



Irish Centre
for European Law

European Human Rights in Practice 2025

Programme

Date: Friday, 16 May 2025

Venue: Upper Library, Bar Library, Belfast, and Streamed Online

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| 10:00-10:30 | Registration and Coffee |
| 10:30 | Welcome and Introduction Chair: Prof Christopher McCrudden, QUB; Univ. Michigan; Blackstone Chambers; and ICEL |
| 10:30 to 10:45 | Opening Remarks – The Hon. Mr Justice Anthony M. Collins Irish Court of Appeal; President of ICEL; formerly Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union |
| 10:45 | Keynote |
| 10:45 to 11:00 | Chair: Rt Hon Dame Siobhan Keegan, Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland |
| 11:00 to 11:45 | Judge Tim Eicke KC, Judge, European Court of Human Rights |
| 11:45 to 12:00 | Response 1: The Hon Ms. Justice Siobhán Phelan, High Court of Ireland |
| 12:00 to 12:15 | Response 2: The Hon Mr Justice Michael Humphreys, High Court of Northern Ireland |
| 12:15 to 12:45 | Panel discussion, Q&A |
| 12:45 to 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 | Panel I – Using European Human Rights Beyond the ECHR Chair: Professor Evelyn Collins CBE |
| 13:30 to 13:50 | Prof Helena Hofmannová, Charles University, Prague: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance |

13.50 to 14.10 Prof Colm O’Cinneide, University College, London: Council of Europe European Committee of Social Rights

14.10 to 14.30 Questions and discussion

14.30

Panel II – Litigating the ECHR in Domestic Courts

Chair: Professor Emeritus Brice Dickson, QUB

14.30 to 14.50 Tony McGleenan KC, Senior Crown Counsel, Bar of Northern Ireland

14.50 to 15.10 Dr. Catherine Donnelly SC, Bar of Ireland

15.10 to 15.30 Questions and discussion

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Afternoon tea / coffee

15.45

Panel III – Litigating the ECHR in Strasbourg: the climate change litigation

Chair: The Hon Mr Justice David Scofield, High Court of Northern Ireland

15.45 to 16.10 Dr Orla Kelleher, Maynooth University

16.10 to 16.30 Dr David Fennelly SC, Bar of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin

16.30 to 16.50 Jessica Simor KC, Bar of England & Wales, Matrix Chambers (online)

16.50 to 17.10 Questions and discussion

Close and final remarks

Chair: Prof. Christopher McCrudden

17.10 to 17.30 The Hon Mr Justice Anthony M. Collins

17.30 to 18.00 Drinks Reception
