



# CALL FOR PAPERS:

IRISH SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

23-24 MAY 2016

SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,  
NUI GALWAY

## *'(DIS) LOCATING COMPARATIVE LAW'*

The [Irish Society of Comparative Law](#) (ISCL) and the [School of Law](#) of the NUI Galway together with the [Irish Centre for Human Rights](#) are pleased to announce the seventh annual conference of the ISCL to be held in Galway on 23-24 May 2016. The keynote speaker will be [Prof Mark Tushnet](#) of Harvard Law School.

**Theme:** In an increasingly interconnected world, where geographies of protection are premised on the centrality of national territory and state sovereignty, the importance of being cognisant of the concept of location/geography/space/place in the comparative law arena, cannot be underestimated.

Does comparative law continue to contrast the laws of states, or is there now, a new focus? What effect does this have on the diversity inherent in plural legal systems? How are different types of laws (state/customary/indigenous/international) (dis/re)located? How does this (dis)location impact our analysis of these laws, including any effort at being a 'comparativist'? What does this mean for places of transience not holding enough significance to be regarded as legal places? This conference questions traditional narratives of comparative law, in the context of the increasing complexity of legal orders within, between and beyond states.

The conference aims to encourage theoretical and empirical interdisciplinary reflection on comparative law and space/place, to explore why location matters, and ensure cognisance of the sensitivities of location in comparative law. However, any

comparative topic may be proposed, eg private law, criminal law and criminal justice, public or constitutional law, legal education, etc. In addition, proposals on European or International law will also be considered.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Monday, 29 February 2016. Proposals by both members and non-members, as well as by professional academics and graduate students are welcome.

Proposals should be maximum 500 words in length and be sent to [iscl2016@gmail.com](mailto:iscl2016@gmail.com). The conference fee will be €60 for members of the ISCL and €120 for non-members (membership fees are €60, student membership is free). The ISCL regrets that it cannot cover travel or accommodation expenses. All additional information about the conference will be posted in due course at <http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=218>

The Organising Committee of the conference is composed of Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, Ms Denise Gormley and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti.