



Adversarialism, Participation and Voice in the Criminal Process International and Comparative Perspectives

Thursday 22nd June – Friday 23rd June 2023
Analog Devices Building, University of Limerick

Day 1: Thursday 22nd June 2023

13.00-13.30	Registration
13.30 – 13.45	Welcome – Professor Shane Kilcommins, Provost and Deputy President, University of Limerick
13.45 - 14.15	Keynote Address - Justice Una Ní Raifeartaigh, Judge of the Court of Appeal (Ireland)
14.15 – 16.00	Plenary Session - Mapping the Changing Face of Cross-Examination Prof John Jackson, University of Nottingham, Dr Debbie Cooper, University of Nottingham, Prof Jonathan Doak, Nottingham Trent University, Dr David Wright, Nottingham Trent University.
16.00 – 16.15	Break
16.15-16.45	Keynote Address - Justice Paul McDermott, Judge of the High Court (Ireland)
16.45-17.30	Plenary Session - Insights from Afar David Plater, Rachel Tan and Anh Caprile , South Australian Law Reform Institute / University of Adelaide, 'South Australia's Experience of Seeking 'Best Evidence' for Parties with Complex Communication Needs: Why Lofty Good Intentions are not Enough'

Day 2: Friday 23rd June 2023

9.00 – 9.15	Registration	
9.15 – 9.45	Keynote Address - HHJ Sarah Whitehouse KC, Senior Circuit Judge at the Old Bailey (England & Wales)	
9.45-11.00	<p>Plenary Session – <i>Securing Best Evidence</i></p> <p>Dr Samantha Fairclough, University of Birmingham, ‘Squaring the circle: securing the best evidence <i>for the case</i> and protecting vulnerable witnesses and defendants in criminal trials’</p> <p>Dr Alan Cusack, University of Limerick, ‘Whither Adversarialism? Tracing Shifts in the Procedural Standing of Vulnerable Victims of Crime in Ireland’</p>	
11.-11.15	Break	
11.15-12.30	Parallel Session 1	
	<p>Stream A – <i>Changing Approaches</i></p> <p>Andrew Lacey, University of Limerick, ‘The dilution of adversarialism in the Irish criminal process’</p> <p>Damian Clancy, University of Limerick, ‘Emergency: what emergency? A justification, if any, for the ongoing use of the Special Criminal Court 50 years on’</p> <p>Jennifer Hough, University of Central Lancashire, ‘Accommodating key voices in new spaces: An examination of how witnesses navigated unconventional spaces in the Nightingale Courts in England and Wales during the pandemic, and beyond’</p>	<p>Stream B - <i>Accommodating Voices</i></p> <p>Josie Scott, Brian Payne, Linda Moore, Julie Harris, Conor Murray, Ulster University, ‘How do the courts in Northern Ireland respond to victim/survivors of domestic abuse during the court process: the gap between expectation and reality from the victim/survivor’s perspective’</p> <p>Jane Mulcahy, University of Limerick, ‘Making space for the stories of victim/perpetrators to be heard and understood in court’</p> <p>John Taggart, Queen’s University Belfast, ‘Effective participation means early participation: The case for intermediary assistance at the investigative stage’.</p>
12.30-13.15	Lunch	

13.15-13.45	Keynote Address - HHJ Patricia Smyth, Recorder of Belfast (Northern Ireland)	
13.45-15.00	Parallel Session 4	
	<p data-bbox="443 360 911 432" style="text-align: center;">Stream C – Questioning Vulnerable Witnesses</p> <p data-bbox="411 510 943 701">Joanne Morrison, University of Kent, ‘Cross-examination of adult witnesses with intellectual disabilities – a comparison of question styles for ‘putting the case’</p> <p data-bbox="411 741 943 898">Alison May, University of Leeds, ‘The participation and questioning of vulnerable witnesses: a historical perspective’</p>	<p data-bbox="979 360 1501 472" style="text-align: center;">Stream D - Improving Participation for Vulnerable Suspects, Defendants and Prisoners</p> <p data-bbox="963 495 1513 607">Brendan O’Mahony, University College Cork, ‘The use of intermediaries at Parole Board Hearings in England and Wales’.</p> <p data-bbox="963 730 1513 842">Louise Taylor, Open University, ‘Special measures for domestically abused defendants’</p>
15.00-15.15	Break	
15.15-16.00	Closing Address - Lord Beckett KC, Judge of the Supreme Courts (Scotland)	