Human Rights: Culture and Critique

Human Rights and the Social Sciences

22 JUNE 2017

Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson St, Dublin 2

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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

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