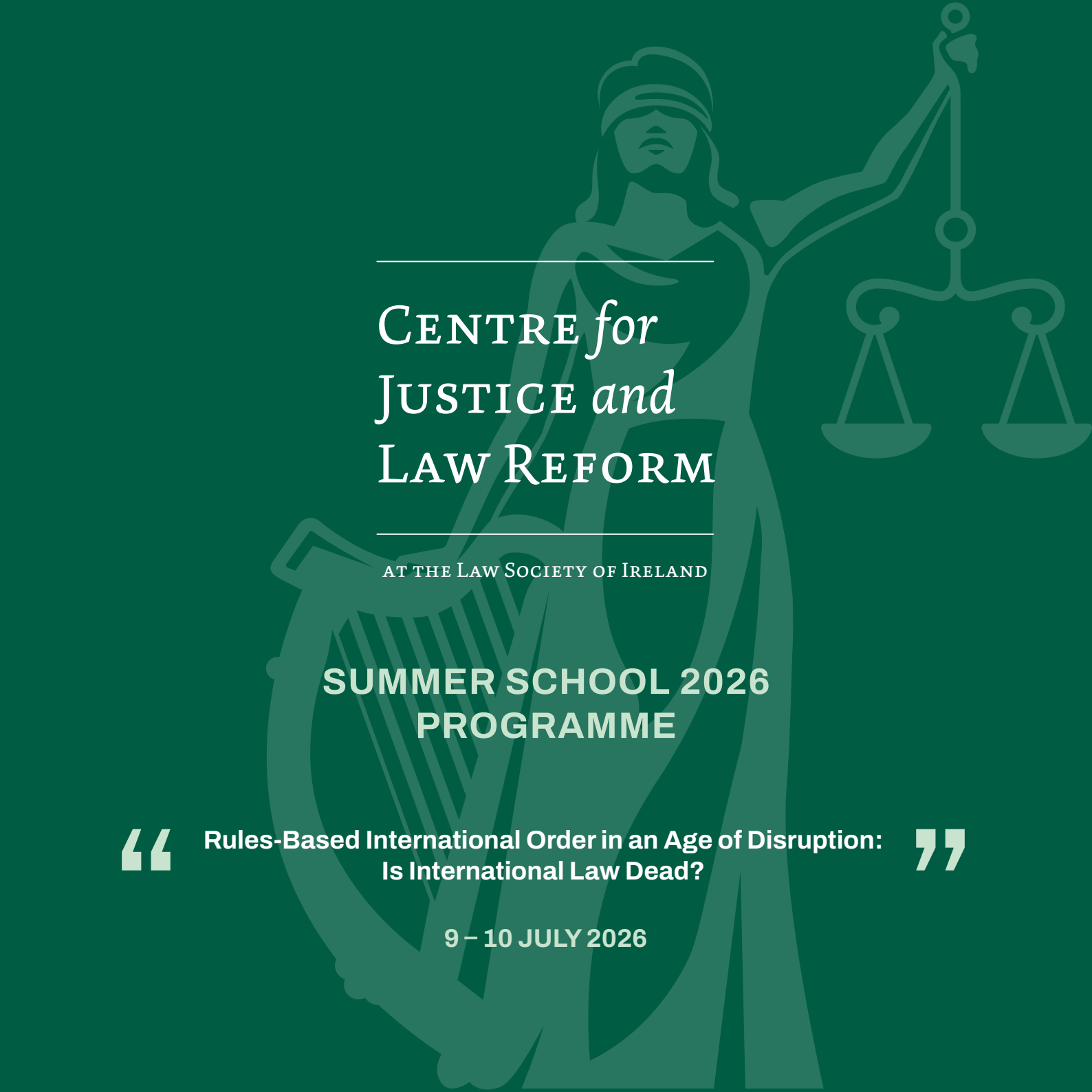




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SUMMER SCHOOL 2026 PROGRAMME

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Rules-Based International Order in an Age of Disruption:
Is International Law Dead?

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9 – 10 JULY 2026

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
12:30 – 13:30	Registration and Light Lunch	<i>Blue Room</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Welcome by Rosemarie Loftus (President of the Law Society)	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
13:45 – 14:15	Keynote address by The Honourable Rose Gottemoeller (William J. Perry Lecturer; Former Deputy Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)) <i>Security in Europe: Nuclear Threats and Beyond</i>	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
14:15 – 15:15	Panel discussion: Taking the Pulse of the Rules-Based International Order Chaired by Pat Leahy (Political Editor, The Irish Times) Panellists: • Dr. Christiane Ahlborn (Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Graz) • Stephen Pomper (Chief of Policy, International Crisis Group) • Professor Federico Fabbrini (Full Professor of EU Law and Founding Director of Dublin European Law Institute, Dublin City University (DCU); Fulbright Schuman Fellow in International Security, Harvard Kennedy School)	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Tea and Coffee Break	<i>Blue Room</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Panel discussion: Can the Rules-Based Order Survive Strategic Rivalry? Chaired by Ingrid Miley (Barrister; former RTÉ Industry and Employment Correspondent) Panellists: • Fergal Keane (Former Foreign Correspondent, BBC News; Freelance Journalist and Author) • Rory Montgomery (Former Irish Diplomat) • Lucinda Creighton (Founder and CEO, Vulcan Consulting)	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Keynote address by Senator Michael McDowell SC <i>Ireland's View of the Persistence and Strength of International Order; the Role of Geopolitical Blocs and Military Alliances</i>	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
17:30 – 17:45	Closing Remarks	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>
17:45 – 18:45	Drinks Reception	<i>Blue Room</i>
18:45 – 21:30	Conference Dinner Dr. Dmytro Kuleba (Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine) in conversation with Fergal Keane (Former Foreign Correspondent, BBC News; Freelance Journalist and Author)	<i>Presidents' Hall</i>

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and Light Breakfast	<i>Blue Room</i>
09:30 – 9:40	Welcome by Mark Garrett (Director General of the Law Society)	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>
09:40 – 10:10	Keynote address by Avril Haines (Former Director of US National Intelligence; former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)) <i>International Law in Today’s Era of Global Fragmentation</i>	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>
10:10 – 11:10	Panel discussion: Allies, Partnerships, and Coalitions: Shaping Collective Security in a Disrupted Era Chaired by Dr. Patrick Bury (Reader in Security, University of Bath) Panellists: • Dr. Dmytro Kuleba (Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine) • The Honourable Rose Gottemoeller (William J. Perry Lecturer; Former Deputy Secretary General, NATO) • General Seán Clancy (Chair of the European Union Military Committee)	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>
11:10 – 11:40	Tea and Coffee Break	<i>Blue Room</i>
11:40 – 12:40	Panel discussion: Economics, Sanctions, and Supply Chains: The New Frontlines of Global Competition Chaired by Professor Imelda Maher MRIA (Dean of Law, University College Dublin (UCD); Director, UCD Dublin European Institute) Panellists: • Professor Martina Lawless (Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)) • David Henig (Director, UK Trade Policy Project, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)) • Professor Martin Shanahan (International Business Leader; Former CEO, IDA Ireland)	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>
12:40 – 13:40	Keynote address by Leo Varadkar (Former Taoiseach) <i>Reimagining Europe: Reforming the Union for a New Geopolitical Era</i> Followed by a conversation with Professor Brigid Laffan (Chancellor, University of Limerick; former Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute (EUI))	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>
13:40 – 13:55	Closing Remarks	<i>Presidents’ Hall</i>



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