

# *ELSA's Human Rights Partner is The Council of Europe*

## **Human Rights in Ireland**

Ireland one of the 9 founding states of the Council of Europe, established in the aftermath of WWII

February 1953 Ireland one of first states to ratify the ECHR

Ireland the slowest member to integrate the ECHR into domestic law (Human Rights Act 2003)

November 2012 Ireland elected to the UN Human Rights Council for the term 2013-2015

Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act 2013 enters into force after much debate

July 2014 UN Human Rights Committee raises concerns about violence against children and on the place of women in society (observations on Ireland's compliance with the ICCPR). Critical of the 2013 Act for non-compliance with article 25 ICCPR

### **Useful Links**

- [www.humanrights.ie](http://www.humanrights.ie)
- [www.ihrec.ie](http://www.ihrec.ie)
- [www.dfa.ie/our-role-policies/international-priorities/human-rights/](http://www.dfa.ie/our-role-policies/international-priorities/human-rights/)
- <http://hudoc.echr.coe.int>
- [http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf)

*ELSA Maynooth Human Rights Week*

## *ELSA Day* 26 November 2014

ELSA Day is a day on which the entire ELSA network of 41 countries comes together to raise awareness of human rights issues. Further information: [elsa.org/page/elsa-day](http://elsa.org/page/elsa-day)



Join us in raising awareness of human dignity and cultural diversity by spreading the word about the ELSA Day!



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## International Focus

### Programme (IFP)

ELSA's current IFP is **Media Law**. In focusing on media law, ELSA hopes to shine a light on the role the media play in democratic societies and legal systems in respect of the freedom of expression, the right of access to information, and the **right to privacy**.

The right to privacy (article 8 ECHR), in particular, is a very topical issue in light of current 'Big Data' debates, the proliferation of social media use in recent years, and the phone-hacking controversies. the ECtHR has stated that phone interceptions interfere with the right to private life and the right to correspondence (article 8(1)) and has therefore developed a number of safeguards which have to be put in place to curb the risk of abuse of phone interceptions.

If you are interested in this issue, more information is available at: <http://echr-online.com/art-8-echr/phone-interceptions-in-light-of-article-8-echr>.

## MONDAY

**Molly Hayes**

*Human Rights in North Africa (Tunisia)*

**Dr John Reynolds, Maynooth University Department of Law**

*Let Them Drink Rain: The Human Right to Water in Ireland and Beyond*

Both talks at 3pm in SU Room 3&4 (above Chill)

**Dr Fergus Ryan, Maynooth University Department of Law**

*Vindicating the Human Rights of Transgender People: An Analysis of Proposals for Reform*

6pm in JHL4

## TUESDAY

**Dr Maria Murphy, Maynooth University Department of Law**

*The Future of Privacy and Transparency*

3pm in John Hume Boardroom (3rd floor, John Hume Building)

## FILM & PIZZA!

*12 Years A Slave* in TH1 at 6pm



## WEDNESDAY – ELSA DAY!

**Bake Sale!**

10am - 12pm, Arts Building



**Nick Henderson of Amnesty International**

*Amnesty International's Work on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*

12pm in JHL7

**Michelle Flynn BL**

*Sentencing Policy in Ireland*

5pm in John Hume Boardroom

## THURSDAY

**Deirdre Malone Executive Director of the Irish Penal Reform Trust**

3pm in SU Room 3&4

**FemSoc (Maynooth University Feminist Society)**

*Women in Work: An International Perspective*

6pm in Class Hall F (Arts Building)

## The Right to Privacy in Ireland

The Courts recognise that the personal rights in the Constitution imply the right to privacy. Private written communications and telephone conversations cannot be deliberately, consciously, and unjustifiably interfered with. However, the right to privacy may be limited or restricted by legislation in the interests of the common good, public order, and morality.

*Lawless v. Ireland (No. 3)*  
(App. no. 332/57)

The first international court case decision that involved the interpretation of international human rights law by the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

The case concerned alleged violations of articles 5, 6, and 7 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The ECtHR held that the detention of Lawless was founded on the right of derogation duly exercised by the Irish Government in pursuance of Article 15 of the Convention and dismissed the claim.

## ELSA Maynooth

members who attend all events throughout the week will be entered into a draw to win a **PRIZE!**



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