ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2014
November 7-9, 2014
Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny
Welcome to Kilkenny and to the IALT Annual Conference 2014

The Council of the Irish Association of Law Teachers is delighted to welcome you to Kilkenny for our Annual Conference 2014. The conference brings together over 60 academics and guests from all over the island of Ireland, north and south, as well as delegates from overseas. We look forward to hosting you at the conference and hope you will enjoy both the academic and social aspects of the weekend.

The conference takes place in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, part of the Flynn Group of Hotels. Kilkenny's history, culture and rich heritage, as well as its convivial charm and friendly welcome, make it a very fitting location for our conference.

The conference includes twelve parallel panel sessions with 38 speakers in total, together with our plenary session. We are delighted to welcome, in particular, our plenary speaker, Professor Michael O'Flaherty of the Irish Centre for Human Rights in NUI, Galway.

The theme of this year's conference is “Making an Impact: Can Legal Academics Make a Real Difference?” The theme prompts participants to explore how our work – both in the classroom and outside – has or can have a meaningful and beneficial impact on the lives and careers of our students, on industry and the economy, on our environment, in communities and in society generally. In particular, the conference poses the question whether and to what extent academic endeavours can help forge meaningful and sustainable improvements for marginalised and underprivileged segments of society (in Ireland, in Europe, and across the globe).

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Programme
Friday 7th November

6 p.m.  Registration opens

7 p.m.  Drinks reception – outside the Rossmore Suite

7.30 p.m.  Rossmore Suite - Buffet Dinner, kindly sponsored by Maynooth University Department of Law
Programme
Saturday 8th November

9 – 9.30 a.m.    Tea/Coffee Break

9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Panel Session 1

1. Family Law – Larch Suite

Chair: Dr Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University

Dr Connie Healy, University of Limerick, “Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks; Resistance to Collaborative Practice amongst Lawyers”


Dr Ronagh McQuigg, Queen’s University Belfast, “Analysing Domestic Violence as a Human Rights Issue: Rumor v Italy”

Dr Kathryn O’Sullivan, University of Limerick, “Ancillary relief on divorce in Ireland: Challenges and Opportunities”

2. Academics, Students and the Law – Lime Suite

Chair: Professor Michael Doherty, Maynooth University

Ms Fiona McLoughlin, Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire and Doctoral Candidate, University of Sheffield, “Bringing active learning into the Socratic method; an analysis of recent research and techniques in legal pedagogy”

Ms Dorothea Dowling, former Chair of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, University of Westminster, “Where have academics stood in the often polemic debate between lawyers and insurers on the tort law reform programme which included establishment of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board in Ireland?”

Professor Carol Daugherty Rasnic, Virginia Commonwealth University, “The Dichotomy of American College Athletes’ Unions: ‘Employees’ or ‘Students’?” (Saturday)

Chair: Dr Charles O’Mahony, NUI Galway

Dr Faith Gordon, Queen’s University Belfast, “Penal Heat and the Media”

Dr John E. Stannard, Queen’s University Belfast, “Exploring Penal Heat”

Ms Aoife Watters, University College Dublin, “The Impact of the Prison Disciplinary System on Prisoners’ Rights”

11–11.30 a.m. Tea/Coffee Break

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Panel Session 2

4. Private Law – Larch Suite

Chair: Dr Kathryn O’Sullivan, University of Limerick

Dr David Capper, Queen’s University Belfast, “The Can’t Pay Defence to Specific Performance Applications”

Dr Niamh Connolly, Trinity College Dublin, “Why do people perform contracts and what does this mean for restitution”

Professor Steve Hedley, University College Cork, “What is private law?”

Dr Noel McGrath, University College Dublin, “A Public Law Analysis of the Company Charge Register”


Chair/Convenor: Mr Larry Donnelly, NUI Galway

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Dr David Fennelly, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Esther McGuinness, University of Ulster
6. Children and the Law – Walnut and Willow Suite

Chair: Dr Tanya Ní Mhuirthile, Griffith College Dublin

Ms Samantha Arnold, Trinity College, Dublin, “Conceptualising the Child in International Refugee Discourse”

Ms Fiona Broughton, Griffith College Dublin, “Prenatal children as a marginalised segment of society and the potential impact of legal academia on the realisation of a variety of rights of such children”

Dr Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University, “The Adoption (Identity and Information) Bill 2014: An Overview”

Dr Brian Tobin, NUI Galway, “Legal Academics Making a Real Difference in Irish Society: The Revised General Scheme of the Children and Family Relationships Bill 2014”

1-2 p.m. Lunch in Restaurant, kindly sponsored by Clarus Press

2 p.m. Presentation by Thomson Reuters – Larch Suite – Demonstration of electronic books service on westlaw.ie

2.15 p.m. Plenary Session – Rossmore Suite –

Keynote Speaker: Professor Michael O’Flaherty, NUI Galway

3.30 p.m. Historic walking tour of Kilkenny City – meet at front entrance to hotel for walking tour of Kilkenny (a quick stop at St Canice’s Cathedral before meeting Mr Pat Tynan, historian and veteran tour guide, at Kilkenny Castle)
7 p.m.        Prosecco reception kindly sponsored by Maynooth University Department of Law

7.30 p.m.    Gala Dinner in the Rossmore Suite kindly sponsored by Thomson Reuters (Round Hall)

Presentation of Honorary Membership of the Irish Association of Law Teachers to Mr Bruce Carolan, Head of the Department of Law and former Head of the School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology
9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.  Tea/Coffee Break

10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Panel Session 3

7. Creating a Just Society – Larch Suite

Chair: Dr Noelle Higgins, Maynooth University

Dr Fiona Donson, University College Cork, Finding “a new maturity”: Ireland's Administrative State and the Office of the Ombudsman


Dr Tanya Ní Mhuirthile, Griffith College Dublin, “Legislating for Gender Recognition in Ireland: An Analysis of the work of Lawyers and Activists”


Chair: Dr Deirdre Ahern, Trinity College Dublin

Dr Faith Gordon, Queen’s University Belfast, “The Positive Impact of Knowledge Exchange between Academic Researchers and the NGO Sector: A Case Study Example”

Dr Charles O’Mahony, NUI Galway, “Legal Academics and Review and Reform of Mental Health Legislation”

Dr Susan Rose Power, Griffith College Dublin, “The Academic Boycott of Israel: Why Legal Academics Can Make a Difference”
9. Law of Torts – Walnut and Willow Suite

Chair: Professor Steve Hedley, University College Cork

Ms Dorothea Dowling, former Chair of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, University of Westminster, “Emerging Irish Jurisprudence on Exaggerated Injuries Claims”

Ms Sarah Fulham-McQuillan, Trinity College Dublin, “Broadening Protection in Negligence Law: Protecting the Person versus The Unenumerated Rights Doctrine”

Professor Francis McManus, University of Stirling, “Coventry v Lawrence: Back to Square One?”

Mr John Tully, Institute of Technology Carlow, “Is there a tort of misuse of private information in English Law?”

11.30 a.m. – 11.45 p.m. Tea/Coffee Break

11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m. Panel Session 2


Chair: Dr John Stannard, Queen’s University Belfast

Dr Mark Coen, University College Dublin, “Who’s in? Who’s Out? Alternate Jurors Come to Ireland”

Mr Alan Cusack, University College Cork, “Everything But The Truth: A Critical Consideration of Adversarial Epistemology”

Dr Catherine O’Sullivan, University College Cork, “The Wolf of Wall Street: The Representation of White Collar Crime and Masculinity in the Movies”

11. Competition Law – Lime Suite

Chair: Mr Gerald FitzGerald, Member of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

Ms Eva Barrett, Trinity College Dublin, “Monopoly Money and Ireland’s Electricity Market Liberalisation”
Dr Mary Dobbs, Queen's University Belfast, “Attaining Multi-level Governance of GM Cultivation”

Dr Delia Ferri, Maynooth University, “Striking a Balance between Market and Non-Market Concerns: the Case of State Aids to the Cultural Sector”

Dr Anna-Louise Hinds, NUI Galway, “The Shifting Landscape of EU Competition Law Enforcement: A Regulatory Enforcement Perspective”

Dr Marek Martyniszyn, Queen's University Belfast, “Leniency (Amnesty) Plus: a Building Block or a Trojan Horse”

1.15 p.m. Lunch – Hotel Restaurant

2.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting – Walnut and Willow Suite
Conference Delegates

Dr Deirdre Ahern  
**Ms Samantha Arnold**  
Ms Eva Barrett  
**Ms Fiona Broughton**  
Professor Dermot Cahill  
**Dr David Capper**  
Mr Bruce Carolan  
**Dr Mark Coen**  
Dr Niamh Connolly  
**Mr Val Corbett**  
Ms Mary Corrigan  
**Mr Alan Cusack**  
Professor Carol Daugherty  
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**Ms Hope Davidson**  
Dr Mary Dobbs  
**Professor Michael Doherty**  
Mr Larry Donnelly  
**Ms Frieda Donohue**  
Dr Fiona Donson  
**Ms Dorothea Dowling**  
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**Dr Noelle Higgins**  
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**Dr Marek Martyniszyn**  
Mr David McCartney  
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