

Carlow Campus Library, South East Technological University Special Collections

Collection number: Professor Geoffrey J. Hand (1931 – 2016)

Title: Geoffrey Hand Collection

Dates: The materials date from the mid-late 20th century.

Collection summary: The collection comprises different types of material including antiquarian books, offprints and personal papers. Professor Hand's personal papers cover a range of topics including human rights, constitutional law, comparative constitutions and the European Union and also including items on ecclesiastical history, politics, Irish and British History. The collection was donated to IT Carlow (now South East Technological University Carlow Campus) in December 2012 by Professor Geoffrey Hand.

Collection description: Professor Geoffrey J. Hand received his BA in History from University College Dublin and was subsequently awarded a DPhil from the University of Oxford in 1960, for his research on medieval Irish Law. After holding lectureships at Edinburgh University, Southampton University and University College Dublin, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Law at UCD from 1970-1975.

From 1976-1980 he served as one of the inaugural professors to the nascent Law department of the European University Institute at Florence. From 1980 until his retirement, he served as Barber Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Birmingham.

Professor Hand was regarded as a leading scholar in the field of medieval and early modern legal history, with particular focus on the advent of English law in Ireland and Irish ecclesiastical history. He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Irish Legal History Society in 2010.

(Source: European University Institute – In Memoriam)

Physical location of the collection: The collection is kept on the ground floor of the library in the Learning Resource Centre.

Access Restrictions: All materials are reference only and cannot be taken out of the library.

Status: The collection has been catalogued and is available on the South East Technological University Library Management System KOHA.

Link to the Geoffrey Hand collection on the KOHA Library Management system:

https://libsearch.setu.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opacsearch.pl?idx=&q=Geoffrey+Hand+collection&weight_search=1