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17th Annual Conference



The Role of Environmental Law in the Transition to Sustainability

Thursday, 11th April 2019

Boole Lecture Theatres 1, 3 and 4

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8.30 am Registration and Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)

8.40 am Boole 3
Opening Remarks: Prof Owen McIntyre, Conference Convener

Parallel Session 1: Marine Environmental Law I: Contemporary Problems – Marine Plastic Pollution (Boole 1)



Chair: Dr Bjorn-Oliver Magsig, Centre for Law and the Environment & Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork

8.45 am Prof Owen McIntyre, Centre for Law and the Environment & Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork:
Addressing Marine Plastic Pollution as a Problem of Transnational Governance.

9.15 am Prof Elizabeth Kirk, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University:
Plastic Fragments at Sea: Law and International Law Making

9.45 am Mr Kieran Kelleher, Fisheries and Oceans Specialist:
“A Paris for the Oceans”. Can International Law Prevent, Reduce or Control Ocean Acidification and Marine Plastic Pollution?

Parallel Session 2: Environmental Transitions I: Emerging Issues and Policy Approaches (Boole 3)

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

8.45 am Dr Thomas L. Muinzer, Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee:
Energy and the Transition to Sustainability: Exploring Fuel Poverty through the Lens of the “Energy Constitution”.

9.15 am Martin Le Tissier, Research Fellow, MaREI Centre for Marine and Renewable Energy, University College Cork:
Interaction for SDG Implementation in Ireland.

9.45 am Dr Brian Jack, School of Law, Queens University Belfast:
Environment and Climate Protection: Devolving Approaches under CAP Reform and UK Agricultural Policy.

Parallel Session 3: Contemporary Developments in Planning Law (Boole 4)

Chair: Dr Karen Ray, Centre for Planning Education and Research, University College Cork

8.45 am Mr Tom Flynn B.L., Dublin:
The Court of Justice of the European Union and the Ever-Expanding Reach of EU Environmental Law.

9.15 am Mr Niall Handy B.L., Dublin:
Protective Costs Orders: The Expanding Scope of Protection to Bring Judicial Review Proceedings.

9.45 am Dr Berna Grist B.L., School of Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin:
Establishment of the Planning Regulator: Key Powers of this New Office.

10.15 -10.45 am Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)

Plenary Session 4: Keynote Presentation (Boole 3)

10.45 am Mr Mike Asquith, Project Manager – Sustainability Transitions, European Environment Agency, Copenhagen:
The Emerging Transitions Discourse and its Implications for Policy.

Parallel Session 5: Marine Environmental Law II: Marine Resources (Boole 1)

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

11.15 am Mr Gregory Jones O.C., and Mr David Graham B.L.,
Francis Taylor Building, Inner Temple, London:
EU Marine Spatial Planning. (Title TBC)

11.45 am Ms Celia le Lievre, School of Law and MaREI Centre for Marine and Renewable Energy, University College Cork:
Reconciling Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) and Habitats Protection under EU Law.

12.15 pm Ms Karin Dubsy, Coastwatch Ireland:
Marine Protected Areas around Ireland: Present Status and a New Campaign for Better and More MPAs.

Parallel Session 6: Environmental Transitions II: Novel Paradigms in Environmental Responsibility (Boole 3)

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

11.15 am Prof Geert van Calster, Faculty of Law, KU Leuven:
Mass Environmental Tort Litigation: Can the Bar Succeed Where Treaties Fail?

11.45 am Mr David Gee, Visiting Fellow, Institute of Environment, Health and Societies, Brunel University, London:
Coaxing Causality from Complexity: Bradford Hill Updated.

12.15 pm Dr Noreen O'Meara, School of Law, University of Surrey:
Plastic Crises and the Environment: Law and Accountability.

Parallel Session 7: Brexit and the Future of Environmental Law (Boole 4)

Chair: Prof David Gwynn Morgan, School of Law, University College Cork

11.15 am Dr Ludivine Petetin, School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University:
Reconciling Farming and Environment Post Brexit: Are 'Public Goods' the Solution?

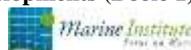
11.45 am Ms Alison Hough B.L., Athlone Institute of Technology:
Solving Brexit: The Role of the Good Friday Agreement in Environmental Cross-Border Co-operation.

12.15 pm Dr Mary Dobbs, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast:
A Principled Future post-Brexit?

12.45 – 2.15 pm Lunch (Mini-Restaurant)

Parallel Session 8: Marine Environmental Law III: Current Developments (Boole 1)

Chair: Mr Ciaran McCarthy B.L.



2.15 pm Prof Ronán Long, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair of Ocean Governance & the Law of the Sea, World Maritime University, Malmö:
Remedying and Restoring Marine Environmental Damage: The (Costa Rica v Nicaragua) Compensation Case and its Potential to Influence a New Marine Biodiversity Instrument.

2.45 pm Mr Padraic Dempsey, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government:
Continuing Progress in Development of the National Marine Planning Framework.

3.15 pm Mr Dermot Conway, Conway's Solicitors, Cork:
The Discard ban: a victory for the Environment or a Brexit style mess?

Parallel Session 9: Environmental Transitions III: Novel Environmental Challenges (Boole 3)

- Chair: Ms Finola McCarthy, Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, Cork
- 2.15 pm Prof Irene Lynch Fannon and Mr Michael Boland, School of Law, University College Cork:
The Gilets Jaunes, Irish Farmers and Water Protestors: Obstacles to Sustainable Development?
- 2.45 pm Prof Catherine Malecki, Department of Economic and Social Administration, Université Rennes 2, France:
Climate Finance: A Herculean Task for the Climate Transition.
- 3.15 pm Mr Alan Doyle, McDowell Purcell Solicitors, Dublin:
Emergency Powers and the Environment

Parallel Session 10: Developments in Climate and Energy Law and Policy (Boole 4)

- Chair: Dr Lawrence Siry, School of Law, University College Cork
- 2.15 pm Dr Leslie-Anne Duvic-Paoli, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London:
Energy Democracy and Global Governance.
- 2.45 pm Mr Kieran Cummins, EcoAdvocacy:
Sustainable Deep Geothermal Energy
- 3.15 pm Dr Rónán Kennedy, School of Law, National University of Ireland Galway:
Irish Climate Change Law and Policy: A New Dawn?

3.45 – 4.15 pm: Tea / Coffee (Boole Basement)

Parallel Session 11: Moving Towards the “Circular Economy (Boole 1)

- Chair: Professor John O'Halloran, Deputy President and Registrar, University College Cork
- 4.15 pm Mr Sean Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer, Wisetek:
Wisetek - a Circular Economy Enterprise
- 4.45pm Prof Marcel Jansen, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences/Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork:
The Newtrients Project on Dairy Industry Waste.
- 5.15 pm Dr Thomas de Romph, Affiliated Senior Researcher, KU Leuven and Hasselt University:
The “Circular Economy” in EU Environmental Law and Policy.

Parallel Session 12: Environmental Transitions IV: Novel Paradigms in Environmental Regulation (Boole 3)

Chair: Mr Alan Roberts, A&L Goodbody Solicitors, Dublin

4.15 pm Dr Sean Whittaker, Dundee Law School:
Uncovering the Environment: The Use of Public Access to Environmental Information.

4.45 pm Dr Bernadette Power, School Economics, University College Cork:
The Changing Dynamic of the Regulated and the Regulator Relationship: The Implications for Environmental Enforcement.

5.15 pm Mr Conor Linehan, William Fry Solicitors, Dublin:
Environmental Decision-Making & Airports: Assessing Recent Irish Developments

Parallel Session 13: Climate Law, Policy and Practice (Boole 4)

Chair: Dr Áine Ryall, School of Law, Centre for Law and Environment and the Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork

4.15 pm Ms Gillian Lobo, ClientEarth, London:
The Expanding Reach of Climate Litigation.

4.45 pm Dr Andrew Jackson, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin:
Science and Rights in Climate Litigation.

5.15 pm Dr Fred Logue, Principal, FP Logue Solicitors, Dublin:
Who knew? Access to Environmental Information and Climate Change.

Plenary Session 14: Agora and Conclusion (Boole 3)

5.45 pm Reflections on the Legal Challenges of the Transition to Sustainability

5.55 pm Closing Remarks

6.00 pm **Conference Reception (Staff Common Room, Quad North Wing)**
Launch of the Report: "Brexit, the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement and the Environment: Issues Arising and Possible Solutions". A report commissioned by the Environmental Pillar and NIEL (Northern Ireland Environmental Link).

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