

Annual Conference of the Irish Association of Law Teachers, 2018

Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, 23-25 November 2018

Following a very successful Spring Discourse held at UCD in April 2018, the Irish Association of Law Teachers is delighted to announce that its annual conference will take place at the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th of November 2018. Conveniently located in the centre of Ireland, and the site of a historic military barracks and castle, Athlone last hosted the annual conference in 2011.

Conference Theme

The theme of the conference is *Legal Education for the Twenty-First Century: Graduate Attributes and Skills*. Professor Fiona Cownie of Keele University will address the plenary session of the conference on this theme on Saturday 24 November. The plenary lecture will be followed by a roundtable on the future of legal education in Ireland.

Conference Format

The IALT conference is famous for its friendly and supportive atmosphere. Many speakers use the opportunity to present work in progress.

The conference will begin on Friday afternoon with a buffet dinner. On Saturday morning there will be parallel sessions, with the plenary lecture and roundtable in the afternoon. In line with IALT tradition, there will be a cultural outing after the plenary session. The AGM of the Association will be held at 6pm on Saturday, at which the Council for the 2018-2019 year will be elected. The AGM will be followed by a drinks reception and Gala Dinner. There will be more parallel sessions on Sunday, with the conference concluding with Sunday lunch.

Call for Papers

The Council of the Irish Association of Law Teachers welcomes papers on all areas of substantive law and on any issue relating to legal education. Presentations are not restricted to the theme of the conference, although abstracts engaging with the theme are of course also welcome. Participants are also encouraged to propose panels addressing specific themes in any area of law or law teaching.

Abstracts (300 words maximum) should be submitted to ialtconference@gmail.com by **Friday 14 September 2018**.

Venue and Accommodation

The Sheraton Hotel is located on Gleeson Street, Athlone, and is a 5-minute walk from the bus and train station. Underground car parking is free for hotel guests.

For further details see <http://www.sheratonathlonehotel.com/>

The hotel is offering a special conference rate of €130 per night, based on single occupancy. **To avail of this special bed and breakfast rate, attendees must book their rooms at least four weeks before the date of the conference.**

For double occupancy, the special rate is €150 per night, which also includes breakfast and is subject to the same time limit for booking as above.

Conference Fees

Conference fees include attendance at the conference and all coffee breaks, lunches, dinners, receptions and a social outing but exclude accommodation.

Conference fees may be paid by Paypal at <http://www.ialt.ie/payment/> or by cheque addressed to the Irish Association of Law Teachers.

There are four categories of conference fee:

(a) Conference fee for IALT members: €160 / £140

This fee is for existing members of the IALT (who have a standing order for IALT membership or have recently purchased membership through Paypal).

(b) Conference fee including membership of the IALT: €180 / £160

This fee is for those wishing to attend the conference but who are not already IALT members. It includes membership for the 2018/2019 year.

(c) Conference Day Rate for IALT Members: €90/£80

This rate is available to members who wish to attend either the Saturday or Sunday of the conference, including lunches. Please note that attendance at the annual dinner will incur an additional charge for those paying the day rate.

Delegates who are not members and who wish to avail of this rate should purchase membership either by standing order or by Paypal (€20/£18 per annum).

(d) Discounted Student rate: €90/£80 (for Postgraduate Members)

'Postgraduate member' for this purpose means a postgraduate research student who is a member of the IALT who is pursuing a research degree, excluding staff who are employed full-time in a teaching/research role.

This reduced fee entitles Postgraduate Members to attend all the events and meals of the conference from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Postgraduates who are not members must pay the membership fee of €20/£18 in addition to the discounted student rate of €90/£80.

Payment Methods

Payment for the conference may be made:

- online at <http://www.ialt.ie/payment/>
- by cheque made payable to the Irish Association of Law Teachers, to be posted to Dr Noel McGrath, Treasurer, IALT, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4
- if your home institution has agreed to pay directly, please contact Noel McGrath to have an invoice issued to your home institution

Matheson Postgraduate Scholarships

Three scholarships are available to postgraduate students wishing to present a paper at the 2018 IALT Annual Conference. These scholarships will cover the cost of accommodation, reasonable travel costs within Ireland, and the conference fee of the successful applicants.

Scholarship applications will be judged on the basis of the coherence, originality, and topicality of the submitted abstract. While previous winners of the scholarships are eligible to apply and their abstracts will be considered, preference will be given to new applicants.

Those interested in applying for this scholarship should email an abstract to ialtconference@gmail.com by **Friday 14 September 2018**. Applicants should set out the title of their proposed paper, their institutional affiliation and an abstract of no more than 500 words. 'Matheson Postgraduate Scholarship Application' should be specified as the subject of the email.

Booking

Delegates intending to attend the conference are asked to email ialtconference@gmail.com to confirm their attendance, specifying if they are coming for the entire conference or as a day delegate. Please also include any special dietary requirements in this email.