

## PROGRAMME CONVENOR BACKGROUND



Daithí Mac Síthigh is Professor of Law and Innovation and QUB Director of the Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership. His areas of expertise include law and technology, audiovisual media law, copyright and the creative industries, the sharing economy, and open data. He has published widely on these topics, including *Medium Law* (a book on the significance of technology in media regulation) and articles on topics such as data protection, liability, computer game copyright, and broadcasting regulation.

Daithí is a co-director of Future Screens NI, the creative industries research and development partnership in Northern Ireland (funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council), and serves as an Internet domain names dispute resolution panelist for the Czech Arbitration Court. He was awarded an Eisenhower Fellowship in 2019, and is a member of the Irish government's Open Data Governance Board.

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# LLM LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

This innovative and employment-focused programme draws on the School of Law's research and teaching strengths in technology, e-governance and innovation, in terms of law's role in regulating technology and technology's role in transforming governance and legal practice. The programme combines advanced teaching in law and technology with a problem solving ethos that addresses the key questions facing law and technology today. The programme introduces students both to the legal regulation of technology in fields such as intellectual property, privacy, and media and to the growing impact of technological change on legal practice.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. The programme aims to prepare graduates for work in global business and legal practice through its focus on client facing problem solving, on employability and on practical skills.

### Compulsory modules

- Law and the Challenges of Technology
- Regulating Innovation
- Dissertation
- Law and Technology: project based learning\*
- Computational methods and skills\*
- Approaches to Legal Research\*
- \* Mini modules

### Optional modules

- Copyright in the Digital Environment
  - International Financial Law
  - Business and Human Rights
  - European Law and Economic Integration
  - Medical Law and Ethics
  - Comparative Competition Law : the Case of the EU as the Leading Model
  - Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students\*
  - Data, Privacy and the Law\*
  - Regulating digital communications\*
- \*Mini modules

### ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

“This innovative programme is designed to prepare you for a career on the interface of legal practice and technology. With employability embedded in the curriculum, graduates will be familiar both with the legal regulation of technology and with technology's effects on the practice of law.”

**Dr. Ciarán O'Kelly,**  
Director of Graduate Studies



Ciarán O'Kelly is a lecturer in Law at Queen's University Belfast. His research focuses on moral language and accountability in corporate and public sector governance. He is interested in how corporate social responsibility is managed and how claims to responsibility are reported. His research ranges from questions of moral economy to public accountability.

His current research draws on techniques from computational linguistics to discuss how human rights are put to work in corporate discourses and on how corporate actors define the parameters of business and human rights. He is interested more generally in computational approaches to legal research, and especially on text mining techniques.

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## CAREERS / FURTHER STUDY

This employer focused programme places employability skills at the core of the student experience (including problem based learning and leadership modules), introducing students to the interplay of and interfaces between law and technology.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme will equip students with a thorough understanding of key questions regarding the regulation and governance of technologies, set in the context of computational, leadership, and project management skills.

Students will possess a deep appreciation of matters in the regulation of technology, borne from both classroom and project based experience. Students will develop a sophisticated sense of how technology interacts with law, but also a sense of how law and technology are operationalised in legal practice.