

Centre for Law and the Environment, UCC

*Law and the Environment 2022*

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



*Environmental Rights: From Discourse to Legal Action*

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Boole Lecture Theatres 1, 3 and 4**

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

8:50 am Opening Remarks: Prof Owen McIntyre, Conference Convener (**Boole 3**)

**Plenary Session 1: The Evolving Aarhus Regime**

Chair: TBC

9:00 am Prof Áine Ryall, School of Law, University College Cork / Chair,  
Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee:  
*Aarhus Convention: Contemporary Developments.*

9:30 am Dr Amanda Byer, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University College  
Dublin:  
*A Comparative Analysis of the Aarhus Convention and the Escazú  
Agreement.*

10:00 am Ms Alison Hough B.L., Faculty of Business and Hospitality, Athlone  
Institute of Technology:  
*Towards a Conceptualisation of Public Participation: An Examination  
of the Justifications, Objectives and Reasons for Public Participation  
in Environmental Impact Assessment.*

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

**Parallel Session 2: Continuing Evolution of Environmental Rights (I):**

Chair: Dr Dug Cubie, School of Law, University College Cork

11:00 am: Prof Colin Reid, School of Social Sciences, University of Dundee:  
*Pitfalls in Promoting Environmental Rights.*

11:30 am Dr Stephen Turner, School of Law, University of Essex:  
*The Emergence of Standards in Environmental Rights.*

12:00 am Prof Owen McIntyre, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Continuing Elaboration of Standards Relating to the Human Right(s)  
to Water and Sanitation.*

**Parallel Session 3: Climate and Energy Law: Emerging Rights & Policy**

Chair: Mr Conor Linehan, William Fry Solicitors, Dublin

11:00 am Dr Rónán Kennedy, Ms Maeve O'Rourke, Ms Cassie Roddy-  
Mullineaux, School of Law, National University of Ireland Galway:  
*Integrating Human Rights into Irish Climate Law: A Missed  
Opportunity?*

11.30 am Ms Michelle Martin, William Fry LLP, Dublin:  
*Climate Litigation: The Irish Perspective.*

12.00 am Prof Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School:  
*Latest Developments in US Climate Litigation.*

**Parallel Session 4: Planning & Development Law**

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

11:00 am Ms Rachel Minch, Philip Lee Solicitors, Dublin:  
*The Housing and Planning and Development Bill 2019.*

11:30 am Ms Fionna O'Regan, Former Member, An Bord Pleanála:  
*At the Coal Face: Why Some Good Projects Fail.*

12:00 am Ms Caer Smyth, School of Law, Cardiff University:  
*'You can't legislate for a culture change': Obstacles to Change in the Planning Inquiry Process.*

**12.30 – 2.00 pm Lunch**

**Parallel Session 5: Environmental Rights & Litigation**

Chair: Ms Alison Fanagan, Goodbody Solicitors, Dublin

2:00 pm Dr Fred Logue, FP Logue Solicitors, Dublin:  
*Ireland for Environmental Law: Case Studies on EU-Wide Environmental Litigation in the Irish Courts.*

2:30 pm Mr David Gee, European Environment Agency / Brunel University:  
*"Association and Causation": Updated Approaches to Causality in Public Health Law*

3:00 pm Mr Masrur Salekin, School of Law, National University of Ireland Galway:  
*A Specialized Environmental Court for Ireland: What Would the Court Look Like?*

3:30 pm Prof Salmi Abdesselam, Department of Public Law, Ajman University, United Arab Emirates:  
*The Role of Constitutional Courts in the Protection of Environment.*

**Parallel Session 6: Marine Environmental and Resources Law**

Chair: Dr Anne Marie O'Hagan, MaREI Centre for Marine and Renewable Energy, University College Cork

- 2:00 pm Mr Eoin Fannon B.L.:  
*Fishery Access post-Brexit: The Interplay of International, EU and Domestic Law.*
- 2:30 pm Ms Laurie O’Keefe, Acting Director of Enforcement, Sea Fisheries Protection Authority:  
*The Scales of Justice: Fisheries and the Courts.*
- 3:00 pm Ms Karin Dubsy, Coastwatch Europe:  
*Is Legal Action Needed to Protect Biodiverse, Blue Carbon Seagrass Habitats Wherever They Occur?*
- 3:30 pm Mr Edmund Sweetman B.L. & Abogado:  
*Recent Environmental Developments in International Conventions Regulating Shipping.*

**Parallel Session 7: Disaster Law & Disaster Risk Reduction**

Chair: TBC

- 2:00 pm Dr Dug Cubie, School of Law, University College Cork and Dr Martin Le Tissier, MaREI Centre for Marine and Renewable Energy, University College Cork:  
*Emergency Planning and Climate Change Adaptation in Ireland.*
- 2:30 pm Dr Simon Behrman, School of Law, University of Warwick and Dr Avidan Kent, School of Law, University of East Anglia:  
*Opening Up Protection for Climate Refugees in the Populist Moment.*
- 3:00 pm Dr Marie Aronsson-Storrier, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Behind the Curtain: Reimagining the Relationship between International Law and Disasters.*
- 3:30 pm Mr Alan Doyle B.L.:  
*20 Years in ICU: Sustainable Development, the Planning Acts and Climate Change.*

**4.00 – 4.30 pm Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)**

**Parallel Session 8: Continuing Evolution of Environmental Rights (II)**

Chair: Dr Aoife Shields, Shields Sadleir Law & Tax LLP, Cork

- 4:30 pm Mr Tom Flynn S.C.:  
*An Emerging Right to Environmental Protection under the Irish Constitution?*

5:00 pm Dr Aoife Daly, School of Law, University College Cork:  
*Children's Rights and the Environment.*

**Parallel Session 9: Sustainability, Markets & Investment**

Chair: Ms Finola McCarthy, Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, Cork

4:30 pm Mr Gregory Jones Q.C., Francis Taylor Building, Inner Temple,  
London:  
*Legal Liabilities and Green Finance: Is a Greenmark the answer?*

5:00 pm Mr Kieran Cummins,  
*Data Centres, Ireland and the Law.*

**Parallel Session 10: Planning & Landscape: Ireland and the International Context**

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

4:30 pm Prof Amy Strecker, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University  
College Dublin:  
*The Human Right to Landscape in Europe and Internationally.*

5:00 pm Ms Sinéad Mercier, UCD Sutherland School of Law, University  
College Dublin:  
*The Right to Landscape in the Irish Context: Interactions with Cultural  
and Natural Heritage Law.*

**Plenary Session 11: Environmental Rights & Advocacy**

5:30 pm Dr Ciara Brennan, School of Law, University of Newcastle /  
Environmental Justice Network Ireland:  
*Environmental Justice Network Ireland: Promoting Collaborative  
Research on the Island of Ireland and Beyond.*

5:55 pm Closing Remarks

**6:00 pm Conference Reception (Staff Common Room, Quad North Wing)**

**Cost:** Conference (including lunch, tea / coffee and conference materials):

Single delegate (early-bird rate – by 20<sup>th</sup> April): €195

Single delegate (standard rate) €245

Two delegates: €350  
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Academics: €150

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## Conference Programme Overview

<b>8:50 – 9:00</b>			<b>Opening Remarks (Boole 3)</b>		
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>			<b>The Evolving Aarhus Regime (Boole 3)</b> Áine Ryall Amanda Byer Alison Hough		
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>			<b>Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)</b>		
<b>11:00 – 12:30 (Boole 3)</b>	<b>11:00 – 12:30 (Boole 4)</b>	<b>11:00 – 12:30 (Boole 1)</b>			
<b>Environmental Rights (I)</b> Colin Reid Stephen Turner Owen McIntyre	<b>Climate &amp; Energy Law</b> Rónán Kennedy, <i>et al</i> Michelle Martin Masrur Salekin	<b>Planning &amp; Dev. Law</b> Rachel Minch Fionna O'Regan Caer Smyth			
<b>12:30 – 2:00</b>			<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>2:00 – 4:00 (Boole 3)</b>	<b>2:00 – 4:00 (Boole 4)</b>	<b>2:00 – 4:00 (Boole 1)</b>			
<b>Env Rights &amp; Litigation</b> Fred Logue David Gee Salmi Abdesselam Patrick Parenteau	<b>Marine Env &amp; Resources</b> Eoin Fannon Laurie O'Keefe Karin Dubsy Edmund Sweetman	<b>Disaster Risk Reduction</b> Dug Cubie S. Behrman & A. Kent Marie Aronsson-Storrier Alan Doyle			
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<b>5:30 – 5:55</b>			<b>Agora: Environmental Rights &amp; Advocacy</b> Ciara Brennan		
<b>5:55 – 6:00</b>			<b>Reflections &amp; Concluding Remarks</b>		
<b>6:00 – 7:30</b>			<b>Conference Reception (Staff Common Room, North Wing)</b>		