Devolved Nations and International Law

Friday 16 June 2017, Alun 0.01, Bangor University

09.00-09.30: Arrival and Registration; Welcoming remarks

09.30-10.15: Keynote address: Mick Antoniw AM, Counsel General for Wales

10.15-10.30: Tea and coffee

10.30-12.00: Panel 1: International Human Rights Obligations and Devolution

- Professor Colm O’Cinneide, UCL, *Devolution and Human Rights: Are Variable Geometries Sustainable or Desirable?*
- Dr. Simon Hoffman, Swansea University, *The Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations and the Changing Structure of the Unitary State: Decentralisation, Localisation and ‘Tailor-made’ Impact Assessment*
- Dr. Yvonne McDermott, Bangor University, *Splendid Isolation? Human Rights Convergence and Divergence in Northern Ireland*
- Felicity Belton, University of Glasgow, *If It Ain’t Broke Don’t Fix It: Ratification of the Istanbul Convention and the Divergent Positions of Scotland and England Regarding Forced Marriage*

12.00-12.30: Huw Irranca-Davies AM, Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, *The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee’s Inquiry into Inter-Government and Inter-Parliamentary Working*

12.30-1.15: Lunch

1.15-2.30: Panel 2: Brexit, Devolution, and International Law

- Dr. Jo Hunt and Dr. Rachel Minto, Cardiff University, *Testing the limits of paradiplomacy in the EU: Brexit and regional representation*
• Dr. Jacques Hartmann, University of Dundee, *The Faroe Islands: possible lessons for Scotland in a new post-Brexit devolution settlement*

• Emma McIlveen, Bar of Northern Ireland, *The Value of Comparative Law for a ‘Brexitting’ Northern Ireland*

2.30-2.45: Tea and coffee

2.45-4.15: **Panel 3: International Legal Structures and Devolved Nations**

• Dr. Hayley Roberts, Bangor University, and Dr. Huw Pritchard, Cardiff University, *The involvement of the Welsh government in the Reporting and Compliance Processes of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*

• Dr. David Criekmans, *The international-legal position of the Belgian regions and communities. A reference case for devolved nations in the UK?*

• Elizabeth Strange, Bangor University, *Referendums and International Legal Personality*

• Dr. Emma Roberts, University of Chester, *Crossing Intranational Borders: Devolution and Conflict of Laws*

4.15-4.30: Close of seminar

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