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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Programme

*Technology and Humanity: Enabling,
Restricting or Prohibiting*



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Maynooth University

#IALT24

Welcome to the IALT Conference 2024

The Council of the Irish Association of Law Teachers is delighted to welcome you to Maynooth University for our Annual Conference 2024, which is sponsored by Matheson. This year's theme is one that resonates widely and is highly topical, focussing on 'Technology and Humanity: Enabling, Restricting or Prohibiting' and we are honoured to have Prof. Deirdre Ahern, Dr. Lucia Otoyó and Mr. Andy Unger to deliver the keynotes for the plenary session. The conference showcases the research of c.80 speakers from all over the island of Ireland, 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.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors, Matheson, as well as the School of Law and Criminology of Maynooth University and Clarus Press. Their generosity is essential to running the annual conference and to facilitating ECRs in participating.

Locations

The academic aspect of the conference will be hosted on the North Campus in Maynooth University. Registration will be in the foyer of the relevant building on the day, with signs to direct you from there.

Friday's session will be in the School of Education Building:



Saturday's sessions will be in the John Hume Building:

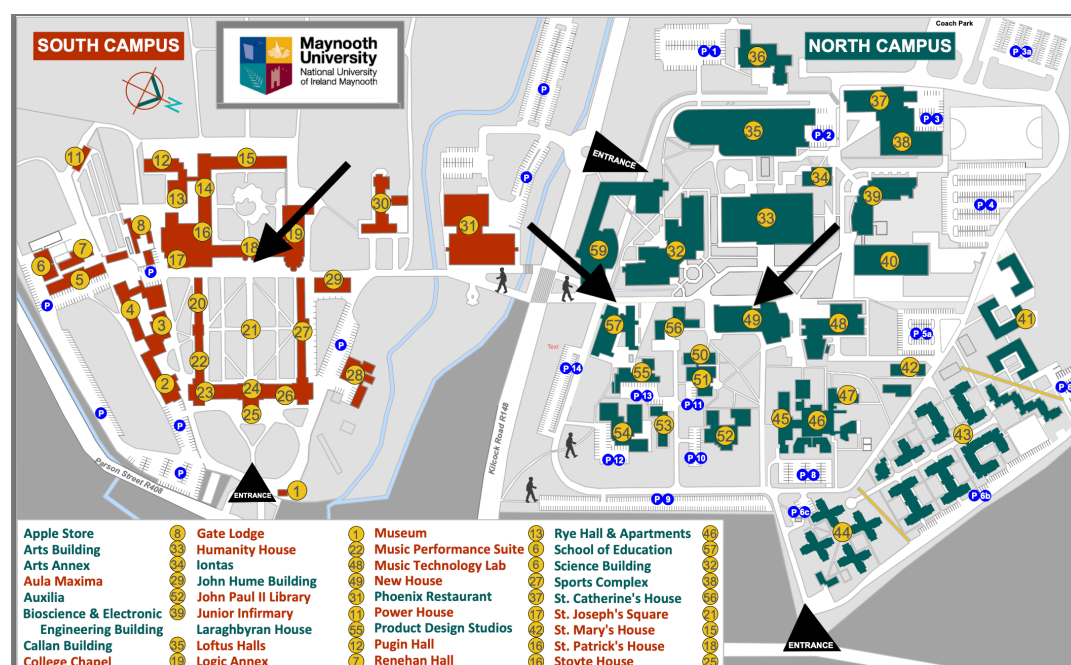


Lunch will be in the Arts Building.

Friday evening's light meal will be in Pugin Hall, South Campus (a 7-8-minute walk from the School of Education). This has been kindly sponsored by the School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University.

Saturday's reception and Gala Dinner will be in the nearby Glenroyal Hotel, which is an 18-minute walk from the John Hume Building. It is also possible to take the w61 bus most of the way or drive. The reception has been kindly sponsored by Clarus Press.

A campus map is available below and at: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/campus-life/campus-map>. The School of Education Building is #57. The John Hume Building is #49. Pugin Hall is technically #16, but **the entrance to the building is via #18**.



Travelling to/from the conference

The train station is only a short walk from campus and is opposite the Glenroyal Hotel. Busses include the C3, C4 and W61, as well as the Airport Hopper. Please check online for details.

Travelling by car, the hotel has parking (check details with them) and parking over the weekend on campus is free – parking before 5 on Friday requires a permit or payment, depending on where you are parking. Please check the details here: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/location/parking-traffic-management/visitor-parking>.



The Irish Association of Law Teachers

The Irish Association of Law Teachers (IALT) was established in 1979 as an all-island association with the aim of promoting excellence in legal education and scholarship. The annual conference is the focal point of the Association's year. The conference venue changes annually to reflect the broad geographical spread of our members. In recent years the conference has been held in Athlone (2018), Limerick (2019), Cork (2021), Belfast (2022) and Dublin (2023).

The Association has organised various workshops and seminars over the years. In spring 2024, the IALT held its annual Spring Discourse in Ulster University in Belfast on the theme of Hate Speech and Crime. We were joined by Prof. Jennifer Schweppe (University of Limerick) and Dr. Colin Caughey (Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission).

There have been several publications of the Association. In 1984 the IALT published an *Index to Irish Superior Court Written Judgments 1976-1982*, edited by Jennifer Aston and Maeve Doyle, followed in 1990 by an *Index to Cases Decided in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeal and High Court, 1966-1975*. Papers delivered at the 1999 Conference were later published in a collection of essays edited by Eoin O'Dell, *Leading Cases of the Twentieth Century* (Round Hall 2000). In 2011 a collection of essays edited by Jennifer Schweppe and Thomas Mohr, *30 Years of Legal Scholarship* (Round Hall 2011) was published, marking the development of legal scholarship in Ireland, and charting the history of the Irish Association of Law Teachers. In 2019, Mark Coen compiled *IALT Reflections 1979-2019*, drawing together individual reflections and photographs highlighting the personal significance and experiences of IALT members over the years.

From its inception, the Association has welcomed members from all institutions involved in the provision of legal education across the island of Ireland, whether in universities, technological universities, institutes of technology, private colleges, or professional institutions.

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Friday 15 November

4pm: Registration opens, Tea and Coffee

[Venue: School of Education, North Campus, Maynooth University]

Panel Session 1: Friday 5-6.30 pm

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| Panel 1: Sentencing and Punishment | |
| Chair: Eimear Brown | |
| Venue: SE009 | |
| Testing Punishment | Rory Kelly, University of Galway |
| The Limits of Justice: Sentencing for Non-Recent Sexual Offences | Sinéad Ring, Maynooth University (presenting) Kate Gleeson, Macquarie University |
| If It May Please the Algorithm - Can Artificial Intelligence fix Ireland's Inconsistent Sentencing Practices? | Jonathan Boylan, Trinity College Dublin |

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| Panel 2: Law and Economics | |
| Chair: Liam Sunner | |
| Venue: SE010 | |
| Legitimate Authority and Distributive International Law | Oisín Suttle, Maynooth University |
| US and EU non-horizontal merger guidelines: a friendly game of leapfrog | Łukasz Grzejdzia, Strathclyde University. |

Panel 3: Treaties: respect of human rights and humanitarian law**Chair: Marcus Gatto****Venue: SE011**

Deportation and Human Rights: Recent Developments on the Right to Private Life

Clíodhna Murphy, Maynooth University.

Bridging the Gap Between the UNCAC and Human Rights Approach to Corruption

Valeriia Dymbrylova, Dublin City University

Panel 4: Seeking Justice**Chair: Alessia Palladino****Venue: SE012**

Women's Access to Justice in the Kyrgyz Republic

Lia O'Broin, Dublin City University

From Silence to Truth: Evaluating Institutional Abuse Investigations

Conor Flannery, Queen's University Belfast

Adoption's need for 'villains': Folklore, [legal] fictions, and Northern Ireland's proposals for redress

Alice Diver, Queen's University Belfast

Panel 5: Life and death 1 – cancelled – Natasha Richardson now speaking on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. instead.**Venue: SE014**

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| Panel 6: Judicial deliberations Chair: Conor Hanly Venue: SE130 | |
| Confronting Bias in International Arbitration: Reevaluation of Diversity and Inclusion through Intersectionality | Yagmur Hortoglu Grant, Maynooth University |
| Studying Judicial Deliberations in the Conseil Constitutionnel, France's Constitutional Court | William Phelan, Trinity College Dublin |
| Charging Juries: Written Directions, Routes to Verdict and the Supreme Court | Mark Coen, University College Dublin |

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| Panel 7: Designing AI and technology frameworks Chair: Luke Danagher Venue: SE231 | |
| International processes relating to emerging technologies with an impact on the environment: An overview of key moments | Alison Hough, Technological University of the Shannon. |
| Comparing the Legal Standards for Children's Digital Protection in the United Nations System and the Council of Europe | Mengting Wang, Dublin City University |
| The Emergence of Global AI Governance Frameworks: The Intersection of Technology, Policy, and Human Rights | Maria Helen Murphy, Maynooth University. |

7-9 pm: **Light Meal** (sponsored by the School of Law & Criminology, Maynooth)

[Venue: Pugin Hall, South Campus]



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Saturday 16 November

9-9.30 a.m.: Registration re-opens, Tea and Coffee

[Venue: John Hume Building Foyer]

Panel session 2: 9.30-11am

VENUE: John Hume Building

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| Panel 1: AI and Legal Education | |
| Chair: Tobias Lock | |
| Venue: JHT3 | |
| Enhancing Formative and Experiential Learning in Third-Level Education through Padlet: A Tool for Clinical Legal Experiences | Jessica Bressan and Romina Maddalena, Griffith College Dublin |
| Redesigning the legal teaching practice: globalised curriculum incorporating AI | Obele Akinniranye, Maynooth University |
| AI Literacy for Lecturers and Students | Étáin Quigley, Maynooth University |

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| Panel 2 Vulnerability Chair: Eva Krolla Venue: JHT4 | |
| Unhoused and Under-Protected: The Recent Grants Pass Decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Criminalisation of Homelessness, and Possible Parallels with the Irish Jurisdiction' | Marcus Gatto, Griffith College Dublin |
| The Implementation Challenges of the Mental Capacity (NI) Act 2016: Where Do We Stand Eight Years On? | James Hugh Carson, University of Galway |
| Why I Am Not Including Children In My Research: The Participation Of Children And Young People In Criminal Justice Research | Áine Bernadette Mannion, University College Cork |

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| Panel 3: Pre-organised panel: Doing Feminist Legal Work Panellists: Maebh Harding, UCD; Aoife O'Donoghue, QUB; Norah Burns, QUB; and Sahar Ahmed, Griffith College Dublin N.B. This is an introduction to the DFLW Network, their workings and opportunities to engage. It includes a networking opportunity for those with common interests. Please see the abstract for details. Venue: JHT5 |
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| Panel 4: Life and death 2/life after death Chair: Chloe Cass Venue: JHT6 | |
| Improving Access to Orphan-Technologies and Orphan-Medicines for Patients with Rare Diseases in Ireland – A Classification of Pan-European Public Contract | Emma McEvoy, Dublin City University |
| Navigating the Complexities of Assisted Dying: Death Tourism | Karen Joan Sutton, Griffith College Dublin |
| The Accessibility of Posthumous Assisted Human Reproduction in Ireland | Aoife O'Donovan, University of Galway |
| A Frozen Future: The Legal and Ethical Challenges in the Cryopreservation of Embryos | Natasha Richardson, Maynooth University |

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| Panel 5: Duties and remedies Chair: Rónán Condon Venue: JHT7 | |
| Generous To A Fault? The Impact of Trustees of the Barry Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses v BXB [2023] UKSC 15 on vicarious liability in employment related personal injury claims | John Eardly, Griffith College Dublin |
| Germaine v Day [2024] IEHC 420 – Case Analysis | Jessica Leahy, University College Cork. |
| The Norwich Pharmacal Order: A Critical Analysis | Michael James Boland, Maynooth University. |

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| Panel 6: Environment, farming and tech Chair: Alison Hough Venue: JHT8 | |
| Farming and the Environment - a sense of custodianship? | Mary Curtin, University of Limerick |
| Much Ado About Poo: A discussion on the viability of a European Circular Economy in nutrient cycles, with a focus on the extraction of nutrients from human waste for use as a fertiliser | Aleksandra Czarnik, Maynooth University |
| Recasting Environmental Crime and Ecocide in the EU | Noreen Christina O'Meara, University of Surrey |

11–11.30 a.m. Tea and coffee

[Venue: Foyer, John Hume Building]

Panel session 3: 11.30-1pm

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| Panel 1: Legal education 1 Chair: Brónagh Heverin Venue: JHT3 | |
| Assessing the Extent of Equality Diversity and Inclusion in Legal Education Curricula through Module Evaluation: A Reflection | Gift Sotonye-Frank, Queen's University Belfast |
| Flipping a Criminal Law Classroom, Part II | Conor Hanly, University of Galway |
| From the Doctor to the Devil: Interdisciplinary lessons in teaching, from medicine to law | Shubhangi Karmakar, King's Inns and University College Dublin |
| Entrepreneurship 101: The Game - Using gamification techniques to teach basic legal principles | Caoimhe Kiernan, Technological University Dublin |

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| Panel 2: Adopting/Incorporating Human Rights Law Chair: Norah Burns Venue: JHT4 | |
| EU Accession to the ECHR - Try again. Fail again. Fail better? | Tobias Lock, Maynooth University |
| An 'International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Act': Sub-Constitutional Legislative Incorporation of International Human Rights as a Means of Resolving the Impasse Regarding the (Lack of) Judicial Protection of Socio-Economic Rights in Irish Law? | Jamie McLoughlin, University College Dublin |
| An Alternative Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland: Assembly Incorporation of International Rights Instruments | Colin Murray, Newcastle University |

Panel 3: Family relationships and violence**Chair: Aaron Harte-Hughes****Venue: JHT5**

Reclaiming Control: An Examination of Coercive Control in the Republic of Ireland

Precious Abebe, Griffith College Dublin

Prevention of benefit from homicide in the case of joint tenancies

Ann-Marie Dooley, Technological University of the Shannon

The Case for Prohibited Steps Orders in Ireland: a Proportional Restriction on the Rights of Guardians?

Brian Tobin, University of Galway

Panel 4: Constitutional law and political leaders**Chair: David Nagle****Venue: JHT6**

The arms crisis and Irish Constitutional law

Donal K. Coffey, Maynooth University and Saoirse Enright, University College Dublin

Does the Irish Constitution forbid a vocal presidency?

Seán Rainford, Dublin City University (presenting) and Jamie McLoughlin, University College Dublin

A Tale of Two Heads of Government: Comparing and Contrasting the Legal Woes of Donald Trump and Charles Haughey

Carol Rasnic, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA

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| Panel 5: AI justice Chair: Emer Shannon Venue: JHT7 | |
| Mechanical Turk and the Artificial Artificial Intelligence | Ruhi Anand, University of Limerick |
| Corporate Psychopaths, criminal responsibility, and the limits of technology | Luke Danagher, University of Limerick |
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| Panel 6: Healthcare, technology and Human Rights Chair: Natasha Richardson Venue: JHT8 | |
| Use and Potential Impact of AI in Healthcare | Lorraine Lally, University College Dublin |
| 'Navigating Intersex Rights: Exploring Lived Experiences at the Intersection of Medical Technology and Legal Framework | Somya Dixit, Dublin City University |
| Human rights implications of ectogenesis under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) | Alanna Kells, Maynooth University |

1-2pm: Saturday Lunch
[Venue: Arts Building Foyer]

PLENARY SESSION

2-3.15pm: 'Technology and Humanity: Enabling, Restricting or Prohibiting'

[VENUE: John Hume Lecture Theatre 4]

Chair: Adam Buick, Ulster University

Papers/Speakers:

'The Role and Limits of Regulation in an AI-Ascendant World', **Deirdre Ahern**, Trinity College Dublin & member of Ireland's AI Advisory Council

'Elle's Adventures with Law, Tech & Learning: Tech assisted teaching in the near-future', **Lucia Otoyó** and **Andy Unger**, London South Bank University

3.15–3.45 p.m. Tea and coffee

[Venue: John Hume, Foyer]

Panel session 4: 3.45-5.15pm

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| Panel 1: Legal Pedagogy 2 -Communities | |
| Chair: Norah Burns | |
| Venue: JHT3 | |
| Doctoral Students-as-Partners in Curriculum Development | Niamh Guiry (presenting) and Owen McIntyre, University College Cork |
| Between Towers and Trenches: when teams teach international human rights law | Norah Burns, Queen's University Belfast |
| Public Legal Information: How an online resource can enhance participation by vulnerable, minority or disadvantaged groups | Siobhán Cullen and Brónagh Heverin, Atlantic Technological University |
| Amplifying Voices: Podcasting as a Reflective Tool in Legal Education and Prison-University Partnerships | Marianne Doherty (presenting), Gillian McNaul and Russell Orr, Ulster University |

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| Panel 2: Legal Theory and Plurality Chair: Etáin Quigley Venue: JHT4 | |
| Developing the theory of Plurality in Understanding the Right to Freedom of Religion | Sahar Ahmed, Griffith College Dublin |
| Private Law Theory - on the up-and-up, or over the hill? | Steve Hedley, University College Cork |
| 'Affective Law: From the Trees to the Wood' | John Stannard, Queen's University Belfast |

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| Panel 3: Family Law Chair: Maebh Harding Venue: JHT5 | |
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| Dependent Spouses and ancillary relief – a review of cases in the High Court | Deirdre McGowan, Technological University Dublin |
| Codifying Nullity Law: the case for a consolidated statutory provision on decrees of nullity of marriage | Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University |

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| Panel 4: Law, Code and Information | |
| Chair: Cydney Sheridan | |
| Venue: JHT6 | |
| The Digital Services Act, disinformation and "dark patterns" | Fiona O'Malley, University College Cork |
| Code is F(law)ed: DAOs and the Continuing Need for Contract Law' | Cormac Kilkenny, Dublin City University |
| Copyright and AI training data – transparency to the rescue? | Adam Buick, Ulster University |

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| Panel 5: AI and technological frameworks | |
| Chair: Maria Murphy | |
| Venue: JHT7 | |
| Does Ireland address the needs of image-based sexual abuse victims when seeking redress?: An analysis of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022 in the context of image-based sexual abuse | Emer Shannon, Atlantic Technological University |
| Fundamental Rights Impact Assessments in the EU AI Act: Promises, Challenges and Pitfalls | Marta Lasek-Markey, Trinity College Dublin |
| 'Would *you* like to verify your account? The potential applications of blockchain technologies in safeguarding and empowering users of AI implementations in light of the AI Act 2024 and Cybersecurity Bill 2024 | Romy Higgins, McCann Fitzgerald LLP (presenting in personal capacity) |

Panel 6: Pre-Organised Panel: “The Role of the EU in Advancing Disability Rights: Internal and External Dimensions”

Chair: Delia Ferri

Venue: JHT8



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| The European Commission as Driving Force in Shaping EU Disability Law | Eva Krolla, Maynooth University |
| The Global Reach of EU Disability Law: The EU as an Actor in Advancing Disability Rights in Eastern Partnership Countries | Iryna Tekuchova, Maynooth University |
| Addressing the Challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities in the Cultural and Creative Sectors: The EU as a Key Actor? | Léa Urzel Francil, Maynooth University |

Panel 7: Legal professions and diversity

Chair: Obele Akinniranye

Venue: John Hume Boardroom

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| Women Judges Are Important: An examination of the perception of legal stakeholders | Caoimhe Kiernan, Technological University Dublin |
| Predictive Justice: Towards a Major Anthropological Break? | Clémence Pellisier, Trinity College Dublin |
| Key actions identified in the LRSA report regarding barriers to entry to the legal profession and suggestions for increasing diversity and inclusion at entry level | Jonathan Patel, Law Society |

5.30-6.15p.m. Annual General Meeting

Venue: John Hume Boardroom

GALA DINNER

- 6.45 p.m.:** **Drinks Reception (Sponsored by Clarus Press)**
Venue: Galway and Claddagh Suite, Glenroyal Hotel
- 7.30 p.m.:** **Annual GALA Dinner & prize-giving**
Venue: Galway and Claddagh Suite, Glenroyal Hotel

