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About

Title of thesis: S**ecuring Compliance by All Necessary Measures – Giving Teeth to the Paper Tiger of Counter-Proliferation in the case of Iran**

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Qualifications

- BCL (Hons)
- LLM International Human Rights Law (Distinction)

Biography

Having completed my Bachelor's degree in Irish Law in University College Cork, my interest in international law was a result of my undertaking a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law at Griffith College Cork. I chose to focus my Master's dissertation on international criminal law and I also developed a deep interest in public international law throughout the course of my LLM which led me to decide to pursue research further by undertaking doctoral research. This desire to conduct further research in international law coupled with my own interest in Middle Eastern affairs and conflict led me to my thesis topic focused on the Iranian nuclear situation.

Teaching

Visiting Lecturer at University of Birmingham 2012-2013: Tort Law Seminars

Doctoral research

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Research

My thesis aims to critically assess the legality of the measures taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Security Council in response to controversial Iranian uranium enrichment and contested non-compliance with the current Nuclear Counter-Proliferation legal framework, namely the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968. Furthermore I intend to evaluate the effectiveness of the current regime and investigate the legality and desirability of introducing legislative and/or operational reform to strengthen the current Counter-Proliferation legal framework.

Other activities

Conference Paper Presentations:

- University College Cork Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights Postgraduate Conference : 'Diluted Due Process and Abduction vs. Mass Atrocity - Identifying the Lesser Evil in the case of Omar al-Bashir'.
- Queen's University Belfast Mastering Law Conference 2011 - 'Diluted Due Process and Abduction vs. Mass Atrocity - Identifying the Lesser Evil in the case of Omar al-Bashir'.
- Griffith College Cork 'Beyond the Law: Critical Reflections on International Human Rights Law and Policy' June 2012: 'Crushing the Rattlesnake Before it Strikes– Investigating the Legality and Reality of the Duty to Prevent the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons'.

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