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Seminar for PhD Candidates

***“The Global Trajectory of Disability Rights and
the Emergence of Disability Law as Academic Field”***

Ph.D. Seminar

The seminar (in English) will take place on **18 March 2022 from 2.30pm until 6pm, Bo Palace, Room Gabbin**

The seminar first introduces PhD students to International and European disability law and policy, focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as a global normative standard. It first discusses the theoretical and conceptual background on disability, and focuses on the perspectives and challenges purported by the social model of disability as opposed to the medical model, and the human rights model of disability. While examining the doctrinal approach to those models, and their influence on the global governance of disability rights, it traces the development of international standards on disability, and the role of the CRPD in stimulating convergence across different legal systems.

On foot of this introductory part, the seminar will discuss the emergence of disability law as a field of interdisciplinary and cross-cutting research. It will then present the DANCING project <https://ercdancing.maynoothuniversity.ie/>, funded by the European Research Council (ERC) as example of interdisciplinary and participatory research process. In so doing, the seminar aims to



equip the students with knowledge and insights of ERC funding processes, whose mission is that of encouraging the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and supporting investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence.

Selected Readings

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