



Irish Centre
for European Law

European Human Rights in Practice 2025

Programme

Date: Friday, 24 January 2025

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

9:30 - 10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00 to 10:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Chair: Prof Christopher McCrudden, QUB; Univ. Michigan; Blackstone Chambers; and ICEL

10:00 to 10:10

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

10:10 to 10:30

Dame Brenda King, Attorney General of Northern Ireland

10:30 to 12:00

Keynote

10.30 to 10.45

Chair: Rt Hon Dame Siobhan Keegan, Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

10.45 to 11.15

Judge Tim Eicke KC, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

11.15 to 11.30

Response 1: The Hon Ms. Justice Siobhán Phelan, High Court of Ireland

11.30 to 11.45

Response 2: The Hon Mr Justice Michael Humphreys, High Court of Northern Ireland

11.45 to 12.00

Panel discussion, Q&A

12:00 to 13:00

Lunch

13:00 to 14:00

Panel I – Using European Human Rights Beyond the ECHR

Chair: Professor Evelyn Collins CBE

13.00 to 13.20

Prof Helena Hofmannová, Charles University, Prague: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance

13.20 to 13.40

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

13.40 to 14.00

Questions and discussion

14:00 to 15:00

Panel II – Litigating the ECHR in Domestic Courts

Chair: Professor Emeritus Brice Dickson, QUB

14.00 to 14.20

Dr. Tony McGlennan KC, Senior Crown Counsel, Bar of Northern Ireland

14.20 to 14.40

Dr. Catherine Donnelly SC, Bar of Ireland

14.40 to 15.00

Questions and discussion

15:00 to 15:30

Afternoon
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15:30 to 17.00

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

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

15.30 to 15.50

Dr Orla Kelleher, Maynooth University

15.50 to 16.10

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

16.10 to 16.30

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

16.30 to 16.45 Questions and discussion

Close and final remarks

Chair: Prof. Christopher McCrudden

16.45 to 17.00 The Hon Mr Justice Anthony M. Collins

17.00 to 18.00 Drinks Reception

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Confirmed attendance at Dinner for Speakers and Chairs on the evening before the
Conference

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AG Anthony M. Collins

Prof Christopher McCrudden

The Rt. Hon. Lady Chief Justice, Dame Siobhan Keegan

Judge Tim Eicke KC

Dr Tony McGleenan KC

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