

**THE LAW AND ECONOMICS OF STATE AID BEFORE NATIONAL  
COURTS**

**University College, Dublin, 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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**PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

From 3pm	Registration and welcome – Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin	
6pm – 8.30pm	State aid and Taxation – Recent Developments  <i>(Event organised with the Irish Society for European Law)</i>	Kelyn Bacon QC, Brick Court Chambers, London  Nicole Robins, Head of State aid team, Oxera Economics Consultancy

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin**

9.00-9.15	Registration	
9.15	Welcome	Professor Suzanne Kingston, University College Dublin and Law Library, Dublin

<b>Morning Session: State aid law before national courts</b>		
Chair: The Hon. Mr. Justice Aindrias Ó Caoimh (formerly CJEU and Irish High Court; Judge-in-Residence, University College Dublin)		
9.30	<u>The role of the national judge in assessing the unlawfulness of State aid</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal framework</li> <li>- The Article 108(3) TFEU standstill obligation</li> <li>- The concept of aid in Article 107(1) TFEU</li> <li>- Services of General Economic Interest and <i>Altmark</i></li> <li>- Applying the General Block Exemption Regulation</li> </ul>	Professor Erika Szyszczak, University of Sussex and Littleton Chambers, London
10.45	Tea/Coffee	
Chair: The Hon. Mr. Justice John Cooke (formerly General Court of the EU and Irish High Court)		
11.15	<u>Remedies before national courts for breach of the State aid rules</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General principles (procedural autonomy, effectiveness, equivalence) and exceptions</li> <li>- The role of the national judge in recovery of unlawful and incompatible aid</li> <li>- Damages</li> <li>- Interim measures and injunctions</li> <li>- Relationship between national courts and the Commission: <i>Mediaset</i></li> <li>- The role of the preliminary reference procedure in State aid</li> </ul>	Dr Diarmuid Rossa Phelan SC, Trinity College Dublin
<b>1pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Afternoon Session: State aid economics before national courts</b>		
Chair: Dr John Temple Lang (formerly European Commission and Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Brussels)		
2pm	<b>Economics of state aid law for</b>	Nicole Robins, Head of State aid team, Oxera

	<b>national judges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The economics of the MEOP test and the Altmark criteria;</li> <li>· Quantifying the amount of aid to be recovered</li> </ul>	Economics Consultancy
3.15pm	Tea/Coffee	
3.45pm	<b>Case-study on handling economic evidence in State aid cases as a national judge</b>	Nicole Robins, Head of State aid team, Oxera Economics Consultancy
5.30	Close	
6.00	Dinner and Tour at the historic King's Inns, Dublin	

