



Irish Centre
for European Law

Programme

Human Rights in Practice

The Role of Human Rights on the 20th Anniversary of the ECHR Act 2003

Friday 1 December 2023

Venue: Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

9:30 - 10:00

Registration and Coffee

10:00 to 10:30

Welcome and Introduction

10:00 to 10:10

Open Remarks – Advocate General Anthony M. Collins

Court of Justice of the European Union and President of ICEL

10:10 to 10:30

Attorney General Rossa Fanning SC

10:30 to 12:00

Panel I – Access to Justice on the 20th Anniversary of the ECHR Act 2003

Chair: Dr Patricia Brazil SC, Law Library and Trinity College Dublin

10:30 to 10:45

The Incorporation of the Convention into the law of Ireland

Professor Maria Cahill, University College Cork

10:45 to 11:00

The ECHR and Constitutional Rights post the ECHR Act

The Hon Mr Justice Gerard Hogan, Supreme Court of Ireland

11:00 to 11:15

The Good Friday Agreement at 25 and the Incorporation of the ECHR in Northern Ireland

The Rt Hon Lord Justice Sir Bernard McCloskey

11:15 to 12:00

Panel discussion and questions

12:00 to 13:00

Lunch

13:00 to 14:00

Panel II – Access to Justice and the European Convention on Human Rights

Chair: To be confirmed

13:00 to 13:30

The application of the ECHR in the context of commercial and regulatory law

Dr Catherine Donnelly SC, Law Library and Trinity College Dublin

13:30 to 14:00

Access to Justice in Asylum, Protection and Immigration Cases

Professor Cathryn Costello, University College Dublin

Questions and discussion

14:00 to 14:30

Afternoon coffee

14:30 to 15:30

Panel III – Access to Justice and the European Convention on Human Rights

Professor Tobias Lock, Maynooth University and ICEL

14:30 to 15:00

Article 14 ECHR – Right to Non-Discrimination

Dr David Fennelly BL, Law Library and Trinity College Dublin

15:00 to 15:30

Environmental Protection and the European Convention on Human Rights

Professor Áine Ryall, University College Cork

Questions and discussion

15:30 to 16:30

Keynote

The Hon John Hedigan

The Hon Ms Justice SÍofra O’Leary, President of the ECtHR

Questions and discussion

Conclusion
