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About

Dr Gavin Byrne is Head of Internationalisation for Birmingham Law School and teaches Political and Legal Theory, Jurisprudence and Property Law subjects.

Feedback and office hours

In the first semester of 2014-2015, my Office and Feedback Hours will be:

Wednesday 9-11.

Students are welcome to see me during these hours without an appointment. If you need to see me outside these hours, please contact me via email or telephone to arrange another time.

Qualifications

- BCL (University College Dublin)
- LLM by Research (Kent)
- PhD (Birmingham)

Biography

Dr Byrne received a BCL from University College Dublin in 1999, an LLM by research from the University of Kent in 2001, and a PhD from Birmingham Law School in 2008. From 2001 to 2002 he worked with Élan Corporation plc, a leading global neuroscience based biotechnology company, as part of its Dublin-based, in-house legal group.

Teaching

- Political & Legal Theory II (LLB, module leader)
- Advanced Political & Legal Theory (LLM, module leader)
- Jurisprudence (LLB)
- Property A: Land Law (LLB)

Postgraduate supervision

- Jurisprudence
- The application of other disciplines of study to the study of Law (Philosophy, Literary theory, Economics etc.)

Doctoral research

PhD title HOW THE PHILOSOPHY OF MARTIN HEIDEGGER CAN BE USED TO SOLVE THE GAP PROBLEM IN MICHAEL S. MOORE'S NATURAL LAW THEORY.

Research

His major research interest is in Jurisprudence, in particular the application of mainstream philosophy to issues in legal theory. His current research is on the perceived split between the Anglo-American and Continental traditions in relation to legal philosophy. He has specific expertise in the writings of Martin Heidegger and their application to legal philosophy.

Other activities

He is Head of Internationalisation for Birmingham Law School and Director of the Swedish Exchange Program. He is also a director of the **LNAT (/schools/law/courses/llb/lnat.aspx)** consortium and its current Chairman.

Publications

Articles:

- "Legal Theory and The Holocaust: Between the Purposive and the Reflective" (2013) 20 *The Journal Jurisprudence* 373
- "An Argument for an end to the Critical/Analytical divide" (2013) 4(2) *Jurisprudence* 204
- "Taking The Minimum Content Seriously: Hart's liberalism and moral values" (2012) 63 (4) *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* 477
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- "The Self and Strong Legal Theory: A Heideggerian Alternative to Fish's Scepticism" (2006) 19 *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 3
- Book Review: Bayesian Epistemology by Bovens and Hartman (2005) 3 (2) *Journal of Commonwealth Law and Legal Education* 95.

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