

PGR Conference 2026 | Diverse Approaches to Law and Justice

Programme Overview: 27th May 2026

Timings	Conference Session	Details
9:00- 9:10	Welcome	Tayo Gbemi, Room NK1
9:10-9:30	Keynote Speaker	Professor Anne-Michelle Slater Room NK1
9:30-10:20 Session 1A "International Law in Practice" Room NK1 Chair: Omolola Demokun		
15 min +10 Q&A	Zhazira Erzhigitova	The Role of the Subsidiary Means of Interpretation of International Treaties in the Practice of International Court and Tribunals: the Challenges and Opportunities of Applying Such Tools in the International Economic Law
15 min +10 Q&A	Giulia Scribani	The Adaptation of International Law within National Legal Systems: A Comparative Analysis between UK and Italy
9:30-10:20 Session 1B "Safeguarding Accountability in AI" Room NK6 Chair: Felix Uzoma		
15 min +10 Q&A	Hallam Burnapp	State Preventive Obligations under Articles VI and IX OST for AI-Enabled Harmful Interference with Satellite Systems
15 min +10 Q&A	Rosa Villar	Preserving Human Judgment in AI-Enabled Targeting: Safeguards for IHL Compliance and Accountability
10:20-10:40	Tea/coffee break, James MacKay Room	
10:40-11:10	3-Minute Thesis Presentation	Chair: Liam Moorhouse, Room NK1
11:10-12:00 Session 2A "Data Governance and Jurisdiction" Room NK1 Chair: Liam Moorhouse		
15 min +10 Q&A	Anze Gao	The Introduction of the Research Background of Global Data Governance and Research Plans
15 min +10 Q&A	Muhammed Ali Altinok	Jurisdiction over Data, Normative Challenges
11:10-12:00 Session 2B "Global Perspectives on Energy Governance" Room NK6 Chair: Tayo Gbemi		
15 min +10 Q&A	Martin Kpebu	A comparative Study of the Legal Regime Governing the Decommissioning of Offshore Oil and Gas Installation in Ghana, the UK and the US- Progress So Far
15 min +10 Q&A	Queen Nwaha	Planning for Offshore Development in Nigeria: Lessons from the United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS) and South Africa

12:00-13:00	Lunch and networking, James MacKay Room	
13:00-14:00	“Women in Academia: A Conversation on Challenges and Change”. Round Table Discussion	Emerita Professor Donna McKenzie Skene Professor Abbe Brown Dr Nevena Jevremovic Chair: Lizeth Moreno Room NK1
14:00-14:50 Session 3A “Law and Governance in Scotland” Room NK1 Chair: Lizeth Moreno		
15 min +10 Q&A	Courtney Crilly	Theorising Trauma in Scots Law
15 min +10 Q&A	Boglarka Vincze	The Terms of Economic Devolution in Scotland and Wales: Formative Sequences From 1950s-2000s
14:00-14:50 Session 3B “Emerging Challenges in International Law” Room NK6 Chair: Hala Altarawneh		
15 min +10 Q&A	Antonio Foti	Future Generations as Legal Functional Category
15 min +10 Q&A	Lahiru Jayamanne	Individual Criminal Responsibility in the Use of Autonomous Weapons
14:50-15:00	Break and networking, James MacKay Room	
15:00-15:30 Session 4A “Environmental and Corporate Governance” Room NK1 Chair: Felix Uzoma		
15 min +10 Q&A	Syeda Senjuty Mahbub (LLMRes)	The role of International Law in Strengthening the Right to a Healthy Environment in Bangladesh
15:00-15:50 Session 4B “Renewable Energy Dispute Settlement” Room NK6 Chair: Hala Altarawneh		
15 min +10 Q&A	Olamiposi Jinadu	An Overview of the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Regime for Renewable Energy Investment Under the ECOWAS Framework
15 min +10 Q&A	Aruzhan Amangeldinova	Fair and Equitable Treatment in Renewable Energy Disputes: A Comparative Analysis of the European Union and Central Asia
15:50	Closing Remarks	Tayo Gbemi Room, NK1

Keynote Speaker - Professor Anne-Michelle Slater

Professor Anne-Michelle Slater is a Professor of Planning and Environmental Law at the University of Aberdeen School of Law, where she previously served as Head of the School of Law. She currently holds senior leadership roles within the University, including Dean for Portfolio Development and Programme Promotion. Her research and teaching expertise span environmental law, marine spatial planning, offshore renewable energy governance, and public participation in environmental decision-making.

Professor Slater has played a leading role in advancing equality, diversity, and inclusion within the School of Law. In 2024, she led the School's successful renewal of its Athena SWAN Bronze Award, demonstrating the School's sustained commitment to gender equality and an inclusive academic culture.

She has served on the Royal Town Planning Institute's Marine Spatial Planning Task Group and the Scottish Government's Sustainable Seas Task Force. In addition to her academic leadership, she is a member of the Law Society of Scotland Marine Law Committee and sits on the editorial boards of leading journals including Environmental Law Review, Scottish Planning and Environmental Law, and the Journal of Water Law.

Her work is also characterised by interdisciplinarity and robust policy engagement. She has advised the Scottish Government and the Irish Marine Institute on marine spatial planning and has contributed extensively to research on environmental governance and marine renewable energy regulation. She is currently involved in the ValMAS Project, a £5.6 million interdisciplinary research partnership between the UK and Norway examining the ecological, societal, and regulatory value of marine artificial structures in the North Sea within the context of the energy transition over the next three years. Within the project, Professor Slater evaluates the policy and legislative frameworks governing marine artificial structures and their role in achieving environmentally sustainable and socially equitable offshore energy development.

3-Minute Thesis Presentation

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a competition that began at The University of Queensland. It challenges PhD researchers to present their work in only three minutes, using a single static PowerPoint slide.

At this conference, the aim is to allow students from the law school to practice their presentation skills and hone their ability to be concise. While not a formal competition, we hope to encourage students to engage with the wider faculty and refine their ability to present their research with brevity.

Round table discussion

This session aims to create an open and thoughtful conversation about the experiences of women across different stages of academic life. We hope to explore both the challenges that persist and the positive changes taking place within our institutions and disciplines. By sharing these stories, we hope to inspire resilience, perspective, and a sense of shared experience within the research community. Please find below our round table members:

Professor Donna McKenzie Skene is Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Aberdeen. She is a leading authority on insolvency and bankruptcy law, with particular expertise in Scottish and

comparative perspectives. Her scholarship has shaped understanding of corporate insolvency and contributed to law reform discussions, making her a respected figure in commercial law research.

Professor Abbe Brown is Professor of Intellectual Property Law at the University of Aberdeen. Her research examines the intersections of intellectual property and societal challenges. She has attended major international forums, including UNFCCC COP26 and the WIPO Diplomatic Conference, as part of academic and policy delegations. A former solicitor in London, Melbourne, and Edinburgh, she is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and an active contributor to policy consultations and international legal debates.

Dr Nevena Jevremovic is Lecturer in Law at the University of Aberdeen. Her interdisciplinary research explores the relationship between law, language, and power in both private and international law. She holds a PhD in Law from the University of Zenica and LL.M. degrees from Pittsburgh and Sarajevo. Alongside her academic work, she has practical legal experience as an associate at Wolf Theiss in Bosnia and Herzegovina and has been extensively involved in the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot.