



Irish Centre for European Law

## *Union Citizenship in Practice*

### *Its scope of Application, impact on Residence Rights, Social Security entitlements, and Immigration Procedures*

*Thursday 3 November 2011, Distillery Building, Church Street, Dublin 7*

The Centre is delighted to welcome **Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston QC** (Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the EU, author of the Opinion in Case C-34/09, **Ruiz Zambrano**) as well as a range of international experts for a dialogue on the impact of Union Citizenship law in practice.

This seminar will update practitioners on recent developments in the Court's citizenship case-law. It will consider the scope and potential limits of the application of EU Citizenship provisions as well as the impact of the Court's Citizenship case-law on specific areas of practice. Special consideration will be given to immigration procedures, rights of residence and the conditions governing access to social security benefits of Union citizens and their family members.

### **PROGRAMME**

<b>1.45 am</b>	<b><i>Registration</i></b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b><i>Session I – Union Citizenship</i></b> / CHAIR: <i>The Honourable Mr Justice Gerard Hogan, The High Court</i>  Welcome and Introduction: A Brief Overview of Freedom of Movement for Citizens in the Case-Law of the Court of Justice  <i>Jonathan Tomkin, Barrister-at-Law, Director, Irish Centre for European Law</i>
<b>2.15pm</b>	Some Introductory Remarks on Union Citizenship  <i>Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston QC, Court of Justice of the European Union</i>
<b>2.25pm</b>	Union Citizenship and the Application of EU law to Purely Internal Situations  <i>Síofra O'Leary, Référendaire, Court of Justice of the European Union</i>
<b>2.50pm</b>	Union Citizenship and the Irish Courts: Recent Developments  <i>Michael Lynn, Barrister-at-law</i>

3.25pm Third Country Family Members of Union Citizens: Common Legal Issues Arising

*Catharine Cosgrave, Senior Solicitors, Immigrant Council of Ireland*

3.45pm Free Movement, Visas and Immigration Control: A Perspective of the Department of Justice

[Department of Justice, EU Treaty Rights section, Confirmation Pending]

**4.00pm Refreshments**

4.10pm Towards 'Near Equality' Between EU Citizens and Third-Country Nationals:  
Locating *Zambrano* in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

*Dr Cathryn Costello, Worcester College, University of Oxford*

4.30pm Consideration of national law issues from an EU law perspective – A Response to Papers,  
Discussion and Dialogue

*Advocate General Sharpston QC, Court of Justice of the European Union*

5.10pm Citizenship Law in Practice: A Panel Discussion chaired by *The Hon. Mr Justice Gerard Hogan*

*Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston, Síofra O'Leary, Denise Brett BL (invited),  
Anthony Collins SC, Catherine Cosgrave, Cathryn Costello, Michael Lynn BL,  
John Stanley BL, Jonathan Tomkin BL*

**5.30pm Closing Remarks**

*Reception in the Atrium Distillery Building to Follow*

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