

## **Christopher McCrudden – Academic Board Member**

Christopher McCrudden, is professor of human rights and equality law at Queens University Belfast, a William W. Cook Global Law Professor at Michigan Law, and a practicing barrister-at-law with Blackstone Chambers.

Specializing in human rights, he concentrates on issues of equality and discrimination as well as the relationship between international and comparative human rights law.

Professor McCrudden is the author, most recently, of *Litigating Religions: An Essay on Human Rights, Courts and Beliefs* (OUP, 2018, about the relationship between religion and human rights law. An earlier book, *Buying Social Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2007), examined the relationship between public procurement and equality, for which he was awarded a certificate of merit by the American Society of International Law in 2008. He has co-authored (with Brendan O'Leary) *Courts and Consociations* (Oxford University Press, 2013), about the tensions between human rights and ethnic power-sharing arrangements that are common in peace agreements. He has also edited the multi-disciplinary volume, *Understanding Human Dignity* (Oxford University Press, 2013). In addition, he serves on the editorial boards of several journals, including the *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* and the *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law*.

He also serves on the European Commission's Expert Network on the Application of the Gender Equality Directives, and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs' Human Rights Advisory Panel, and Brexit Stakeholder Group. Professor McCrudden holds an LLB from Queen's University Belfast, an LLM from Yale Law School, and both a DPhil and DCL from Oxford University. Queen's University Belfast awarded him an honorary LLD in 2006. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2008, and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2018. He is chair of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for Advanced Studies (the *Wissenschaftskolleg*) in Berlin.

He was awarded the CBE for services to human rights in the 2019 New Year's Honours List.