



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

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 Dr. Tony McGlennan 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

15:30 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
