

Dlíscéala

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Dr Thomas B Courtney appointed Adjunct Professor of Law at NUI Galway



Dr Connie Healy, and Dr Thomas Courtney

The School of Law was delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Thomas Courtney as Adjunct Professor in February 2018. Professor Courtney is a graduate of NUI Galway, Chairman of the Company Law Review Group, Head of Compliance and Governance Practice at Arthur Cox Solicitors and was the driving force behind the Companies Act 2014. The announcement was made when the School of Law officially launched two new postgraduate programmes: the LLM (International & Comparative Business Law) and LLM (General) (see inside page 16)



Dr Maria Laura Serra & Dr Eilionóir Flynn,
Directors of the 10th International Disability Law
Summer School

10th International Disability Law Summer School

The world's largest Disability Law Summer School focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities took place in NUI Galway in June 2018. This was the 10th International Disability Law Summer School to be hosted by the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway. The title for 2018 was 'Moving forward: Intersectionality as a tool of social change'. (see inside page 24)

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For friends,
students & alumni



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Welcome from Head of School



Dear Friends,

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

We had a busy year planning and delivering two new LLM programmes. In February we officially launched the LLM (International & Comparative Business Law) and LLM (General). The LLM (International & Comparative Business Law) is designed to provide students with an excellent grounding in business law and is aimed at students interested in pursuing a career in legal practice or in the commercial world. The LLM (General) allows students to tailor their LLM studies by selecting modules from the full range of subjects available on the LLM programmes offered within the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy. My colleague Dr Connie Healy is the Programme Director for these programmes.

We were pleased to see the CAO points for our law programmes increased this year. The School is making a number of significant and exciting changes to our undergraduate programmes that will take effect from September 2019. From 2019 all students on our undergraduate law programmes will complete either a yearlong professional work placement or year of study abroad. This change reflects the School of Law's commitment to improving our students' employability. Embedding work placement as part of our undergraduate degree ensures these placements are accredited and academically assessed to enable our students build essential skills and real-world experience to maximise their employability. All of our students will continue to have the option of studying a language as part of their law degree.

Our Bachelor of Civil Law Programme will change from a three-year to a four-year programme to facilitate the study abroad or professional work placement

requirement in year three of the degree. We look forward to launching our Law (BCL) & Human Rights programme this coming year. This is a unique degree that gives students the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law programme with the study of human rights.

The Bachelor of Corporate Law programme has been offered at NUI Galway since 1993 and will be rebranded as a Bachelor of Law & Business degree from next year. The programme will continue as an interdisciplinary degree, allowing students to combine the study of law with distinct areas of commerce. However, the structure of the programme will now allow students to complete all the modules required for the Kings Inns and Incorporated Law Society. This restructure also allows students to choose a specialised stream in an area of law and business that interests them and aligns with their career plans (Accounting, Economics, Digital Business & Analytics, Management or a Language stream).

I am delighted to introduce new colleagues appointed to the School of Law over the past year. Dr Anita Ferrara joins as a lecturer in Human Rights Law; Dr Catriona Moloney joins as a lecturer in Disability Law. Sandra Glennon joins the School taking up the post of Marketing and Student Recruitment Officer.

The School and our Centres organised a number of high profile events, conferences, summer schools and seminars throughout the course of the year. I hope you enjoy reading about these in the newsletter.

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

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

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

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Student Activities

Lá na nGradam

Pictured with the President of NUI Galway, Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh at Lá na nGradam in February 2018 are:



Bridget Geoghegan (3rd BCL), winner of the Val O'Connor Memorial Prize in Equity



Shannon Fahy, winner of the LK Shields Hugh Garvey Memorial Prize



Alexander Burke (2nd BCL), University Scholar



David Martin (2nd BCorp Law), University Scholar

CDLP Gold Medal Winner

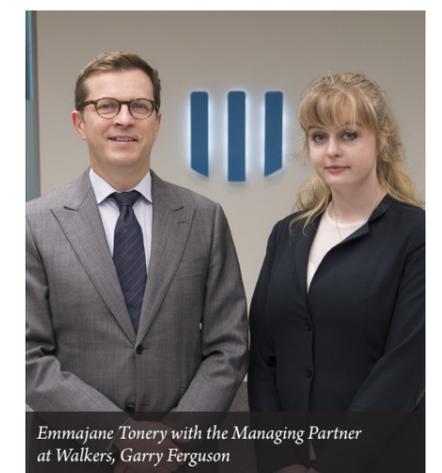


Pictured is George Chiusiwa, winner of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy's Gold Medal for 2017. The medal is awarded to the top student in the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy each year. George is the Principal Disability and Elderly Rights Officer with the Malawi Human Rights Commission.

Student Internships



(L to R) Owen O'Hanrahan, Dr Brian Tobin, Louis Coleman, Dr Charles O'Mahony and Alison O'Brien



Emmajane Tonery with the Managing Partner at Walkers, Garry Ferguson

A number of prestigious internships were organised by the School of Law's Director of Student Career Development, Dr Brian Tobin. Owen O'Hanrahan (Final BCL) and Louis Coleman (Final BCorp) were the successful applicants for the two summer internships in the Office of the Attorney General. Alison O'Brien (Final BCorp) was selected for the Chief Justice's Summer Internship in the Superior Courts, which ran from 5th-29th June 2018. Finally, Emmajane Tonery (2nd BCL) was chosen by Walkers Ireland for participation on the Walkers Ireland NUIG Summer Internship Programme, in honour of the late Cathal Lavelle (BCorp, NUIG).



Well done again to another group of very hard-working CÉIM Law Leaders, pictured above with at the University CÉIM Celebration where they received Certificates of Participation. CÉIM has been running for four years within the BA Law and is now well-embedded in that programme. Special thanks to the five third year leaders (Maeve Charles, Annie Staunton, Emma Sweeney, Sarah Doherty, and Georgia Feeney), who were leaders for two academic years. To find out more about CÉIM visit <http://ceim.su.nuigalway.ie/>

Dr Mariamalia Rodríguez Chaves

Congratulations to Dr Mariamalia Rodríguez Chaves who successfully defended her PhD thesis in September 2017. Maria is pictured here with the viva voce board: Dr Anthony Grehan (Internal Examiner- Earth & Ocean Sciences, NUI Galway); Prof Ronan Long (Supervisor-World Maritime University); Dr Mariamalia Rodríguez Chaves (Candidate-Costa Rica & Pew Charitable Trusts); Prof Nilufer Oral (External Examiner-Faculty of Law at Istanbul Bilgi University, & International Law Commission); Prof Gerard Quinn (Chair of viva voce Board & Emeritus Professor of Law at the Centre for Disability Law & Policy, NUI Galway). Mariamalia's PhD is entitled "The conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction of the Costa Rica Thermal Dome: Moving from Lex Lata to Lex Ferenda".



Sarah Hofmayer

Congratulations to Sarah Hofmayer, some of whose submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been incorporated in the new General Comment on Article 5: Equality and Non-discrimination (adopted 9 March 2018).

Sarah is a doctoral student at the CDLP, where she is both a Hardiman and an IRC Scholar. Her thesis, supervised by Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley, is entitled "Work Integration Social Enterprises – a tool to further inclusive employment for persons with disabilities?" She prepared the submission on behalf of Klagsverband, an Austrian umbrella NGO fighting discrimination on all grounds, as part of her doctoral research.



Stephanie O'Flynn



Congratulations to our PhD student Stephanie O'Flynn who was a recipient of the Irish Association of Law Teachers PhD scholarship at its Annual Conference. Stephanie's paper was entitled 'Diversifying our legal system: Towards the inclusion for animal rights'. Stephanie's research is supervised by Dr Maureen O'Sullivan.

Doctoral Programme

Dr Aine Sperrin

Congratulations to Dr Aine Sperrin who passed her doctoral viva in June 2018. Aine's PhD is entitled "Independent living for adults with intellectual disabilities in post conflict states. A comparative analysis of the implementation of Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Northern Ireland and Bosnia Herzegovina." Her research was funded by the Irish Research Council from 2013-2016.



Dr Eilionóir Flynn (Supervisor), Prof Donncha O'Connell (Internal Examiner), Dr Aine Sperrin, Prof Ray Murphy (Chair) and Prof Luke Clements (External Examiner, University of Leeds).

Doctoral Scholarships



The Irish Research Council (IRC) has awarded a scholarship to Joanna Nefs, supervised by Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and Dr Charles O'Mahony. Her research topic is "Investigating Incapacity: Comparing the effects of competing international legal consent and capacity systems". This research looks at which legislative approaches correlate to a better quality of life for persons who have mental and or intellectual disabilities and have been declared legally incapable. Using a difference in difference approach, it includes a comparative analysis of the guardianship, limited substitute decision maker, and supportive decision making models.

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

- Sahara Kalmal-Nankan, to be supervised by Prof Siobhán Mullally, ICHR. Her research topic is "Between two worlds: a relational feminist analysis of the international human rights to water, adequate sanitation and hygiene ('WASH') regulatory framework—case studies on South Africa and India". This research critically examines 'WASH' from legal feminist perspectives of human rights theory and practice. It asks what a relational feminist concept of water justice would require, as a matter of human rights law and practice? It draws upon socio-legal and comparative methodology to analyse substantive gender equality in law and policy - including a limited body of fieldwork—in the primary jurisdictions of South Africa and India.
- Masrur Salekin, to be supervised by Dr Rónán Kennedy. The title of the proposed research is 'Ensuring Environmental Justice through Judicial Activism' and the aim is to explore the role of judicial activism and to make judicial activism an important tool for ensuring environmental justice. The objective of the research is to develop a Guideline for Judicial Activism in order to develop a systematic and principled mechanism which is both assertive and effective and capable of countering the criticisms levelled against judicial activism. The proposed research is an exploratory and comparative case study focused chiefly on verdicts in cases involving environmental matters delivered by the Australian, Bangladeshi, Irish, Indian, Pakistani and English courts."



Irish Centre for Human Rights PhDs



(Rear L to R): Dr Noelle Higgins, Dr Shane Darcy and Professor Ray Murphy; Front (L to R): Dr Nicholas McMurry, Dr Amina Adanan and Dr Thamil Ananthavinayagan.

- Congratulations to Dr Amina Adanan of the Irish Centre for Human Rights who passed her doctoral viva in December 2017. Her thesis is entitled, 'Allies and enemies, past and present: An analysis of the rationale for the development of universal jurisdiction over serious crimes under international law'. Her supervisors were Professor Ray Murphy and Dr Noelle Higgins, her internal examiner was Dr Anita Ferrara and the external examiner was Professor Mohamed Badar. Dr Amina Adanan now lectures in International Human Rights Law, Land Law and Constitutional Law at the Department of Law, Maynooth University.
- Congratulations to Dr Thamil Ananthavinayagan on the defence of his PhD, 'Sri Lanka, the United Nations and human rights: A case study', in January 2018. Thamil was supervised by Dr Shane Darcy. Thamil is now a lecturer for international law at Griffith College Dublin.
- Congratulations to Dr Nicholas McMurry who successfully defended his PhD in December 2017. His dissertation, which explored the concept of participation under international human rights law, was supervised by Dr Shane Darcy. The external examiner was Dr Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona and the internal examiner was Prof Siobhán Mullally.

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. Four NUI Galway students were chosen to spend their summer in Boston: Daniel Howard, Aonaid Carr, Molly Groome and Hayley Kitson (all Final BCL).

Daniel Howard interned with the Massachusetts Appeals Court. He conducted research and writing for the chambers of Associate Justice Gregory Massing. Aonaid Carr interned with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston. She carried out research, writing and observation with the Major Felony Bureau. Molly Groome interned with the Legal Innovation and Technology Lab at Suffolk Law School. She worked with the director of that program, David Colarusso. Hayley Kitson interned with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston. She conducted research, writing and observation with the Chief of the Narcotics & Asset Forfeiture Unit.

The Law School also welcomed Suffolk Law students who undertook internships with the Law Reform Commission and GLANLaw.

Study Abroad

The Law School has participated for many years in the EU Erasmus mobility programme, and this year has been no different – forty-two 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. For example, Jordan Jackson (2nd BCL) will study at the Shantou University and Harry Goonan (2nd BCL) will spend next year at the Southern Utah University.

We are also pleased to announce that the School of Law has concluded new Memoranda of Understanding with two North American law schools: the College of Law at the University of Iowa and McGill University in Montreal.

Suffolk Summer School



Suffolk Summer School students and professors during their visit to Galway

Larry Donnelly, a Suffolk University Law School (SULS) graduate, and Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation in the School of Law, together with Professor Sara Dillon of SULS, organised a summer school that ran in May 2018. The summer school builds upon the pre-existing partnership between the two law schools, which was established to capitalise on the many close ties between Boston and Galway. For the past several years, students from both law schools have travelled to the other side of the Atlantic to avail of a short programme of study and internships.

The summer school, which is held on the campus of NUI Galway on an annual basis, was taught this year by Professor Sarah Boonin and Professor Michael Rustad of SULS with contributions from

various members of School of Law staff including a module by Larry Donnelly and Dr Conor Hanly on aspects of Irish law.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to Twitter headquarters in Dublin with presentations from the public policy team and the chief legal counsel for the EMEA region; a tour of the King's Inns; visits to the Four Courts and the Criminal Courts of Justice; and a tour of Kilmainham Gaol.

There were approximately 25 participants in the summer school, including staff and students from the two law schools, and it is hoped that the numbers will grow in future. Recent School of Law graduates are invited to take part in the 2019 summer school (those interested should contact Larry.Donnelly@nuigalway.ie).

Student Recruitment Abroad

Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation, was part of an NUI Galway delegation that attended the NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisers) Conference in Philadelphia in May 2018. He met with over twenty foreign universities with a view to establishing study abroad links which will enhance opportunities for law students. Dr Hanly represented NUI Galway at the NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counselling) Fair in Boston in September 2017 as part of an Irish universities delegation. While in the United States, he also visited multiple high schools in the New York area and participated in a Catholic high school recruitment fair in the Boston area. Conor also attended recruitment fairs in Ottawa and Toronto.

Further information on international study is available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/law/internationalstudy/>



Dr Conor Hanly at the NACAC Fair in Boston



(L to R): Dr Conor Hanly, Anna Cunningham, Director of International Affairs, Patricia Walsh, Business Development & Operations Manager, Nuala McGinn, Director at the Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development and JB Terrins, International Mobility Manager.

Peo Mosepelle



Peo Mosepelle (Final BCL), who studied in Southern Utah University for the 2017-18 academic year writes:

My time in Utah has unfortunately come to an end with amazing memories from throughout the year. Utah is one of the most beautiful places in the United States, I have made amazing friends here and travelled to beautiful national parks around the State. By far my favourite thing about Utah was its SUU Outdoors programme. This allowed any student, with a first come first served policy to sign up and travel to National Parks for FREE.

Through this programme, I visited most national around Utah such as Zions National park and Sand Hallow. Additionally, I took part in activities such as hiking, canyoneering and most terrifyingly I jumped from a 130ft Canyon. By far my favourite trip with SUU Outdoors was camping in the Grand Canyon for 3 nights. I made lifelong friends and memories from this trip and others. All future students from NUIG going to SUU will absolutely love it.

Peo

Emer O'Byrne



Emer O'Byrne (Final BCL class), who spent last year in Toulouse on the Erasmus+ Programme writes:

"During my time in Toulouse, I undertook a diploma in EU law through French and had bi-weekly language lessons to ensure progression in my overall linguistic ability. During my time there I endeavoured to experience new things through cultural and social immersion in everyday life such as training with the University tennis team and joining the local hockey club. Such involvement afforded me the opportunity to travel with fellow team-mates to the French national indoor hockey championships in Paris as a member of the Midi-Pyrenees varsity team. I took every opportunity to travel and visited other countries where fellow NUIG students were on Erasmus, such as Spain and The Netherlands. I went skiing a number of times due to the accessible nature of the slopes and I also spent numerous weekends exploring other cities within France.

One of my most valued trips was travelling to Paris to watch the Ireland v France rugby match in February. I met a solicitor who had spent her Erasmus year in Ireland and we stayed in touch over the following months. During this time, she advised me of an opportunity to apply for a 'Vacation Scheme' in the Paris office of Hogan Lovells law firm. I was very fortunate to receive an offer to spend six weeks in their offices on the Champs-Élysées in their litigation department. During my time in Hogan Lovells, I developed a wide understanding of the French legal system and the inner workings of a large multinational law firm. I was afforded the opportunity to attend the Paris Supreme court on three occasions during my time with the firm and during my final week I was taken to the French Football Federation, where I sat in on their appeals board hearings. My time in this firm opened my eyes to the international opportunities and potential that a course such as Law and French can offer. I built strong relationships with trainees and other interns during my time in Paris. I also had the pleasure of meeting a wide variety of people during my seven-week stay in the Irish Cultural Centre.

My year in France was exceptional and the people that I met and the experiences I enjoyed will stay with me long after college. The challenge of moving to a new country to live for a year amongst new people who celebrate a diverse culture and speak a foreign language was consistently superseded by the amazing and unique experiences on offer."

Studying in China

Congratulations to Nicole Mullan (2nd BA) and Alaina Maher (Final LLB) who have won a funded scholarship to a summer school in Tsinghua University in Beijing and a summer internship with the Association of Criminal Justice Research and Development, respectively.



Alaina Maher and Dr. Conor Hanly



Dr. Conor Hanly, Nicole Mullan and Dr. Charles O'Mahony

New Staff Appointments

Professor Eilionóir Flynn



Eilionóir Flynn was appointed as an Established Chair at the School of Law in September 2018. She joined the School in January 2014 and was appointed the Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway in January 2018. She is a graduate of University College Cork (BCL, PhD), and published her first book with Cambridge University Press in 2011, entitled "From Rhetoric to Action: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."

Eilionóir's current research interests include legal capacity, advocacy, access to justice, and the intersectionality of disability, gender and ageing. In 2014 she was awarded a European Research Council Starting Grant for the VOICES project, to document the narratives of people with lived experience of legal capacity denial. An edited collection from this project, entitled "Global Perspectives on Legal Capacity Reform: Our Voices, Our Stories" was published by Routledge in 2018.

She is passionate about educating a new generation of disability activists and scholars, and will co-ordinate a new Marie Curie Training Network known as DARE (Disability Advocacy Research in Europe) of 15 early stage researchers across seven European countries from 2019-2021. In 2018 she was awarded a Wellcome Trust Investigator Award for a project entitled "Re(al) Productive Justice: Gender and Disability Perspectives."

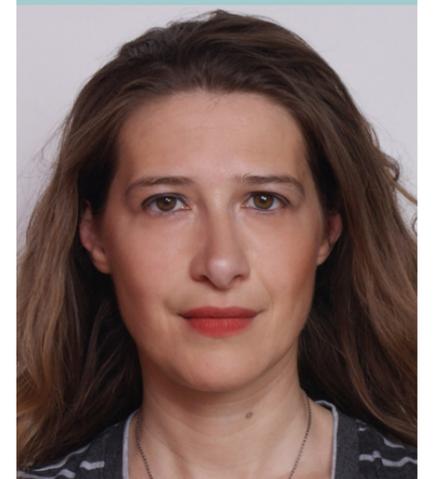
At a national level she is actively engaged in the process of legal capacity reform, and co-ordinates a working group of over 15 civil society organizations in the fields of disability, mental health and older people on this issue. Internationally, she has supported the Secretariat of the UN Committee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

Dr Anita Ferrara

Anita Ferrara was appointed lecturer in Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, School of Law in June 2018. Previously, she was lecturer in Human Rights at NUI Galway and teaching fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, (SOAS), University of London.

Her research is very interdisciplinary. She is interested in the legal, political and ethical dilemmas confronting states and societies to address the legacy of mass violence. She has a strong interest in analysing the challenges arising from linking justice initiatives and peace in post-conflict societies. She is also focused on understanding the extent to which dealing with the past mechanisms achieve justice, peace and reconciliation. Her latest work is focused on investigating the impact and legacy of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions with a particular focus on the Latin American Region. Her next book chapter forthcoming with Intersentia Publishers, proposes a new framework to assess the impact of truth commissions over the longer-term.

Before her academic career, she gained extensive experience in human rights, working for UN agencies and NGOs. She worked with a prominent human rights lawyer, Roberto Garreton, at the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Santiago, Chile. She also served as UNV programme officer at the United Nations Development Programme in Gaborone, Botswana.



Sandra Glennon

Sandra Glennon joined the School of Law in September 2018 as the Marketing and Student Recruitment Officer. Sandra has worked in a number of roles in the University, most recently, in the President's Office working on a number of high-profile institutional events. She has also worked in industry, as a buyer, both in Galway and Australia.

Sandra is an EMBA graduate from NUI Galway with a strong understanding of University strategy, marketing, event management and stakeholder engagement. Sandra is looking forward to working with colleagues in the School of Law to grow student numbers and enhance brand awareness.



Dr Catriona Moloney



Dr Catriona Moloney is a Lecturer in Disability Law at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway and previously lectured at the University of Limerick. Catriona has a Bachelor of Civil Law and an LLM in Public Law and was awarded her PhD entitled Empowering Children and Young People: An Access to Justice Assessment of Mental Health Law and Policy for which she was awarded a School of Law (NUIG) Scholarship to undertake this research. Catriona was a full-time legal researcher for the Law Reform Commission from 2008–2010 where she worked on the Commission's statute law restatement programme. Catriona was also a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School's Project on Disability during the summer of 2013. She was appointed to the Board of EPIC (Empowering Young People in Care) in 2014; EPIC advocates at a national and local level for the rights of young people in and with care experience.

Her research interests are broadly in the field of public law and policy. In particular, on issues related to human rights and children and the interface of mental health law and legal capacity. Her PhD research explores the emerging area of access to justice and its application to children with psychosocial disability through the development of child-friendly justice frameworks. Catriona has published and presented papers in this field.

Staff Departures



Professor Gerard Quinn, founder and Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, retired as Established Chair in the School of Law in December 2017. He has been a tireless advocate and champion of the rights of people with disabilities, not just in Ireland, but around the world. Among other achievements, he was instrumental in developing the Report of the Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities in Ireland, co-authored a seminal report for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with Theresia Degener, and played a crucial role in the negotiation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

His work has placed NUI Galway on the map internationally in the field of disability rights, especially through the Centre's LLM and PhD programmes, and through the now globally-recognised International Disability Law Summer School. He has brought together a new generation of disability activists and researchers, and graduates and former staff of the Centre are now in key positions to influence change in their own countries as a result of his leadership and mentoring.

The occasion of his retirement was marked with a celebration of his research career at NUI Galway on 26 January, with contributions from colleagues at NUI Galway, including Professor Pat Dolan, Director of the Institute for Lifecourse and Society, Dr. Eilionóir Flynn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Dr. Charles O'Mahony, Head of the School of Law. A number of external stakeholders also contributed to the event, including the Honourable Mr Justice John McMenamin of the Supreme Court, the Honourable Ms Justice Máire Whelan of the Court of Appeal, Minister for Children Katherine Zappone T.D., Lia O'Hegarty, former NUI Galway President James Browne and former Minister for Persons with Disabilities Kathleen Lynch.

NUI Galway wish Professor Quinn all the best in his two new part time roles with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University and at the University of Leeds. We plan to retain close links with him as an Emeritus Professor at NUI Galway. We know that he will continue to be an ardent supporter of disability rights research, and we thank him for his many years of service to the university, the School of Law and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.

Staff News

Dr Padraic Kenna

Dr Padraic Kenna's research currently focuses on the integration of human rights into the EU economic governance institutional framework, particularly how the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights can be applied within ECB supervision of mortgage lenders. He's currently engaged on a two-year project funded by Open Society Initiative for Europe that will generate accessible materials and training for European institutions, NGOs, social movements and human rights advocates to promote the EU Charter.

Padraic was the chief author of 'Access to Justice and the ECB: A Study of ECB Directly Supervised and Other Mortgage - Repossession Cases in Ireland' in March 2018; a research report by the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway. This research examined 2,400 home possession mortgage cases and showed that two thirds of those defending legal actions of ECB directly supervised lenders had no legal representation. He also contributed to a new guide, 'Your EU Consumer and Human Rights: A Guide for People in Mortgage Distress in Ireland', published jointly with Open Society Foundations' Abusive Lending Practices Project in February 2018.

Padraic has been invited on the Advisory Boards for Edward Elgar Publishers, Land and Housing Law and Policy Series (2017-2020); Southern European Housing Series - University of Pisa, Italy, and the UNESCO Housing Chair Rovira i Virgili University, Tarragona, Spain.



Dr Padraic Kenna explaining the links between access to justice and the ECB mortgage supervision framework



Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway, Dr Padraic Kenna and Marguerite Angelari, J.D.

Dr Lucy Ann Buckley & Dr Shivaun Quinlivan



The Committee for Employment & Social Security in the states of Guernsey have appointed Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley of the School of Law and the internationally-acclaimed Centre for Disability Law and Policy to advise progress on the development of Disability Discrimination Legislation. They will advise the Committee on which country's legislation would be most appropriate for Guernsey to model its disability discrimination legislation on. They will assess the approach taken in a number of countries based on evaluation criteria which will be agreed by the Committee in consultation with key stakeholders. This will underpin the shape of the future legislation. It is hoped that a model law will be identified by the end of March, following which proposals will be developed regarding how the model legislation should be tailored to the Guernsey context. The Committee is aiming to consult with the public on developed policy proposals before the end of 2018.

Dr Shivaun Quinlivan



Dr Shivaun Quinlivan pictured with Professor Upendra Baxi at a conference organised by Prof Amita Dhandu on "Conversations on Contemporary Struggles Towards the Realization of Socio-Economic Rights" held at Nalsar University, Hyderabad India. Dr Quinlivan was one of the leading experts invited to speak on the right to education.

Tom O'Malley

Tom O'Malley gave an invited lecture entitled "Defending the Suspended Sentence" at the University of Oxford Centre for Criminology in November 2017. He also gave a paper on consent in relation to sexual offences at a seminar on Anglo-German Law at the University of Frankfurt in April 2018. He made presentations on the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 at the annual conferences of the District Court and Circuit Court in spring 2018. Tom acted as lead counsel for the DPP in *People (DPP) v Casey and Casey* [2018] IECA 121 where, for the first time, the Court of Appeal issued a sentencing guideline judgment (for residential burglary in that particular case). He also represented the State before the Supreme Court in *People (DPP) v C.O'R* [2016] 3 I.R. 322 and *People (DPP) v Wharrie* [2016] IESC 63, which were leading cases on the mental element in rape and sentencing mitigation, respectively.

More recently, in August 2018, Tom has been asked by the Minister for Justice Charlie Flanagan to chair an independent review of how rape trials are conducted in Ireland.



Dr Connie Healy

Dr Connie Healy is pictured here with Baroness Hale of Richmond, President of the UK Supreme Court, at the launch of a book entitled 'Children's Rights Judgments: From Academic Vision to New Practice', to which Connie contributed a chapter. Connie, together with Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley and Dr Brian Tobin, will deliver a module on Family and Child law on our new LLM (General) next year.



Dr Rónán Kennedy & Larry Donnelly

Congratulations to Dr Rónán Kennedy & Mr Larry Donnelly who were announced as recipients of the Kevin Boyle Book Prize for the 2nd edition of their book 'How to Think, Write & Cite' (co-authored with Jennifer Scheppe from the School of Law at the University of Limerick). This year the Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT) introduced a new category of 'best text written primarily for students and/or practitioners'. Justice Úna Ní Raifeartaigh of the High Court presented the prize to Rónán at an award ceremony at Pugin Hall Maynooth University in November 2017 and bestowed high praise upon the book. Well done Rónán & Larry!



Dr Rónán Kennedy also contributed to a report, 'Data for Water Decision Making', published by the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley. The report has been a key inspiration for a workshop on 'Connecting Texas Water Data' which took place in April 2018.

Rónán also organised a workshop at UC Berkeley School of Law on "Citizen Science and Legal/Regulatory Processes" in June 2017. This brought together approximately a dozen researchers, including leading professors from the Law School, such as Eric Biber and Andrea Roth, and researchers from the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society, such as Dr Brandie Nonnecke. Discussions on how to develop an international and interdisciplinary research agenda on this developing topic are ongoing.

Dr Maureen O'Sullivan

Congratulations to our colleague Dr Maureen O'Sullivan who was awarded a PhD in February 2018 from the University of Edinburgh. The title of Maureen's thesis is 'Morality Patently Matters: The Case for a Universal Suffrage for Morally Controversial Biotechnological Patents', which is a critique of the decision making procedure at the European Patent Office when there is an application for a patent which raises issues of morality under Article 53(a) EPC and a reform model based on principles extracted from the participatory budgeting procedure in Porto Alegre in Brazil.

Maureen published an article in the Journal of Animal Ethics entitled "The Legal Lacunae of Human-Animal Hybrids and Chimeras within Patent Law" in January and was recently re-elected for the sixth year running as Chairperson of the Vegetarian Society of Ireland.



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Larry Donnelly

Pictured at last September's Kennedy Summer School in New Ross, Co. Wexford are RTÉ's former Washington correspondent and current co-presenter of the 6.1 News, Caitríona Perry, and Larry Donnelly of the School of Law. Larry conducted a public interview with Caitríona on her experience of covering the 2016 US presidential campaign and the Trump presidency. He also served as co-director of the Kennedy Summer School, which attracted significant media attention and was sold out for the entirety of its three-day run.



Dr Brian Tobin

Dr Brian Tobin appeared on 'This Week' on RTE Radio 1 in February 2018, where he debated the surrogacy provisions in the General Scheme of the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill with David Quinn of the Iona Institute. Dr Tobin was also invited by the international organisation 'Families through Surrogacy' to speak about Ireland's proposed surrogacy law at their Annual Conference at Croke Park in Dublin in March 2018. Dr Tobin also spoke about surrogacy law reform at the Annual Conference of the Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA), which was held at the University of Bristol in March 2018, and at the Annual Conference of the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS), which was held at Queen Mary, University of London in September 2018. On 30th October 2018, Dr Tobin will appear before the All-Party Parliamentary Committee on Surrogacy at the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, where he will provide expert testimony on surrogacy law reform.



Dr Brian Tobin and Senator David Norris



Senator Grace O'Sullivan (Green Party), Dr Brian Tobin, Anne Marie Toole, Senator Fintan Warfield (Sinn Féin)

Dr Joanna Tourkochoriti



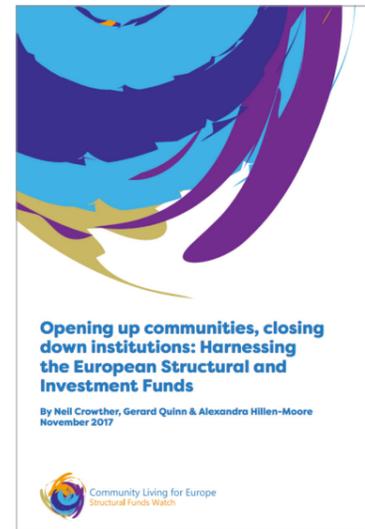
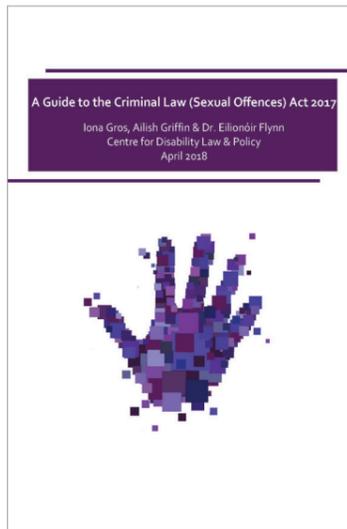
Dr Joanna Tourkochoriti organised a workshop on Antidiscrimination Law and Religion with Prof Jaclyn Neo (National University of Singapore School of Law) and Prof Michel Rosenfeld (Cardozo School of Law, New York) as part of the XXth General Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law held in Fukuoka, Japan in July 2018. The workshop led to a very productive discussion with scholars from all over the world on these delicate issues.

Dr Charles O'Mahony



Dr Charles O'Mahony was selected as a Charlemont Scholar for 2018 by the Royal Irish Academy. He is pictured here with Professor Michael Peter Kennedy, President of the Royal Irish Academy at the awards ceremony for the Charlemont Scholars, where he was presented with his certificate on the 19th February 2018. The Royal Irish Academy's Charlemont Grants Scheme was established in 2007 and it provides early-career researchers with funding to undertake research internationally. The scheme is named in honour of the Academy's first president, and notable Grand Tourist, James Caulfeild, the first Earl of Charlemont (1728-99). Dr O'Mahony spent two weeks in July 2018 at the University of Leeds working with Professor Anna Lawson on research examining the exclusion of persons with disabilities from undertaking jury service.

Selected Publications & Research



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

Dr Eoin Daly, Associate Head for Research

Books:

- Diarmuid Griffin, *Killing Time: Life Imprisonment and Parole in Ireland* (Palgrave Macmillan 2018).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko (ed), *Human Rights and Power in Times of Globalisation* (Brill 2017).

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- John Danaher and Yossi Nehushtan (2018) 'The Foundations of Conscientious Objection: Against Freedom and Autonomy' (2018) *Jurisprudence* DOI: 10.1080/20403313.2018.1454031.
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- Connie Healy, 'Once more with 'sympathy' but no resolution for intended mothers: the EU, Ireland and the surrogacy dilemma' (2017) 39 *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law* 504.
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- Rónán Kennedy, 'Algorithms and the Rule of Law' (2017) 28(1) *Computers and Law* 23.

- Charlotte May-Simera, 'Reconsidering Sheltered Workshops in Light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' (2018) 7(1) *Laws* 6.
- Ray Murphy, 'The United Nations Mission in South Sudan and the Protection of Civilians' (2017) 22 *Journal of Conflict & Security Law* 367.
- Tom O'Malley, 'Choice Architecture and the Selection of Sentence' (2017) 35 *Irish Law Times* 202.
- Tom O'Malley, "'That Measure of Wise Clemency": Defending the Suspended Sentence' (2018) 28 *Irish Criminal Law Journal* 39.
- Shivaun Quinlivan, 'Disrupting the Status Quo? Discrimination in Academic Promotions' (2017) 14(3) *Irish Employment Law Journal* 68.
- Charles O'Mahony and Aisling de Paor, 'The use of Behavioural Genetics in the Criminal Justice System: A Disability & Human Rights Perspective' (2017) 54 *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 16.
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Launch of New Postgraduate Programmes

The School of Law officially launched two new postgraduate programmes in February 2018: the LLM (International & Comparative Business Law) and LLM (General). The launch took place in the O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance.

The School was also delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Thomas Courtney as Adjunct Professor. Professor Courtney is a graduate of NUI Galway, Chairman of the Company Law Review Group, Head of Compliance and Governance Practice at Arthur Cox Solicitors and was the driving force behind the Companies Act 2014.

Dr Connie Healy, Programme Director of the Masters in International and Comparative Business Law and LLM (General) said: "The appointment of Professor Courtney is doubly significant. Firstly, in recognising Professor Courtney's outstanding contribution to the field of Company/Business law and secondly, and importantly for all students considering a Masters in International and Comparative Law at NUI Galway, Professor Courtney's ongoing links with the School of Law means they will benefit from his expertise during small group seminars undertaken as part of their Master's degree. This, together with the opportunity to compete for five commercial legal placements and to engage in skills-based modules enhancing employability, are just some of the unique and outstanding features of the masters in International and Comparative Business Law at NUI Galway."

To coincide with his appointment, Professor Courtney delivered a lecture to students and members of the Galway Solicitors Bar Association entitled: "Effective security for corporate obligations: the creation and registration of company charges."

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Dr Connie Healy and Dr Thomas Courtney



Full house at the launch of the new programmes



Dr Rónán Kennedy, Caterina Gardiner, Dr Charles O'Mahony, Dr Connie Healy, and Dr Thomas Courtney



Dr Thomas Courtney fielding questions after his lecture



Dr Connie Healy introducing Dr Thomas Courtney



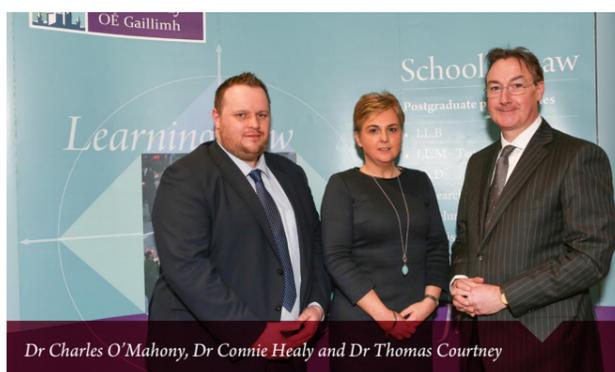
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NUIG law students at the reception



Dr Charles O'Mahony, Dr Connie Healy and Dr Thomas Courtney



Sean Barrett, LK Shields, Dr Charles O'Mahony, Dr Thomas Courtney, Andrew Power, Partner, LK Shields



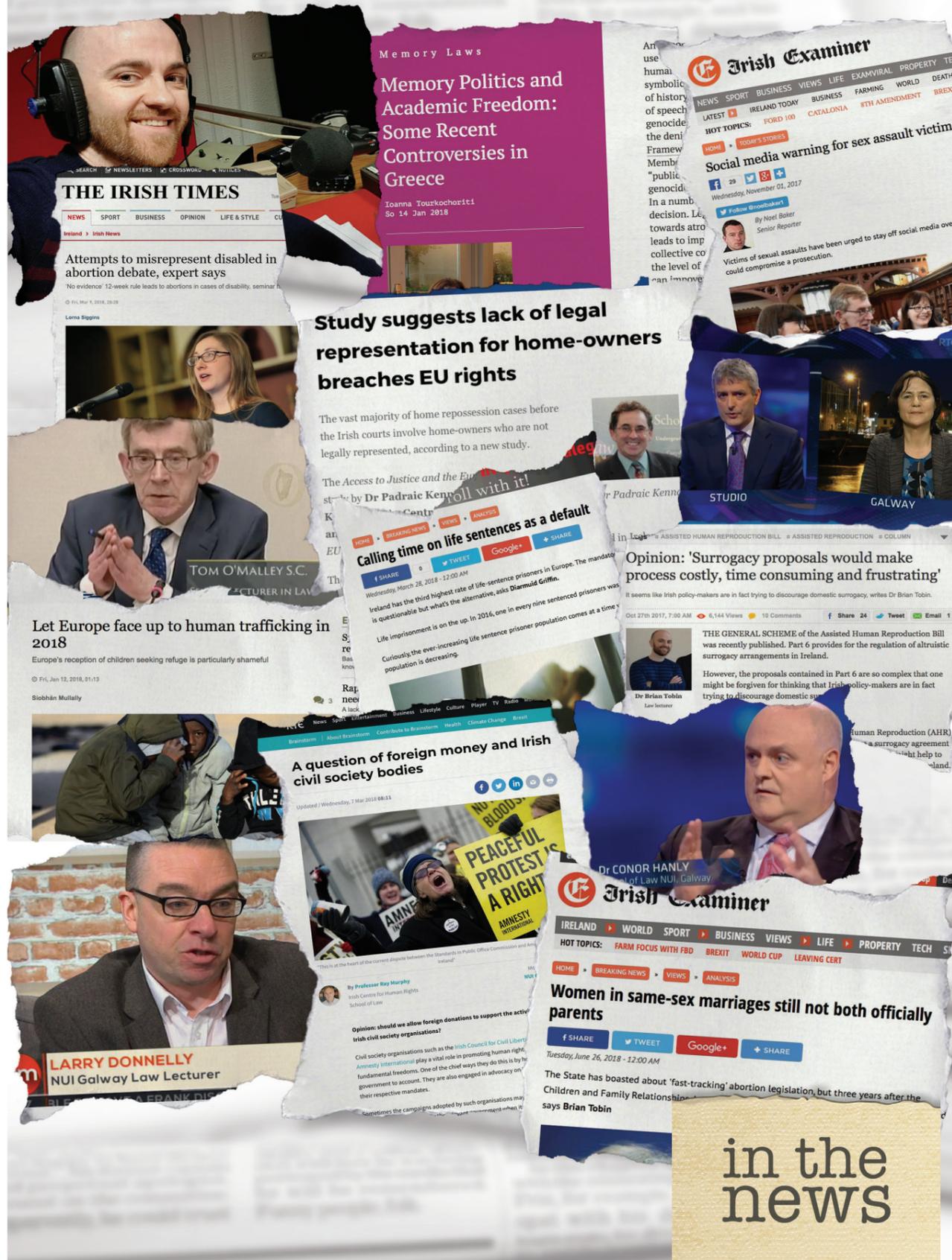
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Upcoming Events

- Medical Litigation Conference – 20 October 2018
- VOICES Exhibition & Book Launch at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission – 22-25 October 2018
- Conference celebrating 20 years of the work of Domestic Violence Response – 24 October 2018
- 'The Necessity of Advocacy', in conversation with Mary Robinson – 24 October 2018
- Peacekeeping and Peacemaking Conference – 22 November 2018
- Supreme Court sittings in NUI Galway – 4-6 March 2019
- 11th International Disability Law Summer School – June 2019

For more information on these events and more, please visit our website and check our social media channels.

Staff in the Media



News from the Centres

Centre for Disability Law & Policy (CDLP)

Phase 2 of Deprivation of Liberty Project funded

The Deprivation of Liberty project focuses on disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty such as involuntary psychiatric hospitalisation, institutionalisation, diversion from the criminal justice system and home deprivation of liberty. During the first phase, the team developed indicators to identify and measure disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty. Information on these indicators was sought from fifteen countries across the globe. The project is now in its second phase, which is devoted to establishing the underlying causes of these forms of deprivation of liberty, finding good practices and contextualising them. The team will conduct qualitative fieldwork in five countries, namely: Ghana, Jordan, France, Indonesia and Peru. The resulting report will feed into the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' Report for the Human Rights Council in March 2019.

Clinical Placement in the CDLP

Iona Gros and Ailish Griffin (pictured below) completed their clinical placement with the Centre for Disability Law and Policy from January to April 2018. Iona and Ailish drafted "A Guide to the Criminal Law Sexual Offences Act 2017" as part of their placement supervised by Dr Eilionóir Flynn.



Visiting Researchers

Professor Theresia Degener, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Professor of law and disability studies at Evangelische Fachhochschule RWL - University of Applied Sciences in Bochum, Germany visited the CDLP in November 2017. During her visit Professor Degener presented on her experience working in the UN treaty body system including the dialogue with States Parties, development of Concluding Observations and General Comments, inquiry procedures and individual complaints, as well as the relationships between the Committee and other human rights treaty bodies such as the Human Rights Committee and Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. She also participated in the VOICES project final workshop as a Advisory Board member for the project.

Dario Imperatore, a PhD Candidate in Legal and Social Sciences at University of Camerino (Unicam), Italy, visited the CDLP under the Erasmus+ programme from April to June 2018. Dario's research focuses on the provision of accessible tourism services, especially transportation services (plain, ship, train, bus), trying to enhance the aims of social inclusion and protection of people with disabilities.

Elizabeth Egan studies law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. She visited the CDLP from May to August 2018. Elizabeth is interested in public interest law, particularly immigration and family law. She is a Summer 2018 PHRGE Fellow with the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy at Northeastern University, and a staff member on the Northeastern University Law Review.



Professor Theresia Degener (centre) with CDLP staff and students during her visit.

Launch of AT Report



A report from the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway, calling for policy change to enable persons with disabilities the opportunity to have greater choice and control over their service provision, was launched in April 2018 at the Disability Federation of Ireland by Senator John Dolan.

The report entitled 'Independent Living: An Evaluation of the Áiseanna Tacaíochta model of Direct Payments' was undertaken by Professor Gerard Quinn and Dr Sinéad Keogh and examines if direct payments, where individuals with disabilities purchase services and direct their own care, creates a better quality of life than that of the traditional model of service provision, at no extra cost. The report and its findings was endorsed by Professor Theresia Degener, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Catalina Devandas, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Mairead McGuinness MEP, First Vice-President of the European Parliament.

Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR)

Annual LLM class trip to the Hague

In April 2018, a group of fifteen LLM students from the Irish Centre for Human Rights participated in the annual field trip to the Hague. The group visited the International Criminal Court, the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, where they met with lawyers and other staff to hear about the work of the various institutions. Graduates of the Irish Centre for Human Rights working at the courts also met with the students to discuss their work and career progression.



Annual Doctoral Seminar Program 2018

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted its 17th Annual Doctoral Seminar from 23-27 April 2018. PhD candidates and faculty were joined by visiting scholars Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales (Temple University), Professor Diane Marie Amann (University of Georgia), Dr John Reynolds (Maynooth University), and Professor William Schabas (Middlesex University). The Doctoral Seminar is a vibrant and engaging event which comprises the highlight of the academic year for the community of doctoral students. During the seminar, PhD candidates had the opportunity to share part of their ongoing research and to receive feedback from visiting academics, the Centre's faculty and their own peers. A variety of topics

covering international criminal law, human rights, international humanitarian law and socio-legal studies featured during the week's presentations.

Each visiting expert gave a special lecture during the week. In "Figuring Women into the Nuremberg Trials", Professor Amann explored the scarcely known role of women during the post-war trials, while Professor Ramji-Nogales spoke of legal efforts to address the complexities of global migration in our times in a talk entitled "What is Global Migration Law?". Dr Reynolds, a Centre graduate presented on "International Law at the Border: Libya, Italy, and the Space Between", in which he explored migration and

refugee issues from the perspective of the Third World Approaches to International Law. Professor Schabas discussed his book project "The Trial of the Kaiser".

During the doctoral seminar week, the Centre hosted the launch of Arcs of Global Justice: Essays in Honour of William A. Schabas (Oxford University Press). This book is a tribute to the considerable contribution to scholarship of Professor Schabas and is co-edited by Professor Amann and Professor Margaret DeGuzman (Temple University). Professor Amann launched the book at NUI Galway, followed by some remarks from Professor Schabas.



Staff and students at the Annual Doctoral Seminar



(L to R) Dr Shane Darcy, Prof Diane Amann, Prof William Schabas and Kathleen Cavanaugh.

Conference: 'Rights of Migrants & Refugees: Exploring the Role of Courts & Tribunals'



Colin Smith BL, Prof Siobhán Mullally, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Judge Pinto de Albuquerque of the European Court of Human Rights, Dr Ciara Smyth, NUI Galway School of Law and Hilka Becker, the Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway hosted a conference on the theme of 'The Rights of Migrants and Refugees: exploring the role of courts and tribunals' on May 17th -18th 2018. The event took place in the Aula Maxima in NUI Galway and brought together practitioners, academics, students and policy makers working in the field of migration and asylum law and policy. The first day comprised various panel discussions on topics such as the right to family life of migrants and refugees. The second day was led by judges and practitioners. The keynote speaker was Honourable Judge Pinto de Albuquerque of the

European Court of Human Rights. He critically reviewed the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights relating to migrants, including the case-law on non-refoulement, collective expulsion and the right to family life of immigrants. Other speakers included Hilka Becker, the Chairperson of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, who spoke about the case-load and case-processing before the Tribunal, and Catherine Meredith of Doughty Street Chambers, who spoke about human trafficking and the role of the courts.

Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy (CHLRP)

New Guide Will Help People Facing Unfair Evictions in Ireland



(L-R) Simon Kennedy, Solicitor and Report Researcher, Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director Irish Centre for Human Rights, Dr Padraic Kenna, NUI Galway, Report Author, Marguerite Angelari JD, Open Society Justice Initiative, Catherine Connolly LLB, BL, Teachta Dála for Galway, at the launch of the Report Access to Justice and the ECB at NUI Galway.

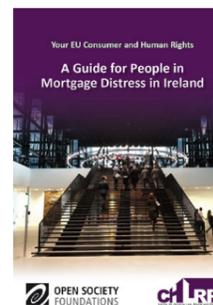
NUI Galway Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy published a new, user-friendly guide in February 2018 to help thousands of Irish families in mortgage distress and facing unfair evictions to understand and advocate for their rights, using vital EU consumer and human rights law.

Dr Padraic Kenna, Director of the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway, and one of the authors of the report, says: "Our Guide sets out simply and clearly how existing EU law should be routinely applied to determine, firstly, whether a mortgage contract term is fair and, secondly, whether a possession or eviction notice is a proportional response to any breach of a mortgage term. By applying these EU laws, Irish courts and lawyers can really assist their clients and vulnerable defendants."

The authors have stressed that the Guide is for information purposes only. It does not provide legal advice and is not a substitute for consulting a lawyer. They suggest, within the Guide, that people share it with their solicitors. They also acknowledge, however, that a high number of people facing possession are unrepresented, due to the shortage of free and low cost legal services.

The Guide has been created as part of the Open Society Foundations' Abusive Lending Practices Project, in conjunction with the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway, and a group of Irish lawyers and advocates.

European Central Bank Undermining Human Rights in Ireland Report



A detailed study of 100 Courts Lists and 2,400 cases of home possession in December 2017 and January 2018 indicates that ECB direct supervision of mortgage institutions in Ireland shows no respect for the human rights law or access to justice.

Access to Justice and the ECB, a research report by the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway, shows that some 70% of home loan debtors have no recorded legal representation in mortgage possession cases. Two thirds of those defending the actions of ECB directly supervised lenders had no legal representation. A small number of people (7%) are forced to represent themselves. In Ireland, ECB directly supervised banks include Allied Irish Banks, Bank of Ireland, KBC Bank, Ulster Bank and PTSB. The report draws on Central Bank research showing that 40% of bank and 70% of 'vulture fund' cases result in home possession orders.



(L to R) Deirdre Halloran, B.Sc., BCL, LLM, Legal Researcher at CHLRP; Alan Sheerins, B.Sc., G.I. Biol, LLM Researcher at CHLRP; Prof Héctor Simón Moreno, Visiting Professor, UNESCO Housing Chair, Universitat Rovira I Virgili Tarragona, Spain, on a Spanish Government placement in CHLRP; Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of School of Law; Níria Lambea Llop, LLM, PhD Researcher (Spain), based at CHLRP for Summer 2018; Dr Padraic Kenna, Director, Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy.

Launch of Structural Funds Watch Report



(L to R) Neil Crowther, Alexandra Hillen-Moore, Mairead McGuinness, MEP and Professor Gerard Quinn

In November 2017, the initiative Community Living for Europe: Structural Funds Watch launched a Report in the European Parliament co-hosted by Mairead McGuinness, MEP (EPP) and Vice President of the European Parliament and Iskra Mihaylova, MEP (ALDE) and Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Regional Development. The initiative was jointly funded by LUMOS and the Centre for Disability Law and

Policy and the report was co-authored by Neil Crowther, Professor Gerard Quinn and Alexandra Hillen-Moore. The report concerns the role of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) with respect to the transition from institutional to community-based living for children and young people, including those with disabilities, adults with disabilities and older persons in European Union Member States.

Clinical Legal Education

2017-2018 was another very successful year for the clinical legal education programme in the School of Law. 42 students – the largest number since the programme was established in 2005-2006 – undertook part-time placements with a wide range of solicitors' firms, barristers, government agencies and non-governmental organisations throughout Ireland. There were a number of new participants in the programme this year which is a most welcome development as the School of Law prepares to introduce a full-time, yearlong placement programme in the coming years. New participants are always welcome and those who are interested should contact Larry Donnelly (larry.donnelly@nuigalway.ie).

As well as the placements for final year students, the School of Law's plans for "Street Law" – a public legal education programme in which law students go into secondary schools, prisons and elsewhere to inform young people and others about the law and legal system – continued apace. Larry Donnelly was one of a group of international academic fellows who attended a workshop at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC conducted by Professor Richard Roe, a "Street Law" pioneer, and his colleagues in January. Subsequently, Professor Roe visited the School of Law and held very



Staff and students at the "Street Law" training weekend

well-attended, interactive sessions on this topic for members of academic staff and students. The School of Law intends to pilot a "Street Law" offering in academic year 2018-2019 under the rubric of the clinical placement programme before introducing a standalone module in the following academic year. It will draw heavily on the experience of the Department of Law and Humanities at Letterkenny Institute of Technology and the Law Society of Ireland in doing so.

The School of Law is delighted to welcome Fulbright Scholar Anne Driscoll for academic year 2018-2019. Ms. Driscoll, an investigative journalist with considerable experience of innocence projects here in Ireland and in the US, will be undertaking related research and working with students under the rubric of the clinical legal education programme.

Internal Moot Court Competition

The School of Law Moot Court Competition took place in January 2018 in the Galway Courthouse. Students from the Moot Court module demonstrated skilled oral advocacy in the preliminary rounds with the team of Patricia Brannick, John Cunningham and Christina Hynes and that of Grainne Conway, Raymond Heneghan and Amanda Wolf making it to the final. Ms Justice Mary Faherty, who presided over the moot, declared herself particularly impressed by the high standard of the written submissions and oral arguments, stating that the teams would not have been out of place arguing before the Supreme Court. Following an exciting final Judge Faherty announced that with nothing but a 'whisker' between them that the team of Patricia, John and Christina were the overall winners. The winning team was presented with the Ross O'Driscoll Cup, so named in memory of the late NUI Galway law student and barrister, Ross O'Driscoll. Special thanks to Ms Justice Faherty for her adjudication of the competition, to Tom O'Malley for supplying the moot problem, to team mentors Dr Eoin Daly, Dr Conor Hanly and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and to the Galway Courthouse for its continued support of mooting at NUI Galway. Any students interested in taking the moot court module in 2018/9 should contact Ursula Connolly (ursula.connolly@nuigalway.ie) at the School of Law for details.



Ms Justice Mary Faherty with the winning team of (L to R) Christina Hynes, Patricia Brannick and John Cunningham.



Grainne Conway, Raymond Heneghan and Amanda Wolf



The Ross O'Driscoll Perpetual Cup.

Careers in Law Week 2017

Careers in Law Week, an initiative organised by Dr Brian Tobin of the School of Law in conjunction with the Career Development Centre, took place in September 2017.

The highlight of the week was the Law Firms' Fair at the Bailey Allen Hall on Monday 25th September. Students were able to meet representatives from Ireland's top law firms, network and learn about life in a law firm through moderated interactive panel sessions with partners and trainees from the firms. Ronan Daly Jermyn, Arthur Cox, Matheson, A&L Goodbody, McCann FitzGerald and Eversheds were among the many law firms represented on the day. Many thanks also to our sponsors this year, Matheson and Arthur Cox. Matheson also facilitated a 'mock interview' workshop.

Further information on future careers events can be obtained by contacting Ursula Connolly, Director of Student Career Development, directly at Ursula.Connolly@nuigalway.ie



Pictured are Pamela Devins, Career Development Centre, Isabel Whelan, Winner of an iPad sponsored by Arthur Cox, Ailish Finnerty, Partner, Arthur Cox, and Dr Brian Tobin, NUI Galway School of Law.



Pictured after the "Qualifying as a Barrister in Ireland" talk during the Careers in Law Week are Tom O'Malley, School of Law, Ferdia Breathnach, BL, Marcella Higgins, Registrar, the King's Inns, and Dr Brian Tobin.



Conferences and Events

10th International Disability Law Summer School



The world's largest Disability Law Summer School focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities took place in NUI Galway in June 2018. This was the 10th International Disability Law Summer School hosted by the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway and the title for 2018 was 'Moving forward: Intersectionality as a tool of social change'.

The overall theme of this year's Summer School was Intersectionality of gender, disability and age.

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

The 10th International Disability Law Summer School explored creative advocacy in terms of

intersectionality from around the world. Delegates learnt from advocates based in academia, NGOs, policymakers and other stakeholders with different expertise. It facilitated participants to think in a more inclusive way, thinking about all the identities and contexts of all people with disabilities and how they can approach protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, not just in terms of discrimination against persons with disabilities, but also in terms of policies that promote human rights across a range of environments.

220 delegates from over 50 countries took part in this year's Summer School, including persons with disabilities, civil society groups, as well as disability activists, feminist activists, older people's advocates, children's rights activists, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts. The speakers included academics, practitioners, activists, members of different UN agencies and



Professor Emeritus Gerard Quinn presenting the 1st ever Global Disability Activism Award to Professor Gabor Gombos.

policy makers from around the world. Many of the speakers were directly and actively engaged in drafting and implementing the UN Convention. Prof Theresa Degener, chairperson of the CRPD Committee gave the keynote address at the Summer School.

As part of the celebrations to mark the 10th International Disability Law Summer School the 1st ever Global Disability Activism Award was presented to Gabor Gombos in memory of the well-known Irish disability activist Martin Naughton. This award was made in recognition of Gabor's longstanding activism in the international sphere - particularly his work with the World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in the negotiation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and as the Hungarian representative on the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Seminar on Court Reform

The School of Law, NUI Galway hosted a seminar on Court Reform in January 2018 in the Aula Maxima. The seminar featured a keynote address from Mr Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice of Ireland and a response from Mr Tom O'Malley, Senior Lecturer, School of Law. Professor Siobhan Mullally, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, chaired the seminar.

The event was reported widely in Irish media. It was livestreamed on Facebook and is available to watch back on our YouTube channel.

Homelessness, the Housing Crisis and Socio-economic Rights

The School of Law, under the auspices of the Public Law LLM, hosted a half-day conference in April 2018 on the theme: "Homelessness, the housing crisis and socio-economic rights." This brought together academic and civil society voices concerning legal and policy responses to the homelessness and housing crises.



Speakers at the half-day conference: Martin O'Connor, Assistant CEO, COPE Galway, Dr Padraic Kenna, School of Law, Niamh Randall, National Spokesperson for the Simon Communities and Dr Thomas Murray School of Applied Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD and Pedagogy Lead at An Cosán Virtual Community College.

'Illusions of Progress' Symposium

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted a symposium in March 2018 which explored the role of national action plans in furthering the business and human rights agenda. Professor Anita Ramasastry, a renowned expert from the University of Washington and a member of the United Nations Working Group on business and human rights, spoke at the event on relevant international and national developments in this emerging field of policy and practice. Other speakers, including Dr Tara van Ho of Essex University, analysed the Irish Government's National Plan on Business and Human Rights 2017-2020 and its shortcomings in terms of properly ensuring business respect to human rights.

The half-day symposium was convened by Dr Shane Darcy of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, where he teaches the business and human rights LLM course. Speaking at the event, Dr Darcy said that "The momentum of the business and human rights agenda risks stalling in the absence of meaningful progress on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights". The symposium challenged the view that national business and human rights plans constitute an effective means of advancing this agenda.

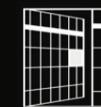


(L to R) Claudia Saller, European Coalition of Corporate Justice and Dr Tara van Ho, Essex University, Dr Shane Darcy, ICHR and Prof Anita Ramasastry

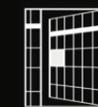
Honorary Conferings

Congratulations to Dr Enda Kenny who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of LLw by the National University of Ireland in October 2017.

He is pictured below with Dr Connie Healy and Dr Charles O'Mahony.



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Showing of Fallout

The School of Law hosted a screening of the BBC documentary film, 'Fallout', based on the post-prison lives of 4 high profile exonerated prisoners, in November 2017. The screening was followed by a discussion with Sunny Jacobs & Peter Pringle and comments from Dr Conor Hanly.

The 'Say I'm Innocent' campaign has evolved from this documentary, recently screened on BBC and RTÉ: www.sayiminnocent.com

Summer School on the International Criminal Court



Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa of the International Criminal Court



Dr Shane Darcy of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the podium with, seated L to R, Dr. Phil Clark, SOAS, London, Dr. James Nyawo, Kenyatta University, Kenya, and Ottilia Anna Maungandize, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted the 19th Annual International Criminal Court Summer School in June 2018. The summer school was very well attended with delegates representing over 30 nationalities from around the world participating in a stimulating and interactive week. Participants attended a series of intensive lectures over five days, given by leading academics on the subject as well as legal professionals working at the Court.

This year's ICC Summer School included a special session on Africa and the International Criminal Court in association with the Institute for Security Studies, South Africa. Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa of the International Criminal Court delivered a public lecture in association with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Other speakers

included Dr. Fabricio Guariglia, Director of the Prosecution Division, International Criminal Court, Professor William A. Schabas, Honorary Chairman, Irish Centre for Human Rights and Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, John McManus, former Counsel, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Department of Justice, Canada, and Ottilia Anna Maungandize, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa.

Trump, Irish America and the New Right



Back (L to R): Dr Charlotte McIvor, O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance at NUI Galway, Professor Daniel Carey, Professor Eileen Gillooly, Columbia University, Mr Larry Donnelly and Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh.
Front: Niall O'Dowd and Maureen Dowd.

The Moore Institute at NUI Galway organised an event in May 2018 discussing the emergence of Irish Americans associated with the Right and their participation in (or support for) the Trump administration. This discussion was designed to develop a better understanding of this development, what values animate it and how significant it is for US (and world) politics. IT was lead by Maureen Dowd, a major American

commentator on political questions as columnist for The New York Times (and The Irish Times) and Irish journalist Niall O'Dowd (founder of Irish Voice Newspaper, Irish America Magazine and Irish Central.com). Other contributors included Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Larry Donnelly of the School of Law. The event was chaired by Professor Daniel Carey, Director, Moore Institute, NUI Galway.

Honorary Degree

At a ceremony in NUI Galway in April 2018, an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) was conferred on Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago and former White House Chief of Staff in the Obama administration.



(L to R) NUI Galway President, Ciarán Ó hOgartaigh, Rahm Emanuel, Prof Siobhán Mullally, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of the National University of Ireland

VOICES Project – Making our own Decisions: Sharing Stories & Creating Change



The project's final workshop combined the four core themes of the project – criminal responsibility, contractual capacity, consent to treatment and consent to sex – and featured a mix of personal narratives, art and theoretical perspectives based on the UNCRPD.

On the 21st November the storytellers, respondents and advisory board and steering group members worked together to finalise the chapters for the edited collection which will be published by Routledge in late 2018. The 22nd was a conference style event which was open to the public. All 15 storyteller and respondent pairs from 12 different countries had the opportunity to share their experiences of the project and provide previews of their chapters in parallel sessions. Attendees were encouraged to contribute their views by drawing or writing



on the art wall (pictured) or recording a message in a sound booth. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr Michael Bach, Managing Director of the Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society.

Law Reform Commission Public Consultation on 5th Programme of Law Reform

The Law Reform Commission hosted a consultative meeting in the Aula Maxima at NUI Galway in November 2017. The Law Reform Commission is currently engaged in preparing a Fifth Programme of Law Reform, which will form the basis of its work over the next several years. The meeting provided a forum for suggestions and discussion of current legal issues and was very well attended, with excellent contribution from participants.

Prior to the event, Professor Donncha O'Connell who (with Tom O'Malley, also of the School of Law in NUIG) is a member of the Commission, said: "Engaging with members of the public and legal professionals around the country allows the Commission to know what law reform issues are of most pressing concern to people and this can be critically important information in setting priorities for the Commission. We hope that there is a strong and diverse attendance at our Galway meeting and look forward with great interest to hearing as wide a range of views as possible."

Summer Schools for Secondary School Students – Now in its 6th Year

Larry Donnelly organised a Summer School in Law for secondary school students in June 2018. The summer school provided participants with an insight into studying law at NUIG. Students travelled from all over the country to participate. Dr Charles O'Mahony, Head of the School of Law, welcomed the students to the university and spoke about studying in the School of Law. Dr Conor Hanly introduced students to Criminal Law; Dr John Danaher showcased examples of Loopholes in the Law; Dr Brian Tobin led a session on the Regulation of Surrogacy in Ireland; and Dr Connie Healy and Larry Donnelly led exercises in "Street Law" developed at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. The students also had an opportunity to meet with current students of the School of Law and learn about the different undergraduate law programmes that we offer. Dr Máire Áine Ní Mhainnín and Dr Deirdre Byrnes, from the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, spoke about the opportunity to study French, German and Spanish, and Nicola Murphy and Dr Conor Hanly outlined the many exciting opportunities there are to study throughout Europe and internationally as part of the undergraduate law programmes offered at NUI Galway. Students also learned about the wide-ranging options available to them after graduation both as members of the legal profession (solicitors and barristers) and in alternative careers in law.



Alumni News

Alumni Awards



Pat Rabbitte, Maeve-Anne Rabbitte and Padraic Brennan, Partner in charge Ronan Daly Jermyn

This year, the Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy and Government was awarded to Pat Rabbitte, former Leader of the Irish Labour Party and politician. He served as Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from 2011 to 2014, Leader of the Labour Party from 2002 to 2007 and Minister of State for Commerce, Science and Technology from 1994 to 1997. He studied Arts and Law at what was then University College, Galway and served as President of the UCG Students' Union in 1970–1971. The award was kindly sponsored by Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors.

Annabel Brody

Dr Annabel Brody (BA 2004, LLB, 2005, PhD, 2011) has recently been appointed as Head of Media Regulation at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in the UK. Annabel's PhD, 'Media Accountability in the Twenty-First Century' was supervised by Marie McGonagle. She previously worked as a policy adviser in International Broadcasting for DCMS, a Broadcasting Licensing Executive in OFCOM and as an editor and researcher in the Institute for Information Law (IvIR) in Amsterdam.



Elizabeth Kamundia



Elizabeth Kamundia, a graduate of the LL.M in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy programme at the Centre for Disability Law & Policy, was recently appointed as a Senior Human Rights Officer at the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights. Elizabeth was a DRSP Scholar at the CDLP and was awarded the inaugural Gold Medal for the programme having graduated top of her class in 2012.

Judicial Appointments



Congratulations to former solicitors Mary Cashin (BA, 1975 and LLB, 1977) and Geraldine Carthy (BA, 1992, LLB, 1994), graduates of the School of Law, who were appointed the District Court in March 2018. They are pictured with Mr Justice Frank Clarke, Chief Justice of Ireland.

Martin Cooney



(L to R) Partner and Head of Construction Martin Cooney, with Managing Partner Catherine Guy, and Partner and Head of Property Michael Walsh.

Congratulations and best wishes to one of our graduates, Martin Cooney, BCorpLaw (2003), LLB (2004), who joined the firm of Byrne Wallace Solicitors, Dublin as a partner and Head of Construction Law in November 2017.

Martin has over 10 years' experience advising on all aspects of construction law, both contentious and non-contentious. Prior to

joining Byrne Wallace Solicitors, Martin was partner with a specialist property and construction law firm. Martin previously trained and worked in the Construction and Engineering department of a large commercial law firm in Dublin. He also worked as an in-house solicitor with the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) on the residential development and loan sales teams.

Fr Declan Lohan



Fr Declan Lohan (BA, 2003 and LLB, 2004) was appointed as the Dean of Chaplaincy Services in the University to replace Fr Barry Horan. This is his first appointment after ordination to the priesthood in July 2017. A native of Oranmore, Declan received a barrister-at-law degree from King's Inns, Dublin and was called to the Bar of Ireland in 2007, going on to practice at the Four Courts and on the Western Circuit. Declan began his training for the priesthood in Toulon, France, returning to complete his studies in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Declan hopes to continue the long tradition of Chaplaincy in the University as a place 'where all the birds of the air may come and make their nest'.

Alumni

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

Murrough McMahon



Congratulations to LLB (1996) graduate Murrough McMahon, Partner specialising in litigation and dispute resolution at Philip Lee, who was announced as an Irish winner for professional negligence in the International Client Choice Awards 2018 in February 2018. The Client Choice awards recognise those law firms and partners around the world that stand apart for the excellent service they provide.

Murrough was previously announced as the 2014 winner for Litigation in Ireland.

Enda Newton



Best wishes to Enda Newton, a graduate of the very first cohort of the BCorp Law in 1993, who was appointed to the Board of Galway 2020. Enda is a practising solicitor and a Corporate Partner at AMOSS solicitors, one of Ireland's leading law firms. A Roscommon native, Enda specialises in corporate law and governance, and previously worked as a senior lawyer in the Department of Finance. He is also currently Chairman of the Irish chapter of the British and Irish Trading Alliance.

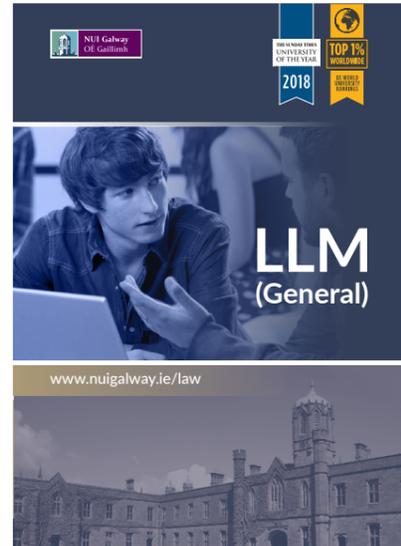
New Postgraduate Programmes

For further information on these programmes contact Dr. Connie Healy, Programme Director at +353 (0)91 493 341 or via connie.healy@nuigalway.ie. Alternatively, visit our Postgraduate Taught courses page at www.nuigalway.ie/law/courses/postgraduatetaughtcourses/

LLM (General)

The LLM (General) is one of a suite of LLM programmes offered by the School of Law at NUI Galway. This LLM can be taken on a full-time basis over one year or part-time over two years. The programme is a taught programme designed to give students complete flexibility in their selection of modules and topic for their minor thesis. The LLM (General) programme allows students to select modules to suit their own interests and modules that will facilitate their specific career objectives. Students can select modules from the full range of available on taught LLM programmes offered within the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy. This programme is designed for students seeking an advanced postgraduate degree but who do not wish to specialise in a particular area of law.

The LLM (General) is of particular interest to students who wish to gain expertise in a specific area of law without having to limit their options. Rather than have to take set modules, students have flexibility to tailor the programme for the particular area of law that they wish to work in and thus, enhance their employability. The School of Law runs a programme of careers events annually including a Careers in Law Week, where students have an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms and attend interview skills workshops. All modules are taught by experts in the field who will also be in a position to guide students towards opportunities that may arise for further research, internships or roles that may be of interest to them.



LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law

The Irish Centre for Human Rights will launch a new taught LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law in September 2019. The LLM will expose students to developments in the area of voluntary and forced migration, to the distinction between refugee and immigration law, to the phenomenon of 'crimmigration', whereby States increasingly treat immigrants as criminals, and to the tension between state sovereignty and the human rights of immigrants and refugees. Students will undertake core modules in international migration and refugee law and can then choose from a suite of optional modules, including the Common European Asylum System, human trafficking and human rights. The modules are taught by academics who are active researchers in the area of migration and/or refugee law and whose work has significant policy and practical impact at the national, regional and international levels. This course will be of interest to people who wish to work in the field of international migration or refugee law, whether in a governmental, inter-governmental or non-governmental organisation and to existing practitioners and policy makers.

Other Postgraduate Taught Courses at the School of Law

The introduction of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has resulted in significant changes in the area of Disability Law and Policy. The **LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy** addresses that and graduates from this programme will be the first to emerge skilled in this growing area of law and policy. The programme is affiliated with the Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP), which is a research centre of excellence at the School of Law, NUI Galway.

The **LLM in Public Law** suite of programmes examines emerging and topical issues in public law from a critical and policy-driven perspective. The programmes will be of interest to students who have completed their primary law degree as well as legal practitioners, public servants and others seeking to develop or update their knowledge of public law and legal research skills.

The **LLM (International Human Rights)** is offered at the Irish Centre for Human Rights within the School of Law. This Centre is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. This course aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international human rights, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates. It also serves as a foundation for those who wish to pursue PhD study in the field. While the emphasis of the course is legal it accepts suitably qualified candidates from other



backgrounds in the firm belief that human rights itself is multidisciplinary. The LLM programme aims to build specific and general skills with respect to the modern regime of human rights protection, and knowledge of the philosophies and theories that underpin it.

The **LLM (International Criminal Law)** will provide students with an advanced understanding of the history and institutional structures of the various international criminal tribunals and the International Criminal Court. It will equip students with an in-depth knowledge of the principles of international criminal law and its component crimes and procedural issues, while also allowing them to develop a critical approach

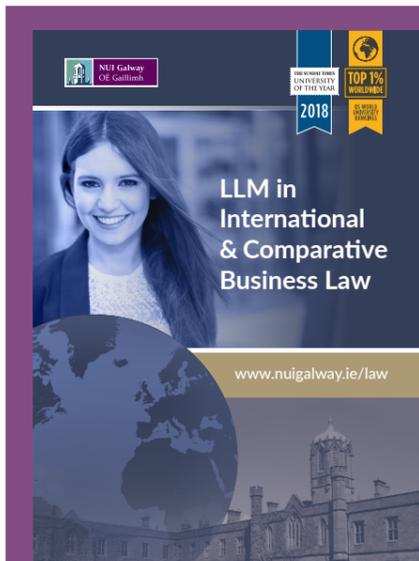
to the relationship between other accountability mechanisms, such as truth commissions.

The **LLM (Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict)** aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace support operations, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates. The course work begins with a general introduction to international peacekeeping and peace support operations, and continues with a series of specialized courses in such areas as international relations and international organizations, international humanitarian law, refugee law, conflict and post conflict studies, and international criminal law.

LLM in International & Comparative Business Law

This programme provides an excellent grounding in business law, for those interested in pursuing a career in legal practice or in the commercial world. Students can choose from a range of modules at an advanced level and tailor their LLM to suit their interests and career plans. You will expand your knowledge of business law from a national, regional and international perspective. Modules range from diverse options such as EU Competition Law, Advanced Intellectual Property Law, and European Consumer Law to Global Issues in Contemporary Labour Law. This programme provides students with an opportunity to engage with leading commercial practitioners to develop their legal expertise and skills in business law.

The LLM in International & Comparative Business Law is of particular interest to students interested in pursuing a career with an international law firm. The School of Law runs a programme of careers events annually including a Careers in Law Week, where students have an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms and attend interview skills workshops. Additionally, the programme offers a number of 'Commercial Legal Placements' with the leading law firms in the jurisdiction enhancing the student's practical knowledge of working in a commercial firm and ensuring they gain skills which will be very attractive to prospective employers in the commercial sector.





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