



School of Law – Upcoming Events

May 2015: 'Legal Pedagogy in Transition'

Venue: Plassey House – University of Limerick

Date: 30th April 9.15am

The School of Law will host a seminar entitled 'Legal Pedagogy in Transition' on Thursday 30th April. It will focus on a number of key themes with speakers from a range of higher education institutions (UCC, UCD, DCU, TCD, NUI Galway, Law Society of Ireland) and Arthur Cox Solicitors sharing their experiences on the type and nature of transitions that occur for law students as they progress from the early weeks of their undergraduate education right through to the completion of their professional exams in the Law Society and the commencement of their careers in a 'community of practice'.

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May 2015: 'Lady Hale: Diversity in the Judiciary'

Venue: Tower Theatre – Irish World Academy of Music and Dance

Date: 15th May at 6pm

The School of Law will host the Annual Agenda Setting Lecture of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on 15th May. The Rt. Hon. Lady Hale, Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court, will give the distinguished lecture on the topic of "Diversity in the Judiciary".

It is a topic which has not yet been given much attention in Ireland and, due to the current Government's policy of appointing outstanding women to judicial office, gender balance in the Irish Courts has seen a marked improvement in recent years. Many feel that because of this, the issue of diversity does not need to be examined in Ireland. However, the current method of appointing judges essentially gives total discretion to the Government; there is no requirement to consider diversity and no mechanism to ensure that a future government might not undue all of the work which has been done. While gender balance has improved, Irish judges are still a relatively homogeneous group. Furthermore, it has recently been decided that the method of appointing judges in Ireland needs to be reformed and so this is the perfect opportunity to begin a conversation on the merits of judicial diversity in Ireland.

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May 2015: 'On the Road towards a EU Criminal Justice System: Problems, Achievements & Prospects'

Venue: Graduate Entry Medical School

Date: 21st 22nd May

The Centre for Criminal Justice is holding an international conference on the topic of European Criminal Justice in University of Limerick, 21st and 22nd May 2015, featuring leading experts in the area. The title of the conference is On the Road towards a EU criminal justice system: problems, achievements and prospects. EU Criminal Justice is a rapidly developing field. The adoption of the Lisbon Treaty has resulted in a proliferation of EU criminal justice measures, some of which are nearing deadlines for implementation into the national law of Member States, while others have some way to go. There is an increasing imperative for scholars and practitioners to familiarize themselves with this complex area of law. This conference will address key developments to date.

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June 2015: *Juris Diversitas* 2015 Annual Conference

Venue: Health Sciences Building

Date: 2nd - 4th June

The *Juris Diversitas* 2015 Annual Conference will take place 2-4 June 2015. Its theme is '*The State and/of Comparative Law*', ie the relationship between social and legal norms and social and legal institutions. In memory of Roderick A Macdonald (1948-2014) and H Patrick Glenn (1940-2014), both former members of the Advisory Council, particular attention will be given to the diverse themes of their scholarship: 'common laws', 'constitutive polyjurality', 'critical legal pluralism', 'everyday law', and 'legal cosmopolitanism'. Plenary speakers include [Katharina Boele-Woelki](#) (Utrecht) and [Brian Tamanaha](#) (Washington - St Louis).

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June 2015: 'Irish Society of Comparative Law 2015 Conference'

Venue: Health Sciences Building

Date: 5th -6th June

The Irish Society of Comparative Law 2015 Conference will take place on 5-6th June 2015 in the University of Limerick. The theme is "Comparative Law: from Antiquity to Modernity" and it encompasses a variety of papers on the subjects of comparative law and legal history.

Delegates from Europe, Asia and Africa will attend the event. Comparative legal historians Kjell Å Modéer and Mia Korpiola will give key note addresses.

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September 2015: 'Victims' Rights in Ireland: An Agenda for Change'

Venue: Graduate Entry Medical School

Date: 11th September

On September 11th 2015, the Centre for Criminal Justice will host a conference on Victims' Rights entitled 'Victims' Rights in Ireland: An Agenda for Change'. Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime (The Victims' Rights Directive) must be implemented into the national laws of all EU Member States by the 16th of November 2015. In light of the implementation of this Directive, this one-day conference at the University of Limerick is timely and will provide a forum to facilitate discussion about the requirements of the Directive.

The conference will be of interest to a wide variety of criminal justice stakeholders including members of an Garda Síochána and members of the judiciary and legal professions, as well representatives from interest groups and academics.

Keynote speakers at the conference include: The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Charleton (Supreme Court); Professor Caroline Fennell (UCC); Professor Jonathan Doak (University of Durham); Ms. Ellen O'Malley Dunlop (Dublin Rape Crisis Centre) and; Ms. Joan Deane (ADVIC). Breakout sessions will also provide an opportunity for debate about the key themes of the Directive (i.e. participation, information and protection) and consider how best Ireland can meet the challenges posed in honouring the requirements of the new Directive.

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