IRELAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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National University of Ireland Galway

A one-day conference organized by the
Irish Centre for Human Rights and the School of Law, NUI Galway

Venue: St Anthony’s, Cairnes Building, NUI Galway

PROGRAMME

8.45 – 9.15 Conference Registration
9.15 – 9.30 Opening Remarks: Prof Willie Golden, Dean, College of Business, Public Policy and Law
9.30 – 11.00 **Panel I: Corporate Accountability for Overseas Activities**
Chair: Dr Shane Darcy, Irish Centre for Human Rights

Dr Nadia Bernaz, Middlesex University, Extra-territoriality as a way to enhance corporate accountability for human rights violations committed abroad

Tara Van Ho, University of Essex, Foreign Investment in Transitional States: Raising Concerns about Ruggie and Suggesting Steps for Ireland

Professor Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington, Lessons from Civil Litigation in the United States

11.00 – 11.30 Tea and Coffee Break
11.30 – 1.00 **Panel II: Ireland, Business and Human Rights**
Chair: Prof Ray Murphy, Acting Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights

Dr Ciara Hackett, School of Law, NUI Galway, Dependency: An inhibitor to the Irish Case for Corporate Social Responsibility.

Peter Fitzmaurice, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Human Rights and the Direct Provision Business in Ireland

Alan Brady, Trinity College, Corporate Killing and the Law in Ireland

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch
2.00 – 3.30  **Panel III: Migrant Workers, Forced Labour and Trafficking**  
*Chair: Dr Ciara Hackett, School of Law*

Nicholas McGeehan, EUI, Florence, *Migrant Labourers in the Gulf*

Eilis Barry, B.L., *Forced Labour Law in Ireland*

Emily Brennan, Irish Centre for Human Rights, *California’s Trafficking Legislation: A Company Perspective*

3.30 – 4.00  Tea and Coffee Break

4.00 – 5.30  **Panel IV: Company Strategies for addressing Human Rights**  
*Chair: Professor Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington*

Corinne Lewis, *Lex Justi*, *Corporate Social Reporting as a Means to Ensure Corporate Respect for Human Rights: A False Panacea?*

Francis Kieran, IRCHSS Scholar, *Leveraging the efficiencies of cartels to prevent human rights abuse in corporate supply chains*

Dr Tony Royle, NUI Galway, *The ‘IKEA Way in Retail’: Voluntary self-regulation and employment rights and conditions in multinational corporations.*

5.30  Closing remarks