

**Annual Conference**  
**‘Current issues in Irish public law’**  
**May 29th, Sutherland School of Law, UCD**



**Conference programme**

**Registration from 9am**

**Session 1 (Parallel): 9.30 am – 10.30am**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Public Law I: Democracy</u></b> (Mason Hayes &amp; Curran Theatre)</p> <p><b>Aoife McMahon BL:</b> Democracy in an age of misinformation and disinformation</p> <p><b>Ronan Lupton SC:</b> “Haters going to hate” arguments for and against the Criminal Justice (Incitement to Violence or Hatred and Hate Offences) Bill 2022.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Healthcare law</u></b> (William Fry Theatre)</p> <p><b>Sarah Fennell BL:</b> Children and Special Care: Some Recent Developments</p> <p><b>Aoife Mulligan BL:</b> Assisted decision-making and care: a review of the first year</p>
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**Coffee: 10.30-11**

**Session 2 (11am-12.10pm)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Information, data protection and technology</u></b> (Mason Hayes &amp; Curran Theatre)</p> <p><b>Brian Barry:</b> The near-future implications of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act</p> <p><b>Aoiffe Moran:</b> Recent developments in information law.</p> <p><b>James Kneale BL:</b> GDPR actions and PIAB: the decisions in Keane v CSO [2024] IEHC 20 and Dillon v Irish Life Assurance [2024] IEHC 203.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EU law</u></b> (William Fry Theatre)</p> <p><b>Imelda Maher &amp; Stephanie Fitzpatrick:</b> Preliminary References and What Happens Next</p> <p><b>Hannah Godfrey BL:</b> The EU Law Right to an Effective Remedy: Some Implications for Irish Public Law</p> <p><b>Bernadette Quigley SC:</b> EU law in Sports: Three landmark sports cases</p>
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### Session 3 (12.20pm – 1.30pm)

<b>Public law II: Administration</b> (Mason Hayes & Curran Theatre)	<b>Environmental and planning</b> (William Fry Theatre)
<b>Kevin Costello:</b> Criminal Liability for Public Maladministration.	<b>Alan Keating SC:</b> discretion in the grant of <i>certiorari</i> in planning cases
<b>Paul Daly:</b> “Zalewski: A Comparative and Historical Critique	<b>John Kenny BL:</b> The Planning and Environment Court: Emerging Themes
	<b>Orla Kelleher and Andrew Jackson:</b> 'The implications of the European Court of Human Rights climate rulings for future climate litigation in Ireland'

Lunch 1.30 – 2.30

### Session 4 (Parallel): 2.30 – 3.30

<b>Public law III: Process</b> (Mason Hayes & Curran Theatre)	<b>Asylum and immigration</b> (William Fry Theatre)
<b>Eoin Carolan SC:</b> Interlocutory and interim relief in public law proceedings after <i>MD v Board of Management</i> [2024] IESC 11	<b>Sarah Cooney BL:</b> Recent appellate decisions concerning the EU Free Movement Directive.
<b>Colin Smith BL:</b> Impossibility in Public Law: Recent Developments	<b>Conor Power SC:</b> The new EU Asylum and Migration Pact.

3.30 - 4 Coffee

**Session 5: 4pm – 5pm**

<b>Constitutional law</b> (Mason Hayes & Curran Theatre)	<b>Media and politics</b> (William Fry Theatre)
<p><b>Ailbhe O’Neill SC:</b> Delaney v PIAB: the constitutional implications</p> <p><b>John Fitzgerald SC:</b> The use of evidence obtained in criminal proceedings: recent developments</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Kavanagh:</b> Recent Developments in Electoral Law and the Regulation of Politics.</p> <p><b>John O’Dowd:</b> Corcoran and the impact of Article 4 of the European Media Freedom Act</p>