



EMA Director

Professor Ray Murphy

Fields of competence: International Human Rights Law

Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

Dr. Ciara Smyth, Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Dr. Shane Darcy, Dr. Ekaterina Yahyaoui, Professor Siobhan Mullally, Dr. Josh Curtis, Dr. John Reynolds, Dr. Aoife Duffy.

The university and the city

Galway was founded in the 13th century by the Anglo-Norman de Burgos as a medieval settlement on the eastern bank of the River Corrib. It became a walled and fortified city state ruled by fourteen powerful merchant families, known as the "Tribes of Galway". Today the city is a vibrant, bustling centre of the arts and commerce, though it still retains a relaxed and intimate atmosphere. Galway is the gateway to Connemara, Ireland's largest Gaeltacht region where the Irish language (Gaeilge) is the everyday tongue. The city, with its medieval streets, waterways, extensive range of shopping facilities, wealth of music sessions and other cultural events, is a place to be treasured. The seaside town of Salthill, a Galway suburb, is a renowned summer resort. Its fine beaches open directly onto spectacular Galway Bay. Galway's numerous annual festivals and celebrations - among them the 'Cuir' International Festival of Literature, the Galway Film Fleadh, the Galway Arts Festival, the Galway Races and the Oyster Festival - are famous throughout Ireland and beyond. As a university city, Galway is a lively energetic place throughout the year. The University, founded in 1845 and situated close to the heart of Galway, enjoys an intimate relationship with the city and during the academic year, 15% of the city's population is made up of students.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. Since its establishment in January 2000, the Centre has developed a global reputation for excellence in the field of human rights teaching, research and advocacy, which has enabled the institution to attract high quality students to its acclaimed masters programmes and to build a thriving community of doctoral researchers. The Centre offers an LLM programme in International Human Rights Law, an LLM in International Peace Support Operations and an LLM in International Criminal Law, as well as a PhD degree. In addition, the Centre organizes an annual summer school on the International Criminal Court which the EMA students may attend without charge. The Irish Centre for Human Rights is located on Earls Island, adjacent to the main university campus and close to the centre of Galway.

Second semester courses

Courses available for EMA students: Postgraduate level courses in conjunction with students from the Centre's LLM programmes – LLM in International Human Rights Law, LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict, LLM International Criminal Law:

Websites:

www.nuigalway.ie

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Class	Lecturer	ECTS
Refugee Protection	Dr. Ciara Smyth	15 (36 hours)
Conflict and Post Conflict	Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh	15 (36 hours)
Business and Human Rights	Dr. Shane Darcy	15 (36 hours)
Gender and Human Rights	Dr. Ekaterina Yahyaoui	15 (36 hours)
International Humanitarian Law	Prof. Ray Murphy	10 (24 hours)
Transitional Justice	Professor Siobhan Mullally/Dr. Aoife Duffy	10 (24 hours)
Contemporary Issues in Human Rights II: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Dr. Josh Curtis and Dr. John Reynolds	10 (24 hours)
Minority Rights	Professor Siobhan Mullally	5 (12 hours)

Courses are assessed by way of written papers (10,000 word essay). Students must either attend 2 half courses (4.5 ECTS) & submit a paper for 1 of them or attend a full course (9 ECTS) & submit a paper for this course.

Deadline for enrolment in courses: EMA students should communicate second semester choices to Mr. Stefano Angeleri as soon as possible and to arrive in Galway directly upon termination of first semester studies in Venice. *Students are responsible for catching up on reading etc. if courses have commenced before their arrival. No tutorials provided for late-comers.*

Examination procedures: Submission of a 10,000 word essay.

Thesis

Research areas: International Human Rights Law; Conflict and Human Rights; Terrorism and Human Rights; International Criminal Law; International Peace Support Operations; International Humanitarian Law; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Child Rights; International Refugee Law.

Thesis supervision: Direct contact with supervisor and follow-ups through email.

Number of copies to submit to hosting university (+ 1 copy to EMA Secretariat): 1 hard copy & 1 soft copy.

Thesis Supervision: Professor Ray Murphy, Dr. Ciara Smyth, Dr. Shane Darcy, Dr. Ekaterina Yahyaoui, Professor Siobhan Mullally, Dr. Aoife Duffy.

Recommended research topics: International Humanitarian Law/Criminal Law, Human Rights, Gender, Refugee Law, Business and Human Rights, UN Peace Operations, Minority Rights, Conflict Studies.

Library

James Hardiman Library with a dedicated human rights section. See <http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/>.

Contacts with NGOs, IGOs and Civil Society

The Irish Centre for Human Rights has links with numerous Irish national and international non-governmental agencies, research and academic institutes and inter-governmental organisations. Representatives from such organizations as HRW, Fédération Internationale des Ligues des Droits de l' Homme, Geneva for Human Rights, UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Al-Haq, the Irish Refugee Council, Irish Human Rights Commission, Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Irish Penal Reform Trust, Irish Traveller Movement, ICRC, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, The Arab Lawyers Union and other organisations regularly address classes or deliver lectures at the Irish Centre for Human Rights and students from the Centre intern with these and other organisations. Research funding for projects is regularly awarded by the EU. The Centre has a longstanding relationship with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Administration and logistics

Info on visa arrangements: Non EU students may need to apply for a visa. Detailed instructions at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/prearrival.html#tab2>

Please contact Mr. Stefano Angeleri with any queries that the instructions do not answer.

IT and logistics: Students are advised to bring their own laptop. Full wireless internet is available on campus.