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Welcome from the Head of School

It is just over a year since I assumed the role of Head of School and our former Head, Professor Shane Kilcommins went on to become executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. It is amazing to see from this Newsletter all the exceptional work of the School across a broad range of activities that has taken place over such a short period. Although during this pandemic it can often feel like a lifetime, 12 months is but the blink of an eye in the life of the School and the faculty and staff who work here. The pandemic has been a heavy burden to bear as many of our traditional methods have fallen foul of public health restrictions. Yet the ingenuity and resilience of faculty and staff at the School never ceases to amaze me. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to everyone here for the professionalism and diligence with which they continued to contribute to the growth and reputation of one of the most innovative Law Schools to be found anywhere.

Faced with such onerous external constraints it would have been all too easy to simply concentrate on a holding pattern, protecting what we have, standing still until better times arrived. But nothing could be further from the truth. Faculty and staff have risen not merely to the challenge of maintaining high standards during this pandemic but also moving us forward in ways too many to count.

This Newsletter is a limited attempt to present that movement across the spectrum from publications, events, funding successes and individual attainment. It presents a picture that we are proud to share with all our friends. It is a very visible indicator of the continuation of our desire to raise our reputation among our academic peers and external stakeholders such as the professions and other employers: to live the commitment we give to our past, current and future graduates of a Law School which continues to make you proud of

belonging to a select group. Our continuing climb up the international Law School QS rankings is an objective validation of our success.

But as I have said, the limitations of any Newsletter is that it must often omit the huge amount of other work that is taking place within the School, from new programmes to funding applications to such simple things as the care of our students during these troubled times. We value these as much as we value the examples you will find within the Newsletter. As the dawn of 2022 begins to see some signs of hope for a return to normalcy in our country, you can rest assured that the School will continue to provide a comprehensive solution to the needs of our external stakeholders, a sense of exceptional pride to our graduates, an unrivalled experience for our current students and an unparalleled choice for our future students.

Professor Raymond J Friel
Head, School of Law

January 2022



Events in the School of Law

Landmark Disability Awareness Training

On the 21st June 2021, experts from the School of Law and for the School of Medicine at the University of Limerick, together with colleagues from the School of Medicine at University College Cork, delivered a landmark Disability Awareness Training seminar to senior officials within An Garda Síochána. The

special interactive, online seminar represented a key element in a wider, ongoing Disability Awareness Training Pilot Study which is being conducted by Dr. Alan Cusack (School of Law) and Dr. Gautam Gulati (School of Medicine). The seminar, which was delivered by Professor Gautam Gualti, Dr. Alan Cusack and Dr. Valerie Murphy of the School of Medicine at University College Cork, focused on best practice approaches to identifying and responding to intellectual disability



Judicial Conduct Seminar

On the 22nd October, the School of Law was delighted to host an event, along with the School of Law NUIG and the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, on Judicial Conduct. Over 70 national and international academics, practitioners, judges, members

of government departments and civil society organisations attended and contributed to the seminar. The event, organised by Dr Laura Cahillane and Dr Rónán Kennedy, is part of a larger project focusing on the recently established Judicial Council and is funded by the Irish Research Council.

Judicial Education and Training Seminar

On Friday 17th September, the School of Law was delighted to host an event, along with the School of Law NUIG and the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, on Judicial Education and Training in Ireland. Over 60 national and international judges, academics, practitioners and civil society organisations attended and contributed to the seminar. A number of members of staff from the School also took part including Dr Laura Cahillane, Professor Paul McCutcheon, Dr Jennifer Schweppe who presented with Prof Amanda Haynes, and Saoirse Enright who is a PhD candidate in the School of Law. The event, organised by Dr Laura Cahillane and Dr Rónán Kennedy, is part of a larger project focusing on the recently established Judicial Council and is funded by the Irish Research Council.



Leadership in Law



In February 2021 the School of Law was delighted to host a seminar on Leadership in Law as part of the A & L Goodbody Skills Series coordinated by Stephen King, Associate Partner in the firm. Eileen Roberts, Chairwoman of A & L Goodbody, delivered an excellent presentation on the topic, covering issues such as market challenges, the future of the legal industry, and developing the legal skills necessary to navigate the challenges and changes. Professor Raymond Friel provided the introduction to the talk which was attended by a large number of staff and students.

Launch of Community Crime Impact Assessment pilot.



In December 2020, the Community Crime Impact Assessment pilot was launched. Dr Johnny Connolly of the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies has been involved for the past five years in developing this Community Crime Impact Assessment to inform future approaches to Community Safety, in collaboration with the Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign, Community Action Network and Fingal United. The evaluation of the pilot CCIA was conducted by Dr Jane Mulcahy before joining the REPPP team. The event took place with almost 200 people in attendance, including the Garda Commissioner.

Research and related activity in the School of Law

Report Launch: The Realities of Rape Trials in Ireland

Dr Susan Leahy, senior lecturer in the School of Law published her report, 'The Realities of Rape Trials: Perspectives from Practice', which was funded by the Irish Research Council New Foundations Scheme and conducted in partnership with Dublin Rape Crisis Centre. This innovative research involved interviews with legal professionals and court accompaniment workers on the realities of Irish rape trials and fills a

significant gap in knowledge on the practical operation of the law in this area. The report was launched at a webinar hosted by Dublin Rape Crisis Centre on 21st of June 2021, which was attended by over 140 participants from key criminal justice stakeholders including the Office of the DPP, An Garda Síochána, the Department of Justice and representatives from victims' rights organisations.

Dying with Dignity A Medical Ethics Discussion

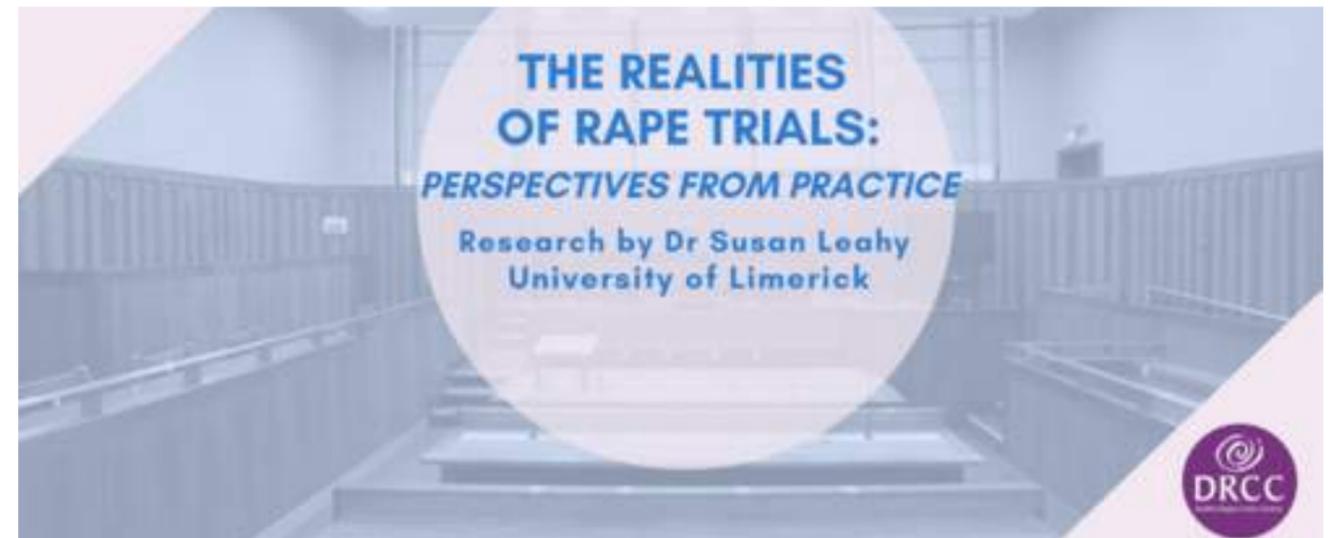
On 1st June 2021, Dr John Lombard contributed to a panel discussion on 'Dying with Dignity'. The discussion was organised by Ógra Fianna Fáil CSC and included contributions from ethicists, lawyers, and healthcare professionals.

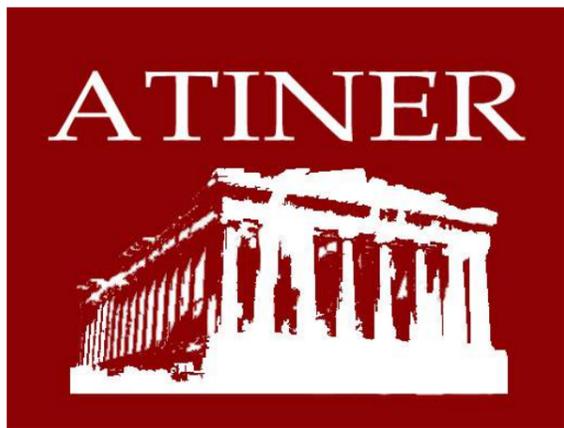
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Dying With Dignity: A Medical Ethics Discussion

2021.06.01 7PM

 Dr. John Lombard	 Dr. Regina McQuillan
 Dr. Louise Campbell	 Councillor Dr. John Sheehan





**A HISTORY OF THE DOUBLE JEOPARDY PRINCIPLE:
FROM CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY TO MODERN ERA**

DR GER COFFEY
CENTRE FOR CRIME, JUSTICE AND VICTIM STUDIES
SCHOOL OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
IRELAND

18th Annual International Conference on Law
Athens, 12th July 2021

REPPP Activities

Centre for Crime, Justice & Victim Studies



Presentation to International Conference on Law

On Monday 12th July, Dr Ger Coffey, Lecturer in Law and member of the Centre for Crime, Justice and Victim Studies, presented a paper entitled 'A History of the Double Jeopardy Principle: From Classical Antiquity to Modern Area' at the Annual International Conference on Law organised by the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER).



Royal College of Physicians of Ireland Webinar



On 24 June 2021, Dr Lydia Bracken participated in a webinar on 'LGBTQ+ Health and Wellbeing: Patients, Parents and Physicians' hosted by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Lydia spoke on the topic of 'LGBTQI+ Families and the Law'

**RESEARCH
EVIDENCE INTO
POLICY PROGRAMMES
AND PRACTICE**





REPPP Activities

REPPP: The Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes and Practice (REPPP) project is a research collaboration between the School of Law in the University of Limerick and the Department of Justice. REPPP's goals include improving the evidence base in relation to youth crime policymaking in Ireland and supporting evidence-informed youth justice reform.

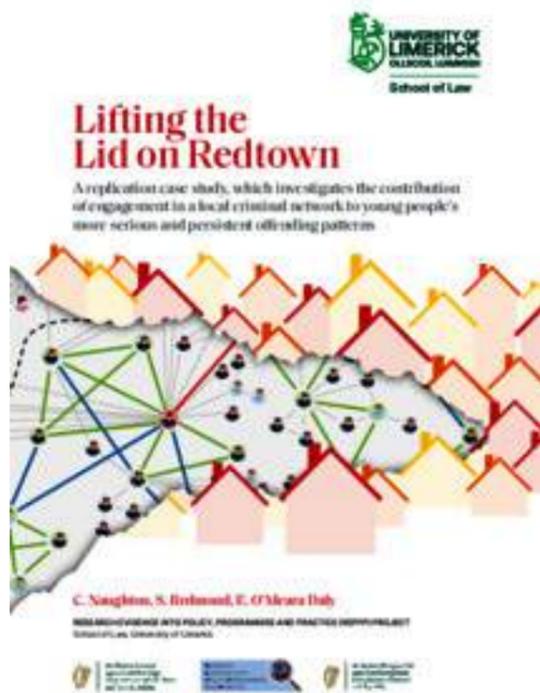


Minister for Justice Launches REPPP'S latest Reports

In January 2021, Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, launched REPPP's latest Greentown Reports and announced the commencement of a newly designed Greentown community intervention programme. The Greentown project has lifted the lid on a hidden crime problem in Ireland, uncovering significant evidence of children's engagement in crime networks. Greentown provides new insights into how criminal networks attract and confine children, encouraging and coercing them to be involved in serious crime and limiting their opportunities to escape their influence. Launching the reports, Minister McEntee said:

"I would like to thank Dr Sean Redmond and his colleagues for authoring these reports. It is vital that we break the link between criminal gangs and the young people they try to recruit into a life of crime."

"We must break the cycle of criminality as early as possible, and the Greentown project gives us the tools we need to stop criminal gangs persuading young people to join their networks"



Implementation of the Bail Supervision Scheme

Dr Catherine Naughton a research fellow on the REPPP project in the School of Law presented on the Implementation of the Bail Supervision Scheme at the Evidence and Implementation Summit 2021. Catherine was also a panel member for an interesting discussion on 'Using evidence to drive policy

effectiveness'. This virtual event was hosted by Monash University, Australia on the 30-31st March 2021. Over 750 delegates representing 30 countries attended the Conference. Delegates came from policy, research and practice backgrounds.



<p>First time fully virtual event</p>	<p>750+ delegates</p>	
<p>10 GLOBAL PARTNERS</p>	<p>30 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED</p>	<p>40 HOURS + OF PRE-RECORDED CONTENT</p>
<p>21 HOURS</p> <p>EACH DAY OF LIVE PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION EVENTS</p>		

Evidence and Implementation Summit 2021
30-31 March

2021 International Conference for **REALIST RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND SYNTHESIS**
16 – 18 February 2021
Fostering Innovation in Practice
#realist2020 www.realist2020.org

Dr. Sean Redmond, Adjunct Professor of Youth Justice

International Conference for Realist Research, Evaluation and Synthesis

On 16-18th February 2021, Professor Sean Redmond presented 'Youth Crime: A Fertile Ground for Realist Contribution to Policy Programmes and Practice in Ireland' while Dr Catherine Naughton presented on the 'Realist Evaluation of the Bail Supervision Scheme' at the International Conference for Realist Research, Evaluation and Synthesis. This conference was hosted virtually by Trinity College Dublin and Health Research Board.

#CYCJwebinar

'Lifting the lid': Responding to CCE in Ireland, Scotland and beyond
CYCJ presents Professor Sean Redmond and Dr Paul Rigby on child criminal exploitation, serious and organised crime and child protection.



UK National Child Exploitation Awareness Day

On the UK National Child Exploitation Awareness Day (18 March 2021), the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) in the University of Strathclyde Glasgow hosted a webinar featuring Professor Sean Redmond (REPPP, School of Law, University of Limerick) and Dr Paul Rigby (University of Stirling). Dr Redmond outlined the key developments in the Greentown Programme, how it developed means to provide detailed narratives of the lives of children involved in crime networks, progress in the development of the trial programmes and issues that may be of interest to colleagues in Scotland.

Young People at Risk: YPAR Case Study



Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027

On the 15th April 2021, the Minister of State for Law Reform, James Browne TD, launched the new Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027 with the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD. The Strategy, a key commitment under Justice Plan 2021, is designed to provide a developmental framework to address key ongoing challenges, as well as new and emerging issues in the youth justice area. This will include preventing offending behaviour from occurring and diverting children and young adults who commit a crime away from further offending and involvement with the criminal justice system. The Department of Justice also published a number of reports to accompany the new strategy including REPPPs case study of the Young People at Risk initiative in Dublin's North East Inner City.

REPPP at European Implementation Event (EIE) 2021

REPPP team member Jackie Dwane presented a poster at the European Implementation Event (EIE) 2021. The EIE 2021 brought together individuals and organisations engaged in synthesising, translating, adopting and implementing evidence in human service practice and policy. Cutting edge implementation science and practice took centre stage in discussions between international colleagues.

REPPP research spotlighted by the Centre for Implementation in July Bulletin



'When Trust Trumps Must' – experimenting with Trust in the implementation of new practice innovation for youth in Ireland

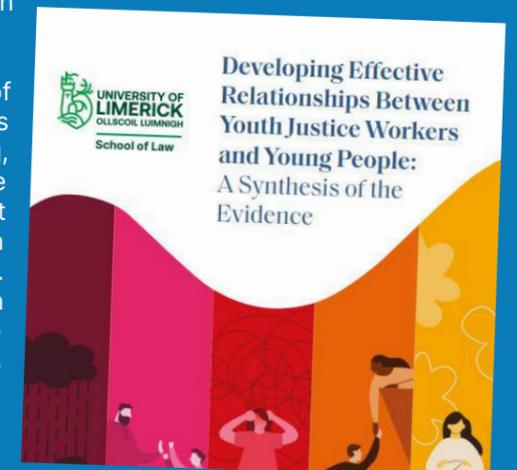
REPPP's Action Research Project (ARP) is exploring the contribution youth justice projects make to youth crime reduction in Ireland by examining the use of relationships as a core intervention to improve outcomes for young people. The intention is to improve the effectiveness of these 'change' relationships. Youth justice practitioners from 16 project sites across Ireland, who believe and trust in the value of relationships to effect positive change with young people, self-selected to participate in the ARP. This research / practice collaboration is co-designing and trialling an evidence-informed model of relationship building with young people to guide practice reform while conducting real-time 'bottom-up' local implementation studies.



The Minister of State for Law Reform launches REPPP's Relationships Report

On June 17, 2021, The Minister of State for Law Reform, James Browne launched REPPP's Relationships Report. Across a range of human services, youth workers, social workers, therapists, correctional workers, volunteer mentors, foster carers and many others invest a great deal of time and energy in their professional relationships with young people to bring about positive changes in behaviours and circumstances. This report presents the key features of such relationships regarding what helps the relationships to thrive, what hinders their development and in what ways they assist young people to change for the better.

The central message is that establishing appropriate levels of trust between worker and young person increases the chances of active engagement, involving iterative cycles of learning, testing and growth. Over time, and with persistence, positive development can be anticipated. The findings strongly suggest that strengths-based approaches can build on the foundation of trust to instil hope and belief in the possibility of change. This hope provides the basis for working with the young person to identify and achieve goals and targets which increase the young person's sense of agency. Having high expectations for achievement within warm and responsive 'firm but fair' relationships help young people to accept challenges to their behaviours without prejudicing the relationship.



REPPP at 24th ACJRD Annual Conference

REPPP team member John Reddy presented at 24th ACJRD Annual Conference "Criminal Justice and Public Health: Policy and Practice Post-Pandemic", on 8th of October 2021. John spoke about REPPP's 2020 study of young people in GYDPs and the first months of the Pandemic and first lockdown and how youth justice workers' 'Pandemic experiences' have the potential to strengthen and guide future practice.

Awards and Appointments

Greentown Gets Gold

In December 2020 the School of Law's REPPP team received first prize at the European Crime Prevention Awards ceremony held (online) in Berlin by the German Presidency. In the words of the judging panel the Greentown project, representing Ireland '...boasts an unparalleled theoretical foundation. It is well-designed, methodical, and holistic...'



IRC New Foundations funding



Dr Lydia Bracken was awarded funding under the Irish Research Council New Foundations 2020 for a project on LGBT+ Families in Ireland: Legal Recognition of Parent-Child Relationships in partnership with LGBT Ireland. The objective of this research is to identify and examine the obstacles facing LGBT+ families in obtaining legal recognition of their family relationships in Ireland. The proposal will combine empirical research with knowledge exchange events to draw out the current difficulties and to develop solutions that are centred on children's rights methodology. The research will be used to produce a report for LGBT Ireland that will form the basis of advocacy campaigns by the organisation in this area and will be disseminated through awareness-building activities.



Statutory Appointment

Dr Hope Davidson was appointed to the Midwives Committee, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland. This statutory appointment will run from 2021-2024, and the function of the Committee is to review and report to the NMBI on regulation, indemnity, education and service to the public.

New staff



Orla Kelleher joined the School of Law in 2021. She is a graduate of University College Cork (BCL Law and French), the College of Europe, Bruges (LL.M.), the King's Inns (BL.). She is a Ph.D. candidate at the Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin. Her Ph.D. examines the impact of climate change on legal reasoning in rights-based systemic climate change litigation in European countries. Her Ph.D. was awarded dual research scholarships: an IRC Government of Ireland Postgraduate scholarship (2019-2021) and a UCD School of Law Doctoral Scholarship (2017-2019). Orla was previously an occasional lecturer and a tutor at UCD Sutherland School of Law. Orla's research interests include climate change law, litigation and policy, climate justice political theory, just transitions, environmental law and policy, human rights law, comparative constitutionalism, EU law, Irish constitutional and administrative law, theories of adjudication and eco-feminist legal theory



Promotions

The School of Law was delighted to see Dr Kathryn O'Sullivan, Dr Laura Cahillane and Dr Susan Leahy appointed as Senior Lecturers in Law. These promotional appointments provide positive recognition of the work of all three of our colleagues, who have demonstrated excellence across their research, teaching and administrative leaderships activities.

Executive Dean of the AHSS Faculty



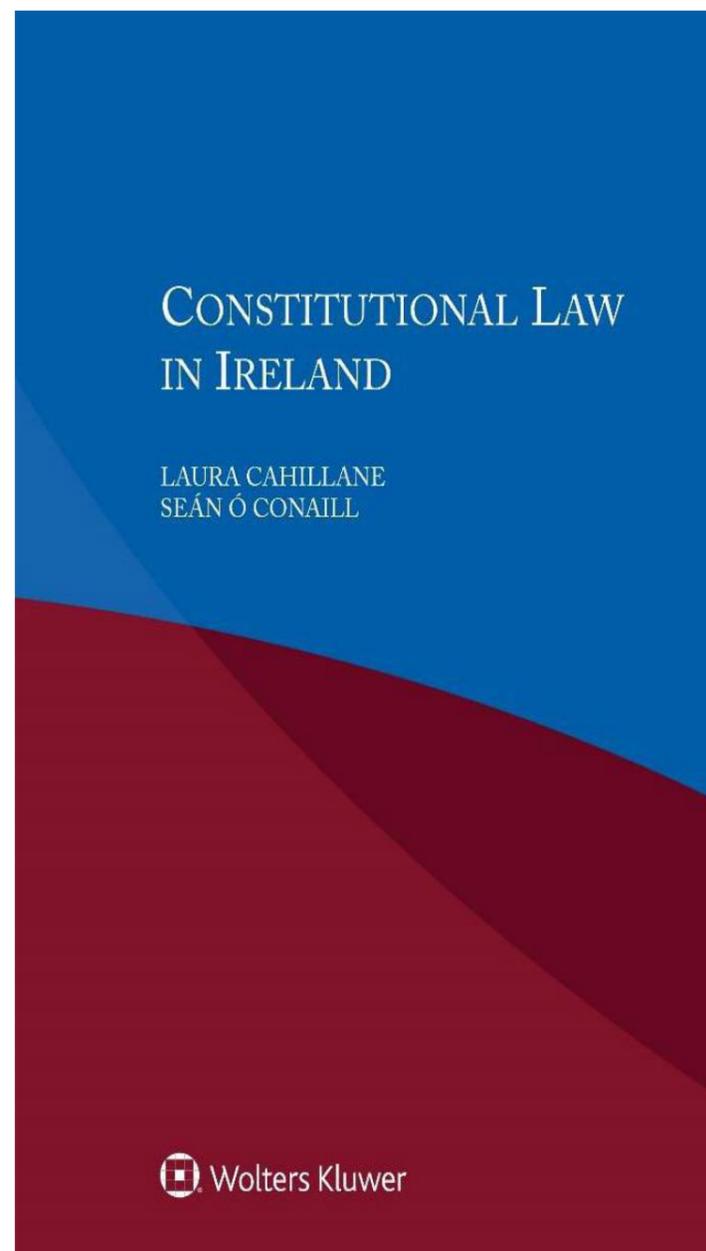
The School of Law was delighted to see Professor Shane Kilcommins appointed to the position of Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Professor Kilcommins is a Fulbright scholar and acted as Head of the School of Law from 2014, until his appointment to the Dean's Office. His areas of expertise are criminal law, evidence law, criminal procedure, penology

and legal philosophy. He has published numerous books, reports and articles with esteemed national and international publishers. He was appointed an expert to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and has worked as part of a team of inspectors for the Inspector of Prisons. He has chaired the consultative forum on the Victims' Charter, acted expert adviser to Transparency International Ireland and in 2020 was appointed to An Garda Síochána's Expert Review Group on Recruit Education and Entry Pathways and Learning and Development, to provide strategic advice and make recommendations on the delivery of learning and development interventions in the organisation. He has obtained circa 2.6 million in competitive funding, and has supervised many Ph.D. and postdoctoral researcher to competition.

New Books

Laura Cahillane (with Ó Conaill): Constitutional Law in Ireland (2nd Edition)

Congratulations to Dr Laura Cahillane and Dr Seán Ó Conaill of UCC on the publication of the second edition of their book 'Constitutional Law in Ireland'. Derived from the renowned multi-volume International Encyclopaedia of Laws, this book provides essential information on the country's sources of constitutional law, its form of government, and its administrative structure. Lawyers who handle transnational matters will appreciate the clarifications of particular terminology and its application. Its succinct yet scholarly nature, as well as the practical quality of the information it provides, make this book a valuable time-saving tool for both practising and academic jurists. Lawyers representing parties with interests in Ireland will welcome this guide, and academics and researchers will appreciate its value in the study of comparative constitutional law.



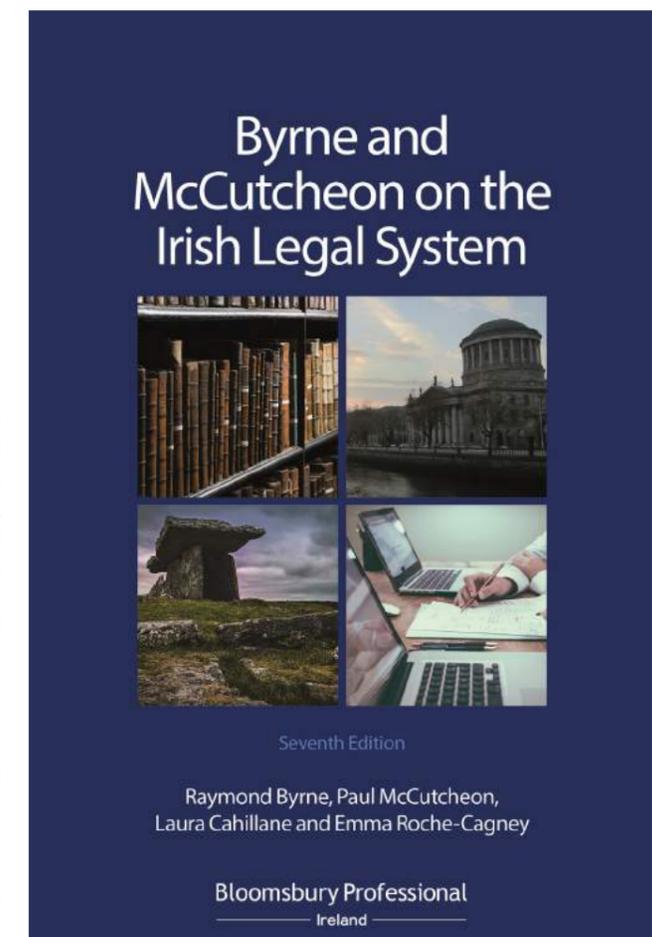
Kathryn O'Sullivan: Religion and Law in Ireland

Derived from the renowned multi-volume International Encyclopaedia of Laws, this convenient resource provides systematic information on how Ireland deals with the role religion plays or can play in society, the legal status of religious communities and institutions, and the legal interaction among religion, culture, education, and media. After a general introduction describing the social and historical background, the book goes on to explain the legal framework in which religion is approached. Coverage proceeds from the principle of religious freedom through the rights and contractual obligations of religious communities; international, transnational, and regional law effects; and the legal parameters affecting the influence of religion in politics and public life. Also covered are legal positions on religion in such specific fields as church financing, labour and employment, and matrimonial and family law. A clear and comprehensive overview of relevant legislation and legal doctrine make the book an invaluable reference source and very useful guide. Succinct and practical, this book will prove to be of great value to practitioners in the myriad instances where a law-related religious interest arises in Ireland. Academics and researchers will appreciate its value as a thorough but concise treatment of the legal aspects of diversity and multiculturalism in which religion plays such an important part.



Paul McCutcheon & Laura Cahillane (with Byrne and Roche-Cagney): The Irish Legal System (7th Edition)

The 7th edition of the hugely popular Byrne and McCutcheon on the Irish Legal System by Raymond Byrne, Paul McCutcheon, Laura Cahillane, Emma Roche-Cagney was published in late 2020. This book is considered the foundational work on the Irish legal system. It is frequently cited as a leading authority in Courts and by practitioners and academics. It is also the principal authoritative source referred to by international scholars when writing about the Irish legal system. The seventh edition provides comprehensive treatment of the key elements of the legal system in Ireland, including the roles and regulation of legal practitioners, the organisation of the courts and the judiciary, and an analysis of the main sources of Irish law and their application in practice. It is essential reading for law students in Ireland, and practitioners will find it of great value. The book was recently shortlisted for the Irish Law Book of the Year Awards.



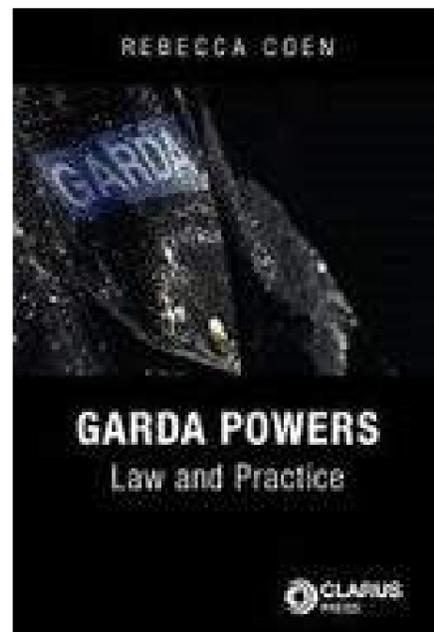
Visitors and Guest Lectures

Criminal Procedure Module Guest Lecture with Rebecca Coen



In March 2021, the School of Law welcomed the Director of Research in the Law Reform Commission, Rebecca Coen. Rebecca delivered a guest lecture to students of criminal procedure within the School. Ms Coen, a graduate of University College Cork who was called to the Bar in 2005, has worked in a number of prosecutorial positions since 2008. She was a senior prosecutor and deputy head of the prosecution policy unit at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from February 2008

to October 2009. She subsequently worked until February 2020 in the directing division of the DPP's office, where she was a principal prosecutor managing indictable cases at every level and stage of the criminal process. Ms Coen is the author of *Garda Powers: Law and Practice* (Clarus Press 2014) and co-author of the *Law Society of Ireland's Criminal Litigation: Fourth Edition* (Oxford University Press 2016).



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- Cahillane, L. 'The Zaleski Decision and the question of Merits-based Appeals, Law Reform Commission Seminar (invited contribution), 5th May 2021.
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- Bracken, L. 'AHSS Athena SWAN Journey', Presentation to Mary Immaculate College Arts Faculty Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team, 18 March 2021.
- Bracken, L. 'Overview of the General Scheme of the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2017', LGBT Ireland AHR Roundtable, 20 February 2021.
- Coffey, G. 'Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal: experiences and challenges', Victims' Rights Alliance Monthly Webinar Series, 17 June 2021.
- Cusack, A, 'From Special Measures to Separate Legal Representation: Charting Shifts in the Treatment of Victims of Crime with Intellectual Disabilities in Ireland' Workshop on the Criminal Evidence Act 1992, Trinity College Dublin, 3 September 2021 [invited paper]
- Davidson, H and Spain, E 'Legal and ethical issues in conducting research', Health Research Institute Annual Research Seminar Series, UL Hospital Group, 2021.
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Staff in the Media

Our staff have been very busy this year contributing to important debates in the media. There are too many to list individually but our staff and their research has featured on TV programmes such as the Six One News, the Claire Byrne show and Virgin Media's The Tonight Show, on radio stations such as, RTE Radio One, RTE Drivetime Newstalk's Pat Kenny Show, Newstalk, and Limerick 95 FM, and have also written and contributed to numerous newspapers including the Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Journal.ie, The Sunday Business Post and more.



Student Successes and Events



Matheson Contract Law prizes

Two law students were announced as this year's winners of the Matheson Solicitors Contract law prizes. Faye Daly from Cork won first prize and is studying Law and Accounting. Sophia Harrold is on the Law Plus programme, comes from county Limerick and plans to do a Masters in Commercial law. Both have an interest in developing a career in commercial law in the future.

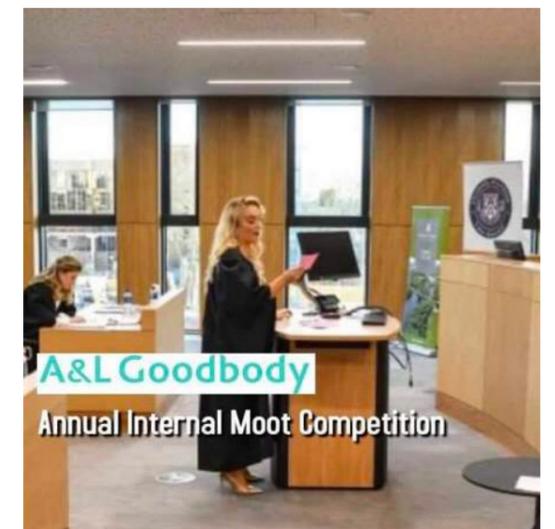
School of Law at the Annual Justice Week Debate



Eoin McGloin represented the School of Law at the Annual Justice Week Debate run by the Bar of Ireland on Wednesday 3rd of March (on MS Teams). The motion for debate was: "This house believes that the right to offend, shock and disturb is necessary in a democratic society". It was judged by Justice Seamus Noonan, Justice Maurice Collins, Justice Nuala Butler and Maura McNally SC, Chair of the Council of The Bar of Ireland.

A&L Goodbody Moot Court Competition 2021

On Wednesday the 10th of March the School hosted the Annual A and L Goodbody Moot online. The event was huge success with a high standard of debate from the students - apparently unperturbed by the online environment! We are delighted to continue this valued association with A and L Goodbody and to have had Dr Stephen King to judge once more alongside Prof Ray Friel and Dr Lydia Bracken. Congratulations to the winning prosecution team of Katherine Ahern, Daryl Waud and Ashish Lal - and to Paul Ryan of the defence who won Best Speaker.



Annual Intervarsity Moot

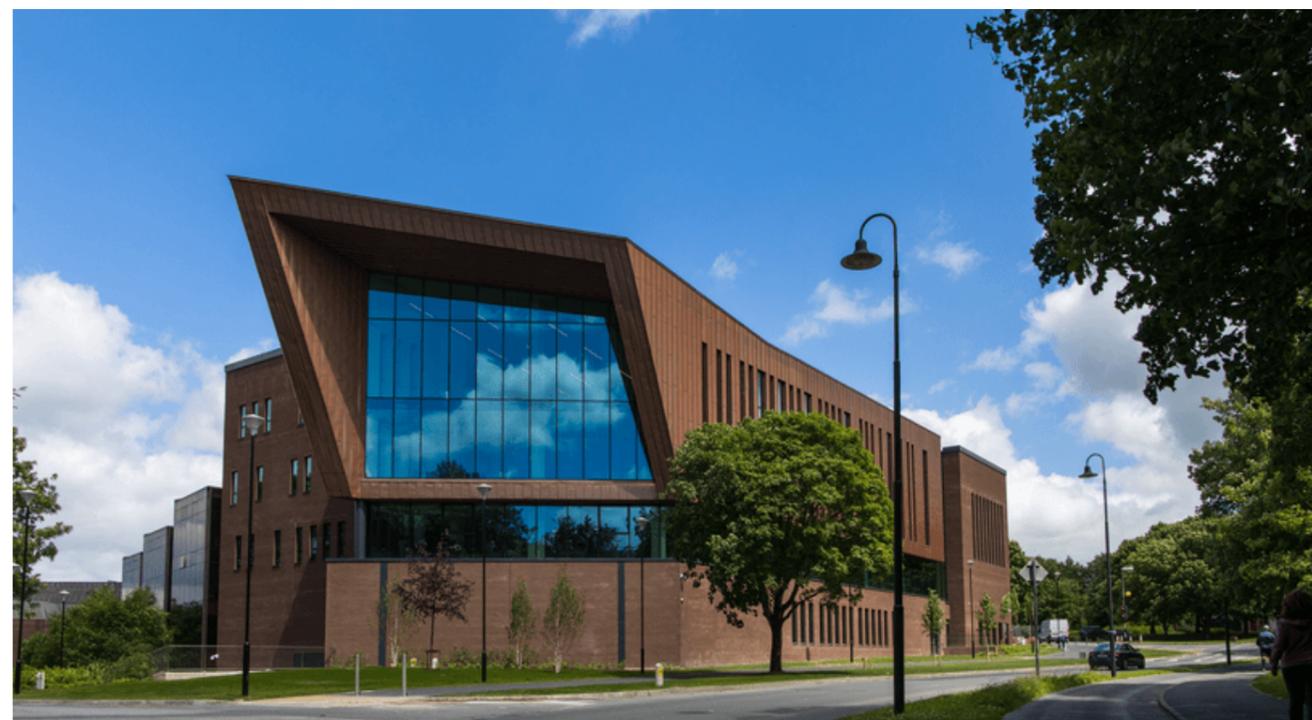
In March 2021 the Annual Intervarsity Moot competition between UL and Cambridge University took place online. Congratulations to our stellar Mooting Officer Norah O'Brien and her brilliant teammate Jemima Nugent on winning the competition against Cambridge University. Both teams gave a tremendous performance, especially considering the tricky online environment of the competition.



Fourth Year Law Plus Students Present Research to Sexual Violence Centre Cork



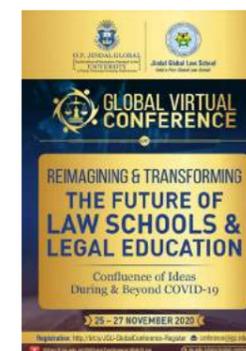
On 24th March, a group of final year Law Plus students presented their research on 'Media Reporting on Rape Trials' to Mary Crilly and Ellie O'Mahony from Sexual Violence Centre Cork (SVCC). SVCC run the #FixedIt-Ireland initiative which proposes changes to Irish newspaper headlines on sexual violence and have advised students on their research over the course of their project. The students completed this research as part of an Advanced Lawyering project under the supervision of Dr Susan Leahy. The students in this group were: Scion Flanagan, Sarah White, Isabel Shier, Darragh O'Grady, Laura O'Callaghan and Eoghan O'Neill. The School of Law are grateful to the Sexual Violence Centre Cork for supporting the students' project.



International Links

Global Conference

Professor Shane Kilcommins was delighted to speak at the Global Virtual Conference on "Reimagining & Transforming the Future of Law Schools and Legal Education: Confluence of Ideas During & Beyond COVID-19". The Conference took place at Jindal Global Law School, at Jindal Global University in India between the 25th and 27th November 2020.



Christ University Memorandum of Understanding

The UL School of Law signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the School of Law Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, India. This will facilitate the collaboration between the institutions and articulates the intention to develop specific models of cooperation between the institutions. A signing ceremony took place on the 23rd April with Prof Friel and Dr Lombard attending for the UL School of Law. Christ University was established in 1969. The School of Law offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes in law as per the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission. The programmes offered at the School of Law

incorporate a number of special opportunities such as internships, clinical programme, supervisory research and writing. Through its five-year law programme, the School of Law has carved a space for itself in the top league of premier law schools in India.



Curriculum Development and Engagement with External Stakeholders

Policing and Human Rights in Ireland

In 2021 the School of Law, in partnership with An Garda Síochána, commenced a new level 8 module, 'Policing and Human Rights in Ireland'. This micro-credentials module is a bespoke training programme for An Garda Síochána and is accredited by the University of Limerick.

The initial intake for the course was approximately 585 working members An Garda Síochána. The course is delivered completely online in an asynchronous format and aims to provide participants with an introduction to the workings and jurisprudence of the European Convention on Human Rights, particularly as it relates to policing in Ireland. It is a co-curricular module, which involves weekly contributions from both UL staff and senior management within An Garda Síochána.



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eLearning Course

A new eLearning Course, 'Human Rights and Palliative Care', was developed by Dr John Lombard of the School of Law, in collaboration with the All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care, the Irish Hospice Foundation, and Sue Ryder UK. This innovative online 2 hour training programme was designed for all levels of healthcare professionals who seek an understanding or affirmation of "what is palliative care?". The aim of the course is to enable participants to understand the principles of palliative care and their application to practice thereby improving the standard of care delivery and quality of life for patients and their families. The module is interactive, evidence based, promotes best practice and includes links to relevant resources valuable for clinical practice.



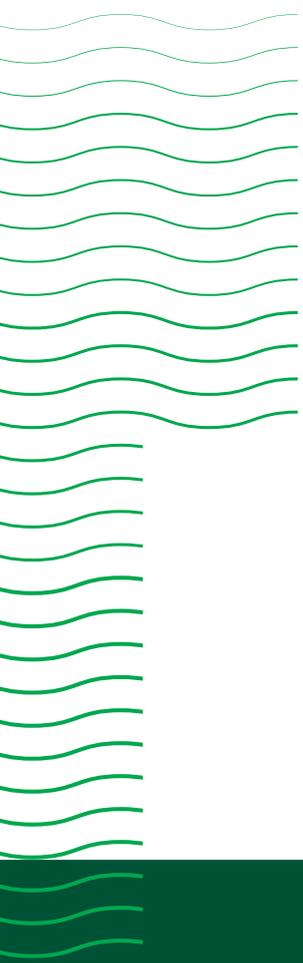
Launch of New Security Intelligence Programmes

The School of Law at the University of Limerick was delighted to welcome thirty senior-ranking members of An Garda Síochána onto the School's newest co-curricular programme- GNCSIS Foundation Principles. The programme was launched by course director, Dr. Alan Cusack (School of Law, University of Limerick) together with Superintendent Ciarán Hoey (GNCSIS) and Detective Inspector Seán Fallon (GNCSIS). Candidates also received a warm welcome address from Assistant Commissioner, Crime & Security Intelligence Service, Orla McPartlin. Representing the first programme of its kind in Ireland, this new online module is a twelve week full-time course specifically designed to provide course participants with a greater understanding of the nature of the GNCSIS region and how the distinct but interconnected sections within it function both in their individual capacity and collectively to deliver this policing and security service. The programme will be delivered by a team of expert academics.



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