Exploring litigation as a business and human rights remedy

24 March 2017

Institute of Lifecourse and Society, Campus North,
National University of Ireland Galway

Conference Programme

8:45  Registration opens

9:15  Welcoming Remarks  Professor John McHale, Dean, College of Business, Public Policy and Law

9:20  Opening Remarks  Dr Shane Darcy, Irish Centre for Human Rights

9:30  Panel I. Business and human rights litigation in comparative perspective

Professor Anita Ramasastry  University of Washington/UN Working Groups on Business and Human Rights, The Ups and Downs of Aliens Torts Claims in the United States

Richard Meeran  Leigh Day, Business and Human Rights Litigation in the United Kingdom

Marie-Laure Guislain  Sherpa, Business and human rights litigation in France: law and practice

11.00  Tea and coffee break

11.30  Panel II. Human Rights Remedies, Barriers and Opportunities


Professor Cees van Dam  Erasmus University, A wider EU perspective on business and human rights litigation: barriers and opportunities

Eilis Barry  Free Legal Advice Centres, Challenges and Barriers to Pursuing Litigation in Ireland

1.00  Break for lunch

2.15  Panel III. Exploring avenues for business and human rights litigation in Ireland

Dr Geróid O Cuinn  Lancaster University, Global Legal Action Network, Innovations in tacking impunity for cross-border human rights abuses

Eamonn Conlon  A&L Goodbody, Modern Slavery in Supply Chains: Public Procurement Law as a Source of Liability

Wendy Lyon  KODLyons, Litigating extraterritorial corporate human rights violations: a practitioner’s perspective

3.45  Closing Remarks  Professor Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington/UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

4.00  Close of conference