



European Criminal Law Association (UK)

EUROPEAN CRIMINAL LAW ASSOCIATION

LATE AFTERNOON SEMINAR

**Tuesday 6th February 2018
5.30pm – 7.00 pm**

At the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House,
Russell Square, London WC1

UK-Irish Criminal Justice Cooperation after Brexit

As the discussions are about to begin on the post-Brexit relationship between the UK and the EU this seminar will look in depth at a key issue for future criminal justice cooperation: the extent to which criminal justice in the UK and the Republic of Ireland depend on EU instruments and the significance of this for the Good Friday Agreement (GFA). Devolution of responsibility for criminal justice to the Northern Ireland Executive has not diminished the need for co-operation between Dublin and London. The extent of EU facilitated cooperation and the complexity of maintaining the Common Travel Area has not been fully explored in any UK position statement released to date. This seminar seeks to unravel the broader impact of Brexit on the GFA alongside the effect that Brexit may have on continued criminal justice cooperation across the border with particular emphasis on European Arrest Warrants, exchange of information and data protection.

In the chair:

Professor Tim J Wilson, NCECJS, Northumbria University

Speakers include:

Dr. Katy Hayward, Queen's University Belfast

Gemma Davies, NCECJS, Northumbria University

Raymond Briscoe, Principal Prosecution Solicitor and Deputy Head of the Superior Courts Section in the Office of the DPP, Ireland

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Professor Tim J Wilson's academic interests and funded research is focused on how various interfaces between law, ethics, science and medicine, geography, economics and politics evolve as a result of (a) increasing globalisation within societies and (b) exposure to rapid technological development. More recently he has become involved in parliamentary, professional and academic deliberations about the consequences for criminal justice of Brexit. He has worked with colleagues in developing a multidisciplinary programme of international research funded by the European Commission and various research councils, including ESRC. This has covered aspects of international criminal justice cooperation involving forensic biometrics and has now been extended to the policing of part of the Dark Web. In January 2017 he was invited to give oral evidence to the House of Commons Justice Select Committee's inquiry on Implications of Brexit for the justice system.

Dr Katy Hayward is Reader in Sociology at Queen's University Belfast and Senior Research Fellow at the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice. She has twenty years' research experience on the impact of the EU on the Irish border and peace process, including as part of the EU FP5-funded EU and border conflict project and the current SSHRC-funded 'Borders in Globalization' programme. She is the author of over 100 publications, including most recently *Bordering on Brexit* (2017), *Dynamics of Political Change in Ireland* (2017), *UK Withdrawal and the Good Friday Agreement* (2017, with David Phinnemore). Katy has presented widely on the topic of Brexit and Northern Ireland/Ireland, and has given evidence on this before parliamentary committees in both the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Outside the University, she is a Board Member of the Centre for Cross Border Studies and Conciliation Resources.

Gemma Davies obtained a First Class LLB (Hons) degree and was called to the Bar as a member of Middle Temple. She completed pupillage in 2005 and went on to practise as a barrister until 2012 specialising in criminal law. Gemma is currently Senior Lecturer at Northumbria University. Her research focuses on transnational crime and criminal justice cooperation, particularly within the European Union. She has been involved in a series of European Commission funded projects looking at the exchange of DNA and fingerprint data across the EU and is currently co-investigator in an ESRC project on policing of the Dark Web. Her most recent article, published in the International Journal of Evidence and Proof, focused on post-Brexit sharing of criminal records Information between the EU and UK. Gemma has recently been elected as a committee member of the European Criminal Law Association.

Raymond Briscoe is a Senior Principal Prosecution Solicitor attached to the International Unit in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Dublin, Ireland. He undertakes the following areas of legal work on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Data Protection, Mutual Legal Assistance Requests, Asset Seizing. Ray has primary responsibility for undertaking all European Arrest Warrants / Extradition Requests made on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Ireland. He qualified as a solicitor in England in May 2001 where he practised as a solicitor undertaking criminal defence litigation for private clients and under the duty solicitor scheme. He joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Ireland as a prosecutor in October 2001. He enjoys lecturing and tutoring at the Law Society of Ireland where he is currently assigned as the Chief Internal Legal Examiner. He is a member of the United Kingdom - Ireland, Criminal Justice 'Brexit' Cooperation Network and is assigned as the Director's representative with the European Judicial Network in addition to the International Association of Prosecutors.