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The Scottish Public Law Group

Annual Conference

**John McIntyre Conference Centre, University of
Edinburgh, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh**

Monday 13 June 2011

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Programme

- 09:00 – 09:25** **Registration and Coffee**
- 09:25 – 09:30** **Conference Welcome by Roy Martin QC, TerraFirma Chambers**
- 09:30 – 11:00** **Session One: Public Law in Scotland - Update**
Chair: **Lord Hodge, Senator of the College of Justice**
Speakers: *Scots Judicial Review Update*
 Gerry Moynihan QC, Axiom Advocates
 Human Rights and EU Issues in Scots Public Law Cases
 James Wolffe QC, Axiom Advocates
 Legislative Developments in Public Law
 Lynda Towers, Solicitor to the Scottish Parliament
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee**
- 11:30 – 13:00** **Session Two: Public Law Developments Elsewhere**
Chair: **Chris Himsworth, Professor of Administrative Law, University of Edinburgh**
Speakers: *Key Public Law Developments in the English Courts*
 Martin Chamberlain, Brick Court Chambers
 EU Developments
 Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Law, University of Cambridge
 Key Public Law Developments in Strasbourg
 Elaine Motion, Partner, Balfour & Manson
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:15** **Session Three: Hot topics in Public Law**
Chair: **Richard Henderson, former Law Society President**
Speakers: *Eba, Judicial Review and the Upper Tribunal*
 Lorna Drummond, Advocate, Murray Stable
 Prisoners Voting Rights
 Andrew Webster, Advocate, Murray Stable
 Justice Directorate – Justice Reform
 Bobby Sandeman, Justice Directorate, Scottish Government
- 15:15 – 15:45** **Tea**
- 15:45 – 16:15** **The Scottish Political Landscape after 5 May**
John Curtice, Professor of Politics, Strathclyde University
- 16:15 – 17:15** **Closing Session – Devolution – Evolution or revolution?**
Chair: **Lord Carloway, Senator of the College of Justice**
Speakers: *Scottish Devolution after the Scotland Bill*
 Professor Alan Page
 View from Wales
 Natalie Lancey, Welsh Assembly Government
 Breaking the Cycle
 Oswyn Paulin, Departmental Solicitor and Head of the Government Legal Service for Northern Ireland
- 17:00 – 18:30** **Drinks Reception**

Ticket Prices

Price: £75 Group Discount: 6 tickets for the price of 5
Student price: £20

Attendees will be entitled to claim up to **6 hours** of credit under the **CPD** schemes of both the Law Society of Scotland and the Faculty of Advocates.



The Scottish Public Law Group was launched in February 2008 as a forum in which academics, advocates, solicitors and government lawyers can meet and discuss matters of topical interest in public law in Scotland.

The SPLG is co-ordinated by Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP), Anna Poole (Axiom Advocates), Alan Page (University of Dundee), Christine O'Neill (Brodies), Paul Cackette (Scottish Government), June Murray (North Lanarkshire Council) and Marcus Wischik (SPLG Secretary).

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