

Centre for Law and the Environment, UCC

# *Law and the Environment 2024*

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



*Rights, Remedies and Restoration in Environmental and Natural Resources Law*

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Boole Lecture Theatres 1, 3, 4 and 6**

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**8:30 am Registration and Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)**

8:50 am Welcome: Prof Mark Poustie, Dean of the School of Law, University College Cork (Boole 3).

**Parallel Session 1: The Planning and Development Bill 2023 (Boole 4)**

Chair: Prof Áine Ryall, School of Law, University College Cork & Chair, Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

9:00 am Mr Tom Flynn SC, Law Library, Dublin:  
*Overview of Planning and Development Bill.*

9:30 am Ms Attracta Uí Bhroin, Irish Environmental Network (IEN):  
*The Planning and Development Bill, 2023: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Paradigm Shift - Centralised Control Conjoined with Reduced Accountability and Oversight.*

10:00 am Mr Gregory Jones KC, BL, Francis Taylor Building, Inner Temple, London and Law Library, Dublin:  
*Environmental Aspects of the Planning and Development Bill.*

**Parallel Session 2: The Legal Framework for Renewable Energy (Boole 3)**

Chair: Prof Irene Lynch Fannon, Head of Knowledge Management, Matheson LLP.

9:00 am Dr Alison Hardiman, Philip Lee Solicitors, Dublin:  
*The Need to Provide for Climate Mitigation within the Legal Scope of Environmental Protection.*

9:30 am Prof Michael A Morris, Director, AMBER SFI Centre for Advanced Materials and Bio-Engineering Research, School of Chemistry, Trinity College Dublin:  
*Recent EU Mandated Targets and Legislation Supporting Renewable Energy.*

10:00 am Dr Eva Barrett, Head of Policy, Irish Solar Energy Association:  
*Sunrise: Solar Power in Ireland.*

**Parallel Session 3: Children and Environmental Rights (Boole 1)**

Chair: Prof Ursula Kilkelly, School of Law & Vice-President Global Engagement, University College Cork.

9:00 am Dr Nabin Maharjan, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Indigenous Knowledge and Children's Environmental Rights.*

9:30 am Prof Aoife Daly, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Children's Participation Rights and Environmental Rights.*

10:00 am Dr Florencia Paz Landeira, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Time, Future and Citizenship Around Children and Youth Environmental Activism.*

**10:30 – 11:00 am Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)**

**Parallel Session 4: Climate Litigation and Remedies (Boole 4)**

Chair: Ms Finola McCarthy, RDJ LLP.

11:00 am Ms Mathilde Lacaze-Masmonteil, Avocate à la Cour, Droit de l'Environnement, Paris:  
*Climate and Environmental Litigation: The French Approach, Limits and Perspectives.*

11:30 am Dr Cecilia Flores Elizondo, Manchester Metropolitan University, Dr Sufyan Droubi, Dr Edzia Carvalho and Dr Fernando Fernandes, University of Dundee:  
*Recognising the Receivers of Justice in the Global Just Transition: A Challenge for Law.*

12:00 pm Dr Thomas L Muinzer, Reader in Energy Transition Law, University of Aberdeen:  
*Landmark Climate Litigation and the Parameters of Climate Law.*

12:30 pm Mr Gabriel Toolan, W.P Toolan & Sons Solicitors, Ballinamore:  
*The Arguments For and Against A Constitutional Right to (a Healthy) Environment in Ireland.*

**Parallel Session 5: Marine Environmental Law (Boole 3)**

Chair: Prof Mark Poustie, Dean, School of Law, University College Cork.

11:00 am Prof Ronán Long, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair of Ocean Governance & the Law of the Sea, World Maritime University [[online](#)]:  
*The BBNJ Agreement and Ireland: Accomplishments, Rights and Duties including those Pertaining to the Restoration of Biological Diversity and Ecosystems.*

11:30 am Dr Goran Dominioni, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University:  
*What's New in the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy? Climate Relevance and the Just and Equitable Transition.*

12:00 pm Dr Elena Kavanagh, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Northern Sea Route: Exploring the Intersection with Disaster Law.*

12:30 pm Mr. Eoin Fannon BL, Law Library, Dublin:  
*A Journey through the "Shores".*

**Parallel Session 6: Transnational Environmental Law (Boole 1)**

Chair: Prof Owen McIntyre, School of Law, University College Cork.

11:00 am Ms Amy O'Halloran, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*The Performance of Legal Functions by Transnational Certification and Labelling Bodies.*

11:30 am Prof Mariia Domina, Assistant Professor in Business Law, IUT Nancy Charlemagne, University of Lorraine:  
*What Role Does Corporate Social Responsibility Play in the Protection of Environment? The French Law Perspective.*

12:00 pm Ms Niamh Guiry, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Non-Binding Aspirations and Voluntary Reporting: Exploring State Adherence to the Sustainable Development Goal Paradigm.*

12:30 pm Ms Hannah Janknecht, Regulatory Analyst, Compliance & Risks, Cork:  
*Sustainability in the Fashion Industry - Mitigating Environmental Impact Along the Product Life-Cycle.*

**1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch (Mini-Rest, UCC)**

**Parallel Session 7: Delivering Environmental Justice (Boole 4)**

- Chair: Mr Kieran Cummins, Solicitor and Environmental Planning Specialist.
- 2:00 pm Ms Clodagh Daly, Manager, Centre for Environmental Justice and Ms Rose Wall, CEO, Centre for Environmental Justice:  
*Fostering Environmental Justice: The Role of a Community Law Centre in Advancing and Safeguarding Environmental Rights and Remedies.*
- 2:30 pm Ms Amy Rose, Global Director of Litigation, Governance & Legal Services, ClientEarth:  
*Corporate Actors and Environmental Justice.*
- 3:00 pm Judge Anders Bengtsson, Former Senior Judge, Land and Environment Court, Växjö, Sweden; Member, Espoo Convention Implementation Committee 2017-23; Co-chair, Working Group on Environmental Law, Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) 2014–23  
*The Espoo Convention – Providing for Environmental Considerations in a Transboundary Context?*
- 3:30 pm Prof Patrick Parenteau, Professor of Law Emeritus and Senior Fellow for Climate Policy, Vermont Law and Graduate School [Online]:  
*Overview of Judicial Remedies for Climate Disruption: Examples from the US and Elsewhere.*

**Parallel Session 8: Biodiversity, Nature and the Law (Boole 3)**

- Chair: Dr Alison Hardiman, Philip Lee Solicitors, Dublin:
- 2:00 pm Dr Amanda Byer, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin:  
*Emparking Empire: Exclusion, Ecological Restoration and Environmental Democracy in Caribbean Environmental Law.*
- 2:30 pm Ms Patrycja Dorniak-Gelzer, German Federal Ministry of Environment, Berlin:  
*A Critical Analysis of European Union Nature Law from a Nature Restoration Perspective.*
- 3:00 pm Mr Mark O'Brien O'Reilly BL, Francis Taylor Building, Inner Temple, London:  
*Environmental Protests, Injunctions and the Law: The English Experience.*

3:30 pm Dr Denise McCullagh and Dr Lydia Cumiskey, MaREI Centre, University College Cork:  
*How Can the EU Nature Restoration Regulation Support Holistic Adaptation Action at the Local Level?*

**Parallel Session 9: Technology and Environmental Challenges (Boole 1)**

Chair: Dr Noreen O’Meara, Reader, School of Law and Co-Director: Surrey Centre for International and Environmental Law, University of Surrey.

2:00 pm Mr David Gee, Visiting Fellow, Centre for Pollution Research and Policy, Brunel University, London:  
*Impacts of Screen-Based Technologies and Radio Frequency Radiations: Another Asbestos?*

2:30 pm Prof Tom Butler, Business Information Systems, Cork University Business School, University College Cork:  
*Weight of Scientific Evidence Indicates Wireless Radiation Poses Significant Risks to Human Health.*

3:00 pm Dr Rónán Kennedy, School of Law, University of Galway:  
*Environmental Law in the Cloud: Regulating the Climate Footprint of Artificial Intelligence.*

3:30 pm Dr Alessandra Guida, School of Law, Queen’s University Belfast:  
*New Challenges Posed by Genetic Engineering: Pros, Cons, and Legal Issues Posed by “Silent Forests”.*

**4:00 – 4:30 pm Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)**

**Parallel Session 10: Rights and Duties in Pollution Regulation (Boole 4)**

Chair: Dr Rónán Kennedy, School of Law, University of Galway.

4:30 pm Ms Marie O’Connor, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency  
*The EPA and Industrial Emissions (IE) Licences under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) 2010/75/EU.*

5:00 pm Dr Noreen O’Meara, Reader, School of Law and Co-Director: Surrey Centre for International and Environmental Law, University of Surrey:  
*The Human Right to a Healthy Environment and the Clean Air Context: Momentum, Stasis, Pushback.*

**Parallel Session 11: Rights and Duties in Water Services (Boole 3)**

Chair: Prof Owen McIntyre, School of Law, University College Cork.

4:30 pm Prof Sarah Hendry, School of Law, University of Dundee:  
*Liability and Responsibility for Water Services in Scotland – Reform Proposals for Water, Sewerage and Drainage.*

5:00 pm Dr Sahara Nankan, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Gender and WASH: Procedural Rights Remedies under International Law and Policy Frameworks.*

**Parallel Session 12: Rights and Duties in Heritage Protection (Boole 1)**

Chair: Dr Phyllis Comerford, School of Law, University College Cork:

4:30 pm Dr Amy Strecker, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin:  
*Heritage Destruction, Development Projects, and Human Rights.*

5:00 pm Mr Seán Kirwan, Senior Archaeologist, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage:  
*Enforcing Protection of Archaeological and Historic Heritage: The Experience of the National Monuments Acts 1930 to 2014 and New Opportunities with the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023.*

**Parallel Session 12: Disaster Risk Governance (Boole 6)**

Chair: Dr Marie Aronsson-Storrier, School of Law, University College Cork

4:30 pm Dr Lydia Cumiskey, MaREI Centre, University College Cork:  
*Promoting Resilient Cities through Community Participation and Communication of Climate and Disaster Risks (PROCOMMS).*

5:00 pm Mr David Fisher, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies:  
*Crisis Recovery and Law.*

**Plenary Session 13: Agora: Linking the Irish Environment (Boole 3) [5:30 – 6:30 pm]**

Facilitators: Dr Ciara Brennan and Ms Caitlin McIlhennon, Environmental Justice Network Ireland (EJNI)

Panellists: Dr Bróna McNeill, School of Law, Queens University Belfast:  
*A Right to Roam on the Island of Ireland?*

Dr Lisa-Claire Whitten, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queens University Belfast:  
*The Windsor Framework and North/South Environmental Cooperation.*

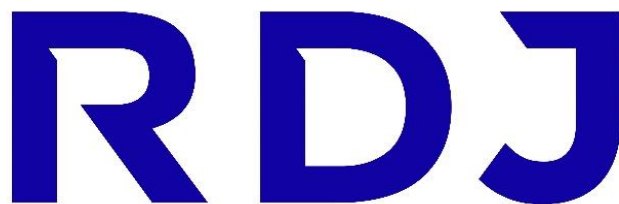
Ms Alison Hough BL, Technical University of the Shannon:  
*Aarhus Rights on the Island of Ireland.*

Dr Orla Kelleher, School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth University:  
*Exploring Transboundary Strategic Litigation on the Island of Ireland.*

**6:30 pm**                      **Closing Remarks (Boole 3)**

**6:40 pm**                      **Conference Reception and Book Launch  
(Staff Common Room, Quad North Wing)**

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## Conference Programme Overview

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<b>Planning &amp; Dev. Bill</b> Tom Flynn Attracta Uí Bhroin Gregory Jones		<b>Renewable Energy</b> Alison Hardiman Michael Morris Eva Barrett		<b>Children &amp; Env. Rights</b> Nabin Maharjan Aoife Daly Florenca Paz Landeira			
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>				<b>Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)</b>			
11:00 – 1:00 (Boole 4)		11:00 – 1:00 (Boole 3)		11:00 – 1:00 (Boole 1)			
<b>Climate Litigation</b> M. Lacaze-Masmonteil Flores Elizondo <i>et al</i> Thomas Muinzer Gabriel Toolan		<b>Marine Env. Law</b> Ronán Long Goran Dominioni Elena Knyazeva Eoin Fannon		<b>Transnational Env. Law</b> Amy O'Halloran Mariia Domina Niamh Guiry Hannah Janknecht			
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>				<b>Lunch</b>			
2:00 - 4:00 (Boole 4)		2:00 – 4:00 (Boole 3)		2:00 – 4:00 (Boole 1)			
<b>Delivering Env. Justice</b> Clodagh Daly & Rose Wall Amy Rose Anders Bengtsson Patrick Parenteau		<b>Biodiversity &amp; Nature</b> Amanda Byer Patrycja Dorniak-Gelzer Mark O'Brien O'Reilly D. McCullagh & L Cumisky		<b>Technology &amp; Env.</b> David Gee Tom Butler Rónán Kennedy Alessandra Guida			
<b>4:00 – 4:30</b>				<b>Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)</b>			
4:30 – 5:30 (Boole 4)	4:30 – 5:30 (Boole 3)	4:30 – 5:30 (Boole 1)	4:30 – 5:30 (Boole 6)				
<b>Pollution Reg.</b> Marie O'Connor Noreen O'Meara	<b>Water Services</b> Sarah Hendry Sahara Nankan	<b>Heritage Protection</b> Amy Strecker Seán Kirwan	<b>Disaster Risk Gov.</b> M Aronsson-Storrier David Fisher				
5:30 – 6:30 (Boole 3)							
<b>Agora: Linking the Irish Environment</b> Ciara Brennan, Caitlin McIlhennon, Bróna McNeill, Lisa-Claire Whitten, Alison Hough, Orla Kelleher							
<b>6:30 Concluding Remarks (Boole 3)</b>							
<b>6:40 – 8:00</b>				<b>Conference Reception (Staff Common Room, North Wing)</b> <b>Book Launch &amp; Journal Special Issue Launch</b>			