

Frontiers in Poverty Research Summer School Mon 26th – Fri 30th Sep, 2011



The **UCD Schools of Applied Social Science & Sociology** & the **Geary Institute** are hosting a summer school in the area of poverty research. The course will introduce participants to cutting edge conceptual, methodological and policy debates.

The school is intended for early career researchers including doctoral students as well as those involved in evaluating and monitoring research in the area of poverty and social inclusion. Applications from Masters students with previous research experience will also be considered.

Lecturers on the course are leading experts in the field, from both Ireland and the UK, including **David Gordon** (University of Bristol), **Brian Nolan, Chris Whelan & David Madden** (UCD), **Bertrand Maître, Dorothy Watson & Richard Layte** (ESRI), **Mike Tomlinson & Madeleine Leonard** (QUB) & **Thomas Scharf** (NUIG) & **Alan Barrett** (TCD).

Format of summer school

The summer school will take the format of morning lectures by leading experts in the field and afternoon sessions structured around the active involvement of the summer school participants.

Morning session

The morning sessions will encompass two parts. The first part will review theoretical issues and methodological considerations. The second part will illustrate the application of theory and methods, employing relevant national and international datasets.

Afternoon session

The afternoon session will follow on thematically from the morning lecture and involve discussion by participants of specific questions informed by advance-circulated journal articles and book chapters, facilitated by the lecturer/s.

The summer school is funded through the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences and supported by the Social Inclusion Division, Dept of Social Protection.



Schedule & programme content

Mon 26th Sept Conceptual overview of researching poverty

Formal opening of the summer school by the Minister for Social Protection
Joan Burton

An introduction to the historical traditions in poverty research and overview of conceptual debates (Brian Nolan & Christopher T. Whelan, UCD)

Poverty in global perspective (David Gordon, University of Bristol)

Tue 27th Sept Poverty measurement

In-depth review of income-based poverty measurement in relative (European approach) or absolute terms (USA approach) (Brian Nolan & David Madden, UCD).

Review of consistent poverty measure (Dorothy Watson & Bertrand Maître, ESRI).

Wed 28th Sept Multidimensional & dynamic approaches to poverty

Changing Poverty Dynamics in Ireland? Comparing the 1990s and 2000s (Richard Layte, ESRI)

Understanding and exploring the multidimensional nature of poverty going beyond income (Christopher T. Whelan, UCD & Bertrand Maître, ESRI).

Thu 29th Sep Alternative approaches to researching poverty

The Poverty and Social Exclusion Survey in Northern Ireland (Mike Tomlinson, QUB).

Qualitative methodological approaches in poverty research (Madeleine Leonard, QUB).

Fri 30th Sep Emerging Issues: critical concerns for contemporary Ireland

The last day will take the format of a series of papers on emerging issues for Ireland, with a particular focus on the life course. There will also be a short introduction to the Irish Social Science Data Archive at UCD.

Identifying childhood deprivation: do national indicators work? (Bertrand Maître & Dorothy Watson, ESRI & Christopher T. Whelan, UCD).

Predictors of child well-being in Irish families: evidence from the Growing up in Ireland study (Ela Polek, UCD).

A life course perspective: poverty and older people (Thomas Scharf, NUI Galway).

TILDA: design and early results (Alan Barrett, TCD).

Making the links: from poverty research to policy (Social Inclusion Division).