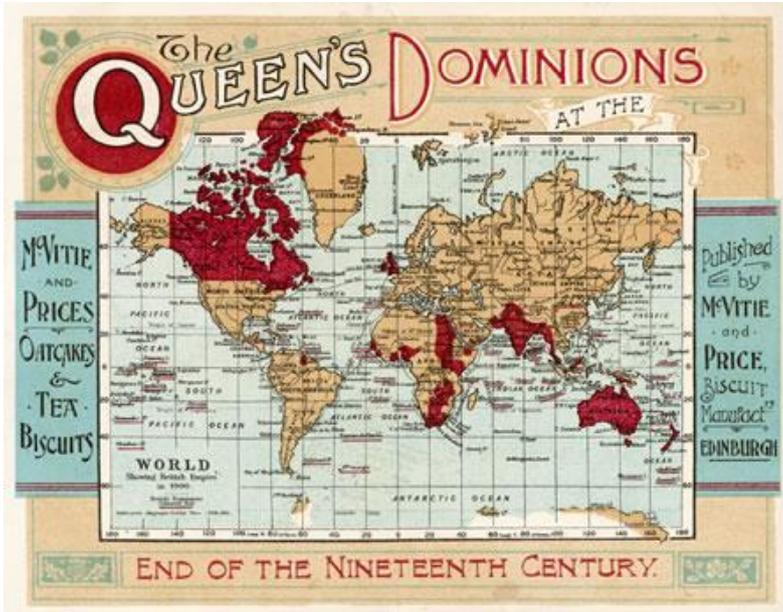


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Pakistan and Ireland: Exploring Comparative Constitutional Perspectives on Decolonisation, Dominion Status, & Beyond



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In this seminar Mara Malagodi and Luke McDonagh examine the Dominion Constitutions of Pakistan and Ireland from a comparative perspective. While the

two countries could be described as being dramatically different from one another in some ways in fact as countries that gained independence in the 20th century from the British Empire via Dominion status they share some important and under-explored political and constitutional similarities, including: the political legacy of the 'Westminster' model, the legal impact of Dominion constitutions and the dramatic legacy of partition. By exploring these areas from a comparative perspective Malagodi and McDonagh explore legal and political challenges faced by both states.

A comparative constitutional lawyer with a linguistically informed specialism in South Asian law and politics, human rights law, and legal history, **Mara Malagodi** is a Lecturer in Law at City, University of London. She is the author of the monograph *Constitutional Nationalism and Legal Exclusion in Nepal* (OUP, 2013) and of several articles and book chapters on South Asian constitutional law and legal history. She is a scholar of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, which awarded her the Blackstone Entrance Exhibition and the Quatercentenary Scholarship. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2016. Mara has also worked as an external consultant for various UN agencies.

Luke McDonagh is a Lecturer in the Law School at City, University of London. He undertakes research primarily in the area of Intellectual Property Law and Constitutional Law. Prior to taking up his position at City he was a Lecturer in the Law School at Cardiff University and before a LSE Fellow in Law. During 2014-15 Luke was a Visiting Scholar at Waseda University Law School. Luke has published widely in journals including *The Modern Law Review*, *Civil Justice Quarterly* and the *Journal of Law and Society* – and his work has had considerable impact, including being cited in 2014 in a UK House of Commons debate on patent litigation, a UK Law Commission report on patent law, and in an amicus curiae submission to the US Supreme Court in the patent case of *Highmark v Allcare* (2014).

All are welcome