

## **Upcoming law & religion conference: *Irish Context – International Perspectives***

A one-day conference is to be held in Trinity College Dublin on **6 November 2015**, organised by Neville Cox (Law School, Trinity College), Norman Doe (Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff Law School), Linda Hogan (Vice-Provost, Trinity College) and Celia G Kenny (Trinity College & Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff). Celia has supplied the following information:

" 'Law and religion' has become a recognised sub-discipline in USA and UK Law Schools, analogous to family law or sports law, with specialist journals and dedicated research centres. *The Law and Religion Scholars Network* (LARSN) – an association set up for those who teach and/or research in the field – now has over 200 members.

Contemporary Irish society provides a rich context for a discussion of key issues in the field. A series of referendums on matters central to traditional Irish identity has re-calibrated popular religiosity, irrevocably changed attitudes towards institutional authority, and ushered in an awareness of the centrality of religious freedom in the vision of human rights.

Trinity College Dublin, working with members of the Law and Religion Scholars Network will host this one-day inter-disciplinary conference in the Long Room Hub. Speakers will include Neville Cox, Frank Cranmer, Eoin Daly, Norman Doe, Roja Fazaelli, Silvio Ferrari, Gerard Hogan, Celia Kenny, Marco Ventura and Gerry Whyte.

The conference will be chaired by Linda Hogan. Topics to be addressed include:

- Religious freedom under the Irish Constitution
- Human Rights and Islam
- Patronage and Education;
- Blasphemy in Relation to Irish law;
- How the Judiciary has 'Defined' Religion,
- Changing Models of Church & State in Europe.
- The Right to Manifest Religion
- Law as an Instrument of Ecumenism."

***Registration is free but early booking is essential because places are limited: if you are interested, please contact Celia at [cgkenny@tcd.ie](mailto:cgkenny@tcd.ie).***