



21st Irish European Law Forum

HUMAN RIGHTS, POVERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law 21st Irish European Law Forum
UCD Centre for Human Rights in association with
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This one-day conference will bring together scholars from a range of disciplinary fields to address the role that human rights have in tackling the global challenges of poverty and material deprivation. It will consider the moral basis and content of human rights against poverty, what obligations these rights entail and how they can be institutionally implemented and enforced.

The conference will also consider the possible limitations of human rights as a means of responding to economic inequality, and will engage with critical debate on whether human rights are, in fact, the best instrument for confronting economic inequality, or whether alternative programmes of social justice are needed.

PROGRAMME

- 9:00 – 9:30** **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Welcome and Introductions**
Professor Imelda Maher, Dean, UCD Sutherland School of Law
Dr Suzanne Egan, Director, UCD Centre for Human Rights
Dr Graham Finlay, UCD SPIRe
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Opening Comments**
Chief Commissioner Emily Logan, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
- 10:00 – 12:00** **Plenary Session**
- Professor Charles Gore**, Former Head of Research on Africa and Least Developed Countries in UNCTAD and Honorary Professor of Economics University of Glasgow Business School
“How the Idea of Poverty Went Global: Development, Basic Needs, Human Rights and Social Justice in the 1970s”.
- Dr. Julia McClure**, Glasgow, School of Humanities, History Department.
“Never Enough: The Rights of the Poor in Historical Perspective”.
- Professor Wouter Vandenhole**, Antwerp, UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights, Faculty of Law.
“Planet or People? Sustainable Development and Redistribution”.
- Dr. Jesse Tomalty**, University of Bergen, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy.
“Reflections on individual responsibility for global poverty”.
- Dr. Elizabeth Ashford**, University of St Andrews, Senior Lecturer in Moral Philosophy.
“Severe Poverty as a Structural Human Rights Violation”.
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Keynote**
Professor Philip Alston, the John Norton Pomeroy Professor of Law (NYU) & United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

Parallel Sessions

<p>Parallel Session A <i>Theoretical Perspectives</i></p> <p>Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi, UCC, Department of Philosophy <i>“Are Human Rights as White as Snow?”</i></p> <p>Dr. Su-ming Khoo, NUI Galway, School of Political Science and Sociology <i>“Arguments for a Zeroth Generation of Human Rights: Poverty, Social Justice and Sustainability in Posthuman Times”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Anna Chadwick, University of Glasgow, School of Law <i>“The Right to Adequate Food and the Political Economy of Hunger”</i>.</p>	<p>Parallel Session B <i>The Role of Human Rights Law</i></p> <p>Dr. Aoife Daly, University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice <i>“An Emphasis on Socio-Economic Rights: A Boost for the Popular Discourse?”</i></p> <p>Ms. Leonie Smith, University of Manchester, School of Social Sciences <i>“The Inability of Rights Legislation to Address UK Poverty Abuse”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Thamil Ananthavinayagan, Griffith College, School of Law <i>“Writing Resistance into International Human Rights Law – Developing a Counter-Hegemonic Strategy to Overcome Social Injustice and Eradicate Poverty”</i>.</p>
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15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15

Parallel Sessions

<p>Parallel Session C <i>Strategic Approaches</i></p> <p>Dr. Guy Aitchison, King’s College, London <i>“Human rights, poverty and international resistance”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Koldo Casla, University of Newcastle, Institute of Health and Society <i>“Taking Material Equality Seriously in Social Rights Research and Advocacy: Four Policy Proposals”</i>.</p> <p>Mr. Pedro Lippmann, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Université de Rennes <i>“Poverty, Participation and Political Responsibility: Taking Up Our Responsibilities to the Poor”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Lonneke Peperkamp, Radboud University, Law Faculty <i>“Subsistence Wars: Linking Global Distributive Justice and Just War Theory”</i>.</p>	<p>Parallel Session D <i>Comparative Perspectives</i></p> <p>Dr. Maria Dalli, Human Rights Institute, University of Valencia <i>“Access to Minimum Income in Ireland and Spain”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Nita Mishra, Dublin City University, Ireland India Institute <i>“Operationalising Human Rights-Based Approaches to Development: The Chinks in the Armour”</i>.</p> <p>Dr. James Kirby, Durham University, School of History <i>“The Road Not Travelled: Economic and Social Rights in 1960s Botswana”</i>.</p>
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Closing

Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission



Emily Logan is the first Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission appointed by President Michael D Higgins on 31 October 2014, following an open competition.

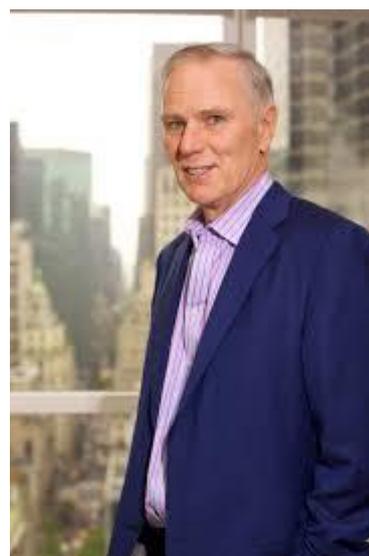
In the decade prior to her appointment, Ms Logan served as Ireland's first Ombudsman for Children, accounting directly to the Oireachtas. Key areas of investigation by the Ombudsman for Children's Office during her tenure included a multi-agency review of child death and own-volition systemic investigation into state compliance with child protection policy.

In accordance with its remit as a national human rights institution for children, Ms Logan progressed the rights of children without parental care, in particular separated children, children in care and children deprived of their liberty. Over her period in the Ombudsman for Children's Office, Ms Logan advocated an amendment to the Irish Constitution to further enhance the rights of children.

Philip Alston Professor Philip Alston, the John Norton Pomeroy Professor of Law (NYU) & United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.

Professor Philip Alston is the current Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights. The Special Rapporteur is an independent expert appointed by the Human Rights Council and undertakes the following main tasks: (1) conducting research and analysis to be presented in separate thematic reports to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly; (2) undertaking country visits and reporting on the situation in those countries in relation to the concerns of the mandate; (3) sending letters to governments and other relevant entities in situations in which violations of human rights of people living in extreme poverty are alleged to have taken place.

The mandate on extreme poverty was first established in 1998 by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and was taken over by the Human Rights Council in June 2006. It is one of a number of mandates that together form what is known as the United Nations system of special procedures.



Imelda Maher, Dean, UCD Sutherland School of Law

Imelda Maher is the Dean of Law and the inaugural Sutherland Full Professor of European Law. She is interested in the relationship between law and governance especially in economic spheres. She has published extensively in competition law and also on EU governance and presents her work regularly at international conferences and workshops. She was general editor of *Legal Studies* (2012-2017) and is a member of the editorial boards of the *European Law Journal* and of the *Irish Yearbook of International Law*. Her main research interest is in law and governance and her work straddles the two domains of competition law and EU law.



Suzanne Egan, Director, UCD Centre for Human Rights



Suzanne Egan is Associate Professor in international human rights law, European human rights law and human rights education at the School of Law, UCD and is also Director of the UCD Centre for Human Rights. Suzanne has published widely in the field of international human rights law, with a particular focus on human rights institutions and procedures, asylum law and policy and human trafficking. Her book, *The UN Human Rights Treaty System: Law and Procedure* (Bloomsbury) was shortlisted for the Irish Association of Law Teachers, Kevin Boyle prize for outstanding legal scholarship in 2012 and in 2017, Suzanne was awarded an LL.D. by the National University of Ireland for her published work in the field of international human rights law.

Graham Finlay, UCD, SPIRe

Professor Graham (Ph.D. Johns Hopkins, 2002) has been a Lecturer in the School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe), University College Dublin since 2004. In 2009-2010, he was a Member of the School of Social Sciences of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, working on a project on 'Education for Cosmopolitan Citizenship'. His research interests include the history of political thought, especially John Stuart Mill, consequentialist thought, citizenship and development education, the theory and politics of human rights (especially migrants' rights) and various topics in international justice, including migration and development.



Suzanne d'Arcy, Research Manager, UCD Sutherland School of Law



Suzanne is the Research and Innovation Manager at the Sutherland School of Law and has over 20 years work experience in project management, research funding strategy and proposal writing. She is an accomplished manager with a record of achievement in research and project management in both the public and private sectors and a proven capability in education, recruitment and media.

Highly digitally literate, organised and with excellent interpersonal skills, she combines a legal qualification with a background in third level education.