

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

University College, Dublin, 6th – 7th July 2017

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 6th 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 7th 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

Morning Session: State aid law before national courts		
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"> - Legal framework - The Article 108(3) TFEU standstill obligation - The concept of aid in Article 107(1) TFEU - Services of General Economic Interest and <i>Altmark</i> - Applying the General Block Exemption Regulation 	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"> - General principles (procedural autonomy, effectiveness, equivalence) and exceptions - The role of the national judge in recovery of unlawful and incompatible aid - Damages - Interim measures and injunctions - Relationship between national courts and the Commission: <i>Mediaset</i> - The role of the preliminary reference procedure in State aid 	Dr Diarmuid Rossa Phelan SC, Trinity College Dublin
1pm	Lunch	
Afternoon Session: State aid economics before national courts		
Chair: Dr John Temple Lang (formerly European Commission and Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Brussels)		
2pm	Economics of state aid law for	Nicole Robins, Head of State aid team, Oxera

	<p>national judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The economics of the MEOP test and the Altmark criteria; · Quantifying the amount of aid to be recovered 	Economics Consultancy
3.15pm	Tea/Coffee	
3.45pm	<p>Case-study on handling economic evidence in State aid cases as a national judge</p>	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	

