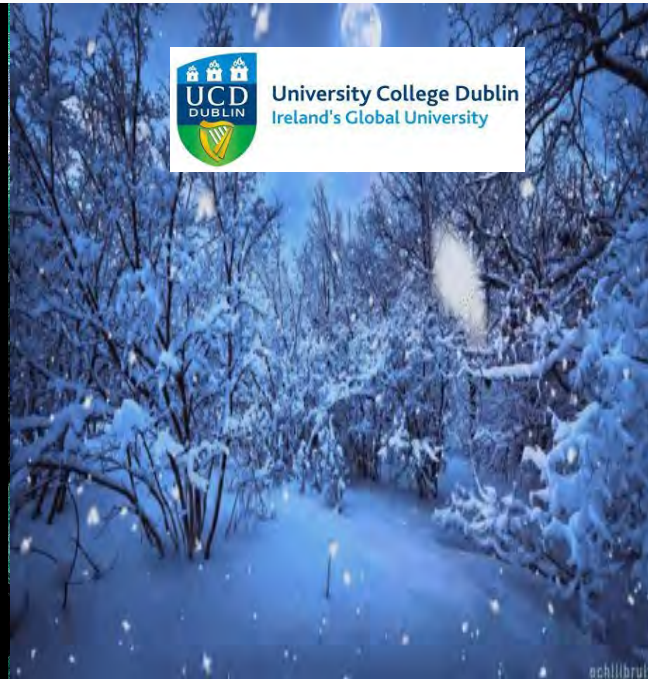


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Research project news

**Asst. Prof. Matt Donoghue appointed Expert for a DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion project**



**Asst. Prof. Matt Donoghue** has been appointed as expert for a DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion project entitled *Access to Essential Services: Evidence from EU Member States*. The objective of this research is to contribute to filling the existing knowledge gap and to advance the understanding of the situation in all Member States for each of the six services listed in Principle 20 of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) – water, sanitation, energy, transport, financial services and digital communications. Its findings will inform the first EU Report on Access to Essential Services, whose publication was announced for 2022 in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

## A Review of the Processing of Sexual Offences in Ireland: Stakeholder Experiences



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt  
Department of Justice

**Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan** and Assoc. Prof. Deirdre Healy (UCD School of Law) have been awarded €24,971 by the Department of Justice for a project entitled *A Review of the Processing of Sexual Offences in Ireland: Stakeholder Experience*.

The aims of this project are to: identify stakeholder views on any issues/problems that lead to delay in the processing and progression of sexual offences through the Irish criminal justice system; explore how these issues should be dealt with and how this might be achieved, elaborating on what has happened in Ireland thus far and what needs to be done; detail the views of stakeholders as to the potential of interventions from other jurisdictions, that might be adopted in Ireland to address the delays in the processing of sexual offences; and explore with stakeholders the feasibility - facilitators and inhibitors - of introducing specific interventions in Ireland (legislative, practice-related and otherwise). The research design includes qualitative semi-structured interviews with stakeholder representatives involved in the processing of sexual offences augmented with a prosecutorial case file review which will add significant value to this study, acting as a source of information in its own right and enhancing rigor by providing an opportunity for triangulation between data sources. It is anticipated that the research will be completed by Spring 2022.

### All-Island Partnership to End Sexual Exploitation



**Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan**, Director of the Sexual Exploitation Research Programme (SERP), has been awarded €20,000 by the All Island Fund on behalf of UCD Community Foundation for Ireland to conduct research entitled *All-Island Partnership to End Sexual Exploitation*.

All evidence from academia, police & frontline practitioners demonstrates that the sex trade continues to thrive on both sides of the border, involving the ongoing, organised movement of women back & forth across that border by those who control & profit from the trade. Women, the majority of whom are vulnerable migrants, are moved by prostitution organisers & traffickers to satisfy the demands of sex buyers, avoid detection by authorities & prevent women from seeking help. Traffickers are using RoI as a 'backdoor' to the UK via NI, & post-Brexit, are also using NI as a 'backdoor' for the movement of victims into RoI and therefore the EU. BLWA are currently supporting women in a major court case in NI involving the trafficking of 80+ young women, many of whom were moved back and forth across the border.

This collaborative Partnership, initially developed through the European Commission-funded REACH Project 2014-2016 ([www.reachproject.eu](http://www.reachproject.eu)), aims to identify, share & highlight best practice in supporting women but also in tackling the proliferation of this

egregious trade. Current SERP members were involved in all aspects of REACH and worked collaboratively throughout the project with colleagues in Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid (BLWA), who provide dedicated, specialist support services to women who have been identified as victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation. It was clear from REACH that partners on both sides of the border had a wealth of knowledge and expertise on tackling sexual exploitation and that there was huge benefit to victims and practitioners in sharing this and learning from one another, regardless of jurisdictional differences.

### Briefing paper for ASI Dementia Working Group, Ireland



**Asst. Prof. Sarah Donnelly** has been commissioned by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Irish Dementia Working Group (IDGW) to co-develop a briefing paper with the group that would outline the key issues relating to upholding the human rights and safeguarding of people living with dementia in nursing homes in Ireland including concrete recommendations for policy and practice.

### In the Media

#### Media coverage following launch of SERP HSE report

Following the online launch on 16<sup>th</sup> November of the Sexual Exploitation Research Programme (SERP) report *Confronting the Harm: Documenting the prostitution experiences and impacts on health and wellbeing of women accessing the Health Service Executive Women's Health Service*, three newspaper articles covering key findings from the research were published by the Irish Examiner and the Irish Independent. All three articles are detailed below.

This research was commissioned by the National Office for Social Inclusion of the Health Service Executive (HSE). The PI for this research is **Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan** and the authors of the report are **Ruth Breslin and Dr Monica O'Connor**. Details of the launch can be found [here](#). Download the full report from this [link](#) and for SERP's briefing document, click [here](#).

The first of the two Irish Examiner articles entitled '*We end up like broken jigsaw puzzles*': *Chilling reality of sex work revealed in study* was written by Liz Dunphy (November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021) and can be read [here](#). The second Irish Examiner article is an opinion piece entitled *Sex work is hardly ever about choice* (November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021) and can be read [here](#). The third article entitled *Study finds migrants with poor English and no social support turn to prostitution in bid to survive* is written by Allison Bray and published by the Irish Independent (17<sup>th</sup> November 2021) can be accessed [here](#).

## Appointments

### THRIVE Leadership in Research Programme



**Prof. Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila** has been selected as one of thirteen early to mid career UCD academics to participate in the THRIVE Leadership in Research Programme. [The new "THRIVE - Leadership in Research" 2022 Programme](#) is a joint initiative between UCD People and Organisation Development and UCD Research in consultation with the UCD training partner [64 Million Artists](#). This important programme is built around personal engagement with the strategic aims of UCD's "[Rising to the Future 2020-2024](#)" and "[Shaping the Future](#)" strategies.

The programme, involving a combination of five modules and one to one coaching, will equip participants with the skills, knowledge, behaviours and confidence needed to realise their ambitions in UCD. Utilising a holistic approach, it provides a significant opportunity for Assistant Professors/Lecturers and Associate Professors across all disciplines to develop leadership and innovation skills in a group environment with peer-to-peer collaboration and networking.

**THRIVE** has seven key areas for participants' personal development:

1. Defining & Building Strengths
2. Leadership & Management
3. Collaboration & Co-creation
4. Cultural Democracy
5. Resilience & Wellbeing
6. Professional & Personal Goals
7. Taking Action

The programme modules will be delivered over the first half of 2022 with one to one coaching taking place in March and May 2022.

## Future research Opportunities

### All-Island Social Security Network.

**Asst. Prof. Matt Donoghue** attended a meeting on the establishment of this All Ireland Social Security Network which is being coordinated by Dr. Ciara Fitzpatrick and Dr. Charles O'Sullivan at Ulster University. So far the network includes members from UCD, UCC, Maynooth, QUB, TCD and Edinburgh. More details should be available soon, but the official launch of the network is planned for March 2022.

The group will appeal to many colleagues across the school, and anyone who is interested in being involved or kept up to date can email Charles O'Sullivan ( [c.osullivan@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:c.osullivan@ulster.ac.uk) ) or Matt ( [Matthew.Donoghue@ucd.ie](mailto:Matthew.Donoghue@ucd.ie) ).

## PAST EVENTS

### rasmus+ INORP Intensive Programme, University College Dublin, 26<sup>th</sup>-

30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The UCD School hosted the first Intensive Programme (IP) of this three year, European funded project, led by [Dr Sarah Donnelly](#), [Professor Jim Campbell](#) and [Dr Bláithín Gallagher](#). Participants included 40 academics and students from Finland, Czech Republic, Portugal, Belgium and Ireland with a focus on approaches to service user participation in social work.



The programme was structured around 15 presentations and three agency visits across range of topics in social work and health care fields. The Irish presentations and agency visits reinforced the School's partnerships with a range of organisations. These included: SAOL, a womens' organisation which enables service users to deal with addictions problems; the Irish Advocacy Network which is involved in empowering mental health service users; the Patient and Public Involvement Ignite project at UCD; The Tusla TAG project which gives a voice to young people leaving the care system; Merchants Quay Ireland which delivers a range of services to people with addictions, and the Carew House multidisciplinary health care team.

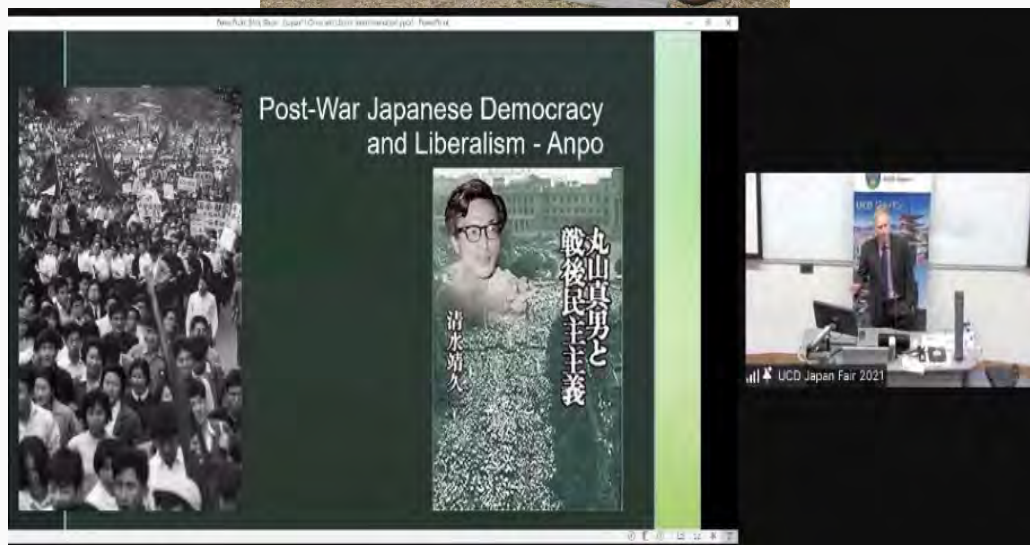


Discussions revealed the complex and contest nature of service user participation in each country, in terms of research literature, policies and practices. The findings from the event will inform the next IP which takes place in Ghent in May 2021 and a conference in Porto in 2022. Outputs will include three papers to be submitted to high quality social work journals as well as practice and educational guides.

For more information about the Erasmus Plus INORP programme please email Sarah.Donnelly@ucd.ie

## UCD Japan Fair Keynote Lecture

UCD Japan & UCD Centre of Japanese Studies hosted this year's UCD Japan Fair Keynote Lecture "Imagining Globality: Japan & China's Approach to Liberal Internationalism" by Prof. Kiri Paramore (Asian Studies, University College Cork) on Thursday 11 November, 2021.



The talk consisted of the following four sections: (i) The roots of international liberalism and Japanese liberalism (1850s-1910s), (ii) China as pro- and Japan as anti- the liberal international order WWI-WII (1920s-1940s); (iii) Japan as pro- and China as anti- the liberal international order post-WWII (1947-1979); and (iv) Convergence (in Asia) (1979-?). Prof. Paramore compared China and Japan's approaches to liberalism & illiberalism over time, referring to the centrality of images of East Asia ("China", "the Orient") in the formation of liberalism (De Tocqueville, J.S. Mill), Japanese Liberalism (Fukuzawa Yukichi) and militarism. The pacifist movement, decolonisation through agrarian communist revolution, and post-war liberal democracy were touched upon before an emergence of convergence in Asia was discussed.

The keynote event was held both in person and on Zoom, and marked the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UCD Japan Fair. Five years ago, Prof. Aaron Moore (Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations, University of Edinburgh) gave a keynote entitled 'Crucible of East Asia: War Diaries

and the Making of China and Japan, 1937-1945'. Similarly, this year's theme covering Japan and its neighbouring country in East Asia, China attracted more than 100 people in total from Ireland, Europe and Asia and generated lively discussions. You can watch his keynote on the Centre for Japanese Studies' YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=7n\\_TFLMcMiY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=7n_TFLMcMiY)

### Launch of the SERP report **Confronting the Harm**



This study by SERP (the Sexual Exploitation Research Programme at UCD), funded by the HSE's National Office for Social Exclusion and supported by the Community Foundation for Ireland, was launched at a live event broadcast online on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with over 100 attendees. **Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan** as well as Ruth Breslin and Dr Monica O'Connor from the SERP team were joined by Linda Latham, Manager and Clinical Nurse, Women's Health Service, HSE to present their findings on the physical sexual, reproductive and mental health impacts of prostitution.

A panel of respondents included the following: Mia de Faoite, Survivor Activist and Coordinator of the Beyond Exploitation campaign at the National Women's Council; David Joyce, Equality Officer and Developmental Officer, ICTU; Phil Ní Sheaghda, General Secretary of the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation; Jennifer Okeke Campbell, Anti-trafficking Co-ordinator, Immigrant Council of Ireland; Dr Nusha Yonkova, Head of Anti-Human Trafficking, IHREC and PhD graduate of the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice and recipient of the IRC Employment based Postgraduate Fellowship

This comprehensive study explores the profile of women in the Irish sex trade, their entry routes into prostitution, and their experiences within it. It demonstrates the wide-ranging health impacts of sexual exploitation, with a particular focus on sexual, reproductive and mental health, and highlights the specialist supports that women in prostitution require.



Further details about SERP can be found [here](#) and also by emailing [Marie.Keenan@ucd.ie](mailto:Marie.Keenan@ucd.ie)  
You can now find the full study [here](#)  
A summary briefing document on our findings [here](#)  
And playback of the launch event [here](#)

### Association of Social Workers National Safeguarding Day event

On Friday 19th November 2021, **Asst. Prof. Sarah Donnelly** was an invited speaker at the Irish Association of Social Workers National Safeguarding Day event. Sarah presented on the 'Falling Through the Cracks Study' and was cited in an RTE News Piece, see below: <https://www.rte.ie/news/analysis-and-comment/2021/11/19/1261819-adult-safeguarding-day/>



The event was well attended by social work practitioners, politicians, policymakers and key stakeholders including HIQA and the HSE National Safeguarding Office as well as representatives from third sector organisations. The IASW welcomed Paul Reid's recent acknowledgement that HSE culture, at times, is harmful to the adults that the HSE is tasked to protect. As lead professionals in safeguarding, social workers experience challenges working within this same culture and having professional autonomy to carry out investigations in an agency that often ignores, minimises or dilutes findings related to abuse.

Discussion centred on the need for the Government to act immediately, and introduce comprehensive legislation to safeguard adults at risk from abuse and neglect. The IASW called for: the introduction of comprehensive Adult Safeguarding legislation that empowers, supports and protects adults at risk of abuse and neglect; The establishment of a Social Work led Independent Safeguarding Authority; The mandatory reporting of all abuse and neglect of adults in care settings to the Gardai & Safeguarding and Protection Social Work teams; and the urgent appointment of a Chief Social Work Office in the HSE. This must, after the harrowing events of Grace and Brandon cases, be a 'one stop shop buck stops

here' Office, with complete professional autonomy, responsibility and accountability for final decision making and management of safeguarding concerns.

The dearth of knowledge on the topic of adult safeguarding in the Irish context was highlighted and the pressing need for further research to be carried out was stressed.

### Webinar: Asia Pacific Disaster Mental Health Network series



**Asst. Prof. Orla Kelly** was invited to give a seminar entitled *Inequality Emissions and Sustainable Human Wellbeing* on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 as part of the Asia Pacific Disaster Mental Health Network series.

**Abstract:** National and international income

inequality has adverse social consequences and drives ecological degradation, thereby undermining national efforts to promote sustainable human wellbeing. In this talk, I discuss results of my recent research, with coauthors Ryan Thombs and Anndrew Jorgenson, which explores the relationship between income inequality, GHG emission and human wellbeing in the context of the United States. Our findings reveals complex associations between primary energy use and GHG emissions and life expectancy. It also contradicts the assumption that emissions reductions will necessitate trade-offs in human well-being in wealthy nations.

### Decade of Centenaries Programme - Forbidden Love: Same-sex relationships in early 20th century Ireland



On Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 **Asst. Prof. Mary McAuliffe** was part of a Department of Justice sponsored *Decade of Centenaries* panel on 'Forbidden Love: Same-sex relationships in early 20th century Ireland'. Dr. Patrick McDonagh, PhD., Modern Irish History, facilitated a discussion with Mary and Dr. Averill Earls, historian, writer and Assistant Professor at Mercyhurst University, Pennsylvania. Dr. Earls' research on the policing of male same-sex desire and Mary's research on same-sex female revolutionaries made for an engaging and thoughtful discussion on the challenges of criminalisation and invisibilisation

faced by queer men and women during this period in Irish history. A recording of the session is available [here](#).

## Disclosure of Sexual Abuse: encouragement, facilitation, and support One-Day Virtual Conference: October 8, 2021

Disclosure of sexual abuse and violence is a process often beset with many barriers. Developing systems, practices, and environments that encourage, facilitate, and support disclosure of sexual abuse by both children and adults is key to the timely provision of services, stopping the cycle of abuse, and moving towards healing. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the School of Social Policy, Social Work, and Social Justice hosted a one-day virtual conference on the issue of disclosure of sexual abuse. The conference was organised and facilitated by **Dr Joe Mooney** and was funded by an IRC New Foundations Grant and UCD Seed Funding.

The conference was divided into three streams, gathering voices from research, voices from experience, and voices from the field. An open call for research abstracts was held and papers were included covering a wide range of issues from disclosure in the context of therapy, the role of mandated reporting, historic and legacy issues arising from State institutions, and how disclosure and sexual violence are represented in the arts. This first stream was moderated by Dr Fiachra Ó'Súilleabháin, UCC Social Work.

The voices from experience stream included contributions from Hazel Katherine Larkin, an advocate and PhD student at DCU, and Mick Finnegan, who has previously shared his experiences of abuse on the Two Norries Podcast and the Tommy Tiernan Show. Voices from the field included a facilitated debate between Dr Rosaleen McElvaney, Clinical Psychotherapist at CHI, and Deirdre Kenny Deputy CEO and Advocacy Director of One in Four both discussing the various barriers and facilitators for people who wish to come forward to disclose.

The conference was closed with a keynote from Professor Ramona Alaggia, University of Toronto, who is a recognised international expert in the field of disclosure of sexual abuse. Professor Alaggia's keynote chimed perfectly with the day's content addressing key themes such as the tensions between legality and care of the person, complexities surrounding services' abilities to provide acknowledgment and statements regarding belief to adults and children impacted by abuse, and the wider debate around the need to co-create in this space.

The conference also acted as the launch event for a new report by Dr Mooney entitled *Barriers or Pathways?* The report examined adults' current experiences of disclosure to child protection services in the ever-developing context of mandatory reporting, GDPR, and judicial review jurisprudence. The report along with all recordings and resources related to the event are now available on the [Irish Social Work Blog](#).

The conference was covered by the Irish Examiner and was the subject of an [Op-Ed by Dr Mooney](#) on the morning of the conference. Just under 850 people registered for the event and at our peak during the day we had just over 500 attendees online, which remained stable during the course of the online event. The seminar also trended on Twitter and was number three in Irish trends on the day highlighting, not only the interest, but the importance of this issue and the important contributions of the speakers. The conference has been a starting point for the development of a research and advocacy network in this area.

Trending in Ireland  
**#Disclosureseminar**

### Rentier Capitalism and its discontents

The Equality Studies Centre held a webinar on November 24th 2021 on the topic 'Rentier Capitalism and its discontents'. It was organised by the 'Equality and Flourishing' Research cluster of the centre, and chaired by co-convenor of that cluster, Ruben Flores.

Based on work carried out for the recent book, 'Rentier Capitalism and its discontents' (2021), Baliyar Sanghera examined the moral economy of rent extraction, using Central Asia as a case study. He explored how rent extraction has been justified and legitimised by economic elites, the judiciary and international financial institutions in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and the harmful and damaging effects of rentier activities on economic development, people's well-being, the environment and democracy. Finally, he examined how grassroots movements have emerged to counter the neoliberal commodification of land, money and labour.

The webinar was well-attended by members and friends of the Centre, and was followed by a lively discussion. .

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**Institutional landlords and the financialization of housing: evidence from leading North American researchers**



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**Speakers**

**Dr. Elora Lee Raymond**, School of City and Regional Planning, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Dr. Martine August**, School of Planning, University of Waterloo, Ontario

**Henry Gomory**, Department of Sociology, Princeton University

**The webinar is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2021; the link for registration is here**

**Abstract:** The rapid growth of institutional landlords has been one of the most remarkable, and controversial, features of Irish housing in recent years. As in other countries, however, there is increasing concern around the impact of institutional landlords on many aspects of the housing system, including the affordability of rents and declining homeownership. In the Irish case, however, the available evidence is limited. This seminar brings together leading researchers from North America to share insights based on empirical research in that context. Institutional landlords have expanded rapidly in the US and Canada in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, raising a host of political and policy questions which have strong parallels with the Irish experience. The focus in this seminar is on understanding the impact of this example of 'financialization 2.0' in terms of housing, particularly with regard to tenants and residents

*Organised by the Equality Research Centre & School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD*

## **Bookending growth: empire, ecocide and Ireland**

**Speaker: Prof. John Barry, Queen's University Belfast.**

**The webinar is scheduled for: Fri. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

This seminar is part of the All-Island Seminar Series in Political Theory, Autumn 2021 which is co-convened by Asst. Prof. Marie Moran, Director of the UCD Equality Studies

**Abstract:** Sir William Petty, the 17th century colonial administrator in Cromwell's army in Ireland, was the first to articulate what we now can 'economic growth' as state policy. In this way, economic growth, 'the greatest story never told' in terms of its ubiquity and capacity to be a form of ideological 'commonsense', has its origins in colonial Ireland. Inextricably linked to empire, extractivism and capitalism, over the centuries economic growth has been a 'core state imperative', especially in the post-world war II cold war context. This paper surveys the historical and Irish roots and evolution of this concept, together with contemporary green critiques of economic growth as an outdated objective that is increasingly ecocidal, inequality producing and undermining of planetary health and human flourishing. As a 'poster child' for neoliberal, globalising capitalism, this paper analyses economic growth an ideology amongst economic and policy elites in Ireland and in other countries. More recent iterations of the growth discourse at state, media and business elite levels include notions such as 'green growth', 'smart growth' and the 'circular economy', alongside more standard neoliberal policies of attracting FDI to Ireland with low corporation tax rates. In relation to the latter the ideological 'commonsense' of growth can be observed in the popular as well as elite support for low corporation taxes, and the persistent media discourse of policymakers and politicians 'wearing the green jersey' to keep Irish competitiveness and low taxes from European interference, and projecting a view of 'Ireland Inc'. Exemplary here is the on-going legal dispute between the Irish state and the EU Commission over Ireland's refusal to level 8 billion euros in taxes from the Apple Corporation. It is almost as if 12.5%, the 'official' corporate tax rate (though many corporations have paid much less) should now be inserted into the Irish flag, such is the cultural/popular as well as policy/elite support for this pro-growth tax regime.

This paper proceeds with an analysis of the need for post-growth, post-carbon and post-capitalist policies and strategies that can address the planetary crisis that has its roots in a growth/accumulation dynamic that has also passed a threshold of being a net benefit to the majority in society. On this latter point, the phenomenon of 'jobless growth', observed in Ireland in recent years, will be discussed. The paper concludes with suggestions for post-growth policies which it is claimed can reduce socio-economic inequalities that growth perpetuates rather than reduces, which would also open up opportunities for the liberation of society and human labour from the 'tyranny' of growth (Barry, 2019). This dethroning of economic growth, 'the one true social policy' of neoliberalism as Foucault noted, while perhaps heralding the end of the social world as we know it, is not the end of the world. Beyond the domination of the cultural imaginary of growth lies a different type of abundance, free time and emancipation.

## Upcoming Events, Dec 2021

In addition to Seminar Series

### Symposium: Embedding principles and practices of Social Justice within teaching and learning

Fri, 10 December 2021, 10:00 – 13:00 GMT

UCD Health Science Centre, Belfield

Please register in advance at this [link](#)



#### About this event

Speakers include:

**Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila** - Assistant Professor in Social Justice - University College Dublin

Máiréad Enright - Reader in Feminist Legal Studies - University of Birmingham

Dr Juman Simaan - Senior Lecturer in Occupational Therapy - Canterbury Christ Church University

Dr Sindy Joyce - Postdoctoral Researcher and Human Rights Defender - University of Limerick

Dr John Gilmore - Assistant Professor in Nursing - University College Dublin

This event will be held on International Human Rights Day at the Health Sciences Centre in University College Dublin, Belfield Campus; while simultaneously being hosted online. Please choose **EITHER** an online **OR** in person ticket option.

Refreshments will be provided for in-person attendees.

*This event has been organised by the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems at UCD with support from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.*



### **Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

**Thursday, 9 December 2021 at 1pm (IST) via Zoom**

Following the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change starkest warning yet, urgent action to combat climate change and minimise its disruptions is integral to the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the future of the planet. With the Development Goals 2030 deadline looming, we want to explore what exactly these goals are; if we are globally on schedule to succeed in their implementation; how that can happen and what role Ireland plays in their development and adoption.

Join our host, UCD Earth Institute Director, **Professor Tasman Crowe** and expert panelists **Professor Patrick Paul Walsh**, Professor of International Development Studies, UCD School of Politics and International Relations, **David Donoghue**, Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations and [Dr Orla Kelly](#), Assistant Professor in Social Policy at the UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice.

The first virtual event is scheduled for Thursday the 9th of December at 1 pm. Register [Here](#)

*The popular online [UCD In Conversation series](#) organized by the UCD Alumni Relations office in conjunction with the UCD Earth Institute. In Conversation is an interview series featuring conversations with world-class academics and alumni leaders. This webinar is the first of four topical conversations which will explore how the SDGs were developed and the progress on them to date; responding to the climate crisis post COP26 (Goal 13); the role of business in building a sustainable future (Goals 8, 9 and 12); and food production, food insecurity and food waste (Goal 2).*





**DATE: THUR. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:55 - 11:40 (France) | 18:55 - 19:40 (Japan)**

INNOVCARE Project 1st Annual Forum - 16 December 2021 "Care-led innovation: The case of eldercare in France and Japan"

Venue/Platform: Webinar by Zoom / Campus Condorcet - 8, cours des Humanités - 93 300 Aubervilliers, Paris

Speaker: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate**

Organised by: Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS, France

More information - <http://ffj.ehess.fr/>



**DATE: SAT. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 13:30-14:30 (US EST) | 3:30 - 4:30 (JST)**

1st Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things for Digital Health (AIOT4DH)

Venue/Platform: Webinar by Zoom / Washington D.C., USA

Speaker: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate**

Organised by: University of Calabria, Italy / IEEE SMC, etc.

More information - <https://labs.dimes.unical.it/speme/aiiot4dh2021/>

**第18回**  
HISF Workshop

2022年1月8日(土) 午後6時～午後7時  
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**人間とロボットの共創について考える**  
～オリジナル・ドキュメンタリー上映会  
"Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution"

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【アイルランド国立大学ダブリン校社会科学・法学部 准教授】

経済や社会の隅々にロボット工学を広める試みが広がっています。介護の現場にロボットを活用する試みを撮ったドキュメンタリー映画「Circuits of Care」を見ながら、人間とロボットの共創の可能性について考えます。

参加希望締め切り 2022年1月7日(金) 【参加費:無料】



**DATE: SAT. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022, 18:00 - 19:30 (JST)**

18<sup>th</sup> HISF Workshop 'Let's think about human-robot interactions in society'

Venue/Platform: Webinar by Zoom / Tokyo, Japan

Speaker: **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate**

Organised by: Honjo International Scholarship Foundation

More information (in Japanese) - <https://www.hisf.or.jp/hisf-workshop/>

**NOTICE OF FUTURE SEMINARS**  
**The final details will be added when available**

1. **Thur. Jan. 27th 2022, 1-2pm** [Professor Catherine O'Rourke, Durham Law School](#) will speak on her recent book [Women's rights in armed conflict under International Law](#) . Organised by **Prof. Aisling Swaine** and [Asst. Prof. Marie Luce Paris](#) from the UCD Centre for Human Rights, this webinar will be co-hosted by the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice and the UCD Centre for Human Rights.
2. **Thur. Feb 17th 2022, 1-2pm** **Prof. Aisling Swaine** with her [co-author Catherine Turner](#) will present on [their work on women's protection/participation](#).

## Latest outputs: Publications, Podcasts, Blogs



**BOOK** Bryan Fanning ( Nov. 2021) [Migration and the Making of Ireland](#) Indiana University Press

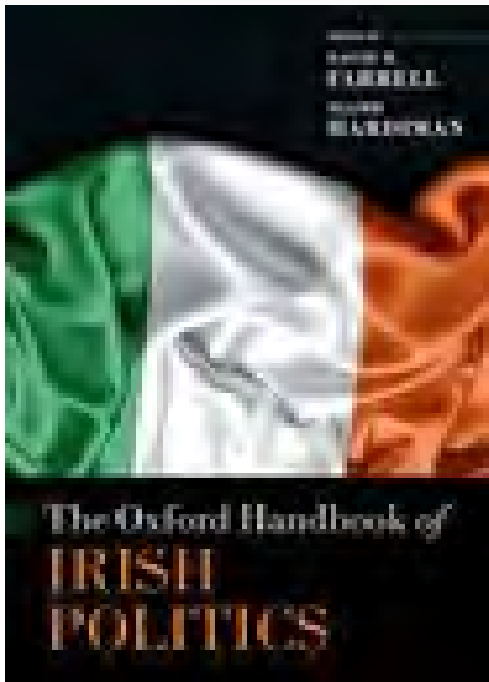
**Description:** Ireland has been shaped by centuries of emigration as millions escaped poverty, famine, religious persecution, and war. But what happens when we reconsider this well-worn history by exploring the ways Ireland has also been shaped by immigration?

From slave markets in Viking Dublin to social media use by modern asylum seekers, *Migration and the Making of Ireland* identifies the political, religious, and cultural factors that have influenced immigration to Ireland over the span of four centuries. A senior scholar of migration and social policy, Bryan Fanning offers a rich understanding of the lived experiences of immigrants. Using first-hand accounts of those who navigate citizenship entitlements, gender rights, and religious and cultural differences in Ireland, Fanning reveals a key yet understudied aspect of Irish

history.

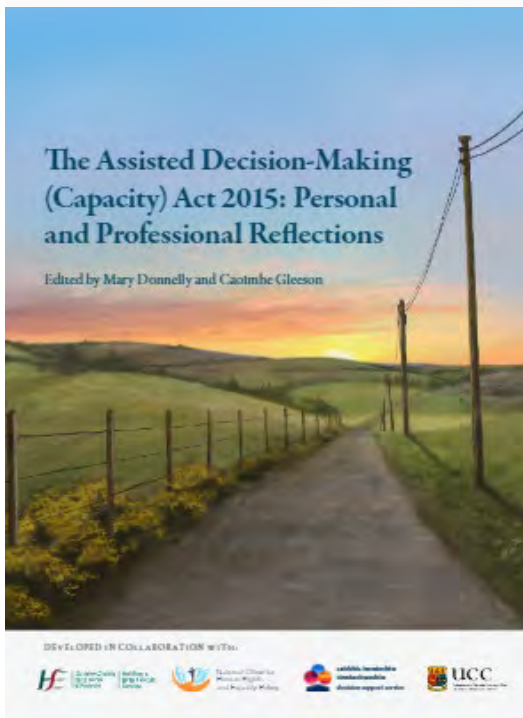
Engaging and eloquent, *Migration and the Making of Ireland* provides long overdue consideration to those who made new lives in Ireland even as they made Ireland new.

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**BOOK CHAPTER Collins, Micheál** (2021) 'The Political Economy of Work and Welfare' by Dr Micheál Collins (UCD) and Dr Mary P Murphy (Maynooth) in the newly launched [Oxford Handbook of Irish Politics](#) (Oxford University Press)

**Overview:** The political economy of Irish work and welfare has dramatically changed over recent decades. Since the 1980s Ireland has experienced two periods of high unemployment followed by two periods of full employment. Alongside this we see considerable shifts in both the sectoral composition of the workforce and in the institutional architecture underpinning the labour market. Focusing on the last decade, this chapter contextualises the Irish labour market in the Irish growth model, highlighting issues including occupational upgrading, low pay, gender composition and migration.



**BOOK CHAPTER Donnelly, Sarah** (2021) 'The Assisted Decision-making Capacity Act, 2015: reflections for the profession of social work' in M. Donnelly and C. Gleeson (eds) *Towards a New Frontier for Human Rights: The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 Personal and Professional Reflections*, Dublin: Health Service Executive. Available at the following [HSE link](#)

**Background:** The idea for this collection of essays emerged from a conference held in University College Cork in November 2019, which was jointly organised by the Decision Support Service; the HSE National Office for Human Rights and Equality; and the Law School at UCC. The conference was intended to draw attention to the ongoing delays in commencing the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 (the 2015 Act). At that time, there was no clear line to commencement and a growing concern that there was no political imperative to take the steps needed to bring the 2015 Act into force.



**JOURNAL ARTICLE** Donnelly, S and O'Brien, M(2021) Falling Through The Cracks: An Exploration Of Social Workers' Perceptions Of The Need For Adult Safeguarding Legislation, *Age and Ageing*, Vol 50, Supplement 3, Nov 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afab219.20>

**Abstract:** The investigation of, and interventions on, the alleged abuse of vulnerable adults, including older people, has become an important feature of social work. Policy and practice in adult safeguarding is characterised by competing debates about how regulators define core concepts and reporting systems. It has been argued that the introduction of specialist legislation could

enhance responses to adult safeguarding (Montgomery et al.2016). This study sets out to shed light on how social work practitioners are navigating cases in the absence of primary legislation and to explore what benefits or challenges there might be should adult safeguarding legislation be fully enacted in the Irish context.



**JOURNAL ARTICLE** Longo, Stefano B., Ellinor Isgren, Brett Clark, Andrew K. Jorgenson, Anne Jerneck, Lennart Olsson, **Orla M. Kelly**, David Harnesk, and Richard York. "Sociology for sustainability science." *Discover Sustainability* 2, no. 1 (2021): 1-14. [Link here](#)

**Abstract** Sociological insights are often underutilized in sustainability science. To further strengthen its commitment to interdisciplinary problem-driven, solutions-oriented research, sustainability science can better incorporate fundamental sociological conceptions into its core. We highlight four aspects of sociological thought that we consider crucial for advancing sustainability science research: (1) social construction and critical realism, (2) structure and agency, (3) historical specificity, and (4) collective action. We

draw on examples from sociology to support a dynamic understanding of how social relations interact with the bio-geo-physical world. This necessary integration of sociological insights, we argue, is critical to generate comprehensive assessments of the causes and consequences of human-induced environmental change, and tend to be overlooked or oversimplified within the field of sustainability science. Beyond that, it can stimulate the development and implementation of viable solutions to sustainability challenges.



**JOURNAL ARTICLE Kodate, K, Obayashi, K, Masuyama, S. (2021)** Improving care quality in a nursing home in Japan: Organisational resilience, robotics-aided care and systems approach, *Age and Ageing*, Vol 50, Supplement 3, Nov 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afab219.20>

**Abstract:** As one of the most rapidly ageing economies, Japan is currently faced with a shortage of care workers and relatively low intakes of migrant workers. While there is a shortage of health and social care professionals, the retention of professional staff is paradoxically becoming more difficult. The environment in domiciliary care is often associated with heavy and challenging workload. Robotics-

aided care has been proposed in Japan to ameliorate the situation. While some positive effects of such a novel care model have been reported, the mechanism by which the technology-driven system improved care and residents' quality of life remains unclear. Using a case study approach, this paper examines one of the nursing homes in Japan where robotics-aided care was introduced. The organisational mechanism was analysed through documents and semi-structured staff interviews from the perspective of safety science. The results of the technological intervention itself demonstrated improved scores for the quality of life among the residents. However, the subsequent interview data highlight the significance of an organisational context in which technologies can be effectively introduced and implemented in nursing homes. The organisation had several well-trained care professionals, including the leaders, who share the mental map of 'person-centred care' and the 'capability approach'. In addition, some tools were used to 'visualise' staff practice. Health and social care professionals pointed out some challenges surrounding the human-technology interface. In order to understand the effectiveness and potential issues of the ICT robotics solution in care for older people, future research should investigate the human-technology interface and the interconnectedness between work system, care processes and outcomes.

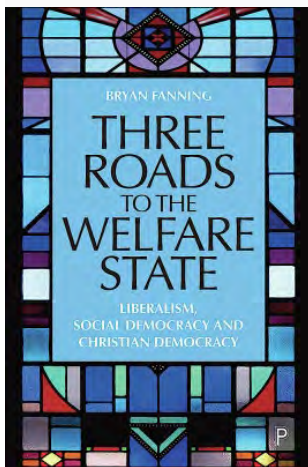


**JOURNAL ARTICLE Kodate, N, Donnelly, S, Cheung MC., Maeda, Y., Mannan, H., Chan, WC, O'Shea, D. (2021)** Can care robots assist older people and long-term care systems? Key stakeholders' perceptions in Hong Kong SAR, China and Ireland, *Age and Ageing*, Vol 50, Supplement 3, Nov 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afab219.20>

Robotics is now seen as part of the solution to the ageing population internationally, and is deployed in care settings. Care robots are designed to enable active ageing as well as ageing in place, with support to older persons, their families, and care professionals. The aim of this study was to understand the perceptions of stakeholders in Hong Kong and Ireland regarding the current state of affairs surrounding

the use of care robots in their jurisdictions. Semi-structured, in-depth interviews were conducted with 30 experts (15 from each jurisdiction). The participants included care professionals, service providers, researchers, and advocacy group representatives and policymakers. The questions explored their knowledge of and perceptions regarding the current use of assistive technologies, long-term care systems, and their own future vision of care provision for old age. In both jurisdictions, the use of care robots is relatively new, although many respondents were familiar with the seal robot PARO and the humanoid robot

Pepper. In Hong Kong, a gerontechnology-specific exposition has become an annual feature in recent years, and the government's investment has stepped up. In Ireland, a more general eHealth agenda has been adopted within the government's planned care reform (Sláintecare). Older people in Hong Kong and Ireland are believed to fall through the cracks in their respective two-tier care systems, and many respondents stated that care robots are most needed in order to fill the gaps (e.g. safety monitoring, mobility support). Concerns regarding the impact of using robots included a possible reduction in human-to-human contact and deskilling of older people themselves. There was a sense of urgency in both jurisdictions that more smart and digital technologies should be utilised to ease the pressures on care professionals and systems. However, a degree of optimism was noted for technological leapfrogging after the pandemic.



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**Prof. Bryan Fanning** contributes an article based on his book *Three Roads to the Welfare State* entitled 'The inevitability of social policy'. The full article can be accessed [here](#)

## Featured Researcher

**Dr Hayley James - Postdoctoral Research Fellow on DEEPEN (PI Assoc. Prof. Karen Anderson)**



### **Could you describe the project you are working on?**

DEEPEN is a NORFACE-funded research project (2020-2023), that explores the democratic governance of capital-funded occupational pension schemes in Europe. We investigate how governments, regulators and labour market actors govern funded pensions and whether participants are satisfied with pension fund performance in six European countries: Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Ireland and Spain. The focus on the

governance of pensions, and the extent to which this is democratic, is a very unique angle to this project and I hope our research will be relay impactful in highlighting the ways in which pensions can be democratic, in terms of meeting the needs and expectations of members.

### **What aspects of the project are you working on at present?**

I am responsible for undertaking research across the different work packages for Ireland, which includes examining the regulatory framework in Ireland and conducting case studies of pension schemes in Ireland. We are just kicking off our qualitative interviews for the case studies, which is my favourite part! I work closely with other team members based in three other countries who look after the other country work packages.

### **What do you find most interesting and exciting about your work as a postdoctoral fellow?**

I am really happy to be part of a collaborative project with teams in different countries. I'd worked on smaller projects before, with one or two others, but the scale of DEEPEN is really interesting as it brings more perspectives to the table. I also am really enjoying learning more about pensions policy across different countries. There's a lot of diversity and complexity in policy, and I enjoy thinking about how different policy elements play out in



terms of outcomes. My background is in anthropology and sociology, so this is quite new to me!

### **How did you get to the position you are in now?**

I did a MA in Social Anthropology at Goldsmiths, University of London, and then completed a PhD in Sociology at the University of Manchester. My thesis examined workplace pension saving decisions in the UK, highlighting the socio-cultural factors which shape how we think about and ultimately do pension saving. Lots of people in the UK don't really know how pensions work, and so they interpret what a pension is through socially and culturally understandings that they already use in their everyday lives. This has pitfalls, not least because many people don't or can't engage with the importance of pension saving, but also because even the people who are saving as they are expected to, might have very different expectations about what will happen in later life. My conclusion was that workplace pension policy needs to move away from a one-size-fits-all approach and recognise the different ways in which people want to engage with pension saving. And this increased in my interest in pension policy, eventually leading me to DEEPEN!

### **What are the main lessons you learned from doing your PhD research?**

I think one major lesson was how multi-faceted research is across different disciplines and different methods, which I didn't really understand before. I now really value inter-disciplinary work, as it challenges you to articulate your own perspective and understand the perspective of others in order to fully examine the phenomena you are studying.

Another lesson was about ageing, an aspect of our experience that we often dismiss. I developed an interest in lifecourse and ageing, and I considered how people envisage their own later lives in my research. It is just so hard for most people to comprehend our own ageing given the intensely negative cultural associations, never mind being able to take this into account in your financial planning! I taught a module on the sociology of ageing and loved introducing the topic to students.

### **Any advice for your younger self?**

Well after my undergraduate degree I went into the corporate world and stuck out seven years as a consultant. I was always interested in doing something that involved analytical and problem-solving skills, but I sort of fell into this career as it's what many of my peers were doing. But, I became disillusioned with the focus on profit and financial value in assessing the impact of projects, and eventually I decided to do an MA in Social Anthropology to explore different ways of thinking about finance and value, this led me to research. So my advice would be, don't follow the crowd and go your own way!

### **What are your career plans for the future?**

It's a difficult question because the job market in academia and for post-docs in particular is so unpredictable. I would like to keep doing research in one form or another, as that's what really drives me, and I would love to apply for a fellowship to continue my research agenda after the DEEPEN project. I feel fortunate that there seems to be lots of support available for post-docs at UCD, so I hope to benefit from that to shape my future career path.

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