



UCD Centre for  
Constitutional Studies

# Current issues in Irish public law

*Provisional conference programme: speakers may be added or substituted.*

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Sutherland School of Law, UCD

## Session 1: Parallel Panels:

9.30am to 10.15am

<p><b>L143 (William Fry Theatre)</b></p> <p><u>Immigration and asylum law</u></p> <p><b>Chair: Ms. Justice Burns</b></p> <p><b>David Conlan Smyth SC:</b> 'Temporary Protection - Initial Perspective'</p> <p><b>Aoife McMahon BL:</b> "Recent developments in the area of family reunification".</p>	<p><b>L249 (Walsh Classroom)</b></p> <p><u>Environmental and planning law</u></p> <p><b>Chair: Ms. Justice Baker</b></p> <p><b>Rachel Minch SC, Philip Lee Solicitors:</b> Proposed reform of the judicial review of planning decisions, standing rights and the special costs rules</p> <p><b>Brian Foley SC:</b> Is the Duty to Give Reasons at an Impossible Standard?</p>
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Coffee: 10.15-10.45

## Sessions 2: Parallel panels

10.45am to 11.45am

<p><b>L143 (William Fry Theatre)</b></p> <p><u>Criminal law</u></p> <p><b>Chair: Dr Sarah Fulham McQuillan</b></p> <p><b>Philipp Rahn SC:</b> Preliminary trial hearings under the Criminal Procedure Act 2021</p> <p><b>Remy Farrell SC:</b> Current issues in regulatory and criminal law</p> <p><b>Sinead Gleeson BL:</b> "Corroboration Warnings: Regular to Rare.</p>	<p><b>L249 (Walsh Classroom)</b></p> <p><u>Data and information</u></p> <p><b>Chair: Professor Eoin Carolan</b></p> <p><b>Lisa Joyce &amp; Aoiffe Moran, Mason Hayes and Curran Solicitors:</b> Recent developments on Data Sharing and Information Access.</p> <p><b>Ronan Lupton SC:</b> Developments in Data Retention, Freedom of Expression, Defamation, and Media Law</p>
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### **Session 3: Parallel panels**

11.45am – 12.30pm

<p><b>L143 (William Fry Theatre)</b></p> <p><u>Child and family law</u></p> <p><b>Chair: Geoffrey Shannon SC</b></p> <p><b>Aine Hynes SC, St Johns Solicitors:</b> Transition from Wardship to Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015</p> <p><b>Eltin Ryle, Matheson Solicitors:</b> Current issues in the law relating to surrogacy</p>	<p><b>L249 (Walsh Classroom)</b></p> <p><u>European law</u></p> <p><b>Chair: tbc</b></p> <p><b>Bernadette Quigley SC:</b> EU law in domestic litigation</p> <p><b>Catherine Donnelly SC, Trinity College Dublin:</b> The impact of European laws on Irish public law principles</p>
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Lunch 12.45 to 1.30pm

### **Session 4: Plenary panel:** **L024 (Mason Hayes & Curran Theatre)**

1.30pm to 2.45pm

**Constitutional law**

**Chair: Mr. Justice Collins**

**Tom Hickey, Dublin City University:** *Zalewski* and the judicial power in Irish constitutional law.

**Ailbhe O’Neill BL, Trinity College Dublin:** Executive power and *Burke v Minister for Education [2022] IESC 1*

**Rossa Fanning SC:** Reflections on housing and the Constitution after *Clare County Council v. McDonagh [2022] IESC 2*.

**Paul Gallagher SC, Attorney General:** Statutory interpretation and constitutional dimensions.

### **Session 5: Plenary panel:** **L024 (Mason Hayes & Curran Theatre)**

2.45pm to 4pm.

**Chair: Mr. Justice Meenan**

**Judicial review**

**Derek Shortall SC:** *'The Right to an Oral Hearing - Recent Developments and Case law'*

**Conor Power SC:** lack of candour as a basis for refusing relief in judicial review,

**Hannah Godfrey BL:** The Discretionary Nature of Relief in Judicial Review Proceedings

**John O’Dowd, University College Dublin:** Declarations as a remedy for after *Fox and PMc*.