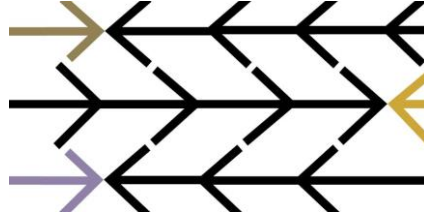




HOW SHOULD A LIBERAL DEMOCRACY REACT TO CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION CLAIMS?



Panel One: Concepts of Conscience

14:05

This opening panel will set the context for the following panel discussions with presentations and discussions centring on the philosophical framework within which we discuss conscientious objection. The speakers will consider the concept of conscience, the idea of freedom of conscience, and the concept of conscientious objection, compared, for example, to civil disobedience, and address the question of who can have a conscience – is it individuals only or also corporate bodies?

14:00		Conference opening by Professor Maeve Cooke MRIA, Chair, RIA Ethical, Political, Legal and Philosophical Studies Committee
14:05	Chair:	Professor Bert Gordijn, Dublin City University
14:10	Panellists:	Professor Kimberley Brownlee, The University of British Columbia
14:25		Dr Katherine Furman, University of Liverpool
14:40		Discussion/Q&A
15:00		Ends

Kimberley Brownlee is Canada Research Chair in Ethics and Political & Social Philosophy at the University of British Columbia. Her current work focuses on loneliness, belonging, social human rights, and interactional ethics. Her other work focuses on conscience, conviction, and principled disobedience of the law. She is the author of *Being Sure of Each Other* (Oxford 2020) and *Conscience and Conviction: The Case for Civil Disobedience* (Oxford 2012).

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Bert Gordijn is Professor and Director of the Institute of Ethics at Dublin City University. He is also Secretary of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare and President of the International Association of Education in Ethics.

