



## E.MA Director

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Professor Ray Murphy

**Fields of competence:** International Human Rights Law

## Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

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Dr. Shane Darcy, Dr. Anita Ferrara, Dr. Ciara Smyth, Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Dr. Noelle Higgins, Prof. Michael A. Newton, Prof. Donncha O'Connell, Dr. Aoife Duffy, Dr. Aoife Daly, Ms. Reem Almujaidei, Ms. Hasret Cetinkaya

## The university and the city

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**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, a Cross Border LLM in Human Rights and Cross Border MSc/LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice, as well as a PhD degree. In addition, the Centre organizes an annual summer school on the International Criminal Court which the E.MA 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

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**Courses available for E.MA 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](http://www.nuigalway.ie)

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/irish-centre-human-rights/>

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Class	Lecturer	ECTS
Refugee Protection	Dr. Ciara Smyth	15
Conflict and Post Conflict	Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh	15
Business and Human Rights	Dr. Shane Darcy	15
International Humanitarian Law	Prof. Ray Murphy/Dr. Anita Ferrara	10
Transitional Justice	Dr. Anita Ferrara/Dr. Aoife Duffy	10
Counter Terrorism and Human Rights	Prof. Michael A. Newton	5 (12 hours)
Contemporary Issues in HR III: Rights of the Child	Dr. Aoife Daly	5 (12 hours)
Islam and Human Rights I	Ms. Reem Almujaledi / Ms. Hasret Cetinkaya	5 (12 hours)
Human Rights Field Work: Law and Practice	Dr. Anita Ferrara	5 (12 hours)
Procedure before ICC	Dr. Noelle Higgins	5 (12 hours)
European Human Rights	Prof. Donncha O'Connell	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:** E.MA students should communicate second semester choices to Mr. Mesenbet Assefa 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 E.MA Secretariat): 1 hard copy & 1 soft copy.

## Library

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

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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/human\\_rights/non\\_eu\\_students.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/human_rights/non_eu_students.html) Please contact Mr. Mesenbet Assefa 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.