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Technology, Identity & Truth*



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Welcome.



“ A WORD OF WELCOME FROM THE ICON•S CO-PRESIDENTS

We welcome you to the 2026 Annual Conference of the International Society of Public Law, entitled "Reimagining Public Law for a Fractured World — Technology, Identity & Truth". We are deeply grateful that you have joined us in Dublin.

This will be a different conference. Ran Hirschl, a co-founder of ICON•S, one of the most influential public law scholars of his generation, and a mentor to many of us, has passed away. We invite you to join us in remembering and honouring him at the "Plenary Session in Honor of Professor Ran Hirschl."

Ran believed in an ambitious, interdisciplinary approach to public law: one that was unafraid to question mainstream narratives and dominant claims, and that sought to understand comparative constitutional studies using the most rigorous academic methodologies. We hope this conference reflects that spirit: honest engagement, generosity towards more junior researchers, and a willingness to follow others' arguments.

Academic research is not only an individual endeavor but also a collective practice, built on the conversations and challenges we share with one another. Academia is at its best when it is a collective effort: scholars commenting on each other's ideas with generosity, playing devil's advocate to improve arguments, thinking beyond their specific presentation, identifying how their ideas could be useful to others, and inviting dialogue with their co-panelists and audience members.

Our deepest thanks to the incredible team of ICON•S volunteers, our sponsors, and our local partners in Ireland. We are grateful for everything they have done.

Thank you for being part of ICON•S and for all you do to support our community.

Warmly,

Michaela Hailbronner

Co-President, ICON•S

Sergio Verdugo

Co-President, ICON•S





A "Céad Míle Fáilte" from the UCD Centre for Constitutional Studies

Dear friends,

It is an honour, a privilege and, most of all, a pleasure to welcome you all to Ireland for ICON•S 2026. We in UCD are delighted to have the opportunity to bring such a vibrant gathering of international scholars to Dublin for what we hope will be three days of discussion and debate, insight and engagement, conversations and connection.

It is also a great responsibility. In a little over a decade, the ICON•S conference has become the cornerstone of a global community that is open to all, and – in particular – to early career and emerging scholars. The conference filled an important gap by providing a truly global and accessible place for us to come together as a field, to share our experiences, to learn from each other, and in so doing to nurture a deeper understanding of the rich diversity of national and international constitutional experiences. It is a tribute to far-sightedness and generosity of the Society's early leaders (including the late Professor Hirschl, whose sad passing will be marked during the conference) that it is almost impossible today to imagine the constitutional law community without its annual ICON•S.

Hosting the conference is a mark of UCD's long commitment to the research, practice and politics of constitutionalism. Professor John Kelly, the father of Irish constitutional law, lectured here for many years. UCD has provided the vast majority of Attorneys General and Supreme Court judges since the foundations of the Irish state, while its graduates include many leading figures in international, EU and comparative constitutional scholarship – including the School's Visiting Full Professor and ICON•S own founding member, Gráinne de Búrca.

The conference's commitment to early career scholarship is, for us, part of the great joy of hosting the event in Ireland. The UCD Centre for Constitutional Studies places a particular emphasis on fostering early career scholars through its annual "New and Emerging Voices in Constitutional Law" and "Constitutional works-in-progress" workshops so the numbers of early career scholars coming to Dublin – and to the programme of pre ICON•S events so kindly supported by our colleagues in University College Cork, Maynooth University and Trinity College Dublin – has been especially encouraging to see.

We hope that you all enjoy your time here; that you find the event as encouraging and exciting as you expect; and that you leave with fond memories of UCD and Dublin; and future plans to return.

With every good wish,

Eoin Carolan

Professor, University College Dublin

Director, Centre for Constitutional Studies



With thanks.

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08:00 – 09:45

Registration

O'Reilly Hall Conservatory

08:30 – 09:30

Early Career Scholars Reception

O'Connor · Ground Floor

09:45 – 11:15

Parallel Panels

Sessions 1.01 – 1.53

11:30 – 13:00

Parallel Panels

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13:15 – 14:15

Women's Reception

O'Reilly Hall Conservatory

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16:15 – 17:45

Parallel Panels

Sessions 4.01 – 4.53

18:00 – 19:15

◆ **Opening Ceremony & Keynote**

Keynote · E. Tendayi Achiume · O'Reilly Hall

19:15 – 21:00

Welcome Reception

O'Reilly Hall



Panel 11.04

DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING, AUTHORITARIANISM & RESILIENCE

Constitutional Resilience: The Problem of Authoritarian Holdover Appointments (Part II)

O'Connor · L3.15

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Chair: Erin Delaney (University College London, United Kingdom)

Discussant: Mohsin Bhat (Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom)

- A Taxonomy of Responses to Authoritarian Holdover Appointments: The South African Experience
Jason Brickhill — University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Pens and Boots: Corrosive and Rupture Appointments Working Together
Oscar Vilhena Vieira, Rubens Glezer (FGV Direito SP, Brazil); Ana Laura Pereira Barbosa (ESPM, Brazil)

Panel 11.05

METHODOLOGY, PEDAGOGY & THE PROFESSION

Clarity, Drafting, Language and Translation for Better Regulation

Sutherland · L248

Chair: João Tiago Silveira (Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)

- Clarity and Legislative Communication Beyond Language
Maria Mousmouti — IALS, University of London, United Kingdom
- Better Regulation Through the Layered Structure of Legislation: Easification for Clarity, Effectiveness, Efficacy, and Real Accessibility
Helen Xanthaki (University College London, United Kingdom); Nicole Sardiello Zamboni (IALS, University of London, United Kingdom)
- Are Principles Less Clear Than Rules? Introducing a Novel LLM-Based Measure of Rule Clarity
Nathan Herrebosch — University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Elucidation in Indonesia's Legislation: The Illusion of Clarity
Fitriani Sjarif, Efraim Kastanya, Aditya Saputro — Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

Panel 11.06

CONSTITUTIONAL THEORY & FOUNDATIONS

Book Roundtable - Principles of French Constitutional Law (Marie-Luce Paris, UCD Sutherland School of Law/Routledge 2024)

O'Connor · L2.17

Chair: Maxime Millon (Université de Bordeaux, France)

Discussant: David Kenny (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)

Discussant: Marie Padilla (University of Bordeaux, France)

Discussant: Laurent Pech (University College Dublin, Ireland)

- Shaping Legal Minds with Teaching Tools
Yseult Marique — Essex Law School, United Kingdom

Panel 11.07

RULE OF LAW

The Remaining of the Rule of Law Crisis: Rebuilding Trust in the EU

Quinn · Q011

Chair: Andrea Circolo (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)

Discussant: Alessandro Nato (University of Teramo, Italy)

- Legal Certainty as a *Conditio Sine Qua Non* of the Rule of Law
Sveva Troncone — Università Di Napoli Federico II, Italy
- The Nullity of National Court Judgments: A New Remedy to Restore Judicial Independence in Poland?
Miriana Lanotte — University of Bologna, Italy
- Strained Mutual Trust: Rule of Law Deficits and EU Civil Judicial Cooperation
Cristina Grieco — University of Macerata, Italy

Panel 11.08

COURTS, JUDICIAL POWER & JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Responsive Judicial Review in Ireland and Beyond (Part I)

Sutherland · L023 (A&L Goodbody)

Chair: Oran Doyle (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)

Discussant: Eoin Carolan (University College Dublin, Ireland)

Discussant: Hilary Hogan (Maynooth University, Ireland)

Discussant: Donal Coffey (Maynooth University, Ireland)

Discussant: Tom Hickey (Dublin City University, Ireland)

- Constitutional Property Law and the Challenges of Responsiveness
Racahel Walsh — Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Panel 11.09 HYBRID

METHODOLOGY, PEDAGOGY & THE PROFESSION

(Hybrid) Book Roundtable - Research Handbook on Law and Democracy: Challenges to Democracy (ed. Glenn Patmore) (Part 2)

Sutherland · L106 (Harty Boardroom)

Chair: Glenn Patmore (Melbourne Law School, Australia)

- Frightened by the Wrong Ghosts: Russia, the West and Democracy
Jeffrey Kahn — American University Washington College of Law, USA
- China's Challenge to Constitutional Democracy
Jiajun Luo, Shuyu Chu VIRTUAL — New York University School of Law, USA
- Brexit and Its Implications for Democratic Governance in the United Kingdom
Aileen McHarg — Durham University, United Kingdom
- A Historical Gloss on Jurisdiction Stripping and the January 6th Insurrection
Charquia Fegins — Florida State University, USA