

Human Rights: Culture and Critique

Human Rights and the Social Sciences

22 JUNE 2017

Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St, Dublin 2 Please register at www.ria.ie Registration fee: €5



- 10.00 am Registration
- 10.30–11.30am **Keynote address**
Chair: Liam Herrick, Executive Director, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Is the era of human rights drawing to a close?
— Professor Conor Gearty, London School of Economics
- 11.30–11.45am Coffee break
- 11.45am–1.15pm **Panel 1: The realism of human rights**
Chair and respondent: Mary Lawlor, Founder and Board Member, Front Line Defenders
Human rights and social science: responding to the challenge of the ‘post-truth’ era
—Professor Steven Greer, University of Bristol
Human rights, social science and the siren call of security
—Dr Claire Hamilton, Maynooth University
Economic and social rights under pressure
—Professor Aoife Nolan, University of Nottingham
- 1.15pm–2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm–3.30pm **Panel 2: The role of social science as a ‘critical friend’**
Chair and respondent: Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway
Sociology and human rights: critical friends for protecting refugees
—Dr Patricia Hynes, University of Bedfordshire:
Human rights in an anthropological key
—Professor Mark Goodale, University of Lausanne
Critique as friendship: responding to a crisis in rights?
—Dr Bal Sokhi-Bulley, University of Sussex
- 3.30pm–3.45pm Coffee break
- 3.45–4.15pm **Closing remarks**
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- 4.30–6.30pm Conference attendees are invited to attend the European premiere of the film *It Stays With You: Use of Force by UN Peacekeepers in Haiti*, directed by Cahal McLaughlin and Siobhán Wills, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council
Respondent panel: Professor Conor Gearty, Professor Siobhán Mullally, Professor Aoife Nolan
- 6.30–7.30pm Reception