Much has been made of the bringing together of the development and the human rights agendas through the integration of human rights into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is, however, growing evidence that the SDGs and associated implementation processes may constitute a serious danger to human rights in terms of law, politics and practice. Focusing in particular on children’s rights, Aoife Nolan will explore whether the SDGs will ultimately serve as a vehicle for the advancement or the undermining of human rights.

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Aoife Nolan is Professor of International Human Rights Law at Nottingham University School of Law. She was elected to the Council of Europe’s European Committee of Social Rights in November 2017. She has published extensively in the areas of human rights and constitutional law, particularly in relation to economic and social rights, children’s rights and non-state actors. She is the founding coordinator of the Economic and Social Rights Academic Network, UK and Ireland (ESRAN-UKI). Professor Nolan has worked with and acted as an expert advisor to a wide range of international and national organisations and bodies working on human rights issues, including a range of UN Special Procedures, UN treaty-monitoring bodies, the Council of Europe, multiple NHRIs and NGOs. Her books include Children’s Socio-economic Rights, Democracy & the Courts (Hart, 2011), Applying an International Human Rights Framework to State Budget Allocations: Rights and Resources (Routledge, 2014) (with R. O’Connell & C. Harvey, M. Dutshke & E. Rooney), Economic and Social Rights after the Global Financial Crisis (CUP, 2014) and the United Nations Special Procedures System (co-edited with R. Freedman and T. Murphy). She is an Academic Expert at Doughty Street Chambers.

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