



## Sarton Medal 2011-12 – Sartonmedaille 2011-12

on Thursday, November 17th at 4 o'clock PM,

in the NB III Auditorium of the Law Faculty (Universiteitstraat 4 in Ghent)

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Professor Robert Rubens, Chairman of the Ghent University Sarton Committee,  
Professor Piet Taelman, Dean of the Faculty of Law,  
Professor Georges Martyn, Director of the Institute of Legal History

Have the honour to invite you to the Sarton lecture and the presentation of the Sarton medal to

***Dr. Sean Donlan***  
*(University of Limerick)*

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### *Program*

- Welcome by the dean, professor Piet Taelman.
- Laudatio of dr. Sean Donlan by professor Dirk Heirbaut.
- Sarton lecture by professor Sean Donlan:

## ***The law touches us but here and there, and now and then: Edmund Burke, law, and legal theory***

- Handing over of the Sarton Medal by professor Robert Rubens
- Drink offered by the Law Faculty



George Sarton (1884-1956), one of the founding fathers of the history of science as an academic discipline, was an alumnus of Ghent University. In 1912, one year after his graduation in physics and mathematics, he wrote to a friend: "J'ai décidé de vouer ma vie à l'étude désintéressée de l'histoire des sciences". He established two leading journals in the field (*Isis* in 1912 and *Osiris* in 1934) and the History of Science Society. In 1984, at the centenary of Sarton's birthday, Ghent University decided to establish a Sarton Chair of History of Science. Each year the Sarton committee, consisting of representatives of the faculties of Ghent University, selects the Sarton chair holder and the Sarton medallists. The Sarton chair holder and the medallists are invited to lecture on the history of science in the faculties of the university. The lectures are published in the annual journal *Sartoniana*. ([www.sartonchair.ugent.be](http://www.sartonchair.ugent.be))

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