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Irish Journal of Legal Studies

Special Issue

Irish Approaches to Justice

We are compiling a Special Issue for the *Irish Journal of Legal Studies* (IJLS) on the topic of Irish Approaches to Justice. We wish to invite scholars with an interest in this broad theme to submit abstracts of around 250 words by **Monday 28 February 2011**. We will make a provisional selection by the end of April 2011 and then ask contributors to provide a full draft of their text by Wednesday 31 August 2011. These will then be refereed blind in the usual way. Final articles accepted for publication should be with the IJLS by January 2012 for publication in Spring 2012.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to address the question of whether or not there could be said to exist a uniquely 'Irish' approach to justice, legality and fairness, not alone in Ireland itself but also among the Irish diaspora, from the nineteenth century onwards. If there is an attitude to justice which can be said to be distinctively Irish, the next question is whether such an approach can be defined, and how it might differ to approaches to justice elsewhere? Another issue to consider is whether such a distinctively Irish interpretation of justice has found expression in the established legal systems and mechanisms, or as a means of alternative justice.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- The impact of Ireland's unique history on the perceptions and workings of law and justice in Ireland and abroad
- Distinctively Irish features of civil and criminal law, the development of legal institutions and legal theories.
- Whether the Irish experience contributes to a coherent and unique approach to justice and legality
- Social, economic and/or political factors that influence the shaping of Irish legal norms (and attitudes thereto), both in Ireland and among the Irish diaspora
- The influence of 'Irish' notions of law and justice in shaping legal norms, both in Ireland and abroad
- Violence, 'Rough justice', informal justice and alternative justice in Ireland and among the Irish diaspora.
- The extent to which British laws and British ideas of justice have exerted, or continue to exert, influence over the Irish legal system
- Whether the Irish postcolonial experience of law and justice differs from that in other former colonies

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