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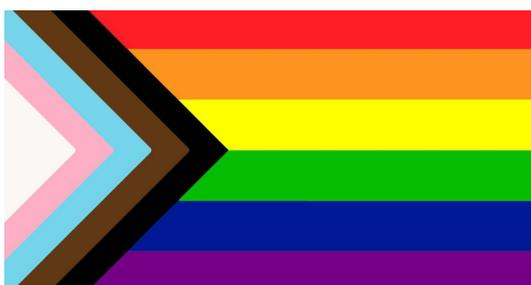
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News and Events



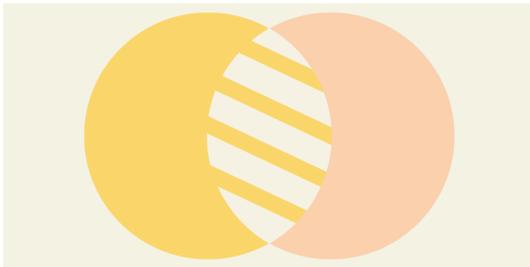
The Conference of Irish geographers was hosted by Trinity University's Geography department in April. As an online conference, the atmosphere of the CIG was maintained and a key role played by UCD geographers, including some impressive placings in the top ten of the 'most active members' leaderboard where Niamh and Arlene placed 4th and 5th respectively! Alongside the paper presentations, keynotes and conference discussions were the key informal moments of coffee discussions and the creation of Geography Spotify lists!



Happy Pride month to all! Pride usually is a disruption of heteronormative spaces, but this year as might be expected, it has moved online. We hope to be able to gather together next year to celebrate in person!



In this year's undergraduate module, GEOG30920 - Environment and Sustainability module, the students have worked incredibly hard to create videos to represent each of the Sustainable Development Goals! They are available on YouTube at the following links: [SDG2: Hunger](#), [SDG3: Health](#), [SDG6: Water](#), [SDG7: Energy](#).



Both Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry for 'Greening Dublin' and Prof Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo for 'Community SDG Dashboard' are presenting at the Royal Irish Academy's workshop Thursday, 3 June 2021. [Register](#).



Prof Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo was the co-chair of the Technical Programme for the International Association for Impact Assessment 'Smartening Impact Assessment in Challenging Times' conference. It brought 1,300 delegates together from all over the world in an successful online event. [See more](#).



As part of the IRC funded project, [Ireland in a Metropolitan Century](#), Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry and Carla Kayanan were featured in the CIG panel discussion, *Dialogues in planning policy and practice in a changing Ireland*. [See the recording](#).

UCD Festival at home 2021 was a great success. Assoc Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry was involved in a Conversations session moderated by Kevin O'Sullivan, Environment Editor, The Irish Times. Niamh and



Thu 27 May
2:30pm

Climate Change: Impacts, Policy and Activism

Join Kevin O'Sullivan, Niamh
Moore-Cherry and Saoirse McHugh
in a discussion on climate action

Saoirse McHugh, an Irish environmentalist who stood in the last European Parliament elections, discussed *Climate Change: Impacts, Policy and Activism* focusing on the urban and rural dimensions and opportunities to support climate action.

You can watch the highlights Niamh's and other talks from the UCD Festival [here](#).

Featured Academic



As Brad Garrett's book [Bunker: Building for the End Times](#) moves to paperback in August, he is planning a new project conducting ethnographic research with the global 'biohacker' community. Based primarily in California, this community seeks to extend the average human lifespan into the 100-plus range through nutrition, fitness, and biomedical innovation. Dr Garrett's new project seeks to discover whether experiments in biohacking hold promise for the future of human longevity. [Read more](#).

Featured PhD



Is the homeland just a nation-state? Is the homeland just the place of tradition? In other words: what is the potential for a homeland? In his doctoral research, Francesco explores the representation of the Kurdish homeland based on the concept of stateless democracy promoted by the Kurdish Freedom Movement, thus pushing forward the investigation of the non-statist geographies and the terrain of potentiality. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Prof Niamh Moore-Cherry, who was recently appointed as the Deputy Vice-Principal for the College of Social Sciences and Law. This is a tremendous appointment for Niamh and recognises all her school and college contributions over many years. We wish you all the very best in the role, Niamh and we look forward to seeing the impact you will undoubtedly make.

Congratulations to Gerald Mills and Iain Stewart (Global Cities Institute, University of Toronto) on the publication on 24th May of their new book [The Urban Heat Island: A Guidebook](#). The approaches outlined in the book help develop scientific understandings of the UHI but also provide important new knowledge and techniques to inform better urban planning and design strategies to mitigate the UHI effect. Well done!

Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships



The call for Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships has opened and students in all areas of interest are encouraged to apply.

[More information available here.](#)

Publications

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