EMA director

**Name:** Professor Thérèse Murphy

**Fields of competence:** international human rights law, with particular expertise in (a) health, the life sciences and associated technologies, and (b) gender and sexuality.

Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

In addition to the academics named in the list of second semester courses set out below, we can offer supervision from a range of other academics, as listed on the next page. Some of these may also be teaching on the second semester courses.

The university and the city

Queen’s University Belfast was founded in 1845. It currently has about 24,000 students, of whom 2,400 are international students.

The School of Law is one of the largest in the University, with approximately 1,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. In September 2016, the School moved into a brand new building in a central location on the main campus, which is within walking distance of the city centre and key transport links.

The School has traditionally been very strong in three research areas: human rights, criminology and criminal justice, and governance. It has expertise in many other fields too (see: www.law.qub.ac.uk). In the 2008 and 2014 assessments of research quality in the UK, the School ranked amongst the best in the country.

Belfast is a city of around 300,000 inhabitants with a rich industrial and cultural history. It has good museums, great parks, a lively night-life and easy access to the coastline, mountains and countryside. Living costs are amongst the lowest in the UK. Belfast has two airports, and Dublin is two hours away by public transport.

Second semester courses

**Courses available for EMA students:** The courses that will be offered in the second semester of 2017/2018 (usually by 2-hour seminars once a week, commencing in early January) are:

- Business and Human Rights (Prof Chris McCrudden) 9 ECTS
- Counter-terrorism and Human Rights (Dr Alice Panepinto) 9 ECTS
- Comparative Human Rights (Prof Chris McCrudden) 9 ECTS
- Equality and Discrimination (Dr Ronagh McQuigg) 9 ECTS
- Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (Dr Alessandro Corda) 9 ECTS
- Justice in Transition (Dr Rachel Killean) 9 ECTS

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** Whenever we get the names of students coming to Belfast in January 2018, those names will be forwarded to our International Office, which can assist students in finding accommodation, etc.

**Assessment:** You will take two courses, and submit (a) coursework (usually 4,000 words max) in the primary course, and (b) a mini-assignment in your second course (eg, a blogpost). You determine which course is the primary one.
**Thesis**

The School of Law at Queen’s University Belfast is able to offer supervision of theses within the following broad areas. This is not an exhaustive list however, and you are invited to contact the EMA director for advice on whether the School could supervise your topic.

- Business and human rights (Dr Ciara Hackett; Prof Chris McCrudden; Dr Ciarán O’Kelly)
- Comparative human rights (Prof Chris McCrudden; Dr Amrei Müller)
- Corporate crime (Dr Kevin Brown)
- Counter-terrorism and human rights (Dr Alice Panepinto)
- Critical approaches to human rights (Dr Mohsen al Attar; Dr Kathryn McNeilly)
- Development and human rights (Dr Peter Doran; Dr Oisin Suttle)
- Environmental rights (Dr Peter Doran)
- Equality and non-discrimination (Prof Chris McCrudden; Dr Ronagh McQuigg)
- European human rights law (Prof Colin Harvey; Prof Chris McCrudden)
- Health and human rights (Dr Amrei Müller; Prof Thérèse Murphy)
- International criminal law (Dr Yassin Brunger; Dr Eithne Dowds; Dr Luke Moffett)
- International humanitarian law (Dr Luke Moffett; Dr Amrei Müller)
- International migration or refugee law (Prof Colin Harvey)
- Policing and human rights (Dr Graham Ellison)
- Religious freedom (Prof Christopher McCrudden)
- Sexuality and human rights (Prof Thérèse Murphy)
- The right to science; bioethics and human rights (Dr Mark Flear; Prof Thérèse Murphy)
- The United Nations and human rights (Dr Luke Moffett)
- Transitional justice and human rights (Dr Yassin Brunger; Dr Rachel Killean; Prof Kieran McEvoy)
- Women’s rights (Dr Yassin Brunger; Dr Kathryn McNeilly; Dr Ronagh McQuigg; Prof Thérèse Murphy)

**Library**

[http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/TheLibrary/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/TheLibrary/)

The McClay Library is a state of the art building. It has probably the most extensive collection of law books, law reports and journals on the island of Ireland, and its electronic resources are excellent. The Law Librarian is Mrs Isabel O’Kelly.

**Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs**

The School of Law has many contacts with international, regional and domestic human rights bodies, including IGOs and NGOs. Northern Ireland itself is very rich in voluntary and community organisations operating in the human rights, equality and social justice fields. Being a territory which is still emerging out of conflict (though it is now a very safe place to live: the rate of crime is one of the lowest in Europe), it is a good part of the world in which to study issues associated with transitional justice. Northern Ireland has its own legislature (the Northern Ireland Assembly) and its own court system, but the content of the law is very similar to that in England and Wales. Civil society organisations are very active on human rights, equality and justice issues in Northern Ireland. Inevitably there are also close ties with organisations in the Republic of Ireland.

**Administration and logistics**

**Information concerning visa arrangements:**

[http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/NewStudents/Postgraduate-International/ImmigrationVisaprocesses/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/NewStudents/Postgraduate-International/ImmigrationVisaprocesses/)

**IT and logistics:**

[http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/InformationServices/)