### 'Law, Justice and Empowerment' Conference

## Hosted by De Montfort University Centre for Law, Justice and Society

## Monday 25 April (14.00-17.30) and Tuesday 26 April (9.30-13.30) 2022

### DAY 1: Monday 25 April (14.00-17.30) On campus

13.00-14.00: Lunch and Refreshments (provided)

14.00-15.00: Welcome by Chair and Director of the CLJS, Professor Julia J.A. Shaw

Opening speech by Professor Heather McLaughlin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research & Academic Staff Development

KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Omar Hernández, Public Information Officer, United Nations Academic Impact initiative, New York on Education and Rule of Law: A Perspective from the SDGs

15.00-16.15: Session 1

Scalarity and Divided Consent Professor Dennis J. Baker, Professor in Criminal Law, DMU

**Criminalising and Informally Censoring Offensive Expression in the Post-Cancel Culture World** Yana Sliusar, DMU Doctoral Researcher

Infanticide and Diminished Responsibility – Reviewing the Relationship Professor Ronnie Mackay, Professor of Criminal Policy and Mental Health, DMU

16.15-16.30: Refreshment Break (provided)

# 16.30-17.30: Panel Discussion and Q&As on Empowerment and Social Justice: Institutions, Ideas and the Law

Professor Julia J.A. Shaw, Professor of Law and Social Justice, DMU Fred Mear, Associate Professor in Finance, DMU Dr Nicole A. Pierce, Senior Lecturer in Law, DMU Dr Alwyn Jones, Associate Professor in Law, DMU Tim Hillier, Head of the School of Law, DMU

## DAY 2: Tuesday 26 April (9.30-13.30) Online via MS Teams

9.30-10.15: Welcome by Chair and Director of the CLJS, Professor Julia J.A. Shaw

Opening speech by Mark Charlton, Net Zero University Research Theme Director

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Professor Petra Butler, Victoria University of Wellington on Access to Justice: A comparative analysis** 

10.15-11.45: Parallel Session 2A

**Understanding judicial decision-making as route to empowerment** Jeremy Robson, Associate Professor and CLJS Deputy Director, DMU

Not bread and water but broccoli and kefir!: Diet and Offending Tim Hillier, Head of the School of Law, DMU

**Challenging Subjects: Sentience and the Legal Status of Research Animals in the UK** Carley Lightfoot, Lecturer in Law, DMU

10.15-11.45: Parallel Session 2B

**Defending the victim/defendant who commits a crime driven by coercive control** Professor Vanessa Bettinson, Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, DMU

**Coercive control, gender and racialisation processes - a novel approach to victimhood** Charley-Anne Gordon, DMU Doctoral Researcher

Access to legal representation in police stations during Covid-19: implications for justice Professor Dave Walsh, Professor in Criminal Investigation, DMU

11.45-12.00 Refreshment Break

12.00-13.30: Parallel Session 3A

An examination of the efficacy of the law to contribute to corporate accountability in oil producing communities in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria Gerald Opiah, DMU Doctoral Researcher

Shifting forms of cooperation in international economic relations: A focus on the evolving role of non-central governments (NCGs) in the African economic integration project Dr Ohio Omiunu, Associate Professor, DMU

The use of customary practices as a tool for realisation of access to justice Samuel Bestman, DMU Doctoral Researcher

#### 12.00-13.30: Parallel Session 3B

#### The value and unintended consequences of the principle of distinction

Dr Sarina Landefeld, Lecturer in Law and CLJS Research Seminar Convenor, DMU

#### **Cyber Security & Law within Industrial Internet of Things - A Legal Liability Perspective** John Agbaimoni, DMU Doctoral Researcher

The impact of the right to silence on the identification and participation of modern slavery and human trafficking victims in the criminal justice system Emerald Woodward, Lecturer in Policing and Investigations, DMU

#### 13.30: End of Conference and Closing Comments