvonne Kelly (Solr), Dublin City Council, John Shaw (Solr), Past President Law Society of Ireland and Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, NUI Galway



Criminal Law Forum

The Criminal Law Forum met at NUI Galway in its first meeting outside of Dublin in September 2015. The Forum, the brainchild of Ms Justice Una Ní Raifeartaigh, brings together practitioners and academics who are interested in criminal law matters. On this occasion, Tom O'Malley presented a paper on 'Criminology in the Courtroom - Using Social Science in Criminal Litigation'.

Back row (L to R) Patrick Gageby, SC; Tom O'Malley, NUIG; Ms Justice Una Ní Raifeartaigh; Professor Liz Heffernan, TCD; Dr Rónán Kennedy, NUIG; Kate Mulkerrins, Office of the DPP; Joanne Nic Liam, BL; Dr Mary Rogan, TCD; Dr Diarmuid Griffin, NUIG

Front row (L to R) Dr Conor Hanly, NUIG; Dr John O'Sullivan BL; Dr Catherine O'Sullivan, UCC; Olive Doyle, Solicitor; (absent from photo Dr Joe McGrath, UCD)



Summer Schools for secondary students

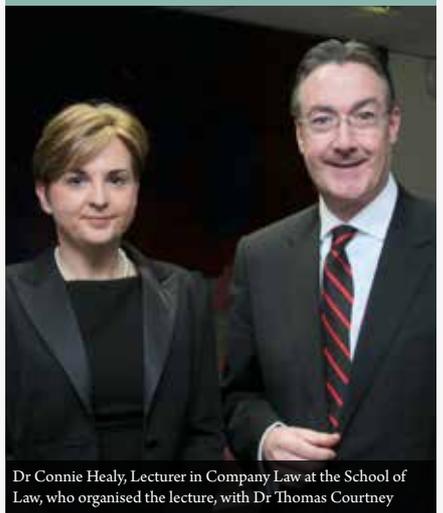
Dr Connie Healy organised a Summer School in Law for secondary school students from 1-3 of June 2016. The summer school, now in its fourth year, provided participants with an insight into studying law at NUIG. Students travelled from all over the country to participate. Dr Conor Hanly introduced students to criminal law, Ms. Ursula Connolly explored topical issues in tort law, Dr Ciara Smyth examined the Irish asylum system, Dr Charles O'Mahony spoke about Law and the Media, Dr John Danaher explored game theory and the law and Dr Brian Tobin led a session on the regulation of surrogacy in Ireland. The secondary school 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, Spanish or Italian and Nicola Murphy outlined the many exciting opportunities there are to study throughout Europe and internationally as part of the undergraduate law programmes offered at NUI Galway. Emma Goode, a law graduate now working in the Careers Development Centre at NUIG, outlined the different careers options available both as members of the legal profession (solicitors and barristers) and alternative careers in law.



Dr Ciara Smyth (far left) and Dr Connie Healy (far right) pictured with participants on the first day of the summer school

Lecture on the Companies Act 2014

The Law School welcomed the many members of the Galway Solicitors Bar Association and wider accounting, insurance and business communities for a lecture by company law expert, Dr Thomas Courtney on The Companies Act 2014 in November 2015. Dr Courtney is a graduate of NUI Galway, Chairman of the Company Law Review Group and a Partner in Arthur Cox, Solicitors.



Dr Connie Healy, Lecturer in Company Law at the School of Law, who organised the lecture, with Dr Thomas Courtney

Annual LLM in Public Law Conference

A half-day conference associated with the LLM in Public Law was held in November 2015 on the theme of 'Policing, Accountability and the State'. It was organised by Dr Charles O'Mahony and Dr Eoin Daly and was addressed by Ms Justice Mary-Ellen Ring, the then newly-appointed Chairperson of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), Tom O'Malley, BL of the School of Law and Law Reform Commission and Dr Vicky Conway of DCU.



(L to R) Ms Justice Mary-Ellen Ring, Dr Vicky Conway, DCU and Tom O'Malley of the School of Law

Establishing a Monitoring Framework in Ireland for the UN CRPD



(L to R) Eddie Redmond, Irish Deaf Society, Adrian Noonan, National Platform of Self-Advocates, Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner of the IHREC, Catalina Devandas Aguilar, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Dr Eilíonóir Flynn, CDLP and Dr Meredith Raley, CDLP

The UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Catalina Devandas Aguilar, launched a report, 'Article 33: Establishing a Monitoring Framework for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities', in May 2016. This evaluation report by Dr Eilíonóir Flynn and Meredith Raley of the CDLP was commissioned by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC).

The report focuses on the role of the independent monitoring mechanism provided for in Article 33 of the UNCRPD which will oversee the Convention implementation process. The report provides a variety of suggestions and examples of good practice, which will be useful as Ireland prepares to ratify the CRPD. The monitoring mechanism in the CRPD is a unique innovation among human rights treaties, which makes its correct implementation both a challenge and extremely worthwhile.

Inclusive Centenaries Conference

Mary Robison, David Stanton TD, Minister of State for Justice with responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration and former Justice Bryan McMahon were among the line-up of keynote speakers at the Inclusive Centenaries conference in June 2016. In a spirit of dialogue and celebration of Ireland's diversity in 2016, Inclusive Centenaries brought together people living in direct provision – especially women and young people – as well as members of other immigrant and local communities, elected representatives, policy advocates and NUI Galway leaders and decision-makers.

As part of the conference, and to mark Ireland's Decade of Centenaries and celebrate the diversity of Irish society in 2016, NUI Galway announced and launched a new, merit-based Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship Scheme with support from Galway University Foundation. This national pilot scheme aims to assist high-achieving, second-level school leavers from Ireland's newest communities to pursue their third-level educational goals at NUI Galway, to realise their full potential, and to contribute to shaping Ireland of today and tomorrow.

The Inclusive Centenaries conference was funded by the Irish Research Council New Foundations scheme. It was organised jointly by the Centre for Global Women's Studies, School of Political Science and Sociology, the School of Law, and the Centre for Drama, Theatre & Performance at NUI Galway in partnership with The Mary Robison Centre, Ballina and local partners: Galway County Council, Galway County Council Intercultural Forum, Youth Work Ireland, Galway and Galway City Partnership Intercultural Consortium. The School of Law involvement was led by Dr Ciara Smyth.



Musical performance at the Inclusive Centenaries conference

International Criminal Court Summer School

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted the 17th Annual International Criminal Court Summer School from 27 June to 1 July 2016 at NUI Galway. The summer school was very well attended with delegates representing twenty-eight nationalities from around the world participating in a stimulating and interactive week. Lectures on topical issues were given by leading specialists from academia as well as the International Criminal Court itself. The 2016 summer school included a special session on victims at the International Criminal Court, which brought about a lively discussion between delegates and panellists on victims' issues. A number of social activities were also included in the programme to ensure an ideal balance of learning and fun. A spirited moot court at Galway Courthouse, during which the delegates put their newly-acquired knowledge to the test, followed by a closing dinner, offered the perfect ending to a thoroughly enjoyable week!



Dr Shane Darcy, Irish Centre for Human Rights, addressing the summer school with panel members (seated, L to R) Fiona McKay, former head of Victims Participation and Reparations Section of the International Criminal Court, Orchlón Narantsetseg, Legal Officer at the International Criminal Court and Professor Megan Fairlie, Florida International University

47 nations at the biggest ever Disability Summer School



The 8th International Disability Law Summer School took place in June 2016 under the theme 'Bringing Rights Home: Civil Society Impacting Change'. This year was the biggest School ever with 150 participants from nearly 50 countries. As usual the Centre for Disability Law and Policy was host to a world-class faculty and participants including persons with disabilities, their families, civil society groups of persons with disabilities as well as advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts. This year was opened with keynotes celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act by US Senator Tom Harkin and Judith Heumann of the US State Department, as well as John Wodatch, former Director of the Disability Section of the Civil Rights Division in the US Department of Justice; and Catalina Devandas, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Proceedings of the School are available as an open resource on the Centre's YouTube site (CDLPNUIG).

CDLP-China Disability Book Launch

A book edited by Professor Gerard Quinn and Jing Li, 'Selected Readings on the Studies of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities', marks the first product of a major and ongoing collaboration between the Centre for Disability Law & Policy at NUI Galway and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the China Disabled Persons Forum. It was launched by an official (pictured below) of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in March 2016 at a reception in Galway.



Professor Brian Hughes, Dean of International Affairs with co-editor Jing Li on Skype from China



(L to R) Professor Gerard Quinn, Xiaochuang Wu, First Secretary, Head of Education Office, Embassy of China and Professor Lokesh Joshi, Vice President for Research, NUI Galway

Irish Disability Studies Association Annual Seminar 2016

Members of the Irish Disability Studies Association were offered a unique opportunity when the CDLP's twin visiting professors – Michael Waterstone, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Fulbright Fellow, and Kelley Johnson, Centre for Social Policy, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia – gave a joint seminar on “Community Living Policy Innovations in the United States & Australia” in March 2016.

Professor Kelley Johnson, Professor Michael Waterstone and Professor Patricia Noonan Walsh, Chair of the Irish Disability Studies Association



ERC VOICES Workshops

The first workshop for the VOICES project, led by Dr Eilionóir Flynn of the CDLP, was held in April 2016. The workshop brought together storytellers with disabilities and respondents from academia, activism, front-line workers and policy-makers to jointly develop proposals for reform of laws, policies and practice on legal capacity. Participants came from twelve countries to explore different and exciting ways to share their experiences of exercising and being denied legal capacity through oral and written storytelling, art, theatre and performance. This is second major event this year for this ground-breaking CDLP project funded by the European Research Council.



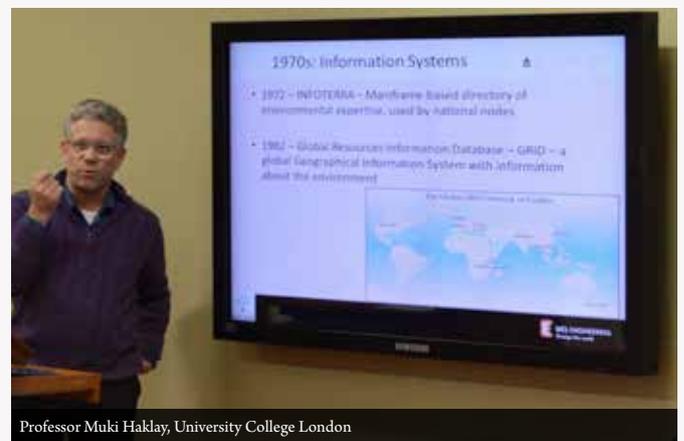
Professor Amita Dhanda, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSA), India



Dr Eilionóir Flynn

Workshop on Algorithmic Governance

Dr John Danaher and Dr Rónán Kennedy hosted a workshop on algorithmic governance in March 2016 at NUI Galway. The workshop was co-sponsored by the College of Business, Law and Policy and the Whitaker Institute. The goal was to consider the various barriers to effective and legitimate algorithmic governance and to identify potential research questions and methodologies. The workshop consisted of three panel sessions featuring short twelve-minute talks followed by a ‘collective intelligence’ workshop, facilitated by Dr Michael Hogan from the NUI Galway School of Psychology. Talks were given by Professor Willie Golden (NUIG), Dr Kalpana Shankar (UCD), Professor John Morison (QUB), Niall Ó Brolcháin (Insight Centre), Dr Brendan Flynn (NUIG), Dr Maria Murphy (Maynooth), Professor Dag Weise Schartum (Oslo), Dr Heike Felzmann (NUIG), Professor Burkhard Schafer (Edinburgh), Dr Aisling de Paor (DCU), Anthony Behan (IBM – speaking in a personal capacity), and Professor Muki Haklay (UCL).



Professor Muki Haklay, University College London



Dr Rónán Kennedy of the School of Law introducing a presentation by NUI Galway law graduate, Dr Aisling de Paor, DCU

Irish Society of Comparative Law Annual Conference

In May 2016 the School of Law and the Irish Centre of Human Rights hosted the 7th Annual Conference of the Irish Society of Comparative Law. It was a gathering of scholars from all over the world discussing a variety of topics of current interest from a comparative perspective. The world-renowned constitutional scholar, Professor Mark Tushnet from Harvard Law School, was the keynote speaker starting the discussion with a stimulating presentation on the boundaries of comparative law. The Conference hosted panels on a number of topics such as: constitutional responses to terrorism; the current 'migration Crisis'; the concept of human dignity; comparative Constitutional Law issues; and the methodology of Comparative Law more broadly. The organisers of the conference were Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti of the School of Law and Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko of the ICHR with assistance from ICHR doctoral candidate, Denise Gormley.



Professor Mark Tushnet delivering his keynote address

Proclamation Day 2016



Dr Conor Hanly speaking on 'The Proclamation: Law, Revolution and Sovereignty' at the Proclamation Day short talks in the Hardiman Research Building in March 2016.

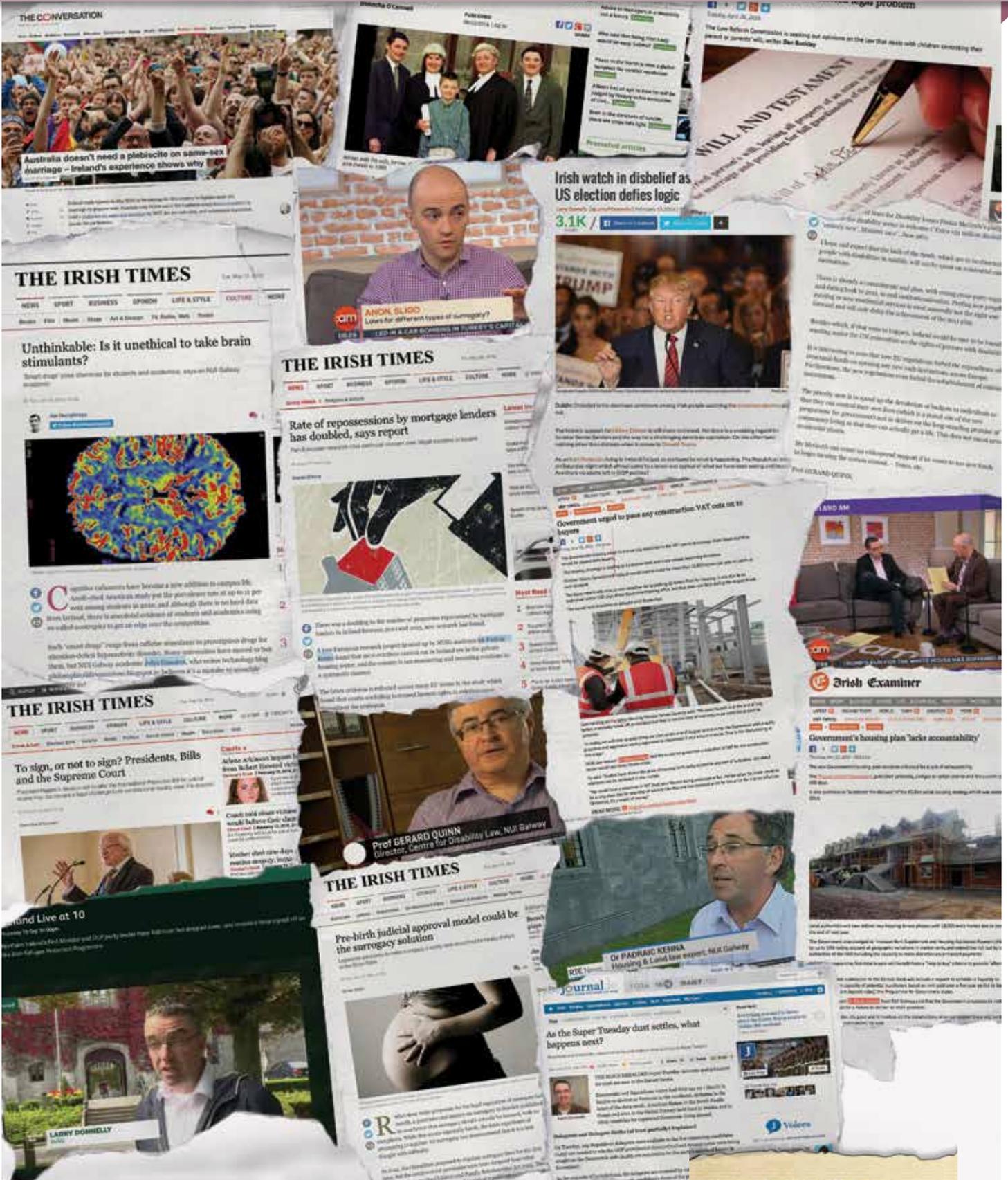


Speakers and attendees at the ISCL Conference

Symposium on the Wellbeing of Disabled People and Carers

The Centre for Law and Social Justice, University of Leeds with the Centre for Disability Law & Policy, NUI Galway and Cardiff Law School held an international symposium in April 2016. This event on the well-being of disabled people and their carers brought together researchers and members of disability organisations. Two NUI Galway students, Milika Sakala and Imededdine Ouertani, from the LL.M in International & Comparative Disability Law & Policy presented at this event.

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

Alumni News

Alumni Awards for Chief Justice Mathilda Twomey and Siobhán Ní Ghadhra



(L to R) Ms. Justice Carmel Stewart of the High Court and Law Reform Commission, Ms. Máire Whelan, SC, Attorney General, Professor Donncha O'Connell, Head of the School of Law, Chief Justice Mathilda Twomey and Ms. Justice Mary Faherty of the High Court



(L to R) Adrienne Turley, AIB, NUI Galway President, Dr Jim Browne, Siobhán Ní Ghadhra and Seán O'Rourke, Chair of the NUI Galway Alumni Board

Dr Mathilda Twomey received the Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy & Government on 5th March at the NUIG Annual Gala Banquet. The event was also attended by previous recipients of the award: Ms Máire Whelan, SC, Attorney General, Ms Justice Mary Faherty of the High Court and Ms Justice Camel Stewart of the High Court.

The Award for Arts, Literature and Celtic Studies was awarded to Emmy Award-winning LLB graduate, Siobhán Ní Ghadhra. Siobhán is a director of Danú Media and Production Manager of Ros na Rún.

Emer Finnegan



Emer Finnegan was recently promoted to the position of Director of the Legal Service at the EU Council of Ministers. Emer graduated from UCG with a BA in 1986 and LLB in 1988. She was awarded a scholarship to the College of Europe in Bruges in 1988. She worked at the EU Commission, in private practice and at the General Court of the EU in Luxembourg before joining the Council Legal Service in 1999.

Appointments to the Circuit Court & District Court

Congratulations to three of our graduates on their nominations by the Government in July 2016 for appointment as judges of the District Court and Circuit Court.

Cormac Quinn BL (BA, 1992) has been nominated for appointment to the Circuit Court. Fiona Lydon, Solicitor (BA, 1988 and LLB, 1990) and David Waters, Solicitor (BA, 1984 and LLB, 1986), have been nominated as judges of the District Court.

Aonghus Kelly



“I am from Oranmore but I did my undergraduate degree in UCC. After travelling for a few years I had the good fortune to be able to do my Masters in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights in NUIG while working at Blake & Kenny Solicitors just across the Salmon Weir Bridge. A very helpful boss (Michael Molloy, another NUIG alumnus) and several helpful lecturers meant that I was able to work and do my studies at the same time

I then moved to Birmingham in the UK to work at Public Interest Lawyers and was one of the members of the team representing the victims of torture and murder by British forces at the Baha Mousa Inquiry. Following two years in the UK I moved to Bosnia and Herzegovina to work in the State Prosecutor's Office there on crimes committed in and around

Srebrenica during the Bosnian war. After my time in Sarajevo I moved south to Pristina in Kosovo to work at the Special Prosecution Office there on cases of war crimes, organised crime, corruption and terrorism as well as trying to assist with the rooting of the rule of law itself.

Following three years there I moved to Phnom Penh in Cambodia in November 2015 to work on one of the defence teams at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia often known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal.

Galway is always home, though. I learned a lot at NUIG and still visit when I am home to call in to my old lecturers at the ICHR and pass on a few things from my work. ”

Sean Aherne



One of our outstanding graduates, Sean Aherne (BCL, 2013), was awarded the prestigious Henry Fellowship at Cambridge University which has enabled him to spend the past year carrying out research at Yale Law School. Sean graduated with a First Class Honours BCL in 2013 and, after spending a year working in the Legal Department of RTE, was admitted to Cambridge where

he was a student at Trinity Hall and where he was awarded the LLM in 2015. Each year, two Henry Fellowships are awarded to students of Oxford and Cambridge to spend a year studying at Harvard or Yale, depending on their choice. These are very valuable, much-sought after fellowships and we warmly congratulate Sean on his tremendous achievement in being awarded one of them.

Orla Crowe



“I graduated from the Bachelor of Civil Law (International) in 2008. Following some short-term research projects at NUIG, I obtained a traineeship with LK Shields and entered on the Roll of Solicitors in March 2012. I worked happily as a solicitor in their Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department for sixteen months.

While I always had an interest in international law, I never thought to act on this interest until I volunteered for a short time in Haiti in May 2012. Upon my return, I began seeking advice from others who had worked in the area, becoming involved in charities and improving my French. I was encouraged to apply to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), as they often did not specify previous international experience as an essential requirement.

In July 2014, I was delighted to obtain a position as a Human Rights Adviser in the OSCE in Kosovo. I was responsible for advising the government and minority communities on property and housing rights of vulnerable groups as well as the protection and promotion of cultural heritage in the country.

After eighteen months, I decided that I wanted to experience living in another culture. Fortunately, I was accepted as a Programme Lawyer for Irish Rule of Law International in Malawi in East Africa - a position I have now held for sixteen months. I am seconded to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Malawi where I aim to contribute to a more effective process for dealing with homicide and sexual offence cases through implementing capacity-building interventions with a particular focus on child justice issues. It is the most rewarding position I have ever held, and I feel privileged to be able to make even a small difference in the poorest country in the world.

I believe that following an alternative path has helped me decide on what career I wish to pursue when I return to Ireland. If I had one piece of advice for those who are starting out with their career or wish to reorient it, it would be to advise you not to be afraid to choose the path less travelled! I would also advise you to try and obtain a masters qualification first! ”

John O'Halloran



John O'Halloran is a graduate of the Bachelor of Corporate Law programme and was a member of the first intake class of 1993. He later qualified as a barrister and solicitor.

John joined MetLife in October 2012 and is currently the Head of Legal for Western and Central Europe. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing the operation of the legal function in twelve countries and he is also the chief legal adviser to the Irish life and non-life insurance super-carriers.

Prior to joining MetLife, John worked in private practice for a leading Irish law firm, McCann FitzGerald. During his time with McCann FitzGerald, he specialised in financial services regulatory law, advising a broad base of clients on legal and regulatory issues and providing regulatory advice on large financial services transactions, including mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to working with McCann FitzGerald, John worked in-house, including as Head of Legal for the Irish League of Credit Unions, the representative and lobbying body for credit unions in Ireland.

Patrick Harte

Patrick Harte graduated in 2004 with an LLB having completed a Bachelor of Corporate Law degree with Legal French the previous year. He spent a year studying in l'Université de Poitiers, France while on the Corporate Law programme. In 2005 Patrick moved to Paris to complete an internship in Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy. It was during that period that he decided to read for the Bar at the Inns of Court School of Law in London. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 2006 and later, in 2013, was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland.

In 2007 Patrick won one of three much sought-after pupilages at the Chambers of Steven Hockman QC, Inner Temple where he trained in criminal law, family law and environmental law. Following pupillage, Patrick chose to specialise in criminal defence work at the Chambers of John

Coffey QC, Middle Temple where he continues to enjoy a busy practice. Patrick's practice spans the jurisdiction and he regularly appears at the historic Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey, London defending as sole junior in cases involving fraud, kidnap, blackmail and firearms in which have attracted both local and national press attention.

Aside from practice at the Bar, Patrick was a founding member of the London Irish Lawyers Association (LILA) and jointly held the chair of that body from 2012 to 2015. Outside of work Patrick has an active interest in politics and narrowly missed out on a seat in local government in the 2014 election standing for the Liberal Democrats in Crouch End, London. In November 2013 Patrick was recognised in the Legal 50 as one of the top Irish Leaders in Britain.



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