

Welcome to Bangor, north Wales, hosting the RCSL conference in 2024.

From 3 to 6 September 2024, we at Bangor University will have the honour and pleasure to host the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL) conference. On behalf of the local organisation committee, I would like to invite you to consider taking part.

The conference topic is “Representing Law” and alludes to the necessity to represent, symbolise, and communicate law. It covers a range of socio-legal topics RCSL members and others are researching, such as the work of lawyers, the handling of law by public officials, law in the arts and in popular culture. Moreover, all RCSL working groups will have the opportunity to meet and organise their own panels. Indeed, every presentation related to sociology of law (in the widest sense) is warmly welcome!

Founded in 1884, Bangor is a medium-sized research university in a small city surrounded by an area of outstanding natural beauty. The School of History, Law and Social Sciences has a special focus on socio-legal topics. One of the earliest universities in the United Kingdom to offer criminology degrees, Bangor has now also made a name for police studies. Law at Bangor has historically started from within the social sciences. The latter here at Bangor also include sociology and social policy.

Travel to Bangor is straight-forward as it is located by a main train line from London and the A55 express road. The nearest airports are Manchester, Liverpool, and Birmingham; the first mentioned is a 90-minute drive from Bangor. Regular ferries connect the nearby harbour of Holyhead with Ireland.

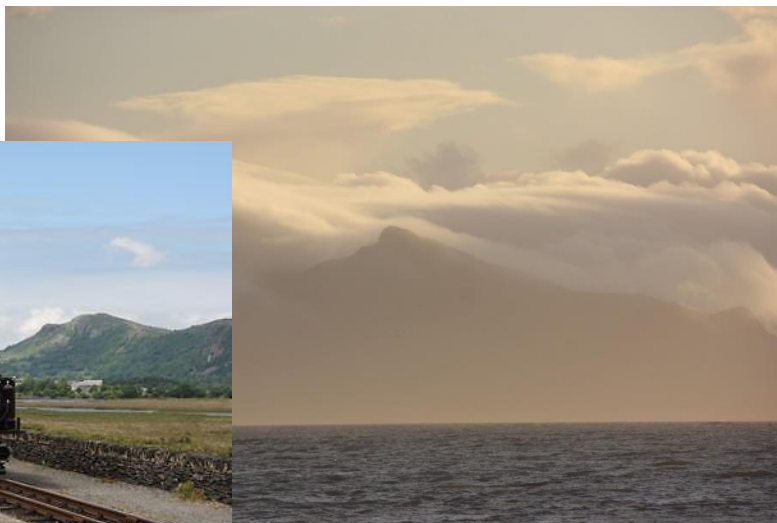


The conference will be in the historic main building of Bangor University, offering a lot of atmosphere and views of the mountains of Snowdonia and of the Menai Strait. Our by-programme will have guided tours and cultural events are also planned. For a short break

from sessions, there are cafés, green spaces, and the temptation to enjoy stunning views from the Bangor pier within walking distance.

You will be spoiled for choices when it comes to accommodation. The organisation committee has reserved very affordable rooms in Bangor's student halls and hotel rooms in the Management Centre located directly on campus. North Wales is a prime tourist location so there is also a wide variety of B&Bs, hotels and camping sites on offer.

Mount Snowdon seen from Anglesey. Below: steam train leaving Porthmadog harbour.



You may want to consider an extended stay in the area. The counties of Gwynedd, Anglesey and Conwy offer a wide range of tourist attractions. Caernarfon and Conwy, for example, are historic walled cities by the sea. The small seaside town of Beaumaris on Anglesey, offering spectacular views of the Menai Strait and the mountains of Snowdonia, is popular with tourists and, more importantly perhaps for socio-legal scholars, has a historic court museum and a prison museum. Here, you can learn about crime, law, and punishment in past centuries.

North Wales offers the combination of seaside and alpine mountains. Up Mount Snowdon is a popular walk, rewarding the hardy with a lasting experience. The less physically fit can take the narrow-gauge train to the summit. Railway fans will be able to spend days travelling on steam-hauled trains in North Wales if they wish so. At the foot of Mount Snowdon, the town of Llanberis has an excellent slate mine museum, exemplifying work and living conditions in the industrial past. Beaches and dunes stretching for many miles invite the keen walker. A coastal path leads around Anglesey and mainland Wales. Sea birds, grazing ponies and – with luck and depending on the location – sea turtles, seals and dolphins can be spotted.

Combining the 2024 Bangor conference with a holiday is also a good option for families. Kids and those young at heart, can find attractions such as the Sea Zoo or the Tacla Taid Anglesey Transport Museum. The boat ride to Puffin Island from Beaumaris is also tempting.

Bangor 2024 is bound to be a conference not to be missed, with something for everyone!

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