

Microsoft-UCD Digital Policy Programme

Challenges in Digital Policy

Half-day Workshop | UCD University Club | Cedar/Cypress Rooms
Thursday 30th May 2019 from 8.45am

UCD is establishing a Digital Policy Programme with the support of Microsoft, involving a range of activities including an annual workshop. The aim of this first workshop is to draw together key stakeholders from government, industry, NGOs and academia to engage on articulating key challenges in digital policy and the opportunities for deeper research and learning. The workshop will be held in the week following European Parliamentary elections and will engage with the emerging agenda of the new Parliament and new European Commission, as well as with the live and future digital policy issues facing Ireland.

Schedule

8.45am Registration, Tea, Coffee

9.15am Keynote - John Frank, Vice President EU Government Affairs, Microsoft

**9.30 am Panel 1 Rights and Ethics in a Digital World
Chair: TJ McIntyre, UCD**

- 1. Ethics Marguerite Barry, UCD**
- 2. Rights, Pauline Walley SC**

10.15 Panel 2 Equality and Democracy in a Digital World

Chair: Craig Dwyer, Transparent Referendum Initiative

- 1. AI and Gender, Susan Leavy, UCD School of Computer Science**
- 2. Digital Threats and Opportunities for Democracy James Cross, UCD**

11.00 Coffee

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With generous support from Microsoft Ireland, UCD is establishing the Microsoft-UCD Digital Policy Programme to be hosted at UCD with the goal of building a digital policy capability in Ireland and Europe. The programme aims to fulfil the demand for digital policy knowledge and skills in the policy ecosystem, including the public service in Ireland and the wider European Union, with features that will fill this need in the short term, while also building a sustainable pipeline of skills for long-term impact. It will build on existing expertise and curriculum already offered at UCD, while also recruiting fresh talent to develop and oversee its success.

Key elements of the new programme include:

- Proposed new continuous professional development educational offerings including a Certificate and Diploma in Digital Policy.
- A proposed new Master's Programme in Digital Policy.
- An annual Digital Policy Workshop engaging key stakeholders.
- The appointment of an Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Digital Policy.
- A proposed new academic centre drawing together current and new research capacity at UCD.
- Wide ranging collaboration with universities, government, industry and NGOs to identify and address key digital policy challenges.

**11.15 Panel 3 Security and Crime in Digital World
Chair: Barry Vaughan, Department of the Taoiseach**

- 1. Security in Digital Supply Chains, Noel McGrath, UCD**
- 2. Harmful and illegal content online: Social, legal, industry and policy Implications , Mary Aiken, UCD Geary Institute**

12 Midday

**Panel 4 Policy Challenges of the Digital Economy
Chair: Rachel O'Dwyer, NCAD**

- 1. Cryptocurrencies – Quinn Dupont, UCD**
- 2. Labour Automation and AI in the Future of Work David Lee, PWC,**

12.45pm Workshop Summary and Next Steps

1pm Lunch and Close

