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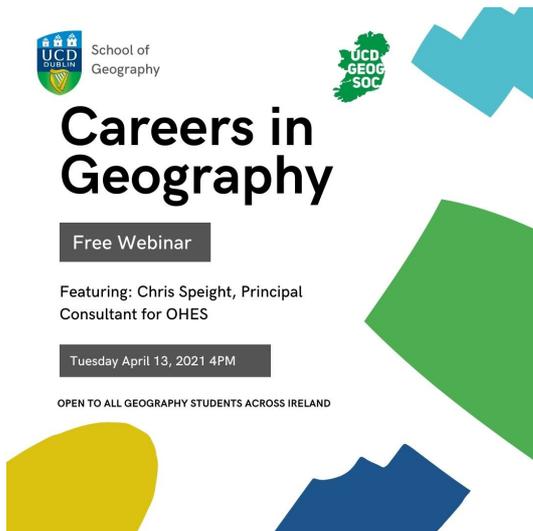


Welcome to the Month Year Newsletter

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News and Events



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Careers in Geography

Free Webinar

Featuring: Chris Speight, Principal Consultant for OHES

Tuesday April 13, 2021 4PM

OPEN TO ALL GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS ACROSS IRELAND

The Geography Society and the School are hosting a free webinar on careers in Geography on the **13th of April at 4pm**. The guest speaker, Chris Speight, a Principal Consultant for OHES, will guide attendees through possible geography careers, provide hints and tips for gaining employment, and answer any questions. More information and event link available [here](#).



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PhD Research Symposium 2021

This year's annual PhD Research Symposium will take place on Zoom in two separate slots, on **Thursday 15 April from 2pm to 5pm** and **Friday 16 April from 10am to 1pm**.

You can find the agenda for the event [here](#), along with the Zoom link which will be recurring for both days.



It was a busy month for Prof Kath Browne who presented to Institute of Bankers for International women's day on Inclusive practices and organisations as micro societies, and then also to PhD students at Stockholm University on Queer Methods and Beyond Opposition.



We're branching out! The School now has a presence across all major social media platforms, including [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), on top of our strong presence on [Twitter](#). Click on any of the links to follow us

Fieldtrips

Over the Fieldwork period in March, several of our modules operated virtual field trips. It was a definite change from how they usually are run, but the feedback from those who took part has been overwhelmingly positive! Thank you to everyone who made it possible and took part. Below you will be able to see some photos and short synopsis from some of the people involved.



Niamh Moore-Cherry
Panel facilitator, UCD



Dr Christine Doherty
Biodiversity and green infrastructure officer, Derry and Strabane District Council



Mr Denis Kelly
Assistant Director, Northern and Western Regional Assembly



Mr Gavan Rafferty,
University of Ulster



Mr Eunan Quinn,
Senior Planner, Donegal County Council



Ms Caroline Creamer,
Director, International Centre for Local and Regional Development

The class from the undergraduate module GEOG20210 Field Studies in Ireland and the module coordinator Prof Niamh-Moore used Google Earth to travel from UCD to Derry via several counties. Niamh elaborates more on the experience [here](#).

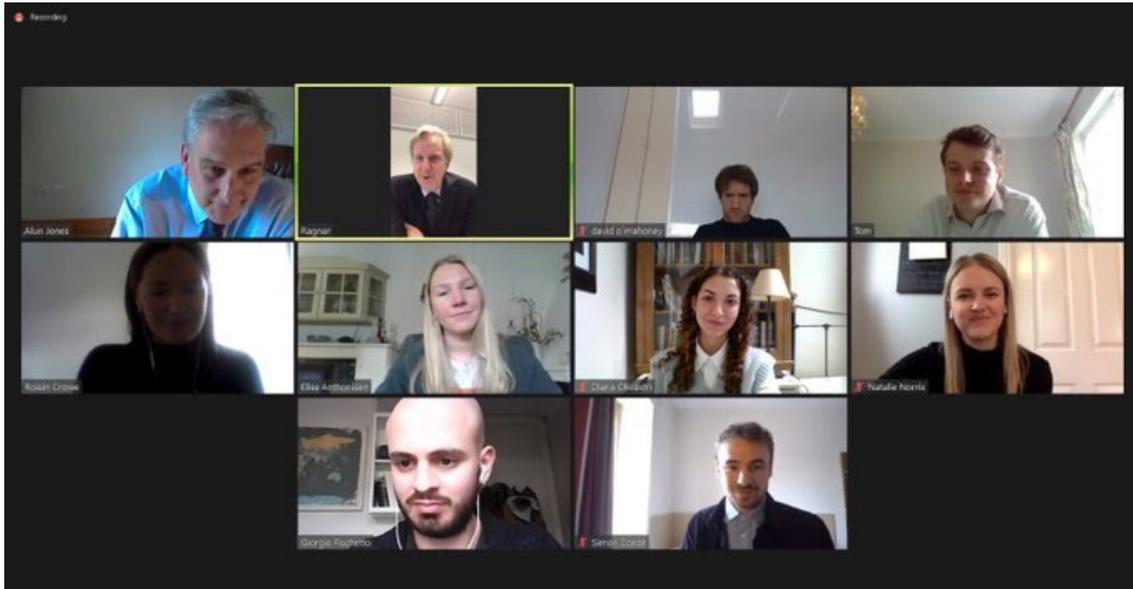


Profs Brad Garret and Federico Ferretti took the class of the GEOG30900 Overseas field trip module on an LA field trip. The class was broken up into four groups: Water Politics, City of Crime, Public Space and San Andreas Fault. You can read more about how they got on, and see some amazing photos [here](#).



Students in Dr Christine Bonnin's GEOG40830 Global South Fieldwork: Vietnam module got to participate in a virtual role-play simulation set in Ha

Long Bay, where they acted as various stakeholders in a proposed redevelopment project. You can read more about how this was operated [here](#).



The Master's students from Prof Alun Jones' MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy conducted interviews with diplomats and members from interpretation units to determine if the pandemic has changed diplomacy. Read more about their experience and the feedback from the participants [here](#).

Featured Academic



In this month's featured academic piece, Prof Jacky Croke, reflects on how data availability has changed over time and how she has had to adapt to this influx over the course of her career.

[Read more.](#)

Featured Postgraduate



As one of the School's original remote workers, postdoc Micha Campbell has spent her time in Queensland, Australia. In her piece, she writes about her experience working on using palaeoclimate proxy data to improve water resource management. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Prof Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo who has been awarded a runner up in this years highly completive Research Impact Case Study Completion for her great work on Planning for sustainability through Environmental Sensitivity Mapping. We are very happy for you Ainhoa and well done on this achievement. You can read her case study [here](#).

Congratulations to Alma Clavin and Niamh Moore-Cherry, who have been awarded funding under the IRC New Foundations scheme for a project entitled Urban Grit: A resident-led exploration of the soil, nature and greenspace 'closest-in' to a high-density inner city neighbourhood. This project extends the work of the EPA-funded [Mapping Green Dublin](#) project. Working with the Robert Emmet Community Development Project, the project uses mapping techniques and nature work (called 'nature probes') to collectively examine wellbeing impacts of this greenspace deficit and take an in-depth view into residents personal relationships with nature in their locality.

There are a good many congratulations in order for Prof Alun Jones this month:

Firstly, Alun has been invited to serve on the European Commission's ERC panel and chair the sub-panel for ERC Consolidator Awards in Law, Political Science, International Relations and Related fields in 2020-2021. Under his chairmanship, €22 million was allocated to Europe's next generation of leading researchers.

He has been invited to serve on the Research Council of Norway in 2021-2022.

Finally, Alun has also been invited to join the NORF group to achieve Ireland's national ambitions for open research as outlined in the National Framework on the Transition to an Open Research Environment (NORF, 2019), launched by the Government of Ireland in July 2019. The National Framework consists of 28 objectives across five strategic areas:

- Open access to research publications
- Enabling FAIR research data
- Infrastructures for access to and preservation of research
- Skills and competencies
- Incentives and rewards

Congratulations to Alun for these appointments and positions!

Congratulations to Niamh Moore-Cherry, who has been appointed an Honorary Professor at the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London. This

title is reserved for individuals who are closely linked to one of UCL's academic departments (or Institutes) and is of an academic standing equivalent to that of a Professor at UCL and who are from a non-UCL academic/research institution. The appointment is made in recognition of the significant and successful research collaborations between Niamh and several academic colleagues and teaching and service activities for the School.

Well done to Niall Traynor, who successfully submitted his MLitt thesis entitled "*The formalisation of street vendor livelihoods in District 1, Ho Chi Minh City*". The thesis was co-supervised by Dr Christine Bonnin and Assoc Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry. Thanks to Assoc Prof Joe Brady for chairing the assessment panel.

Research Seminars

UCD School of Geography Research Seminar Series



**Using Palaeoclimate data
to better inform
hydroclimate variability
and the benefits to the
water industry.**

Prof Jacky Croke, UCD

**15th of April 2021
1pm via Zoom**

@UCD_Geography

Zoom link for the event is available on the School's website [here](#).

Publications

Prof Federico Ferretti's new paper title 'History of Geography (Not Identical to Historical Geography)' was published in the *International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment and Technology*. It is available to read [here](#).

Prof González Del Campo has co-edited and contributed several chapters to the 'Handbook on Strategic Environmental Assessment'. The book has been published by *Edward Elgar Publishing* and is available for purchase [here](#).

Dr Christine Bonnin and former masters student Paul Umfreville (now PhD student at TU Dublin) have published a paper 'Mind the Gap: Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities for Social Enterprise in Vietnam' in *Forum for Development Studies*. It is available to read [here](#).



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