



Dlíscéala Newsletter

For friends, students and alumni

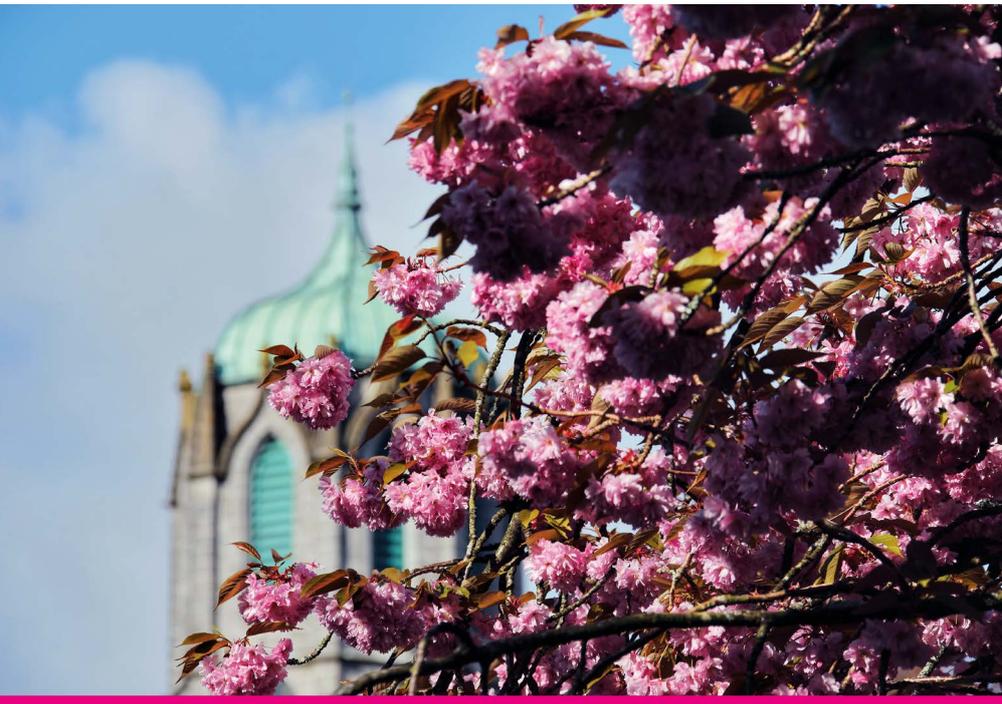


Image courtesy of Professor Chaosheng Zhang, School of Geography, Archaeology and Irish Studies.

Student successes in 2021–22

It has been a tremendous year for students at the School of Law. We'd like to congratulate Cassie Roddy-Mullineaux, who won the Law Student of the Year at the Irish Law Awards in November 2021. Ms Roddy-Mullineaux graduated with a BA and Bachelor of Laws (LLB), placing first in her year, before graduating with a first class honours in the LLM in International Human Rights in 2020. *Read more on page 5.*

Sarah Mc Carron and Sandra Eydam were selected from the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy class for prestigious Internships with

Rosemary Kayess, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Geneva. Sarah also winning the Centre for Disability Law and Policy Gold Medal for Excellence 2021. *Read more on page 19.*

Masters students from the Irish Centre for Human Rights were successful in the 6th edition of Corn Adomnáin, the Irish Red Cross Moot Court Competition hosted by University College Cork. This competition is directed at students with an interest in International Humanitarian Law. *Read more on page 25.*

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A note from the editor

In April 2022, Údarás na hOllscoile, the Governing Authority of NUI Galway, approved the renaming of this institution to Ollscoil na Gaillimhe — University of Galway: this new name was formally adopted on 1 September 2022. For consistency, events prior to this date cite the old name, NUI Galway, with future or ongoing initiatives reflecting the new brand.

Discover more at [UniversityofGalway.ie](https://www.universityofgalway.ie)

Welcome from the Head of School



Dear Friends of the School of Law,

As another autumn rolls around, it's my pleasure to introduce you to the latest edition of *Dliscéala*, the annual newsletter of what is (as of 1st September) the University of Galway School of Law. Thanks go, as ever, to my colleague Michael Coyne for overseeing the production of what we are confident is an interesting and informative edition.

Academic session 2021-22 was my first as a member of staff at the School of Law, as I arrived from Scotland to begin my term of office as the new Head of School on 1st November 2021. It was an (shall I say) 'interesting' time to arrive: the School was not only dealing with the tail-end of the Covid pandemic but also with another unwelcome event, that of a serious cyberattack launched against the University in autumn 2021. This latter event necessitated staff and students having to work remotely again for a period of time, only a brief while after we had been allowed back on campus following the reduction of

Covid restrictions. This was understandably a great disappointment for everyone, but staff and students gritted their teeth and took the renewed period of remote learning in their stride. I'm happy to report that, by early 2022, campus life was beginning to return to more of a semblance of normality, which was a great relief to everyone.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find stories about a number of activities and achievements of students in the past year, such as Cassie Roddy-Mullineaux winning the Law Student of the Year award, Annie Forde and Joan Ighile winning DLA Piper scholarships, Tom O'Connor's journey to Brazil to represent the School at the Law Schools Global League Summer School (the School joined the League during the course of the last academic year), and a number of competition wins (both legal and sporting) by our students. Also included are stories about the activities of some of our study abroad students, our members of staff, and an impressive range of work in which the Centres have

been involved. There is much to celebrate in all this and, on the School's behalf, I extend our congratulations to all of those whose achievements you will read about in the following pages.

Looking ahead, we are excited to give you the first details of the School's planned new home in the McLaughlin Building on Nuns Island. The redevelopment of this building for our use will bring together the entire School of Law community under one roof, giving staff, students, and alumni a place we can call home and where we can come together as one family. We look forward to welcoming you all into that new home in a few years' time. There will be more on the redevelopment project in future editions of *Dliscéala*.

Professor Martin Hogg
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Plans for the School of Law Building

The University of Galway has committed to developing a new, dedicated home for the School of Law and legal education in Galway.

The School of Law at Ollscoil na Gaillimhe – University of Galway has been delivering legal education and engaging in scholarship since the University's inception. It offers teaching of the highest quality across a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes to an increasingly diverse cohort of students. The internationally renowned Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy are part of the School of Law and have established reputations as world leaders in their fields. To capitalise on these successes, we require facilities fit for the future, where our students and academics can

come together in proximity to the Law Courts. Bringing the School's staff together in one location will greatly facilitate the strengthening of disciplinary identity, creating a more unified organisation and efficient unit enabling new synergies in research and teaching. Access to specialised teaching rooms and moot courtrooms will create a more positive student experience and support the School in student recruitment and increased internationalisation. The development of a dedicated Law School Building will facilitate, *inter alia*, Integrating Law, Innovation & Technology into Learning Teaching & Assessment, an International and National Judges in Residence Programme and a Visiting Scholars Programme.

A location for the new School of Law has been identified and work is currently

underway to progress the development. The new School of Law will be housed in the Mill Building, Nun's Island, based in a vibrant part of Galway city, adjacent to the courthouse and to the University campus representing new opportunities for CPD, student and alumni engagement. Built in 1810 as a flour mill, the building will be brought back to life with a focus on sustainability, flexibility and technology.

The building is well-known to university students who pass through Nun's Island on the way to the city. The six-storey building is constructed with rubble limestone walls with three cambered arched head races beneath. The overall floor space is 36,985 sq ft. The building houses two turbines: as part of the development of the new School of Law, it is hoped to bring the turbines back into use.

University of Galway School of Law becomes Member of the Law Schools Global League



University of Galway School of Law became a member of the Law Schools Global League in March 2022. It is the first institution in the Republic of Ireland to become a member of the League, which consists of leading law schools from all over the world. As a member of the League, the School will have the opportunity to collaborate with other law schools with an interest in global, transnational, and international legal education.

The School's membership will provide exciting opportunities for both its staff and students. Staff will have the opportunity to engage and collaborate with a number of research groups

including Anti-Corruption, Human Rights and New Technologies & Law, to name a few. The School's students will have the opportunity to participate in the League's fortnight long Summer School which is being held this year in July in São Paulo and Rio. This year the Summer School's theme will be "Technology, Innovation & Law: the Impact on Legal Education and Legal Services".

The LSGL seeks to stimulate academic debate as well as cooperation in both education and research concerning the globalization of law. Serving as a platform for sharing knowledge, the LSGL aspires to contribute to the debate on the globalisation of law and its implications on legal education, research and practice.

The LSGL brings together law schools that share a commitment not only to the globalisation of law, but also to integrating global law in their teaching and research. Every year, the League organizes a number of activities, including conferences and a summer school centred on the theme of law and globalisation, besides setting up joint-research and joint-teaching activities.

Find out more about the Law Schools Global League at <https://lawschoolsgloballeague.com/>

Student Activities

How CÉIM works

- Co-curricular activity complementing lectures and tutorials
- Part of the academic and pastoral supports ecosystem
- Supports engaged, independent learning
- Discipline specific

1st year students in a specific discipline are assigned to a CÉIM group



CÉIM Group 1



CÉIM Group 2

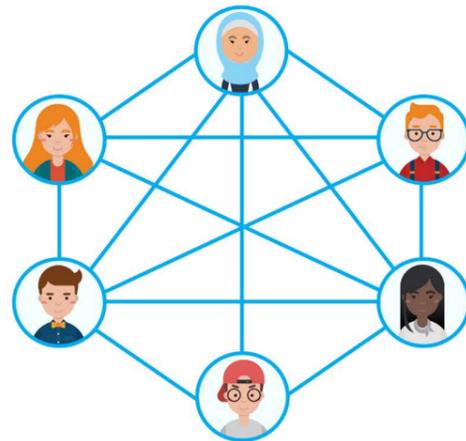


CÉIM Group 3



Weekly debrief sessions for leaders with staff - idea sharing and problem solving

CÉIM Leaders facilitate small group learning



CÉIM peer learning in the School of Law



Run as a partnership between Law students, the School of Law and the University of Galway Students' Union since 2015, the CÉIM programme delivers weekly peer learning sessions for all 1st year Law students in small discipline-specific groups. CÉIM has a proven record of supporting transition to higher education, health and wellbeing, academic success, progression and transferable skills development.

After a year of online delivery, the programme successfully returned to campus in 2021/22 with a myriad of health and safety measures in place. The cyberattack and covid created a difficult operating environment for the 27 Law student leaders, but they rose to the challenge and displayed huge resilience and creativity in facilitating engaging sessions for the 1st year students. It is very encouraging to see many former CÉIM leaders who were on placement and studying abroad in 2021/22 returning to volunteer as Advanced CÉIM leaders in 2022/23.

Increased emphasis on inclusion, diversity and applying Universal Design for Learning approaches in CÉIM this year has paid off with unprompted feedback from students indicating how welcoming and inclusive they find the programme.

1st year student quotes

- Made me feel more comfortable settling into university life and hearing the experiences of other people studying Law.
- The CÉIM leaders fostered a really great environment where I felt able to express my opinions and engage with them.
- I appreciated the inclusive/non-judgemental learning environment. It was so fun to be a part of.
- I was able to feel more comfortable and confident approaching the coursework as I had guidance and support from our CÉIM leaders.
- The atmosphere was great, I felt free to ask about anything in regards to my course even if it felt like a silly question.
- It was a good way to meet people in my course.
- I loved how relaxed it felt. A very comforting environment.

Leader quotes

- Before CÉIM I was really hesitant to speak in front of crowds but I really wanted to challenge myself this year as a CÉIM leader. Being a leader has definitely been one of my best college experiences so far.
- CÉIM is an amazing opportunity to meet new people as well as develop communication, teamwork and social skills.
- Everyone is of equal standing and all views and suggestions are welcomed.



Weekly Peer Learning Sessions



Cairde Groups



Group Chat



Coursework Support



Digital Badge



Cassie Roddy-Mullineaux



(L-R) Andrew O'Dwyer, Cassie Roddy-Mullineaux, Aoibh O'Connor, Katie Ward, Rebecca Cahill, Maeve Charles, Matthew Mulrooney

NUI Galway graduate wins Law Student of the Year 2021

Congratulations to Cassie Roddy-Mullineaux, from Rosscahill, Co Galway, who won the Law Student of the Year at the Irish Law Awards in November 2021. Ms Roddy-Mullineaux graduated with a BA and Bachelor of Laws (LLB), placing first in her year, before graduating with a first class honours in the LLM in International Human Rights in 2020.

The Law Student of the Year award recognises and celebrates the academic legal achievements and other overall achievements of a student studying law in a third level college or university. There were nine finalists from the School of Law in the Law Student of the Year category from fourteen finalists in total. Congratulations to Andrew O'Dwyer (Final BCL), Aoibh O'Connor (BCL, 2021), Katie Ward (3rd Law (BCL)), Linda Scannell (3rd Law (BCL)), Maeve Charles (LLB, 2020), Matthew Mulrooney (3rd Law and Business), Michaela Roche (3rd Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Rebecca Cahill (LLB, 2020).

Ms Roddy-Mullineaux was awarded the accolade in recognition of her outstanding achievements while studying at NUI Galway's School of Law and the University's Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR). She said: "I am over the moon to have won the award for Law Student of the Year at the Irish Law Awards 2021. Completing the LLM in International Human Rights completely changed my outlook on legal practice and how I wanted to contribute as a lawyer. I'm extremely grateful to the Irish Centre for

Human Rights and NUI Galway School of Law for the generous support of the staff and community who afforded me so many opportunities during the LLB and have truly helped to shape my legal career."

Professor Martin Hogg, Head of NUI Galway's School of Law, said: "This award is incredibly well deserved and the School of Law is delighted for Cassie. Cassie was an outstanding member of our LLB in International Human Rights class, not only distinguishing herself in her studies and research but making impactful contributions in a range of projects on which she worked with her classmates, our staff, and NGOs. We hope that her achievements will inspire current and future students to aim as high as she has."

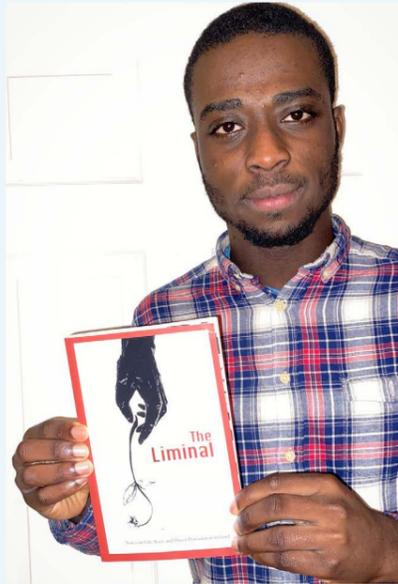
Since graduating, Ms Roddy-Mullineaux has been working as a lawyer with AWO, a new data rights agency, at the intersection of data rights and human rights. She advises clients on a wide range of data and privacy issues. In collaboration with Article Eight Advocacy, Ms Roddy-Mullineaux continued to work with the new cohort of students in the Human Rights Law Clinic at the University's Irish Centre for Human Rights throughout 2020-2021 on the Mother and Baby data protection hub, an online resource to help survivors of the Mother and Baby Homes request their personal data from the bodies that hold it.

Interim Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, Professor Ray Murphy, said: "Cassie embodies the perfect mix of academic scholarship and human rights

activism. We are delighted with the richly deserved recognition this prestigious award gives her."

Ms Roddy-Mullineaux was involved in a number of projects during her studies at NUI Galway, including:

- Being part of the ICHR representative team at Ireland's United Nation's CERD (Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) review in Dec 2019. She spoke to the CERD Committee in Geneva on Ireland's climate racism. She also contributed to and helped compile the ICHR's shadow report.
- Being part of the ICHR's Human Rights Law Clinic, directed by Dr Maeve O'Rourke, she worked on the My Data Rights project, an online resource to help survivors of historical and institutional abuses in Ireland use GDPR to access their personal data.
- Working with environmental group, Safety Before LNG, she co-wrote a legal opinion on the compatibility of a legal ban on fracked gas imports with EU and WTO trade laws.
- Completing a legal research placement with the Global Legal Action Network working on business-related human rights abuses.
- Assisting NUI Galway's Dr Padraic Kenna with researching European Convention on Human Rights arguments relating to the Case of the Century (climate litigation) in France.



Law and Business Student contributes to book “The Liminal: Notes on Life, Race, and Direct Provision in Ireland”

Congratulations to Eric Ehigie (3rd Law and Business), who contributed to the book “The Liminal: Notes on Life, Race, and Direct Provision in Ireland”. Eric’s compelling chapter in the book discusses “The Problem With Our National Conversation About Racism”.

The book challenges all who read it to reassess privileges and socially ingrained biases that have allowed institutionalisation to repeatedly happen in Ireland. It includes testimonies from asylum seekers, as well as essays from advocates and activists from a broad range of backgrounds in social justice, journalism and healthcare.

Eric said: “I’m deeply honoured to have been one of the contributors to The

Liminal: Notes on Life, Race, and Direct Provision in Ireland, composed by the remarkably diligent and inspiring Fiadh Melina. As conversations about race, diversity, and the under-acknowledged experiences of many within our country rise to the forefront of our nation’s consciousness, this book is timely and ever-pertinent.”

Eric is a Politics Coordinator at Black and Irish, a YouTube Content-Creator on global, political and social issues, and a Youth Engagement Officer at the Longford Africans Network.

Find out more about the book at <https://www.tallav.com/products/the-liminal-notes-in-life-race-and-direct-provision-in-ireland>



(L-R) Adam Page, Dora Papp, Lorna McGrath, Katie Feerick, Ciara Long, Leoni Leonard, Victoria Osikoya

Legal German Students Success in the CIGS Video Competition

Congratulations to the two groups of final year students in our Legal German module who were shortlisted for the CIGS (Centre for Irish-German Studies) Video Competition, supported by the German-Irish Chamber of Commerce.

The two student groups consisted of:

- Katie Feerick (Final Corporate Law), Leoni Leonard (Final Corporate Law), Ciara Long (Final Law (BCL)) and Victoria Osikoya (Final Corporate Law) who produced a video on Friedrich Engels and Mary Burns.
- Lorna Mc Grath (Final Corporate Law), Adam Page (Final Corporate Law) and Dora Papp (Final Corporate Law) who produced a video on Arnacrusha.

The winning group videos were announced at a virtual public event in March 2022 which was attended by the German Ambassador to Ireland H.E. Cord Meier-Klodt and the Irish Ambassador to Germany H.E. Dr Nicholas O’ Brien. The student groups shortlisted were interviewed by Derek Scally, German Correspondent for the Irish Times and the winners were decided by a public vote.

We are delighted to announce that one of our student groups which included Katie Feerick, Leoni Leonard, Ciara Long and Victoria Osikoya came third for their video on Friedrich Engels and Mary Burns.



(L-R) Professor Martin Hogg, Head of the School of Law at NUI Galway, Terence O’Malley DLA Piper Scholars Joan Ighile and Annie Forde, and Maura Dineen, Partner at DLA Piper. Credit – Martina Regan.

Terence O’Malley DLA Piper Scholars

Two NUI Galway law students from Sligo have been awarded special scholarships created in partnership between the global law firm DLA Piper and NUI Galway School of Law.

Annie Forde, from Enniscrone, Co Sligo, and Joan Ighile, from Sligo Town have been named the Terence O’Malley DLA Piper Scholars for the academic year 2021/2022. Both students are undertaking the undergraduate degree Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice, at NUI Galway’s School of Law.

The Terence O’Malley DLA Piper Scholarship is named after the Chairman Emeritus of the law firm who has family roots in the west of Ireland. It provides funding and support to enable and empower successful students to study a law degree at NUI Galway and is awarded in-part on academic merit.

Maura Dineen, Partner at DLA Piper, met with the scholars on campus and shared interesting insights into her fascinating career advising domestic and international clients on tax matters. Ms Dineen said: “We are proud to partner with NUI Galway’s School of Law to support deserving students like Annie and Joan, as they pursue their studies in law. It was a pleasure to visit the campus, talk to the students about their experience and hear the positive impact the Terence O’Malley DLA Piper scholarship has had on their studies so far. We wish all of the students the very best in their studies and look forward to seeing what innovative thinking they contribute to the industry in the future.”

Professor Martin Hogg, Head of the School of Law at NUI Galway, said: “We are delighted to have the continued support of DLA Piper of two more

students under this scholarship programme. The educational opportunities which these scholarships afford are highly valued by the School and by the scholars and we’re very grateful to DLA Piper for this investment in two lawyers of the future.”

The scholarship supports scholars throughout their four-year law degree to the value of €2,500 annually (total value of €10,000 per scholar). It is open to first year students who are enrolled in one of NUI Galway’s five full law degrees and have a home address in the west of Ireland (to include all counties in Connacht plus counties Donegal and Clare).

Annie Forde said: “Studying Law at NUI Galway has been a highly enjoyable experience and I am grateful that DLA Piper are able to support me in my academic endeavours. This scholarship has had a positive impact on my life and I hope that in my future legal career that I can make a positive change in people’s lives.”

Joan Ighile said: “This scholarship has given me the opportunity to thoroughly enjoy my study of Law at NUI Galway with lessened financial stress. It has been a great support to me, and I’d like to thank DLA Piper for their great generosity in continuing to support Irish students pursuing a career in Law.”

The Scholarship was launched in 2020 at NUI Galway following Terence O’Malley’s retirement from a highly-regarded legal career, serving in various roles including as DLA Piper’s US Managing Partner, US Co-Chairman, and Global Co-Chief executive officer. The inaugural scholars were Ava Cullinan, Law (BCL) student from Kiltrush, Co Clare and Emily Donnellan, Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice student from Maree, Co Galway.



Chairman Emeritus of global law firm DLA Piper Terence O’Malley and the scholars Ava Cullinan and Emily Donnellan.

In addition to the scholarship, a separate annual Terence O’Malley DLA Piper bursary is awarded to a NUI Galway Law student achieving the highest grade in the University’s Law and Innovation module.

Terence O’Malley was welcomed to the campus by Professor Geraint Howells, Executive Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law, in September 2021 where he met the inaugural scholars, Bachelor of Civil Law students Ava Cullinan, from Kiltrush, Co Clare and Emily Donnellan, from Maree, Co Galway.

Terry O’Malley said: “I am delighted to have the opportunity to visit the NUI Galway campus and meet the first scholars. It is very gratifying to hear about the impact of the awards as well as having the opportunity to visit the School of Law and learn about the education and learning on offer.” Professor Howells said: “It is a pleasure to welcome Terence O’Malley to NUI Galway and thank him in person for DLA Piper’s generous support of NUI Galway students. Partnership with Irish and global law firms are key to ensuring that we can attract and retain a diverse student group who will go on to make an impact and contribution in their fields.”

DLA Piper is a global law firm with lawyers located in more than 40 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific. DLA Piper established in Ireland in 2019 with offices in Dublin. DLA Piper clients range from multinational, Global 1000, and Fortune 500 enterprises to emerging companies developing industry-leading technologies.

For full details about this scholarship, including terms and conditions, visit: www.universityofgalway.ie/dlapiperscholarship

Sporting Students

Congratulations to the NUI Galway football team on winning the Sigerson Cup for the first time in 19 years in February 2022. The team included three of our law students Gavin Burke (3rd Law and Business), Conor Carroll (3rd Law (BCL)) and Eoghan Kelly (1st LLB).

Congratulations also to Diarmuid Kilgallen (3rd Law (BCL)) who secured a professional contract with Connacht Rugby in January 2022 and was promoted to the senior squad.



Internationalisation

Study Abroad

The School of Law continues to revamp its study abroad programme and we are very excited to announce the addition of many destinations in the European Union and in the wider world. Our Study Abroad group, composed of EU and non-EU academic coordinators, study abroad officers and administrative staff of the School of Law have worked on strengthening our Internationalisation agenda, further developing our international portfolio and offering the best possible support to our students.

A dedicated webpage at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/law/internationalstudy/> provides more detailed information about our partner universities and their programs. Through the Erasmus Exchange programme, Dr Edel Hughes and Nicola Murphy, with the support of our study abroad officers, Fiona Keane and Maria Gilligan, have established links with 26 first-class universities in the European Union. We are delighted to be supporting 75 Law students to complete their study abroad experience in the coming academic year.

Our Directors of Internationalisation, Dr Anita Ferrara and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti, are continuing to expand the student exchange agreement with Institutions all over the world. The School has currently student exchange agreements with universities in Australia, Canada, USA, China and India.

We are very much looking forward to the beginning of an exciting year ahead, allowing our students the chance to live the enriching experience of spending a year abroad.



First day of class at the summer school



(L-R) Tom O'Connor, Lea from Germany, Ellina from Switzerland, Frida from Sweden, Alexandra from Portugal, and Sergio from Spain at "Batman's Alley" in Sao Paulo.

NUI Galway Law Student attends Schools Global League Summer School

The 10th Law Schools Global League Summer School 2022 took place in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in July 2022. This summer programme offers students a cutting-edge learning experience in exploring the challenges of the legal profession in an increasingly globalised world and a unique professional and social opportunity. The courses are co-taught by professors from member institutions. Tom O'Connor writes:

"27 law students from 20 countries all around the world have come together for the LSGL summer school in Brazil. Artificial intelligence and tech law are the subjects of the first week of the course in Sao Paulo. Meanwhile, the second week

in Rio de Janeiro will be devoted to automation in law and learning about bio-economy, sustainability and development in the Amazon.

The summer school is very timely. The destruction of the Amazon is one of the greatest challenges facing the global environment. Separately, the AI market worldwide was valued at \$327.5 billion in 2021 and continues to grow exponentially. It is hard to keep up with the rapid developments! We are learning about how AI works and even how to develop basic AI systems. As law students, we are also addressing questions surrounding liability, legal personhood, regulation and the use of personal data in the context of AI.

We explore the city once classes finish in the evening. A vast concrete jungle and the fourth biggest city on the globe, São Paulo has double the population of the Republic of Ireland. The evening excursions have brought the small class closer together, enabling us to learn about different cultures, legal systems and more. Only three days in, we have already formed incredible friendships.

Thank you to Prof Martin Hogg, the Head of the School of Law, for connecting NUI Galway with the LSGL. My deepest thanks as well to Michelle Lantry who has been extremely helpful in helping me with the logistics of attending the summer school."

Visiting Scholars'/Researchers' Programme

The Visiting Scholars'/Researchers' Programme aims to host "Visitors" from all over the world. The program provides visitors' access to University facilities and libraries so that they can conduct research on an approved topic while in residence. Visitors are expected to participate in the research events around the university to present their work and participate in the intellectual life of the School of Law community.

A Visiting Scholar is generally a professor of law at another institution or a senior member of the legal profession; a Visiting Researcher is generally a person who is working towards a post-graduate degree, doing post-graduate work at another institution, or a junior member of the profession.

In selecting applicants for Visitor status, the relevant Committee considers the

applicant's background, field of interest, scholarly achievements, research proposal, availability of University of Galway School of Law Faculty for consultation in the proposed research area, and English language proficiency.

Full information and application guidelines are available at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/law/research/visitingresearcherprogramme/>

Aoife Griffin (3rd Law (BCL)) studied at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg in 2021/22

I went into my Erasmus year with very high expectations and somehow, they were exceeded. Not only was I welcomed with open arms and provided with every chance to advance my language proficiency, but I was also in the perfect location for travel and met the most amazing friends to experience it with. I was really encouraged to explore outside of my comfort zone and take classes that I wasn't offered in Ireland such

as a multitude of language and legal courses, including my favourite module "Rechtsmedizin". Moving abroad really is a shock to the system, especially having to switch your brain over from its default language setting, but I'm beyond glad that I did it and I will always remember the experience.



Eric Ehigie (3rd Law and Business) studied at KU Leuven in 2021/22

Participating in the Erasmus programme really was a life-changing move for me. It allowed me to discover things about my abilities and my identity that I did not know existed and to develop self-sufficiency skills and resilience. It also enabled me to meet like-minded people from nations beyond my own and to learn how to adapt and live in a different cultural

space. The experience is far more than an academic one - going on Erasmus teaches you really helpful life lessons but also lets you have lots of fun! It is a must for anyone who wants to get the most out of their degree.



Doctoral Programme

PhD Graduates



Dr Sally Anne Corcoran

Congratulations to Dr Sally Anne Corcoran who defended her PhD in January 2022 on the topic of gender and UN peacekeeping, supervised by Prof Ray Murphy. The external examiner was Dr Roisin Burke (Utrecht University) and the internal examiner was Dr Anita Ferrara. The viva was chaired by Prof Shane Darcy.



Dr Cian Moran

Congratulations to Dr Cian Moran, who successfully defended his PhD thesis in May 2022 for research supervised by Prof Ray Murphy on the history of humanitarian intervention. The external examiner was Prof Nigel White (University of Nottingham School of Law) and the internal examiner was Dr Anita Ferrara. The viva was chaired by Prof Shane Darcy.



Dr Bethany Al-Haidari

Congratulations to Dr Bethany Al-Haidari, who successfully defended her PhD thesis in December 2021. Bethany's thesis, 'Perceptions of Freedom among Saudi Citizens', was supervised by Prof Siobhán Mullally and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti (previously supervised by Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh). The examiners were Prof Eilíonóir Flynn (internal) and Prof Madawi Al-Rasheed (L.S.E., external). The viva was chaired by Prof Ray Murphy.



Dr Nicola Maxwell

Congratulations to Dr Nicola Maxwell, who successfully defended her PhD thesis in April 2022. Nicola's thesis, 'When There's Nowhere Else to Go': Exploring Rights to Self-Determination and Community Inclusion within Day Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in the Republic of Ireland', was supervised by Prof Eilíonóir Flynn. The examiners were Prof John Canavan (Director of the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the School of Political Science and Sociology, internal) and Dr Lucy Series (Cardiff University, external). The viva was chaired by Prof Donncha O'Connell.



Dr Sahara Nankan

Congratulations to Dr Sahara Nankan, who successfully defended her PhD thesis in May 2022. Sahara's thesis, 'The Role of Gender-Responsive Participation in Water and Sanitation Rights Adjudication', was supervised by Prof Siobhán Mullally. The examiners were Dr Anna Arstein-Kerslake (internal) and Prof Beth Goldblatt (UT Sydney, external). The viva was chaired by Prof Ray Murphy. Sahara is an Irish Research Council PhD Scholarship Awardee and an NUI Galway Hardiman Scholar.



Dr Masrur Salekin

Congratulations to our newest PhD, Masrur Salekin, who successfully completed his viva voce examination in July 2022. Masrur is an NUI Galway Hardiman Scholar, and his thesis is titled 'Judicial Pro-Activism and Collaborative Constitutionalism: Ensuring Environmental Justice in India, Ireland, and Bangladesh'. His research was supervised by Dr Rónán Kennedy, and the examination was chaired by Professor Donncha O'Connell of the School of Law. The external examiner was Professor Gita Gill of Northumbria Law School, and the internal examiner was Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti.

Staff News

Doctoral Scholarships

The School of Law had great success in the Hardiman Scholarship competition in 2021/22 with two Hardiman Scholarships recently awarded to applicants in the School of Law: Nayia Christodoulou (supervisor Dr Janos Fiala-Butora) and Miguel Rodríguez Vidosa (supervisor Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui); both of whom will commence their PhD research in September 2022. Congratulations to both scholars.

Inaugural All-Ireland PhD Conference

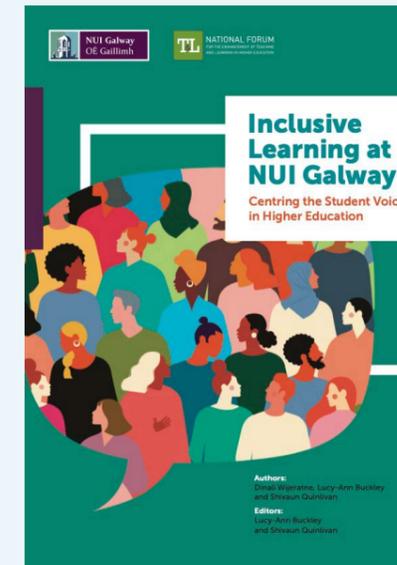
Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti, the School's PhD Programme Director, organised the inaugural All-Ireland PhD Conference in May 2022. PhD Researchers from Universities across Ireland had the opportunity to present their work-in-progress in a supportive environment. Academics from all Ireland's Universities were generous with their time and provided constructive feedback to this group of emerging researchers.



(L-R) Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Larry Donnelly, Larry Donnelly Jr, Eileen Whelan and Teresa Mannion.

Larry Donnelly

The launch of Larry Donnelly's new book 'The Bostonian: Life in an Irish American Political Family', took place in October 2021. The book is published by Gill Books and is, in many ways, a celebration of Galway and specifically of NUI Galway. The event was hosted by RTÉ reporter Teresa Mannion, and former Government Minister Máire Geoghegan-Quinn conducted a short public interview with Larry about the book and the themes in it.



Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan

The University President, Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, launched the report of the Inclusive Learning project team on postgraduate learning experiences at NUI Galway in December 2021. Jointly led by Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley and Dr Shivaun Quinlivan, the project was funded by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. The project examined the experiences of postgraduate students across five schools at NUI Galway: the School of Law, the JE Cairnes School of Business and Economics, Shannon College of Hotel Management, the School of Physics and the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences.

The project identified a range of barriers to learning experienced by postgraduate students, including students with disabilities, international and intercultural students, LGBT+ students, and students with caring responsibilities. It also examined the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on student learning. The project report is available at: <http://whitakerinstitute.ie/project/inclusive-learning-at-nui-galway-centring-the-student-voice-in-higher-education/>.



Professor Siobhán Mullally

Heartiest congratulations to our colleague, Prof Siobhán Mullally, MRIA, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Established Professor of Human Rights Law, on her admittance in May 2022 as a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. This is the highest academic honour conferred in Ireland and an indication of the very high esteem in which members are held. Professor Mullally is also the UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children and was, for a number of years, a member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

Prof Mullally also won one of the inaugural Research Ally Prizes from the Irish Research Council in December 2021. The Research Ally Prizes are a new national award category celebrating the role of mentors, supervisors, research officers and support staff in supporting and sustaining the Irish research community. 72 Research Allies were nominated by students and staff from across the Irish higher education and research system.



Professor Siobhán Mullally



Professor Ray Murphy

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In 2022, Prof Ray Murphy taught on the Documentation & Investigation of Conflict Related Sexual and Gender Based Violence (CRSGBV) Course to the Defence Forces in association with the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, at the Defence Forces Training Centre, The Curragh Camp, Ireland. Professor Murphy also taught international humanitarian and criminal law on the International Investigators Course at the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, The Hague, in April 2022. In addition, Prof Murphy was involved in training European judges and prosecutors about war crimes and related issues as part of the European Judicial Training Network in Nuremburg during June 2022.



Dr Maeve O'Rourke

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Congratulations to Dr Maeve O'Rourke on winning a Justitia Award 2021 in the Academia International category in September 2021, for her work on the Clann Project and in the Irish Centre for Human Rights. It is a great honour for Maeve, who has worked tirelessly on human rights issues related to the Mother and Baby Homes in Ireland for many years.



Tom O'Malley

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Congratulations to our colleague, Tom O'Malley, SC, on his appointment in June 2022 to a review group chaired by the former Chief Justice, Judge Frank Clarke, to examine reform of civil legal aid. Tom is pictured above on his appointment as Senior Counsel in October 2022. He was first called to the Bar in 2001 and since then has argued many cases before the High Court, the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court, specialising in Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and criminal appeals.

Together with colleagues from Oxford, Strathclyde and Arizona State University, Tom is carrying out a research project for the recently-established Judicial Council on creating a data and information base for the purpose of developing formal sentencing guidelines. Tom continues to write a popular blog on criminal law, sentencing and criminal procedure at <https://sentencingcrimeandjustice.wordpress.com>.

Dr Ciara Smyth

Dr Ciara Smyth provided an online information session for asylum seekers and irregular migrants on the government's 2022 regularisation schemes, on behalf of the Bridge Project, in February 2022. Also in February, Ciara was a panellist for the ENLIGHT Webinar Series: 'Discussing Diversity, Racism and Inclusion: Supporting an ethos and culture of inclusion through the University of Sanctuary Movement and programme at NUI Galway'. In March 2022, Ciara addressed a Bridge Project event on International Women's Day on Migrant Women in Ireland, along with BCL student and University of Sanctuary scholar, Jacqueline Phiri.



Dr Brian Tobin

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Dr Brian Tobin gave oral evidence to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on International Surrogacy at Leinster House in May 2022, and provided the members of the committee with pragmatic recommendations for law reform in this legally and ethically complex area. The Committee's report was published in July 2022 and is available here: <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/committees/33/international-surrogacy/>



Dr Anita Ferrara

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Dr Ferrara presented her book, 'El impacto de la Comisión de Verdad y Reconciliación en Chile Evaluación a largo plazo desde una perspectiva histórica' in Santiago, Chile in April 2022. The Book was presented by Professor Elisabeth Lira, renowned scholar and National Award for Humanities and Social Sciences, together with Professor Marcos Fernandez, Head of History Department, at University Alberto Hurtado, Santiago. The conversation can be watched back at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-aMwtNN9QU>

Dr Ferrara also launched her book at the Museum Violeta Parra, hosted and presented by the Director of the Museum, Cecilia García-Huidobro in Santiago, Chile. The event can be seen online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOm2tBqA5N8>



(L-R): Dr Maeve O'Rourke (2021 winner), Dr Rónán Kennedy and Ursula Connolly (2022 winners), who received President's Awards for Teaching Excellence in recognition of their outstanding efforts in teaching. Credit – Aengus McMahon.



Pictured with NUI Galway President, Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh and Deputy President and Registrar, Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh are the recipients of the 2022 NUI Galway President's Awards for Teaching Excellence, from left, Dr Rónán Kennedy, School of Law, Dr Lindsay Myers, School of Languages, Literature and Culture, Dr John Murray, School of Natural Sciences, and Ursula Connolly, School of Law. Credit – Aengus McMahon.

Teaching Awards

Teaching excellence at NUI Galway was celebrated at a special ceremony in May, where awards were presented to staff members for outstanding efforts in teaching. The President's Awards for Teaching Excellence and the College Awards for Teaching Excellence recognise the commitment of teaching staff who strive to ensure students at the University receive the best learning experience. The School was delighted to see that two of the four recipients in 2022 came from the School of Law: Ursula Connolly and Dr Rónán Kennedy.

Ursula and Rónán also received College Awards for Teaching Excellence in April 2022. The award winners received a Teaching Development Grant to the value of €750 for the purchase of equipment, to support conference participation, teaching development, or any other relevant purpose.

NUI Galway President, Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, commented on these awards: "Excellence is a core strategic value of NUI Galway with an objective to respect and support the ambition of

our students and staff and these awards recognise and celebrate that pledge. On behalf of the University community, I want to commend the recipients for their commitment to enriching the student learning experience, particularly during the recent times of using remote learning, alternative and innovative technologies to engage with our students."

Dean's Awards for Inclusive Teaching – College of Business, Public Policy and Law

Dr Brian Tobin and Ursula Connolly from the School of Law were announced as individual winners of the Dean's Awards for Inclusive Teaching in September 2021. Both were nominated for the award by students, in recognition of their highly inclusive and empathetic approach to teaching. These awards were established in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law (CBPPL) in 2019 as a key part of a project to support

inclusive learning in the College (joint project leads: Dr Shivaun Quinlivan and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley). The aim of the Dean's Awards is to recognise and reward inclusive teaching practice, and anyone teaching a module in the College is eligible for nomination. Brian and Ursula both received a €500 teaching development grant and a digital badge that can be used on a CV or website.



Student Advisor in the School of Law

The School would like to welcome AnnMarie Gilchrist as the new Student Advisor for the School of Law in the University of Galway.

Her primary role is to support students who may be at academic risk. She offers a confidential, non-judgmental service to students, and as a member of the Student Services team, she is independent from the School.

AnnMarie offers advice on time management, structuring study plans, financial assistance, exam preparation, and general welfare. She also supports students who are feeling overwhelmed or experiencing personal difficulty which impacts

their academic success. She can offer advice and information on various supports which are available to students of NUI Galway including information on processes such as applying for extensions or approved leave.

Students should also note that AnnMarie can act as a liaison between the School and the student in cases where the student is not confident in approaching their lecturer or School staff member.

AnnMarie can be contacted at annmarie.gilchrist@universityofgalway.ie or by phone/text to 086-0832076.



AnnMarie Gilchrist

Dr Anna Arstein-Kerslake & Prof Eilionóir Flynn

UN Women commissioned the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and the Irish Centre for Human Rights to conduct a project on access to justice for women with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Asia and the Pacific in July 2022. The project team is led by Prof Eilionóir Flynn and Dr Anna Arstein-Kerslake, with April Parker and Emily Williams as research assistants. The research will include a legal needs survey of women with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Nepal, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Fiji. The aim is that the project leads on to a larger law reform effort to realise the right to legal capacity and access to justice of disabled women in Asia and the Pacific. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women, is a United Nations entity working for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

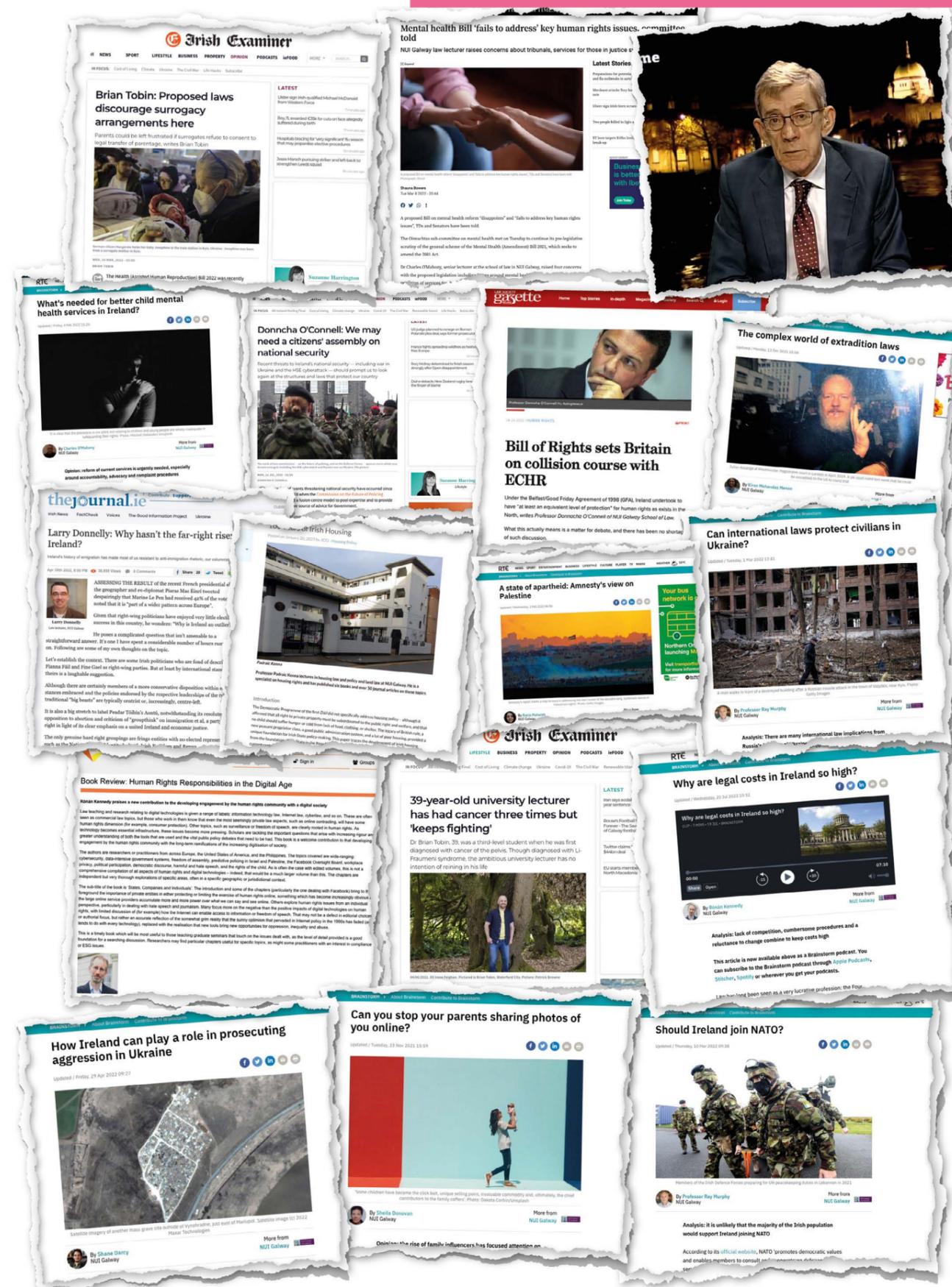


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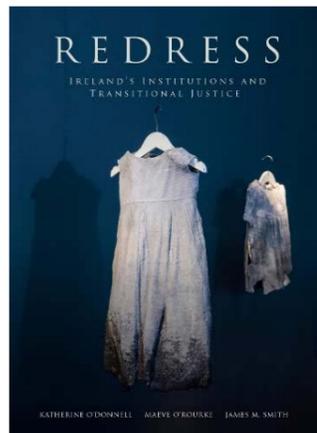
Staff in the Media



Selected Publications and Research

What follows is a selection of major publications by colleagues from the School of Law and its Centres published during the past two years. 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:

- Anna Arstein-Kerslake, *Legal Capacity and Gender - Realising the Human Right to Legal Personhood and Agency of Women, Disabled Women, and Gender Minorities* (Springer 2021).
- Anita Ferrara, *El impacto de la Comisión de Verdad y Reconciliación en Chile Evaluación a largo plazo desde una perspectiva histórica* (Universidad Alberto Hurtado 2021).
- Caterina Gardiner, *Unfair Contract Terms in the Digital Age* (Edward Elgar 2022).
- Katherine O'Donnell, Maeve O'Rourke M and James M. Smith JM (eds), *REDRESS: Ireland and Transitional Justice* (UCD Press 2022).
- Ioanna Tourkochoriti and Mortimer Sellers (eds), *Comparative legal history: the value, purposes and methods of historical comparison* (Cambridge University Press 2022).

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- Mary Gilmartin and Jennifer Dagg, 'Integration as Making Place' (2021) Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2021.1974148>
- Piers Gooding, Bernadette McSherry and Anna Arstein-Kerslake, 'Supported Decision-Making in Criminal Proceedings: A Sociolegal Empirical Study' (2021) Journal of Disability Policy Studies. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10442073211026332>
- Conor Hanly, 'Summary Jurisdiction and the Decline of the Criminal Jury in Victorian England' (2021) 42(4) Journal of Legal History 278. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01440365.2021.1996032>
- Margaret Hodgins, Pat O'Connor and Lucy-Ann Buckley, 'Institutional Change and Organisational Resistance to Gender Equality in Higher Education: An Irish Case Study' (2022) 12 Administrative Sciences [Special Issue:

Women Leading Social and Economic Change: Towards Feminized Thinking and Spatial Praxis] 59. <https://doi.org/10.3390/admsci12020059>

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- Ray Murphy, 'Despite the Concept of Gravity Being a Central Tenet of International Criminal Justice, the Rome Statute Provides Little by Way of Explanation Into What This Actually Means in Practice and Applying a Clear Policy on Case Selection Remains a Challenge' Human Rights International Criminal Law Online Forum, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law 2021.
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- Ioanna Tourkochoriti, 'The Constitutional Politics of Religion', in Mark Tushnet and Dimitry Kochenov (eds) *Research Handbook on the Politics of Constitutional Law* (Edward Elgar 2022).

- Ioanna Tourkochoriti, 'Comparative law and philosophy of history: the case of free speech in American and French legal thought' in Mortimer Sellers and Ioanna Tourkochoriti (eds) *Comparative legal history: the value, purposes and methods of historical comparison* (Cambridge University Press 2022).

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- Conor Hanly and Tamara Cassidy, *Rapid Review of Evidence on Delays in Processing Adult Sexual Cases* (Department of Justice, 2022).

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News from the Centres

Centre for Disability Law & Policy

Assisted Decision Making Act: Training for self Advocates

In November 2021, the CDLP launched 'Getting to Grips with the Assisted Decision Making Act' for self-advocates. The training is designed for people with intellectual disabilities, dementia, acquired brain injury, autistic and neurodiverse people to help them learn about the Assisted Decision Making Act and what it means for them. The training also took place in February and May 2022.

Re(al) Productive Justice Project

The Re(al) Productive Justice Project: gender and disabilities held a number of feedback workshops with health, social care, legal professionals and disabled people to develop the topic toolkits, Communication Guide, and Know Your Rights Guide. These are in the process of being finalised as hardcopies as well as being transformed into an online interactive resource with short informative videos. The research team have submitted a book proposal to the Law in Context series and is working towards submitting further chapters for review.

LLM Fundraiser for Ukraine

In light of the emergency that has developed in the Ukraine, students in the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy have started a fundraiser to support their classmate and other Ukrainians with disabilities. All funds will go directly to 'Fight for Right', an NGO located in the Ukraine and led by a current LLM student. The NGO plans to use the funds to provide accessible emergency services to Ukrainians with Disabilities. The GoFundMe can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-disabled-ukrainians>

Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Amendment Bill 2022

The Centre for Disability Law and Policy is co-ordinating a group of over 20 civil society organisations who advocate for human rights-based reform of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Amendment Bill 2022. Alongside other members of the group, CDLP has given evidence to the Oireachtas Committee for Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth as part of the Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the Bill on the need for urgent reform. Areas of concern highlighted by CDLP included the Bill's continued discrimination against people detained in the mental

health system and pregnant people, the need to prohibit all forms of restraint, access to justice for those subject to the Bill, the exclusion of disabled people from jury service, and the role of IHREC in monitoring the UN Convention. The CDLP organised an Oireachtas briefing for TDs and Senators before the Bill went to second stage in the Dáil, and worked with opposition TDs to draft amendments to the Bill. CDLP will continue to work with Senators to draft amendments to the Bill when it moves to the Seanad in Autumn 2022.



DARE



The DARE project's final training event was held in Brussels in May 2022. The public day conference entitled, 'Exploring Voice, Power and Change' showcased the findings of the 14 Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) / PhD candidates employed in the Network. The conference provided the opportunity to establish contacts and collaborations with the ESRs and explore how their findings can impact policy in the future.

The keynote address was delivered by Professor Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities, on 'Lessons for the Next Generation of Disability Researchers'.

The 14 ESRs presented their findings and interacted with invited respondents and conference participants in the following sessions:

- Ensuring accountability from duty-bearers
- Access to justice and persons with disabilities
- Intersectionality
- Persons with disabilities as rights-holders as agents of change



Moot Court Competition on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

A team of law students from the Free University of Tbilisi won the final of the moot court competition on the rights of persons with disabilities hosted in Warsaw in May 2022 by the CDLP and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The Georgian students were competing against a team from the University of California, Berkeley (United States). In a mock set-up of a Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the competitors argued a fictitious case regarding the rights of people with disabilities to vote and to be part of the

justice sector. The winning team was decided by a panel of judges consisting of Gerard Quinn, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Theresia Degener, Professor of Law and Disability Studies and Director of the Bochum Center for Disability Studies (BODYSD) in Germany, and ODIHR Rule of Law Adviser Carolyn Hammer.

The two finalist teams were selected from a total of eleven teams from all over the OSCE region – from North America to Central Asia – which

submitted written statements on the competition topic for the first round held earlier this year. The winning team was invited to take part in NUI Galway's Disability Summer School on the rights of people with disabilities. The competition helped the participants learn more about the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* as well as the work of ODIHR in promoting inclusive, diverse and gender-sensitive justice sector institutions across the OSCE region and the participation of people with disabilities in political and public life.



Zoom screenshot showing some of the attendees from the youth workshop series holding their certificates

Online Workshops supported by the FORD Foundation

In January 2022, Cliona de Bhailis, a PhD Candidate in the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, delivered a series of online workshops for young disabled people with funding support from the FORD Foundation. Young people, aged between 15 and 24 years of age, from all over Ireland attended the workshops. Over 3 sessions the group explored the language of disability, experiences of disability and disability pride, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and advocacy and peer support.

Student News



Sarah McCarron and Sandra Eydam were selected from the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy class for an Internship with Rosemary Kayess, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Geneva. The interns supported the Committee's work during its 26th session and will develop research on segregation as a human rights violation affecting disabled people and other marginalised groups.

Congratulations also to Sarah on her achievement in winning the Centre for Disability Law & Policy Gold Medal for Excellence 2021.

Irish Centre for Human Rights



21st Doctoral Seminar at the Irish Centre for Human Rights

The annual doctoral seminar at the Irish Centre for Human Rights was held in-person from 16-20 May 2022. Professor Ray Murphy welcomed all the participants to the 21st iteration of this event, which is the highpoint of the academic year for the Centre's doctoral community. Prof Yvonne McDermott, Swansea University, provided some opening remarks at the first session and

commented upon the presentations. Over twenty PhD students from the Centre, as well as from the School of Law and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, presented on their doctoral research over the course of the week on a range of topics in the fields of human rights, refugee and migration law, humanitarian law and international criminal law.

LLM students launch 'My Country is My Prison': A podcast about Ireland's so-called 'historical institutions'

LLM students Emily Williams, Fernanda Souza, Holly Hayes, James Spillane, Maria Tapias Serrano and Shauna Joyce, who have been working with Mary Harney as part of the Human Rights Clinic, have recently launched a 5 episode-series' podcast titled 'My Country is My Prison'.

The podcasts aim to promote awareness of human rights violations perpetrated against women and children in Ireland's institutions in the 20th century.

The students stated: "We have developed this podcast to consolidate information regarding Ireland's so-called 'historical' institutional abuses. We aim to explore these ongoing human rights violations in simple terms to help educate young people or those who are not familiar with these institutions. Our goal is to inform younger generations why this issue is relevant today and why we must keep working for justice."

The podcasts "highlight the continuing human rights abuses currently being experienced by survivors of the

institutions, namely those of the Mother and Baby Institutions, the Industrial Schools, and the Magdalene Laundries."

The episodes discuss the following issues: Adoption and the Right to Identity, Industrial Schools and Children's Rights, the Abuse of Women's Rights in Ireland's institutions, as well as Ireland's Continuing Obligations Today and Moving Forward. The students interviewed the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection to the Government of Ireland, Dr Connor O'Mahony, for the fifth episode on Ireland's continuing human rights obligations. They also released a bonus episode with a full interview conducted with Elizabeth Coppin, survivor of Magdalene Laundries, who has brought her case before the United Nations' Committee Against Torture.

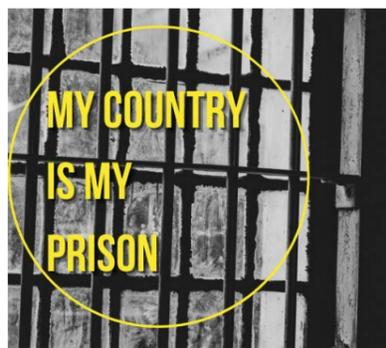
All episodes are available to listen on Spotify here: <https://bit.ly/3RGJtA7> Check 'My Country is My Prison' podcast on social media channels:

- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mycountryismyprisonpodcast/>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/mcimp_podcast



Kate Coakley Memorial Prize Winner

Congratulations to Adam Spollen on being the recipient of the Kate Coakley Memorial Prize for the academic year 2020/21. Adam read for his LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy and achieved the highest overall marks from among all the human rights LLM programmes delivered at the ICHR.



LLM Graduations



Graduates of the LLM programmes at the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the June 2022 Conferrals Ceremony

Centre for Housing Law, Rights & Policy



Universities Student Accommodation

Research by CHLRP reveals high cost of student accommodation

In June 2022, research by CHLRP found that the cost of purpose-built student accommodation is a barrier to full participation in third-level for prospective students.

The research compares rents and availability of university-provided student accommodation in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England and some European Universities.

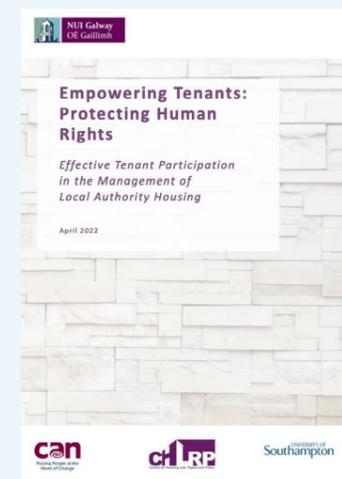
The 68-page report shows that purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) offered by Irish universities is relatively costly, compared with universities in Northern Ireland and some European universities. The report can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3NvfZle>

The research noted that the cost and extent of PBSA is of major concern to Student Unions and prospective students, and that it acts as a barrier to full participation from potential students, including those with disabilities, as well as some international students. The development of high cost, private, tax relief driven, investor-led PBSA is driving higher rents and lowering space and accommodation standards.

This research was conducted by Áine Dillon, BCL Law Student, and Professor Padraic Kenna at the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy, NUI Galway over the past year. It found that single occupancy rooms make up less than half the accommodation provided by Irish universities, with shared occupancy rooms most common in NUI Galway and University College Cork.

Professor Kenna said: "It is a surprising finding that rents for university provided purpose-built student accommodation are so high in Ireland. These could rise even further due to current development costs. Without a capital subsidy to the university providers, it will be increasingly difficult to provide affordable new student accommodation. With that in mind, our report recommends the establishment of Student Housing Associations (Approved Housing Bodies) to provide affordable student accommodation."

The report advocates for low-cost, socially inclusive, disability friendly, digitally advanced, student housing. Access to affordable and good quality PBSA is a significant public interest issue, and one which will be highlighted as the new Technological Universities in Ireland begin to provide student accommodation.



Research Project on tenant participation in the management of local authority housing in Ireland

The Centre for Housing Law, Rights & Policy (CHLRP) completed a research project in April 2022 on building effective tenant participation in the management of local authority housing in Ireland. This project was funded by the Housing Agency Research Support Programme 2020 and undertaken in collaboration with Community Action Network and the University of Southampton Law School. The research examined how structured tenant participation could be developed in the Irish local authority sector. It reviewed

policy and practice on tenant participation in other jurisdictions, as well as an assessment of the current practice in Ireland. A key feature of the project was the holding of 'Dialogue Events' involving a variety of stakeholders; tenants, local representatives and local authority staff, exploring the opportunities and challenges of developing a proposal for tenant participation which would be inclusive, rights based and innovative. The full report can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/3uZHIEk>.

Submission to the Conference on the Referendum on Housing



There is a significant popular movement for inserting a right to housing into the Irish Constitution, and significant work has been carried out by civil society organisations to prepare a suitable wording.

One of the key questions on a constitutional right to housing is whether and how it would be enforced by courts – the question of justiciability. Would the courts order a State body to provide housing to any person who invoked the constitutional right? While there has been much written on this question internationally, especially in relation to South Africa – which has had such a rights for more than 20 years, it is important to recognise the particular role of courts in Ireland under the Irish Constitution – Bunreacht na hÉireann.

A Submission from Professor Padraic Kenna to the Commission on Housing examined significant Irish housing cases where constitutional rights were invoked by people seeking basic housing services. Since there is no explicit right to housing in the

Constitution Irish courts have relied exclusively on a natural law rights interpretation of Article 40.3.2 on the unenumerated right to bodily integrity (established in Ryan v Attorney General in 1965). However, even while recognising the existence of this constitutional right, in the O'Reilly v Limerick Corporation case (and later cases) judgments have reiterated the principle of separation of powers which precludes courts from adjudicating on the redistribution and allocation of common goods (taxation) and common burdens (regulation). These are seen solely as functions of the Government, Ministers and State bodies.

Further information and the full submission from May 2022 can be found at <https://bit.ly/3PCNuTN>.



Pictured outside the Moot Courtroom at NUI Galway are the competitors in the 2022 Internal School of Law Moot Competition with Ms Justice Mary Faherty

Mooting Round-up

Mooting is a great way to build valuable research skills, develop oral advocacy skills and gain a valuable insight into the law in practice. The School of Law strongly encourages students to engage in mooting opportunities at least once during their law degrees. To this end the School offers a compulsory moot module at undergraduate level, an optional moot module at masters level and numerous opportunities to engage in internal and external mooting competitions. Reflecting the School's commitment to mooting a dedicated Moot Courtroom was completed on campus to support student mooting activities. The following is a brief round-up on our students' experiences in the past academic year.



Competitors, adjudicators and organisers of the Tom O'Malley Moot in the Moot Courtroom, NUI Galway

Client Interview Competitions

In February 2022, two Client Interview Competitions were held online. This innovative competition challenged law students to take on the role of a solicitor in a mock client consultation. The First Year Competition was based on the Tort of Nuisance. The second competition, aimed at more advanced law students, was held in collaboration with ELSA (European Law Students' Association) and based on EU Employment Law. Sincere thanks to the solicitors who adjudicated: Ciara O'Callaghan (O'Callaghan Solicitors), Bryan Dunne (Matheson) and Richard Grogan (Richard Grogan and Associates Solicitors). Congratulations to our winners Ellie O'Donoghue (First Year) and Tom O'Connor (ELSA)!

Law Society Mooting and Clinical Skills Events

The Tom O'Malley Moot is an annual moot competition organised by the student Law Society in honour of School of Law senior lecturer and Senior Counsel, Tom O'Malley. It took place in-person and on-campus in November 2021 in our dedicated Moot Courtroom: however, in line with Covid restrictions, it was a masked event. The competition was adjudicated by Mr Justice Tony

O'Connor of the High Court, Tom O'Malley, and Ciaran Walsh, representing the competition sponsors, Matheson LLP. Congratulations to the overall winners Colman Monaghan (1st Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Frankie Quinn (1st Law and Taxation) and to runners-up, Krystian Bachan (2nd Law and Business) and Matthew Connolly (2nd LLB).



Winners of the 2022 Internal School of Law Moot Competition Penny Lee and Grace Lennon with Ms Justice Mary Faherty and the Ross O'Driscoll Cup



Best speaker Olivia Lydon being presented with her medal by Ms Justice Mary Faherty



Tom O'Connor being presented with one of the two best speaker awards by Ms Justice Mary Faherty

Internal Moot Court Competition

The Internal School of Law Moot Court competition took place in March 2022. The competition took place for the first time in our newly opened Moot Courtroom. Adjudicated by Ms Justice Mary Faherty, judge of the Court of Appeal, the top eight teams from the Moot Court module delivered robust arguments over the course of the morning with the teams of Sophie Neville (2nd LLB) and Siobhán Ni Neachtain (2nd Law and Business), and Penny Lee (2nd Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Grace Lennon (2nd Law

and Business), making it into the final. Ultimately, the team of Penny Lee and Grace Lennon, was victorious and were presented with the Ross O'Driscoll Cup. Best speakers were Olivia Lydon (Final LLB) and Tom O'Connor (2nd Law (BCL), Law and Human Rights). As always, we are indebted to Ms Justice Mary Faherty for her continued support of mooting at the School of Law.

For more information on mooting generally, visit <http://www.universityofgalway.ie/law/students/mooting/>



Runners up in the 2022 Internal School of Law competition Sophie Neville and Siobhán Ni Neachtain being presented with their medals

External Competitions

Student interest in external mooting competitions continues to grow. As a testament to that we were delighted to have a team enter the prestigious Vis Moot for the first time. Further details on this exciting development and some of our other activities below!



(L-R) Auditor of University of Galway Law Society Anna-Lee Dowling with Professor Martin Hogg, Head of School of Law, and Krystian Bachan, Students' Union Convenor for Business, Law and Public Policy



Moot Team Colman Monaghan and Francis Quinn who progressed to the quarter-finals of the Moot Competition



Mock Trial Team of Krystian Bachan and Liam Cleary who progressed to the semi-final of the Mock Trial competition

Intersivity Law Summit

The first Intersivity Law Summit took place this year over three days at the host institution University College Cork. The event is a collaboration between the student law societies of UCC, Trinity College Dublin, UCD, NUI Galway, UL, Maynooth University, and DCU and comprises of a keynote address, a series of talks, a Mock Trial and a Moot Court competition. The keynote this year was delivered by former President of Ireland,

Mary McAleese. The School of Law at NUI Galway competed in both the mock trial and the moot competition, with Krystian Bachan (2nd Law and Business) and Liam Cleary (2nd Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) progressing to semi-final in the mock trial and Colman Monaghan (1st Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Francis Quinn (1st Law and Taxation) reaching the quarter-finals in the moot court competition.



Adam Connolly, representing NUI Galway, pictured centre, with NUI Galway alumna, Maura McNally SC, Chair of the Council of The Bar of Ireland, on the left.

Justice Week Intersivity Debate

The School of Law was delighted to participate in the Justice Week Intersivity Debate again this year. This event, organised by the Law Library, sees student representatives from the participating universities combine to form opposing teams in a debate on a given topic. This year's topic was Autonomous Weapons and Systems in Warfare. We were delighted to have Adam Connolly (3rd Law and Business) represent the School and with his team-mates from UCL, DCU, and UL, ultimately take the winning cup!



William Perry and Orlaith McDowell getting ready for their oral rounds

Vis Moot

The School of Law was delighted to participate for the first time in the prestigious Vis Moot Competition. The Vis Moot is a highly competitive, international commercial arbitration competition, with teams participating from over 80 countries. The team from NUI Galway this year comprised of William Perry (Final Corporate Law), Adeline le Bihan and Orlaith McDowell (both LLM International and Comparative Business Law), and Emma Kelly (LLM in International Human Rights). They were expertly coached by Dr Connie Healy of the School of Law with assistance from Paula Gibbs, Solicitor. Due to Covid restrictions the Galway team this year joined the virtual proceedings from our Moot Courtroom. From September 2022 we are pleased to announce that a new module dedicated to participation in the Vis Moot Competition, will be offered to all of our masters' law students, on a competitive basis.



(L-R) Prof Shane Darcy, Anthony O'Shea, Sarah Cox, Saskia Heineken, Mohammad Al Asttal, Rania Hattabi and Prof Ray Murphy

National Negotiation Competition

The National Negotiation Competition, organised by the Law Society of Ireland, took place in February 2022. The School of Law was represented by the team of Colman Monaghan (1st Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice) and Francis Quinn (1st Law and Taxation). This first-year team did incredibly well but unfortunately not well enough to retain the winning trophy for NUI Galway for a second year.

LLM students win 2022 Irish Red Cross Moot Court Competition

On the 2nd of April 2022, six LLM students participated in the 6th edition of Corn Adomnáin, hosted by University College Cork. This competition is organized by the Irish Red Cross for students with an interest in International Humanitarian Law. The School of Law was represented by two teams, consisting of Anthony O'Shea (LLM in International Criminal Law), Charlotte Brouxel (LLM General), Rania Hattabi (LLM in International Criminal Law), Mohammed Al Asttal (LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law

and Conflict), Sarah Cox (LLM in International Criminal Law) and Saskia Heineken (LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict). The teams competed against four teams from other Irish universities.

The competition involved a fictitious case study of an armed conflict situation. The students examined the key issues of urban warfare, the use of autonomous weapons, the protection of hospitals and civilians and the impact of COVID-19 on

healthcare systems. The students demonstrated diplomacy and negotiation skills during role-plays and great teamwork while assessing a computer simulation and advising on legal matters. These role-plays were followed by a moot court in which the students submitted their oral arguments on disputed issues of law before the International Criminal Court. We are proud of our students for demonstrating their legal and advocacy skills and bringing the Corn Adomnáin cup to the School of Law.

NUI Galway Law Review



NUI Galway law students have showcased the written outputs from their taught classes by relaunching the NUI Galway Law Review at <https://www.lawreview.nuigalway.ie>. The first volume of the relaunched, peer-reviewed journal, sponsored by William Fry, was published in August 2022. A limited print run has also been produced, and libraries and organisations can request a copy through this online form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesjzKDAT6t88_zwiLDEBP5gl-m2VPkdVOKE2zpgAob9LQkA/viewform.

Managing editor Matthew Mulrooney said: "It has been 18 months of very hard work and we are grateful for all the support and success we have enjoyed to date. This journal features submissions from law students, LLM graduates, PhD students, researchers, and practitioners enrolled in England and Wales through to Senior Associate level."

A companion podcast, 'Discussions with the NUI Galway Law Review' is available on Soundcloud, Spotify,

Apple Podcasts, iTunes and other listening services. To date, it has discussed innovation and technology in the legal sector with Dr Rónán Kennedy of NUI Galway and Joe O'Sullivan, Client Technology Director at A&L Goodbody; diversity in law with Arthur Cox trainee Sylvia Julius; and medical malpractice with Cian O'Carroll, solicitor, and Ursula Connolly of the School of Law.

Law Careers Seminar Series

The Career Development Centre partnered with the School of Law and the Student Law Society of NUI Galway for the Careers in Law Seminar Series in Semester 1 2021/22. NUI Galway law students had an opportunity to meet with graduate employers and learn more about the wide range of graduate prospects available to law graduates. Alumni panels and discussions offered insights into career pathways for law students.

Philip Lee LLP kicked off the Seminar Series with an insight into the work of the firm including their summer internships, professional work placement, and trainee solicitor programmes. Their HR team, trainee solicitors, and recently qualified solicitor offered excellent advice and tips to students considering a career in the corporate and commercial law firm.

William Fry gave comprehensive advice and tips on applying for their firm and gave an overview of the opportunities for students including insight days, summer internships, professional work placement and trainee solicitor programmes. The Early Careers Manager was joined by Drew Feery (Final Law (BCL)), who was completing her placement at the firm.

We were delighted to welcome back NUI Galway Alumni for the 'Alumni Panel Event'. The panel of current trainee solicitors included Dharitri Datar from A&L Goodbody, Emily Wilke from LK Shields, Katie O'Neill from Ronan Daly Jermyn, and Niamh Gallagher from Matheson. Having recently been in the shoes of our students the panelists gave fantastic tips, advice, and encouragement to the students.

The Graduate Jobs Fair 2021 was the Career Development Centre's flagship event of the year and provided students with the opportunity to connect with 90+ graduate employers including many leading law firms looking to recruit NUI Galway graduates from all disciplines in 2021/2022 and was hosted on a well-established virtual careers fair platform. Students browsed employers' virtual stalls, initiated online



conversations, and requested interviews with employers as they promoted their graduate programmes, internships, and immediately available opportunities directly to NUI Galway students and graduates.

The Virtual Graduate Jobs Fair was attended by many leading law firms and organisations looking to hire law students for their open Trainee Programmes. Firms in attendance included A&L Goodbody, Arthur Cox, Dechert, DLA Piper, Eversheds Sutherland, Fieldfisher, Maples Group, Matheson, McCann Fitzgerald, Pinsent Mason, Ronan Daly Jermyn (RDJ), and William Fry. The Bar of Ireland, the Irish Tax Institute, and many other employers of law students across business and industry also attended.

The next event of the series, 'Qualifying as a Solicitor or Barrister' gave students a clear overview of the process involved with advice from a Barrister and current trainee solicitors. The comprehensive insight from Kings Inn, Law Library and Law Society, followed by Q&A gave students a clear understanding of what is involved in becoming a Solicitor or Barrister.

The ever-popular 'Alternative Careers for Law Students' event drew the largest crowd in the series. We were delighted to welcome Andrea Breslin, Regional Protection and Conflict Adviser, World Food Programme; Ciara Duffy, Governance Professional at FCS Corporate Services Limited; Dr Conor Hanly, Lecturer in Law, School of Law, NUI Galway; Kevin Davoren - Senior Market Advisor - Industrial Solutions at Enterprise Ireland; and Niamh Loftus, Tax Manager Ireland at Schneider

Electric. This was an excellent event with lots of engagement and questions from the students.

A new event in 2021 was the Galway Solicitor's Bar Association. The event gave an insight into the world of law from members of the GSBA. Thanks to David Higgins, Partner, Berwick Solicitors; Elaine McCormack, General Counsel at Bio-Medical Research; Jason O'Sullivan, Principal, J.O.S Solicitors; and Patricia McLoughlin, Principal, RG Emerson.

Recordings of all of the above events are available to current students on the Careers Virtual Library for students.

We are delighted to announce a return to campus for Law Week 2022/23 with an excellent series of events planned from Tuesday, 20th September when Law Week kicks off for the Law Fair. Students will find full details on Careers Connect (<https://nuig.gradireland.com/>) over the coming weeks.

Further information on future careers events can be obtained by contacting Dr Maureen O'Sullivan, Director of Student Career Development, directly at maureen.osullivan@universityofgalway.ie or Aisling Conroy, Career Development Adviser for students in the School of Law through <https://nuig.gradireland.com/>

Professional Work Placement Programme

We are now in our 3rd year of the professional work placement programme for 3rd year students in Civil Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Law and Business, Law and Taxation and Human Rights.

60 students are excited to begin placements in September 2022 with reputable employers in Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Carlow. Considering this has been an unprecedented year with a global pandemic, we are extremely thankful to all the employers who supported the placement programme this year. We look forward to building and strengthening our relationship with employers locally, nationally and internationally over the coming years as the program develops.

Students are delighted to be working with the following organisations for the next academic year:

- In Galway: Berwick Solicitors, Ronan Daly Jermyn (RDJ), Dillion Leetch & Co Solicitors, Barnahus, Gilmartin Solicitors, Alastair Purdy & Co Solicitors, Tom O'Regan Solicitors, Blake & Kenny Solicitors, MacSweeney & Co Solicitors, Fidelma Bane Solicitors, and the ISPPC.
- In Dublin: A&L Goodbody, Matheson, Eversheds Sutherland, AMOSS Solicitors, CIE, the Irish Refugee Council, the Department of Justice, KPMG, William Fry, Arthur Cox, Romaine Scally and Co. Solicitors, Clark Hill Solicitors, JPA Brenson Lawlor and BDO Dublin.
- Elsewhere in Ireland: Catherine Heneghan Solicitors, Mayo; Teagasc, Carlow; Compliance & Risks, Cork; Harrison O'Dowd Solicitors, Limerick; Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (DVAS), Sligo; Damien Tansey Solicitors, Sligo & Dublin.
- Internationally: Border Violence Monitoring Network (BVMN), Germany and Heward Mills, London.

The success of the 3rd year of the Professional Work Placement programme would not have been possible without the support of many staff across the School of Law, particularly Deirdre Callanan, the PWP Academic Co-Ordinator. Many of our alumni from the School of Law have offered support by way of placements, advice and mentoring to our students and we look forward to working closely with students, staff, alumni and employers as we build this programme over the coming years.

For further information or to discuss how to get involved in law placements please contact Fiona Keane or Maria Gilligan, Placement Officers via placement@universityofgalway.ie.

AMOSS Solicitors' graduate programmes are an integral part of the firm's strategic growth objectives and applications to take part in these programmes are sought from high-calibre candidates who are ambitious, bright, solutions focussed, have the ability to form strong relationships and have the potential to develop into leading lawyers.

Gavin Simons, Founding Partner: "As an alumnus of both UCG and NUI Galway I am delighted that AMOSS is participating in the NUI Galway Placement Programme. From a student's perspective a placement gives an insight into the practice of law and how a law firm operates and interacts with clients, colleagues and the courts. From our perspective, it introduces us to potential future trainees."

Ronan Murphy, **Berwick Solicitors** | L.L.P.
"We have been a Participant of the NUIG Work Placement Program for several years now. The students that have taken up placement with us, have always been very competent with an excellent work ethic, enthusiasm to learn, and an ability to work on their own initiative. This has added greatly to the productivity of our firm and our experience has certainly been a positive one. We feel the placement we offer provides students with a great insight into the dynamic and fast-paced working environment of a legal practice. We encourage all students to take advantage of the Work Placement Program, as such real world experience is invaluable to prospective employers."

Louise Wedick, **Eversheds Sutherland**
"We have partnered with the NUIG Placement programme for a number of years now and the internal feedback on NUIG students is that they are consistently at a high standard. We have been extremely impressed by the quality of the students and how they engage with our placement programme over the course of 8 months.

During their time with us placement students are provided with the opportunity to attend team and client meetings, provided with interesting and challenging work, have the opportunity to attend the courts and take part in our social activities. The placement students quickly become

an integral part of the team they are assigned to and are heavily relied upon. They also have the opportunity to work in two departments during their placement to give them a rounded experience.

We have a structured training programme for our placement students to help develop their skills in areas such as drafting, research and communication skills. The School of Law have always been very easy to work with and keep you informed early on of the timelines for the placement programme which helps us plan ahead. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with NUIG and their placement programme."

Andrew Hanly, **Clark Hill**
"An internship in Clark Hill is an exceptional experience compared to other legal placements. Its location and size allowed me to be immersed into the practical "real world" life of a legal firm. Throughout my 9-month tenure I had worked in the Commercial, Litigation, Bankruptcy, and Property sectors of the firm. I felt honoured that Clark Hill gave me great responsibility in all matters concerned whilst ensuring any and all were available to give guidance wherever I needed it. I had the luxury of working alongside affable Legal Assistants, liaising daily with the Partners and Associates, and being checked in on by the H.R. manager. Between them all I never felt lost or confused.

My role in Clark Hill never kept me long at a desk. On any given day I was at the Four Courts, sitting in on client meetings, delivering documents or acquiring oaths. When I was at my desk the tasks assigned varied and carried great importance be it researching information requested by a client, preparing motions, filing Affidavits, and drafting Deeds. After an Internship at Clark Hill, you will have gained second to none know-how into the legal world which you can carry on to your CV and future prospects."

Chloe McLoone, **Alastair Purdy & Co Solicitors**
"During my 3rd year at University, I was on placement in Alastair Purdy & Co Solicitors. This placement gave me the opportunity to experience different sectors of the law including employment law and defence litigation. It was an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand insight into what a career in law entails in practice. Some of the work I completed during my placement included creating briefs and guidance notes, drafting letters and submissions, and researching case law."

Not only did I further my understanding of the law in various areas, but the tasks enabled me to improve many skills that will benefit me in the future. These included my teamwork skills from working with the solicitors and the secretaries, my communication skills through correspondence with clients and other firms and my problem-solving skills through researching case law and drafting submissions. From this experience, I am now certain of the career path I wish to follow and highly recommend doing a placement."

Eimear Osborne,
Eversheds Sutherland:

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"I was delighted to be offered an internship in Eversheds Sutherland for my placement year in college. From the interview stage at the very beginning, to being a member of the Eversheds team, my experience here has been nothing short of incredible. Everybody I have met and dealt with in the firm has been extremely friendly and welcoming, and I have gained considerable experience and exposure to many areas of law. I was given extensive opportunity to deal with clients, and be a part of important, high-profile transactions.

What I found most valuable was the involvement I had in different projects and transactions. The team partners had no hesitancy in involving me in any task, big or small, and viewed each task as an opportunity to learn and develop my legal knowledge. I was given feedback and guidance at every corner, which has helped me immensely to better my proficiency both generally and in the various areas of law.

I had the pleasure of meeting many incredible people during my time in Eversheds Sutherland, some of whom I believe will remain friends and mentors for life. My time in Eversheds has only heightened my desire to pursue a career in law, and I could not have asked for a better firm to complete my placement experience in. I cannot recommend Eversheds highly enough, and I am extremely grateful to both Eversheds and NUI Galway for facilitating this brilliant experience."

Sean O'Flynn,
A&L Goodbody:

A&L Goodbody

"Before I began my placement with A&L Goodbody, I didn't know what avenue I wanted to pursue in my professional career. Now I can confidently say that a career in corporate law is for me, and I know why A&L Goodbody is the most popular graduate recruiter in law.

My time in the Aviation Finance department afforded me the opportunity to work with the best and most experienced solicitors in the country. From day one I was welcomed with open arms and involved in some of

the most high-profile deals in the aviation sector. Every day is interesting and exciting, the beauty of working in such a large firm is the variety of mandates that come in, and the collaborative nature that is instilled in every employee, no matter their position.

I cannot recommend a placement with A&L Goodbody highly enough. From the camaraderie in the office, to the various social events, A&L Goodbody is a rich and vibrant workplace that must be experienced to be fully appreciated. It's not many places that you can truly say you get to work with people who are more than just your colleagues, but your friends."

Rebecca Lindley,
Philip Lee LLP:

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"I have recently completed a 9-month professional work placement in Philip Lee LLP, as part of the 3rd Year NUI Galway Placement Programme. I gained experience on the Employment Team, the Immigration Team, and the Data Protection Litigation team. I have successfully developed various skills and life skills, in particular, teamwork skills. I improved my communication skills through drafting letters, drafting policies, and emails to clients. I attended client meetings and client calls. While working on the Immigration team, I was given the opportunity to work with International companies in the US. I further enhanced my research skills on employment case law and through my participation in pro bono work. I was given the opportunity to attend the four courts and file documents in the court offices. I learned the importance to understand, and only utilise relevant information when dealing with clients. Teamwork is the key component to providing high quality advice to clients. It is the review process amongst different team members that is one of the most fundamental processes to ensure clear, concise, and accurate information. From time to time, there was an opportunity to take on capacity work within different teams. This gave me the opportunity to ask questions and gain an insight into the work of the Corporate Team and the Banking Team. Philip Lee LLP value each individuals work, and Interns are seen as an asset to the firm. This allowed for growth in learning and development. The work placement programme has confirmed and given me the ambition and motivation to progress into a career path I would like to follow. I now look forward to what the future holds."

Jodie O'Boyle,
Berwick Solicitors:

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Solicitors | L.L.P.

"From the beginning of placement, myself and my placement partner were thrown into the deep end and were treated like professionals. I found this the best way to learn. It was up to us to use our intuition

and solve issues that arose. We had great colleagues who were very helpful and understanding but at the same time we had to understand that everyone in the office had tasks to do. We used research skills to aid solicitors in solving cases such as medical negligence.

Overall, I have learned a lot about my abilities and interests. I have grown up a lot in due course with the responsibility I have been given throughout the year. I would highly recommend choosing PWP to an upcoming NUI Galway student because without this experience I would be lost in what to pursue after my degree. I know now where my weaknesses and strengths lie in relation to a legal workplace. I know also what I want to work towards after graduating from NUI Galway. I have been given an invaluable insight into the life I might have one day and for this I am extremely lucky and grateful."

RDJ

RDJ enjoys a long-standing partnership with the School of Law at NUI Galway on a number of initiatives including the School of Law Work Placement Programme. As part of this annual programme, law students have the opportunity to work alongside our lawyers across a wide range of practice areas experiencing first-hand daily life in a leading Irish corporate law firm. Placement students work as part of our teams and dive deep into project-based legal assignments serving large multinationals, small and medium enterprises and innovative start-ups.

JP Gilmartin, Partner in Charge – Galway Office, commented: "The NUI Galway School of Law Work Placement Programme is important to us for a number of reasons. Not only does it provide us with access to a highly educated and talented pool of law students, but it also provides those students with an opportunity to apply their academic learnings in a commercial team-based setting. The programme has become a key platform for identifying future RDJ trainee solicitors. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with NUI Galway to further promote and enhance the programme leading to greater access, diversity and inclusion within the legal sector."

Applications for RDJ's annual trainee solicitor programme will open in the coming weeks. The RDJ traineeship programme is designed to provide best in class training and support to graduates developing them into leading lawyers and most-trusted advisors. RDJ's trainees work across a wide range of practice areas, completely supported by a team of experienced partners and solicitors.



13th International Disability Law Summer School

The Centre for Disability Law and Policy hosted the world's largest Disability Law Summer School focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in June 2022.

The Summer School focused on Article 11 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Situations of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies.

This year, the Summer School took place in a hybrid manner to facilitate speakers and colleagues who were not able to travel during this time. Over 100 delegates, both speakers and attendees from 35 countries participated either in person in Galway or online. Speakers over the five days included former

UNCRPD Committee Member Theresia Degener, Harvard Law School Fellow Janet Lord, as well as numerous disability activists working on the frontlines of disaster risk preparedness and responses.

Professor Eilionóir Flynn, Director of Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Co-Director of the Summer School, said: "As Covid-19 continues and the climate crisis and other global conflicts intensify, it is really timely for us to centre the experiences of disabled people internationally and the additional barriers they experience to safety and enjoyment of basic human rights during these crises. The summer school brings together those who are leading in advocating for

inclusion of rights for people with disabilities in national and international crises responses."

Co-Director of the Summer school, Dr Áine Sperrin, post-doctoral researcher at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, said: "Summer School combined perspectives of international human rights monitoring mechanisms, disability rights activists and disabled people with lived experiences of health pandemics, conflict and climate change. By recognising the interconnectedness of these issues we want our delegates to build consensus on the importance of disability rights proofing approaches to addressing these crises as they progress in their own activism and careers."

International Criminal Court Summer School

The annual International Criminal Court Summer School at the Irish Centre for Human Rights took place online in June 2022.

This is the premier summer school specialising in the International Criminal Court and in which participants followed a series of intensive lectures and events over several days. The lectures were given by leading academics on the subject as well as by legal professionals, including those working at the International Criminal Court. Participants gained knowledge of the Court's structures and operations, its jurisdiction and

applicable laws. Lectures addressed the core crimes, including genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression, the exercise of the Court's jurisdiction, defences, procedure and evidence and the participation of victims in proceedings.

Speakers included Oleksandra Matviichuk of the Centre for Civil Liberties in Kyiv; Kate Gibson, Defence Counsel, International Criminal Court/Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals; Dr James Nyawo, School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies, Kenyatta University; Maria Elena



Vignoli, Human Rights Watch; Dr Guénaél Mettraux; Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers; Dr Rod Rastan, Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and Prof William Schabas, Middlesex University.

Suffolk Law/NUIG Law Summer School and Internship Exchange Returns

After a three-year hiatus, the School of Law again welcomed students and professors from Suffolk University Law School for a two-week summer school at NUI Galway in June 2022.

Twenty-five Suffolk students took modules on disability law and dispute resolution taught by Suffolk professors, and another module on aspects of Irish law taught by Larry Donnelly and Conor Hanly. The students also had several field trips around Galway and the Burren, and to Dublin. In Dublin, the students were kindly hosted at the offices of Matheson LLP and heard fascinating

presentations from Matheson solicitor Bébhinn Bollard and Colm Ó hOisín SC. Four Suffolk students stayed on in Ireland at the conclusion of the summer school for two-month internships with the Law Reform Commission, the Immigrant Council of Ireland, Community Law and Mediation and the School of Law's Centre for Disability Law and Policy as part of the NUI Galway/Suffolk student exchange programme. Meanwhile, four of our students are undertaking summer internships in Boston with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the Boston Municipal Court and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

One-Day Conference: The role of Transitional Justice Archives after war and dictatorship

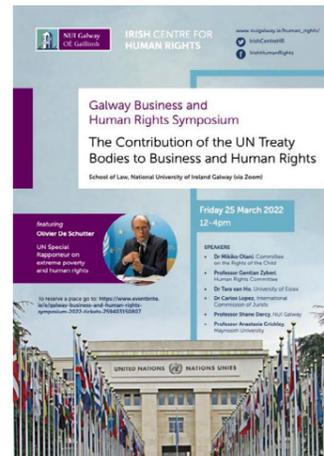
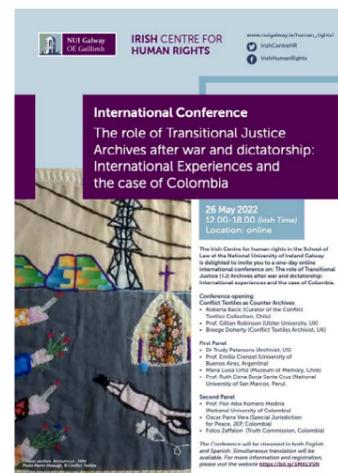
In May 2022, the Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), under the direction of Dr Anita Ferrara and the support of the IRC PhD Scholar Beatrice Canossi, hosted the international conference on 'The role of Transitional Justice Archives after war and dictatorship: International Experiences and the case of Colombia'.

The conference brought together scholars and practitioners from different countries and background to explore the role of archives of transitional justice mechanisms (TJ) on post-conflict and post-authoritarian societies.

The event was opened by Roberta Bacic, Prof Gillian Robinson and Breege Doherty presenting pieces of art and arpilleras from the Conflict Textiles Collections. The conference saw the participation of international experts on archives and human rights, such as Dr Trudy Peterson (US), Prof Emilio Crenzel (Argentina), María Luisa Ortiz (Chile) and Prof Ruth Elena Borja Santa Cruz (Peru). They explored best practices and lessons learnt about the preservation, access policies and later uses of Transitional Justice mechanisms' archives and records. Experts from Colombia and protagonists of the current TJ process, including Flor Alba Romero Medina (National University of Colombia), Oscar Parra Vera (Special Jurisdiction for Peace, JEP) and Folco Zaffalon (Colombian Truth

Commission) talked about the current experience of the Colombia peace process and the future of the archives for the Colombian society.

The conference provided a unique opportunity to promote an exchange between professionals and the larger public over current debates and challenges ahead in relation to the management, preservation and access to TJ archives. This with the aim to provoke reflections and extrapolate lessons learned to take on board when planning the future of the archives and records of the Integrated Transitional justice system in Colombia. Visual and audio material from the conference will be available on the ICHR website in the near future: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/ichr/>.



Galway Business and Human Rights Symposium 2022

On Friday 25 March 2022, the Irish Centre for Human Rights in the School of Law at the National University of Ireland Galway held the annual Galway Business and Human Rights Symposium.

With over 80 delegates in attendance, the event explored 'The Contribution of the UN Treaty Bodies to Business and Human Rights'.

"This was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the contribution of the treaty bodies to an issue of significant concern", said Professor Shane Darcy, the organiser of the event, "and to consider the future role that they may play in ensuring that business abide by relevant human rights standards".

Professor Olivier De Schutter, the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights delivered the opening address exploring the role of human rights monitoring bodies in advancing the business and human rights agenda. This was followed by a panel discussion with a number of UN treaty body members, academic experts and practitioners, including Dr Mikiko Otsuki, Chair (UN Committee on the Rights of the Child), Professor Gentian Zyberi (Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, UN Human Rights Committee), Dr Tara van Ho (University of Essex) and Dr Carlos Lopez (International Commission of Jurists). Professor Anastasia Crickley of Maynooth University provided the concluding remarks.



Professor Michael Lynk meeting with Irish Centre for Human Rights students (L-R) Mohammed Al Astal, Shahd Qaddoura, Huda Aboudawoud, Ola Kawasmi and Rania Muhareb, with Professor Shane Darcy, Acting Director.

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Palestine speaks at NUI Galway

In February 2022, Professor Michael Lynk, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory spoke at the Irish Centre for Human Rights on 'International Law, Occupation and Accountability'.

In a lecture which coincided with the coming to the end of the term of his

mandate, Professor Lynk reflected on the role of international law in protecting human rights in situations of prolonged and unlawful occupation, as well as the characterisation of the situation in Palestine as one of apartheid. As Special Rapporteur, Professor Lynk has spent a term of six years assessing the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, issuing annual and thematic reports,

and working with governments, civil society and others to foster international cooperation. During his visit to NUI Galway, he also held an informal meeting with students and staff of the Irish Centre for Human Rights to discuss opportunities for research and practice in the field of human rights.



Conference on the Future of Europe Housing Event

Housing – or the challenges in accessing affordable housing, is emerging as a key issue for the European Union.

As part of the Conference on the Future of Europe, NUI Galway hosted a housing event in December 2021, supported by the European Movement Ireland and The Housing Agency. The event was opened by the Minister of State for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne TD. Expert speakers from a number of EU-wide organisations involved in housing provision, financial

regulation, policy-making, advocacy, research, homelessness, and housing and disability rights across Member States, with clear proposals on housing in the future EU context. The absence of any gender equality objectives in housing policy-making at either Member State or EU level emerged as a key issue.

The report points to the urgent need for housing to be a central part of the debate on the Future of Europe. Addressing EU citizens' access to secure and affordable housing in the

Future of Europe requires commitments and actions from national, regional and local governments and organisations, as well as European Union institutions.

The report of the event, which includes a summary of the presentation, together with other reports, and the concept paper for the event, was launched in February 2022 and is available on the website of the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway at <https://bit.ly/3bBzT11>

Online Workshops on the Judiciary

As part of a project funded by the Irish Research Council and in collaboration with the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Dr Laura Cahillane of the University of Limerick and Dr Rónán Kennedy of NUI Galway School of Law organised two workshops which took place online – ‘Judicial Conduct in Ireland: A Framework Fit for Purpose?’ (October 2021). The first featured speakers and chairs from the Irish judiciary, judges from Canada and the Netherlands, and experts from Ireland and the United Kingdom. The second included chairs from the judiciary, a keynote by the former Chief Justice Frank Clarke, and experts from Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Italy. Both were well attended. Playlists of the presentations

are archived on the NUI Galway School of Law YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NUIGSchoolofLaw/playlists>

A report summarising Irish law on judicial education and training and conduct and ethics, and the discussion at the two seminars, was prepared. The report (*Towards Best Practice: A report on the new Judicial Council in Ireland*) was published by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties in February 2022 with media coverage on *Irish Legal News*, the Law Society of Ireland Gazette website, and the Irish Times. Papers from the two seminars were also published in a special issue of the *Irish Judicial Studies Journal*.



Summer School on the Global Crisis of Constitutional Democracy

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti organised on June 8th -11th the inaugural Galway-Maryland Summer School in collaboration with Professors Mark Graber and Peter Danchin from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. This year’s summer school had the title ‘The Global Crisis of Constitutional Democracy’. The summer school featured leading experts from all over the world on several aspects of the crisis. Professor Martin Loughlin (LSE, Law Department) presented his recent book *Against Constitutionalism* (Harvard University Press, 2022), Professor Adrienne Stone (University of Melbourne), presented her book *Open Minds, Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech in Australia* (LaTrobe University Press, 2021), Professor Peter Danchin presented his book *Peter Danchin, Jeremy Farrall, Jolyon Ford, Shruti Rana, Imogen Saunders & Daan Verhoeven, ‘Navigating the Backlash Against Global Law and Institutions’*, Professor Mark Graber presented his book *The Forgotten Fourteenth Amendment* (Kansas University Press 2022) and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti presented her book *Freedom of Expression: The Revolutionary Roots of American and French Legal Thought* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).



Workshop on Anti-Discrimination Law and Religion

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti organised a Workshop on Anti-Discrimination Law and Religion in Collaboration in June 2022 with Professors Mark Graber and Peter Danchin from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. The workshop’s texts will be published as a Handbook on Anti-Discrimination Law and Religion by Oxford University Press in the coming years. For a full list of speakers at the event, please visit our news page at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/law/news/>.

Honorary Degrees

Congratulations to Ailbhe Smyth, Irish academic and activist, and Jean Kelly, Retired Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Saolta University Health Care Group, University Hospital Galway, who were conferred with honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws (LLD), honoris causa from NUI Galway in March/April 2022.

Ailbhe Smyth co-founded the Women’s Education, Research and Resource Centre (WERRC) at UCD, where she was head of Women’s Studies for 16 years, and has published widely on feminism, politics and culture. A long-time activist and campaigner on feminist, LGBTI+ and other social issues, Ailbhe was centrally involved in the Marriage Equality referendum. She co-founded the Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment, and was Co-Director of the Together for Yes national abortion referendum campaign in 2018. Ailbhe was listed as one Time Magazine’s ‘Most Influential People’ in 2019.

Jean Kelly commenced her Nurse training with the Medical Missionaries of Mary in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda. Having completed her Midwifery training in the Coombe Hospital, she worked in Dublin as a Staff Nurse before travelling to work in Paris. Following several years working in Paris she returned to work in the Meath Hospital in Dublin.

Jean held a number of Senior Nurse Management roles in Galway University Hospitals before being appointed as Director of Nursing in 2013. Jean was appointed to the position of Chief

Alumni News



Ailbhe Smyth and NUI Galway President, Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh



Jean Kelly and NUI Galway President, Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh Photographs by Aengus McMahon

Director of Nursing & Midwifery for the Saolta University Healthcare Group in November 2014. She played a central role in the consolidation and development of the Hospital Group.

Jean has worked throughout her career to promote and develop nursing. One of her major achievements has been the development of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner programme. She has worked closely with NUI Galway to ensure that the undergraduate and post graduate programmes meet the demands of the service. She has worked closely with the School of Nursing and Midwifery to promote relevant research in the profession.

She recognises the contribution that nursing can make to healthcare and the opportunities for nurses to practise using their full experience and training. Jean has always valued the unique role that nurses play in the patient’s experience of healthcare. She was the lead for patient engagement in the Saolta Hospital Group and the Group has been recognised nationally for its excellence in this area. Since retiring in 2020, Jean has managed the Galway Vaccination Centre and sits on the Boards of both the Galway Hospice Foundation and Cancer Care West.

Judicial Appointments



Judge Fottrell is pictured here after the swearing in ceremony in the Supreme Court with Chief Justice Donal O'Donnell.

Conor Fottrell

Congratulations to our alumnus, Conor Fottrell (LLB 1997), on his appointment by the Government as a judge of the District Court in April 2022. Conor was a partner in Mason Hayes & Curran Solicitors specialising in Child Law. He has been a member of the Governing Authority of NUI Galway for the past nine years (on the Graduate Panel) and was recently elected to the Senate of the National University of Ireland. Conor is the son of Esther and Professor Pat Fottrell, Pat is the former President of NUI Galway. His sister, Deirdre Fottrell QC, also an alumna of the School of Law, sits as a Deputy High Court judge in the UK.



Judge Conneely is pictured here after the swearing in ceremony in the Supreme Court with Former Chief Justice Frank Clarke.

Máire Conneely

Congratulations to our alumna, Máire Conneely (B Corp Law 1996, LLB 1997), on her appointment by the Government as a judge of the District Court in July 2021. Máire qualified as a solicitor in 2001 and was a Senior Associate specialising in gaming and betting law and liquor licensing at A&L Goodbody.



Judge O'Reilly is pictured here after the swearing in ceremony in the Supreme Court with Former Chief Justice Frank Clarke.

Brendan O'Reilly

Congratulations to our alumnus, Brendan O'Reilly (LLB 1987), on his appointment by the Government as a judge of the District Court in July 2021. Brendan qualified as a solicitor in 1992 and as a solicitor in Northern Ireland in 1994 and practiced at O'Reilly Solicitors in Coothill, following in the footsteps of his father, Aodhagan O'Reilly.



Niall Moran

Congratulations to alumnus Dr Niall Moran, on the publication of his book 'Engagement Between Trade and Investment: The Role of PTIAs', in January 2022. Niall is a graduate of our Bachelor of Corporate Law (2011) and LLB (2012) programmes, and is now an Assistant Professor in Economic Law at DCU.

Vincent Deane

Congratulations to our alumnus, Vincent (Vinny) Deane, on his appointment by Government as a judge of the District Court in July 2022. A native of Bangor Erris, Vinny has been State Solicitor for Mayo for a number of years. Prior to that he worked as a senior prosecuting solicitor at the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions and, before that, he worked as a solicitor in the Chief State Solicitor's Office. While a LLB student at NUI Galway he was a highly successful Auditor of the Law Society. We wish him well in the years ahead on the bench!



Martin Gordon

Congratulations to our alumnus, Martin Gordon (LLB 2008), who, with his tandem partner, Eamonn Byrne (right), set a new personal best coming fifth in the 1000m time trial in the Tokyo Paralympics in August 2021. Martin, a qualified barrister, works as a lawyer for An Garda Síochána and Eamonn is a member of An Garda Síochána.



Judge Catherine McGuinness Honoured at NUI Galway

Congratulations to our Adjunct Professor, Judge Catherine McGuinness, former judge of the Irish Supreme Court, whose specially commissioned portrait by Hetty Lawlor was unveiled in June 2022 at a ceremony in the Aula Maxima attended by members of the two Governing Authorities of the University that she chaired. President of NUI Galway Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh paid tribute to Judge McGuinness's career and advocacy at the unveiling: "This portrait captures the kindness and wisdom of Catherine McGuinness, attributes which she brought to us at NUI Galway and to her life and career. At NUI Galway our values – respect, openness, excellence and sustainability – are important to us. Our aim is that they are the lodestar for all our work as a community and for the public good. It is a privilege to have worked with someone whose life and career is the very embodiment of the essence of those values."

Judge McGuinness said: "It has been a huge honour to have worked with NUI Galway and to have helped in a small measure with the tremendous progress the university has made in recent years. I am also honoured to be permanently recognised with a portrait. I am grateful to all those I was fortunate enough to work with and I wish the university every success in teaching and learning, in academia and research and working for the public good."

Photo: Aengus McMahon



Olivia Mullooly

Congratulations to our alumna, Olivia Mullooly (Law (BCL) 2005), Partner in the Technology and Innovation Group at Arthur Cox, who was recognised as one of the Top 250 Women in IP by IP STARS (Managing IP) in June 2022. The Top 250 Women in IP recognises some of the senior female IP practitioners in private practice who have performed exceptionally for their clients and firms in the past year.

Olivia is head of the Intellectual Property team at Arthur Cox, advising on intellectual property, data protection and information technology matters for clients across a range of sectors. Her team also won the "Ireland - IP Transactions and Advisory Firm of the Year 2022" at the 17th annual Managing IP Awards in London in June 2022.

Stephen O'Flaherty

Congratulations to our alumnus, Stephen O'Flaherty, who was named in The Lawyer Hot 100 in January 2022. This is one of the highest accolades awarded to lawyers in England who are chosen for their excellence in diverse areas of legal practice. Stephen shares the honour this year with other top solicitors and barristers including Baroness Helena Kennedy QC.

Stephen graduated from NUI Galway with a BA degree in 2003 and an LLB in 2008. Having qualified as a solicitor in England in 2012, he joined Lewis Silkin, a leading London law firm which is noted for expertise in employment, entertainment, sports and immigration law, among other areas. The firm also has offices in Dublin and Belfast.

Stephen, who is now a Managing Associate at Lewis Silkin, was named as one of the top 100 lawyers because of his work in building up the firm's sports immigration practice. He previously received glowing commendations in Legal 500 as an outstanding sports and immigration lawyer. Over the years, he has advised many elite sports clubs and athletes, and football clubs in particular. He is noted for having managed the immigration aspects of transfers for 15 clubs from the top



three tiers of English professional football, including 11 from the Premier League and 4 from the Women's Super League, during the past year. He has also been advising on the use of GBE scoring technology to help streamline international player recruitment for football clubs, providing an important solution for clubs in the wake of Brexit.

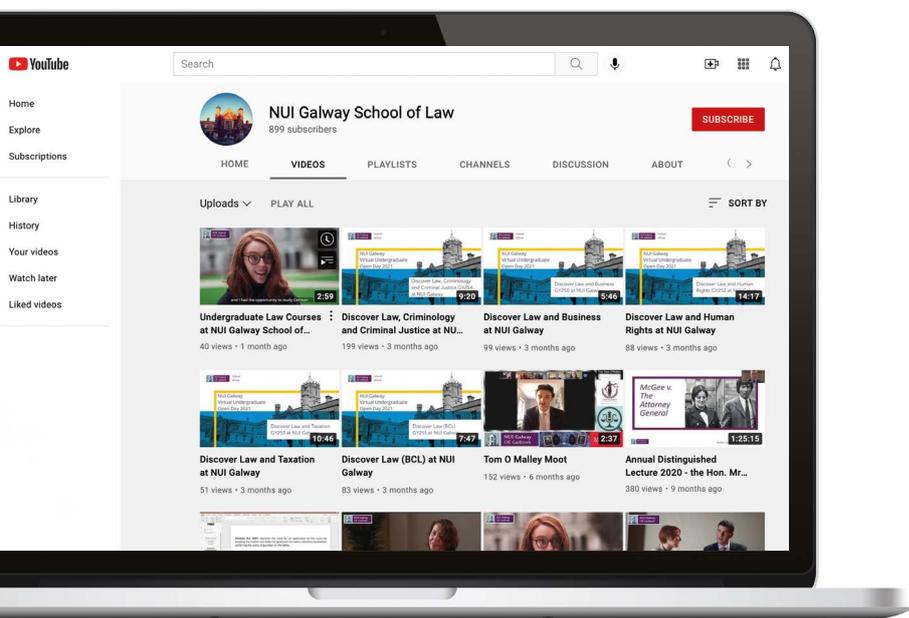
We extend our warmest congratulations to Stephen and wish him continuing success.



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