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5.30 – 7.00 pm

At the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House,
Russell Square, London WC1

Juvenile Justice and the Directive on Childrens' Rights

Member states must respect, protect and promote children's rights. All EU policies that have an impact on children must be designed in line with the best interests of the child. Justice has commented "the proposed Directive provides much to be welcomed in the assessment and support of children's needs during the criminal process. However, substantial amendment by the Member States in the Council of Ministers has diluted the safeguards it might provide."

In the chair:

Professor John Spencer

Speakers:

**Professor Estella Baker, de Montfort University
Steven Cras, Council of the European Union**

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SPEAKERS

Professor Estella Baker is Professor of European Criminal Law & Justice at Leicester De Montfort Law School. She is also a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on EU Criminal Policy and one of the editors of the *European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice*. Formerly Professor of European Criminal Law and Justice at the University of Sheffield, she has researched into the impact of the European Union on criminal law and justice matters since 1993. Her other primary field of research is punishment and sentencing.

Professor John Spencer is a Professor of Law (emeritus) at the University of Cambridge, former Director of the Cambridge University Centre for European Legal Studies and President of the UK European Criminal Law Association. He writes and lectures extensively on EU and domestic criminal law and evidence. In 1997 he was part of the team responsible for the Corpus Juris project. He is a QC (honoris causa), an Academic Bencher of the Inner Temple and holds an Honorary Degree from the University of Poitiers. With Alicia Hinarejos and Steve Peers, in 2012 he wrote *Opting out of EU Criminal law: What is Actually Involved?*, published by the University of Cambridge Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS) as a Working Paper, and available online at http://www.cels.law.cam.ac.uk/publications/working_papers.php

Steven Cras - with degrees from the College of Europe and Utrecht University, Stephen is currently Political Administrator in the Council of the European Union in Brussels. He assists the rotating Presidency of the Council with Justice & Home Affairs legislation. His latest project is the roll-out of the Roadmap on strengthening the procedural rights of suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings.