

**\*\* DRAFT PROGRAMME \*\***

**HUMAN RIGHTS, POVERTY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018**

Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel, Stillorgan, Co Dublin

University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law 21st Irish European Law Forum  
UCD Centre for Human Rights in association with University of Glasgow School of Law

This one-day conference will bring together scholars from a range of disciplinary fields to address the role that human rights have in tackling the global challenges of poverty and material deprivation. It will consider the moral basis and content of human rights against poverty, what obligations these rights entail and how they can be institutionally implemented and enforced. The conference will also consider the possible limitations of human rights as a means of responding to economic inequality, and will engage with critical debate on whether human rights are, in fact, the best instrument for confronting economic inequality, or whether alternative programmes of social justice are needed.

**9:15 – 9:30**                    **Welcome**

**9:30 – 10:30**                **Keynote**  
**Professor Philip Alston**, the John Norton Pomeroy Professor of Law (NYU) & United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.

**10.30 – 11:00**              **Coffee**

**11.00 – 13:00**              **Plenary Session**

**Professor Charles Gore**, Former Head of Research on Africa and Least Developed Countries in UNCTAD and Honorary Professor of Economics University of Glasgow Business School  
***“How the Idea of Poverty Went Global: Development, Basic Needs, Human Rights and Social Justice in the 1970s”.***

**Dr. Julia McClure**, Glasgow, School of Humanities, History Department.

**Professor Wouter Vandenhoe**, Antwerp, UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights, Faculty of Law.

**Dr. Jesse Tomalty**, University of Bergen, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy.

**Dr. Elizabeth Ashford**, University of St Andrews, Senior Lecturer in Moral Philosophy.  
***“Severe Poverty as a Structural Human Rights Violation”.***

**13: 00 – 14:00**              **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30            Parallel Sessions

<p><b>Parallel Session A</b> <i>Theoretical Perspectives</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi</b>, UCC, Department of Philosophy <i>“Are Human Rights as White as Snow?”</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Su-ming Khoo</b>, NUI Galway, School of Political Science and Sociology <i>“Arguments for a Zeroth Generation of Human Rights: Poverty, Social Justice and Sustainability in Posthuman Times”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Anna Chadwick</b>, University of Glasgow, School of Law <i>“The Right to Adequate Food and the Political Economy of Hunger”.</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session B</b> <i>The Role of Human Rights Law</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Aoife Daly</b>, University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice <i>“An Emphasis on Socio-Economic Rights: A Boost for the Popular Discourse?”</i></p> <p><b>Leonie Smith</b>, University of Manchester, School of Social Sciences <i>“The Inability of Rights Legislation to Address UK Poverty Abuse”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Thamil Ananthavinayagan</b>, Griffith College, School of Law <i>“Writing Resistance into International Human Rights Law – Developing a Counter-Hegemonic Strategy to Overcome Social Injustice and Eradicate Poverty”.</i></p>
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15:30 – 15:45            Break

15:45 – 17:15            Parallel Sessions

<p><b>Parallel Session C</b> <i>Strategic Approaches</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Guy Aitchison</b>, King’s College, London <i>“Human rights, poverty and international resistance”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Koldo Casla</b>, University of Newcastle, Institute of Health and Society <i>“Taking Material Equality Seriously in Social Rights Research and Advocacy: Four Policy Proposals”.</i></p> <p><b>Pedro Lippmann</b>, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Université de Rennes <i>“Poverty, Participation and Political Responsibility: Taking Up Our Responsibilities to the Poor”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Lonneke Peperkamp</b>, Radboud University, Law Faculty <i>“Subsistence Wars: Linking Global Distributive Justice and Just War Theory”.</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session D</b> <i>Comparative Perspectives</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Maria Dalli</b>, Human Rights Institute, University of Valencia <i>“Access to Minimum Income in Ireland and Spain”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Nita Mishra</b>, Dublin City University, Ireland India Institute <i>“Operationalising Human Rights-Based Approaches to Development: The Chinks in the Armour”.</i></p> <p><b>Dr. James Kirby</b>, Durham University, School of History <i>“The Road Not Travelled: Economic and Social Rights in 1960s Botswana”.</i></p>
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17:15                            Closing Remarks