



Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – Tensions at the Fringes of the EU – regaining the Union's purpose

Innovative Approaches to Ecological Sustainability in the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities in a global economic crisis

Friday 26th May 2017, 12.00- 17.00 Queen's University Belfast School of Law

Rationale and Registration

This half day event focuses on the concept of ecological sustainability and identifies both the barriers that European Union policy makers face in seeking to achieve this core goal and the opportunities these create to develop innovative solutions. The first panel explores the principle of ecological sustainability and its role within European Union law and policy. The second panel analyses the challenges that must be addressed if ecological sustainability is to be integrated effectively within other European Union policies, and identifies potential solutions in particular policy areas. The third panel examines the role that economic and community based actors can play in ensuring that the European Union's goals concerning ecological sustainability are being achieved at national and regional levels within individual Member States.

Participation in the workshop is free, but registration is recommended:

<http://www.eventbrite.ie/e/innovative-approaches-to-ecological-sustainability-in-the-european-union-challenges-and-tickets-3354321664>)

Programme

12- 12.15: Registration and Refreshments (Moot Court, Floor 2)

12.15-12.20: Opening and Introduction (Moot Court, Floor 2)

- Dr Mary Dobbs, School of Law, Queen's University , Belfast
- Dr Brian Jack, School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast

12.20- 1.20: Key Note Addresses: Ecological Sustainability and European Union Law and Policy

- Professor Elisa Morgera (University of Strathclyde): Ecological Sustainability at the Intersection of International and European Union Biodiversity Law: new insights from the Scottish debate on Brexit.

- Professor Chris Willmore (University of Bristol): Species as Remainers: Biodiversity in a Post Brexit World.

Chair: Dr Brian Jack, School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast

1.20- 2.35: Ecological Sustainability and Other EU Policies: Integrated or Competing Goals

- Dr Sanne Akerboom (Utrecht University): Renewable Energy Resources and Their Negative Consequences on Biodiversity: Balancing Interests and sustainability targets in the decision making process.
- Celia Le Lievre (PhD Candidate, University College Cork): Environmental Conservation versus sustainable energy in Environmental Law: A paradox for the off shore renewable energy sector.
- Dr Ludivine Petetin (University of Cardiff): Sustainable Agriculture and the Greening of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Chair: Dr Viviane Gravey, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University, Belfast

2.35-2.50: Coffee Break

2.50-4.30: Influencing Decision Making Processes to Deliver Ecological Sustainability: The Role of Economic Actors and of Local Communities

- Dr Simona Davidescu (University of York): The Green Economy, Sustainability and Renewable Energy in Romania.
- Dr María Galera (Carlos III University, Madrid): The Growing Importance of Commons Under the Paradigm of Sustainability: A European Perspective.
- Alison Hough B.L. (Athlone Institute of Technology): Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making: time for a human rights based analysis.
- Dr Peter Doran (Queen's University of Belfast): Governance and Sustainability: Putting Wellbeing at the Heart of Government.

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4.30-5 Roundtable Discussion

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