



A More Social Media

Human Rights and Equality
in the Digital Public Sphere

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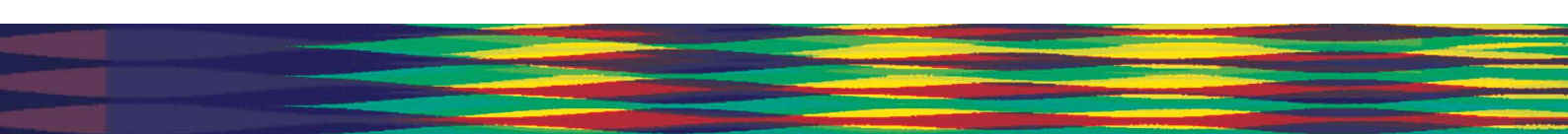
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Schedule

09:30	Registration
10:00	Welcome Emily Logan , <i>Chief Commissioner, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission</i>
10:15	Keynote Address Dr Tarlarch McGonagle , <i>Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam</i>
11:00	HateTrack: Toxic Speech in the Digital Public Sphere Dr Eugenia Siopera , <i>School of Journalism, School of Communications, Dublin City University</i>
11:20	Moderation in all things? The role of media Panel Discussion Moderator Hugh Linehan – <i>Arts and Culture Editor and Inside Politics Presenter, Irish Times</i> Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Dr Sindy Joyce, <i>University of Limerick</i>– Emma Dabiri, <i>Social Historian & Broadcaster (BBC Radio 4, Channel 4), Columnist (Dublin Inquirer)</i>– Siobhán Cummiskey, <i>Head of Content Policy for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Facebook</i>– Chara Bakalis, <i>Principal Lecturer in Law at the School of Law, Oxford Brookes University</i>
12:30	Closing comments Dr Gavan Titley , <i>Senior Lecturer in Media Studies, Maynooth University</i>
12:45	Close to sandwich lunch and informal networking

Protecting human rights and equality in the digital arena is an increasing challenge for our society and democracy. The potential for intolerance online to shape politics and public debate offline is becoming one of the hallmarks of the digital age.



Speakers



Emily Logan
Chief Commissioner,
Irish Human Rights and Equality
Commission

Emily Logan is the first Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission appointed by President Michael D

Higgins on 31 October 2014, following an open competition. In the decade prior to her appointment, she served as Ireland's first Ombudsman for Children and was also appointed President of the European Network of Ombudsmen for Children, across 47 Council of Europe member states. Prior to this, she worked in senior public administration: Director of Nursing at Crumlin Children's Hospital and at Tallaght Hospital Dublin, following her time as Directorate Manager in Great Ormond Street Hospital London. She graduated from Queens University Belfast with an LLM in Human Rights Law, University College Dublin with an MBA, and from City University London with an MSc in Psychology. She was awarded honorary Degrees of Doctor of Laws (LLD) from University College Dublin and from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.



Keynote Speaker
Dr Tarlach McGonagle
Institute for Information Law (IViR),
University of Amsterdam

Dr Tarlach McGonagle is a senior researcher/lecturer at the Institute for Information Law (IViR), Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam.

He is the founder and co-chair of the Working Group on human rights in the digital age in the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research. He regularly advises and writes expert studies for various branches of the Council of Europe, the OSCE and other IGOs and NGOs. He is a member of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on quality journalism in the digital age, having previously served as Rapporteur of both the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on media pluralism and transparency of media ownership (2016-17) and its Committee of Experts on protection of journalism and safety of journalists (2014-15). He recently drafted a set of international 'Guidelines on National Minorities and the Media in the Digital Age' for the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. He was an invited expert speaker at the Thematic Discussion on "Racist Hate Speech" organised by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2012. His expert paper, *The Council of Europe against online hate speech: Conundrums and challenges* (2013), is a leading reference text for relevant issues.



Dr Eugenia Siapera
School of Communications,
Dublin City University (DCU)

Dr Eugenia Siapera is Associate Professor of Media Studies at Dublin City University. She holds a BSc in Social Psychology and an MSc in Media and Communications from the

London School of Economics, and a PhD in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute. Eugenia is author of *Understanding New Media* (2011; 2018, Sage Publications). She has had research and teaching positions at the University of Amsterdam (NL), Anglia Ruskin (UK), University of Leicester (UK), and Aristotle University (Greece). She is currently Deputy Director of the Institute for Future Media and Journalism and Chair of the MA in Social Media Communications at Dublin City University.



Dr Gavan Titley
Senior Lecturer in Media Studies,
Maynooth University

Dr Gavan Titley is Senior Lecturer in Media Studies in Maynooth University. He is the author of *The Crises of Multiculturalism; Racism in a Neoliberal Age* (with Alana Lentin 2011, Zed

Books) and *Media and Racism* (Sage Publications, 2018), and the edited collection *After Charlie Hebdo: Terror, Racism and Free Speech* (2017, Zed Books). He is currently working on a book examining racism, 'populism' and free speech in a digital media environment, to be published by Polity Press in 2019. He is also a Docent (Research Fellow) of the Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki.



Hugh Linehan
Arts & Culture Editor
The Irish Times

Hugh Linehan is Arts & Culture Editor at The Irish Times and presents its 'Inside Politics' podcast. A former Online Editor and Features Editor at the newspaper, he has been involved in the

development of new formats and audio-visual channels on irishtimes.com. He writes on culture, media, society and the impact of rapid technological change.

Speakers



Dr Sindy Joyce
University of Limerick

Dr Sindy Joyce is a Frontline Defender (HRD). She has a BA in English and History and a Masters in Sociology. She was the module coordinator and lecturer in 'Travellers, Rights and Nomadism' and 'Travellers, Ethnicity and

Rights' in University College Dublin with the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. Her research interests include both direct and indirect forms of racism, ethnicity/identity, social/political constructions of Irish Travellers and the production of space related inequalities. Sindy won the 2014 Traveller Pride Award for Education. Her PhD title was *Mincéirs Siúladh: An ethnographic study of young Travellers' experiences of racism in urban space*. Her research addresses the original and important question of how anti-Traveller racism shapes young people's use of and movement through public space. Sindy was co-supervised by Dr Amanda Haynes and Dr Martin Power of the Department of Sociology, University of Limerick. Sindy was successful in winning the prestigious Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme with a top score of 95.5%.



Emma Dabiri
Social Historian,
Broadcaster & Writer

Listed as one of the BBC's Broadcasting Stars of the Future 2017, Emma has previously presented *Back in Time for Brixton* and the *Back in Time Confectioners* series (BBC Two), *Is Love*

Racist? (Channel 4) and has done a number of social history films for *The One Show* (BBC). She currently co-presents *Britain's Lost Masterpieces* (BBC4). On radio she has hosted BBC Radio 4's *Saturday Review* and *Front Row* and her first Radio 4 documentary *Journeys in Afrofuturism* first aired in June 2018. Emma's debut book *Don't Touch My Hair* will be published by Penguin, Allen Lane, in 2019. She is a columnist for *The Dublin Inquirer* and is one of the BBC's Expert Voices. She has also had work published in a number of academic journals and newspapers. Emma's interdisciplinary work crosses African Studies, art, sociology, history, film, literature, theatre, popular culture and music. She is a teaching fellow in the Africa department at SOAS.



Siobhán Cummiskey
Head of Content Policy for Europe,
the Middle East and Africa at Facebook

Siobhán Cummiskey is the Head of Content Policy for Europe, the Middle East and Africa at Facebook. Siobhán and her team write and interpret the Community Standards, which are

the policies governing what content people can share on Facebook. She has represented Facebook on the Council of Europe Committee of experts on cross-border flow of Internet traffic, the European Commission MANDOLA project on online hate speech and at the European Commission High Level Working Group on combatting racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. Siobhán previously held the position of Managing Solicitor at the Irish Traveller Movement Law Centre. Prior to this, she lectured and published in the areas of Human Rights Law and Contract Law. Siobhán has also worked on a pro bono basis with the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre in London, Vigil India Movement in Bangalore, the Legal Aid Department of Malawi, the Irish Human Rights Commission and the International Human Rights Network. She is a qualified lawyer in Ireland and the State of New York and holds a LL.B. from the University of Dublin, Trinity College and a first class honours LL.M. in Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham.



Chara Bakalis
Principal Lecturer in Law,
School of Law, Oxford Brookes
University

Chara Bakalis is a Principal Lecturer in Law at Oxford Brookes University in the UK. Her research interests lie broadly in the field of hate crime and

hate speech with an emphasis on legal regulation. In particular, she is interested in the interaction between technology, the Criminal Law and hate crime/speech. She has written on legal reform of English Law, as well as on the underlying principled rationale for hate crime legislation. She has also written on the legal regulation of cyberhate, and is currently focussing on the liability of third party intermediaries for online hate.