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NEW FUNDING AWARDS

Irish Research Council New Foundations (IRC-NF) awards



On January 17th the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris TD announced the most recent IRC New Foundations awards which amounted to 77 in total including 55 awards involving dedicated civic society partners and 22 projects funded by government departments and agencies addressing global development, north-south reconciliation, our shared island, and police-community relations. Commenting, Minister Simon Harris TD said: “I welcome the announcement of the 77 New Foundations research awards today – another record number of projects being supported by the Irish Research Council under this programme. The 55 research partnerships with community and voluntary groups will have an invaluable impact – bringing new insights and evidence and allowing these organisations to have an even bigger impact on those they are trying to reach, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society. The community and voluntary sector plays a critical role in Irish life and will continue to do so. As these projects get underway, they support enhancement of the services this sector provides, while also providing excellent partnership opportunities for our researchers.” (You can read the IRC website article on the launch [here](#)).

Of the 55 *Strand 1a* awards UCD ranked second overall having received 13% of these awards after UCC at 33% and similar to DCU and UL at 11%. NUIM, NUIG and TCD each received 7% of these awards and together these seven HEIs account for about 9 in 10 of the 2021 *Strand 1a* awards. Our school was awarded 3 of the 7 UCD *Strand 1a* awards and these are described here:

Asst. Prof. Sarah Donnelly was awarded IRC-NF funding for her project *Hidden Harm: Safeguarding Family Carers from Carer Harm (SAFE_FCarer)* with civil society partner [Family Carers Ireland](#). The broad aim of this research is to gain deeper insights into the lived experiences of family carers experiencing harm by the person they care for and to explore the concept of carer harm from the perspective of key stakeholders. In this context stakeholders will include Family Carers Ireland (FCI) Carer Support Managers and other relevant professionals including, social workers, public health nurses, Gardaí, NGOs and advocacy groups. An output of the research is to use the findings to develop and co-design information and education resources for Family Carers, FCI Carer Support Workers and other professionals in order to better understand, prevent and respond to carer harm.

Asst. Prof. Sarah Morton was awarded IRC-NF funding for her project *Exploring the intersectionality of women’s problematic substance use within the Irish context (INTER-WOMSU)* with civil society partner [Merchants Quay Ireland \(MQI\)](#). The aim of this research is to explore the lived experiences, needs and pathways through services for women with substance use and other related issues including, but not restricted to, domestic violence, poverty, homelessness, trauma and transactional sex.

Prof. Michelle Norris was awarded IRC-NF funding for her project *Tools to Tame Financialisation: identifying policy, regulatory and service tools to manage housing financialisation in order to promote housing affordability in Ireland (DeFinance)* with civil society partner [the Irish Council for Social Housing \(ICSH\)](#). The aim of this research is to identify, discuss and critique current fragmented policy solutions in a format which is accessible to researchers, policy makers, regulators and service providers.

Appointments/Awards

Prof. Michelle Norris Professor Michelle Norris wins Irish Research Council's 2021 Impact Award



In recognition of her distinguished career and impact beyond academia in the field of social housing policy, the IRC has named Prof. Michelle Norris the winner of this year's 'Impact Award' at the 2021 Researcher of the Year awards. Commenting on the awards announcement, UCD Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact, Professor Orla Feely said: "We wish many congratulations to all our recipients in this year's Irish Research Council 'Researcher of the Year' awards, particularly Prof. Michelle Norris on winning the IRC Impact Award for her far-reaching work in the field of housing finance and policy. Her work on social housing, welfare states and counterbalancing housing market cycles has important implications for housing policy in Ireland and internationally'.

Director of the IRC, Peter Brown said: "I would like to congratulate the awardees on their awards. The standard of nominations this year was extremely high and each of the winners should be immensely proud of their achievements. It is great to see this year's winners representing a diverse range of research interests, which reflects the creativity and dynamism of the research community here in Ireland. The IRC is equally proud to have supported the development of the work of these researchers through our funding. According to Peter Brown "This year's winners demonstrate how research helps society answer some of the big questions of our time and can make a significant and lasting impact. We look forward to continuing to cultivate a vibrant research community in which there are world-class researchers across disciplines." This very much reflects the contribution which Michelle has made in the field of social housing policy and in answer to the current critical questions about the provision of housing.

Muireann Ní Raghallaigh promoted to Associate Professor



Congratulations are extended to **Muireann Ní Raghallaigh** on her promotion to Associate Professor in December 2021. This was announced by Acting Principal Niamh Moore Cherry in her January Principal's message to all UCD staff in the College of Social Sciences and Law. Her colleagues in the school are delighted for Muireann on her promotion and recognition of her excellent academic record.

Hilda Loughran receives UCD Values in Action award

Now in their fourth year and established by the UCD Employee Engagement Network, the Values in Action (VIA) awards celebrate individuals or teams/committees who act as ambassadors for the UCD Values through their daily work, volunteering or establishing initiatives that bring the UCD shared values of Collegiality, Creativity, Diversity, Engagement, Excellence, and Integrity to life.

Assoc. Prof. Hilda Loughran has been awarded the UCD Values in Action award, having been nominated by UCD in the Community. The statement submitted to the VIA adjudication committee will resonate with Hilda's colleagues in the school who wish to heartily congratulate her on receipt of this award. The description of Hilda's dedication and spirit which follows here so aptly captures the essence of her approach to her work which is well known across the UCD community and particularly to her colleagues in our school:



Prof. Hilda Loughran, is being recognised for her commitment and dedication to building long term community partnerships between UCD and community drug and alcohol services. When she started working in UCD, Hilda recognised that UCD was not really connected to the type of communities and the types of concerns that she was familiar with from her social work practice. In 1996, she became involved in a partnership with 'Community Response' – a community response to the drug and alcohol problem in the south inner city. Between 1998-2001, she developed a partnership with the then Adult Education in UCD, and Community Response and Merchant's Quay. Together they developed a Diploma in Community Drugs Work. This partnership also led to the Friars in Merchant's Quay giving UCD their valuable library of papers – which became the UCD Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute.

Over the following years Hilda developed partnerships with An Cosan in Tallaght and Ballymun Youth Action Project. In 2015, Hilda set up a partnership with the SAOL Project: an addiction service for women which focused on education. At present she is working with Coolmine Therapeutic Community developing a service-user-led exploration of the experiences of women with drug use issues and social work. She is also currently building a partnership with Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre.

Hilda epitomises the values of engagement and diversity. She sees the benefit in community-university partnerships and understands that these collaborative partnerships bring the values of the university to life and realise UCD's aim to increase engagement, locally and nationally. Through her commitment to welcoming community organisations from socially economically

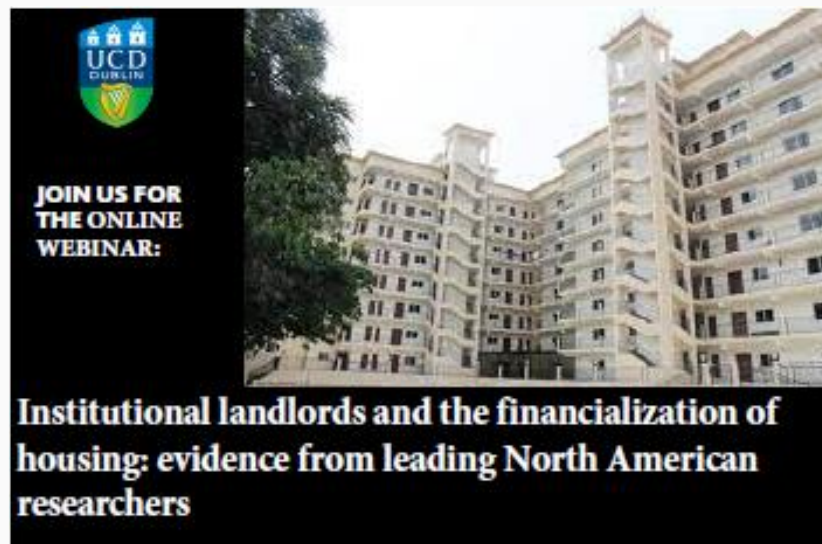
disadvantaged communities, Hilda has opened up the University and made UCD accessible to people and communities that may never have had the opportunity before.

(The link to this statement and further information is available on the UCD website through [this link](#)).

In the President's Bulletin (30 Nov 2021), President Andrew Deeks thanked the UCD community members who made the nominations as well as the adjudication panel, chaired by Professor Joe Carthy, who made the awards.

Past School Seminars (Dec 2021 / Jan 2022)

Webinar 8/Dec/2021 - Institutional landlords and the financialization of housing: evidence from leading North American researchers



The webinar held on the 8th of Dec. 2021 on *Institutional landlords and the financialization of housing: evidence from leading North American researchers* was organised by **Asst. Prof Mick Byrne** in conjunction with the UCD Equality Studies Centre. This seminar brought together three leading researchers from North America - Elora Lee Raymond, School of City and Regional Planning, Georgia Institute of Technology, Martine August, School of Planning, University of Waterloo, Ontario and Henry Gomory, Department of Sociology, Princeton University - to share insights from their research. The webinar focused on Institutional landlords who have increased rapidly in number 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. Discussion extended to understanding the impact of this example of 'financialization 2.0' in terms of housing, particularly about the experiences of tenants and residents. With an overall attendance of 113, the webinar gave rise to some interesting highlights including concerning evidence on the impact of institutional landlords on rates of eviction and rental price inflation in US cities. A recording of the webinar can be viewed [here](#):

Webinar 17/Dec/2021 - Bookending growth: empire, ecocide and Ireland



The webinar held on 17th Dec 2021 entitled Bookending growth: empire, ecocide and Ireland involved speaker Prof. John Barry, Queen's University Belfast as part of the Political Theory Network of Ireland (PSAI) which is organised by **Asst. Prof. Marie Moran** who is Director of the Equality Studies Centre and co-convenor of the aforementioned series. The focus of the webinar was 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. The webinar was well-attended and concluded with a lively discussion about the urgent need for post-growth perspectives across the social sciences, activism, and policymaking.

Webinar 27/Jan/2022 - Women's rights in armed conflict under International Law

The image is a screenshot of a webinar slide. At the top, there are three small video thumbnails for participants: Prof. Marie-Luce Paris, Catherine O'Rourke, and Aisling Swaine. The main slide content is divided into two sections. On the left, there is a photograph of hands being clasped together in a crowd, with the text "Women's Rights in Armed Conflict under International Law" and the name "Catherine O'Rourke" below it. On the right, the title "Conceptual & Legal Tensions in Practice" is displayed above a list of bullet points: "DRC: UNSC peace enforcement and 'listing' perpetrators", "Colombia: Legal capture of state-perpetrated sexual violence in conflict", and "Nepal: Inclusion of sexual violence crimes in proposed transitional justice mechanisms".

On January 27th a webinar entitled 'Women's rights in armed conflict under International Law' was organised and hosted by Aisling Swaine (Prof. of Gender Studies, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice) with Marie-Luce Paris (Assoc. Prof. in Law at the UCD Sutherland School of Law & Academic Director of the UCD Centre for Human Rights). The speaker was Catherine O'Rourke, Professor of Global Law at Durham Law School and Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School. Drawing on research from her recent book, *Women's Rights in*

Armed Conflict under International Law (Cambridge University Press, 2020), Professor O'Rourke addressed challenges posed by legal fragmentation and the relatively weak legal status of many women's rights norms in conflict using the case studies of Colombia, DRC and Nepal to illustrate these challenges. The webinar was attended by 24 participants who engaged Catherine with a number of questions and a discussion which focused on issues of reparation and progress towards reparative justice in post-conflict contexts, discussion around methodological choices such as case study selection for her book and the issue of fragmentation. Catherine shared her observations about the role of civil society in pushing for normative and legal engagement on women's rights as a driver of fragmentation of women's rights across international normative and legal regimes.

Webinar 28/Jan/2022 - Burke, the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade, and the Two Faces of Abolition



Dr Ross Carroll, Senior lecturer in politics at the University of Exeter, presented a paper entitled Edmund Burke, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, and the Two Faces of Abolition on January 27th as part of the PSAI series of webinars which is co-convened by Asst. Prof. Marie Moran, Director of the ESC. The context for this webinar is the publication of P.J. Marshall's *Edmund Burke and the British Empire in the West Indies* in 2019 which has reignited controversy over Edmund Burke's relationship to the transatlantic slave trade. The paper clearly showed how attending to the two faces of abolition (abolition of the slave trade and abolition of plantation slavery) can guard against the teleological assumption that one form of abolition necessarily entailed the other. The webinar which was held on January 28th was well attended and gave rise to lively discussion during Q&A.

Past School Events / Conferences (Dec 2021 / Jan 2022)

UCD in Conversation Series 9/Dec/2021



The popular online [UCD In Conversation series](#) was organized this year by the UCD Alumni Relations office in conjunction with the UCD Earth Institute. Hosted by UCD Earth Institute Director, Professor Tasman Crowe, the kick-off session entitled *Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)* focused on exploring what exactly these SDG's 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. **Asst. Prof. Orla Kelly** participated in the session as one of three expert panellists in addition to 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). The webinar was really well attended with close to 150 participating. The discussion centred on Ireland's role in the drafting of the goals, how COVID-19 affected the sustainable development agenda and the future of multilateral agreements in the context of climate change

Symposium: Embedding principles and practices of Social Justice within teaching and learning 10/Dec/2022



The symposium 'Embedding principles and practices of Social Justice within teaching and learning' was held on International Human Rights Day at the Health Sciences Centre in

University College Dublin, Bellfield Campus while simultaneously being hosted online. Asst. Prof. Ernesto presented a paper entitled 'Intersectional approaches to social justice in education' which focused on intersectionality, decoloniality, co-learning, the hidden curriculum and kindness, empathy, and compassion in education. Other speakers included Máiréad Enright (University of Birmingham), Dr. Juman Simaan (Canterbury Christ Church University), Dr. Sindy Joyce (University of Limerick), and Dr. John Gilmore (University College Dublin). In person and virtual attendance for the symposium exceeded 90, the papers were very well received with a lively discussion during the Q&A session.

Workshop: Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things for Digital Health

18/Dec/2021



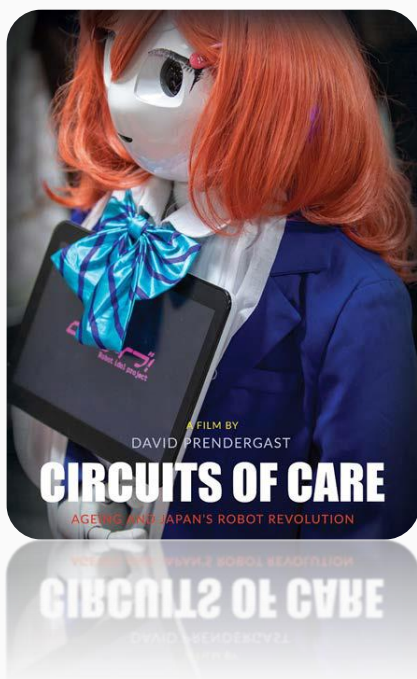
Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate presented a paper entitled 'Harmonisation of person-centred, robotics-aided care' at the 1st Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things for Digital Health on the 18th of Dec 2021 which was organised by the University of Calabria, Italy in conjunction with the IEEE/ACM Conference on Connected Health Applications, Systems, and Engineering Technologies IEEE/ACM CHASE 2021. Based on the fact that the implementation of innovative solutions in healthcare is nowadays fundamental with AI and IoT being strong drivers of the digital transformation, this workshop was concerned with how new AI and IoT solutions can fully support medical staff and patients as well as a range of other objectives including inventory tracking, chronic disease management, drug management, emergency room wait time reduction and remote health control. Other speakers included Dr. Marco Manso (Edgeneering, Portugal) and Dr Emiliano Schena (Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, Italy).

Workshop: Let's think about human-robot interactions in society 8/Jan/2022



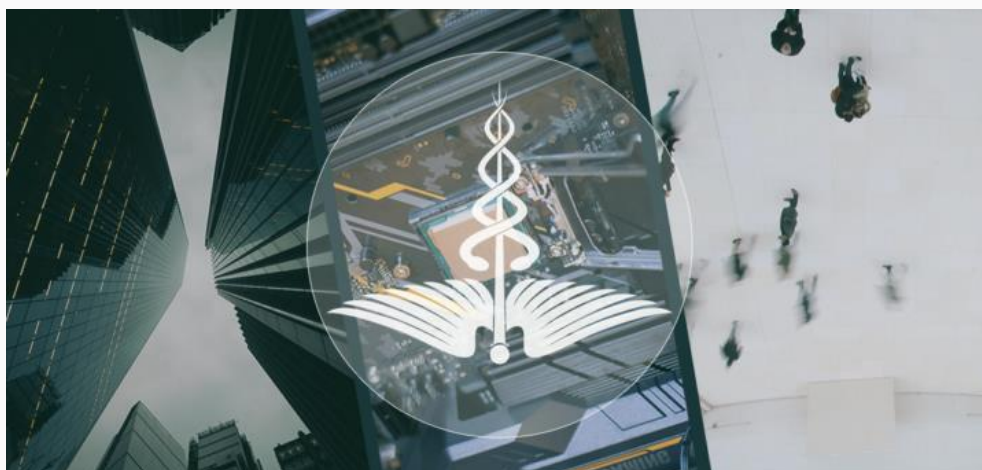
Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate presented a paper at a webinar on the 8th Jan 2022 entitled *Let's think about human-robot interactions in society*. This event, organised by Honjo International Scholarship Foundation (HISF), was very successful with an attendance of high school students and university researchers in Japan and abroad.

Webinar and Documentary film screening: Can robotics-aided care be person centred? 12/Jan/2022



Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate and Prof. David Prendergast (Maynooth University) presented a paper entitled *Can robotics-aided care be person-centred?* as part of a webinar organised by SOAS, University of London on January 12, 2022. This was followed by a screening of the documentary film *Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution*. The webinar and screening was well attended with approx.. 100 people. There was an engaging discussion of the issues raised during the Q&A session. <https://www.soas.ac.uk/jrc/events/seminar-and-events/12jan2022-can-robotics-aided-care-be-person-centred-talk--film-screening-circuits-of-care-ageing-and.html>

Webinar: Capitalisms, Technologies, Society and Health - A Eurasian project 18/Jan/2022



Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate presented a paper "The Role of Incident Reporting Systems for Improving Patient Safety in Japanese Hospitals: A Comparative Perspective" at a webinar on 18th Jan 2022. The webinar entitled *Capitalisms, Technologies, Society and Health – A Euroasian project* is examining the relationship between technology and society, focusing specifically on the issue of health. In this project the research team are addressing the health issues with a new approach that goes beyond the traditionally segmented disciplinary methods, which are health economics, health sociology, health anthropology, medicine or health history. The other speaker Prof. Sébastien Lechevalier - an Economist and a Professor at EHESS (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris) - specialising in Japanese economy and Asian Capitalism presented a paper 'An Asian – European perspective on Social system of innovation and diversity of capitalism. Why does it matter for health?' The webinar which was organised by Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS, France had an attendance of researchers based in France, Germany, Japan, South Korea and India. <https://ctsh.hypotheses.org/>

Note on Book Reviews

The Importance of Book Reviews (Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan)

In recent months I have written three book reviews for different journals. I am reliably informed by journal editors that the difficulty in securing academic reviewers for books is emerging as a real problem. My own take is that book reviews are not 'counted' for academic promotion and in an increasingly competitive environment academics are voting with their feet - being careful in what they take on. Yet, book reviews are important for authors and they matter for the academy. I am sure we are all playing our part in reviewing articles and book proposals for various presses and it is clear book reviews involve more time and work. However, as one who

continues to see the importance of the book I ask colleagues to consider requests to review books as an important part of our work. It is important.

My three reviews:

Journal: Society. [forthcoming, next issue]

Title: Derek Scally, *The Best Catholics in the World: The Irish, the Church and the End of a Special Relationship*. Sandycove (Penguin), 2021, 352 pp., ISBN: 978-1844885268

Journal: International Journal of Restorative Justice [forthcoming, next issue]

Title: Vince Mercer, *The AIM restorative practice and harmful sexual behaviour assessment framework and practice guidance*. Stockport: The AIM Project, 2020. ISBN: 978-0-9956864-9-6

Journal: The Furrow [January 2022, pp 62-63]

Title: Sr Imelda Wickham, *Unheard Voices: Reflections from a Prison Chaplain*. Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021. ISBN 978 1788 123365

Upcoming Seminars, Feb. 2021

Webinar: An Intellectual History of the Welfare State



UCD Institute for Discovery

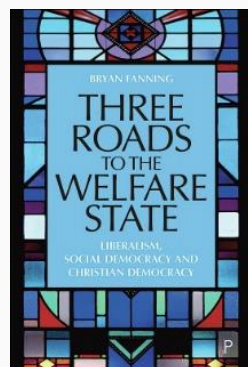


Date/Time: 01/02/2022, 2pm to 2.15pm

Speakers: Institute Director Patricia Maguire hosts a chat with Prof. Bryan Fanning as part of [UCD Discovery's Zoom for Thought 15-min chat series](#);

Topic: "An Intellectual History of the Welfare State"

More information and zoom link: <https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/j/68604551030>;



Three Roads to the Welfare State: Liberalism, Social Democracy and Christian Democracy is out now and available at 20% discount when you order from [Policy Press](#)

Seminar: Nordic Welfare: The Bumblebee Still Flies



The kick-off event for the ScandIRE Nordic Talks that explore the Scandinavian welfare model and what it can offer for Ireland.

Date: 8/Feb/2022, 5.30pm

Venue: MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland), 86 Saint Stephen's Green, D02 XY43 Dublin

Title: Nordic Welfare: The Bumblebee Still Flies

Speakers: Prof. Bent Greve, University of Roskilde (Denmark); Lesley Riddoch, journalist, author and founder of Nordic Horizons (Scotland); Gary Gannon TD, Social Democrats Spokesperson for Social Protection (Ireland)

Please find the registration link [here](#)

Description: The first talk in the series will introduce the Nordic welfare model, its origins, development and challenges. Prof. Bent Greve (Roskilde University, DK) will break down the complexities of the Nordic model, while also debunking myths and stereotypes. Lesley Riddoch (UK/Scotland), journalist and founder of Nordic Horizon, joins the panel to talk about her campaigning for Nordic ideas in Scotland. Gary Gannon TD, Social Democrats spokesperson for social protection completes the panel and reflects on the Irish perspective. With the audience the panel will discuss the steps required towards a Nordic welfare state and which issues should be prioritised in the next budget.

The talk is followed by a reception which will serve Danish pastries and tea/coffee. Due to Covid-19 capacity restrictions tickets are limited and a waiting list is anticipated. Please cancel your ticket if you cannot attend to ensure no one is losing out. The ticket sale ends 5 days before the event to facilitate contact tracing.

Symposium: "Robotic Systems for Care" (German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) „Robotische Systeme für die Pflege“)

The banner is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled "Verbundprojekte der BMBF-Förderlinie 'Robotische Systeme für die Pflege'" and features a green geometric logo consisting of overlapping shapes. Below it is a green button with the text "Mehr >". The right section is titled "Wissenschaftliches Begleitprojekt der Förderlinie" and features a green logo with a stylized robot head. Below it is a green button with the text "Mehr >".

Projektpartner BeBeRobot

Logos of project partners: OFFIS (INSTITUT FÜR INFORMATIK), UNIVERSITÄT DUISBURG ESSEN, Deutscher Caritasverband e.V., UNIVERSITÄT SIEGEN, and si8is.

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DATE: THUR. 10th Feb, 9:00 - 13:45 (Germany) | 8:00 – 12:45 (Ireland)

Keynote speakers: Naonori Kodate – “Robotics in caring communities in the Japanese context”, Dr. Astrid Weiss (TU Vienna) and Prof. Dr. Kirsten Thommes (Paderborn University)

Platform: Webinar by Zoom

Organised: Universität Siegen, Germany

Further information and registration details: See [HERE](https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/registration/3044). For registration, please go to the link <https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/registration/3044>

Webinar: The Participation-Protection Nexus: Future Directions for the UN Security Council's Women, Peace and Security Agenda



Date: 25/Feb/2022, 1pm

Speakers: Catherine Turner & Aisling Swaine

Topic: The Participation-Protection Nexus: Future Directions for the UN Security Council's Women, Peace and Security Agenda

Chair: Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila

Organised by: Aisling Swaine, Professor of Gender Studies, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Further information and registration details: See [here](#)

Abstract: The UN Security Council's Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda has dominated global approaches to advancing women's rights in peace and security. Over time the agenda has become characterised by a binary approach that treats women either as agentic leaders participating in public life, or as passive victims in need of protection from sexual violence. Absent from this approach has been conceptual and practical consideration of the connections between the participation and protection 'pillars' of the agenda. In this seminar, the ways that participation, protection, and their inter-relationship have evolved through the WPS resolutions will be explored. Research on protection concerns arising for women in leadership roles in Northern Ireland will be used to illustrate the significance of the connections between the two pillars. The synergies, gaps and productive tensions that must be anticipated as attention at the UN turns to the protection concerns of those in leadership in conflict-affected contexts will be discussed.

Webinar: What kind of group is Antifa?

Date: 25/Feb/2022, 3pm

Speaker: Jeronimo Rilla (University of Buenos Aires)

Topic: What kind of group is Antifa

Organiser: Asst. Prof. Marie Moran, Director of ESC & co-convenor of PSAI seminar series

Seminar Series: PSAI seminar Series

More information and registration details: See [here](#)

Abstract: One of the highlights of the US 2020 first presidential debate was the one concerning Antifa. While Biden contended that Antifa is 'an idea, not an organization', Trump held the view that it 'is a dangerous, radical group'. 'When a bat hits you over the head, that's not an idea', he added. In this paper I offer an answer to the question regarding Antifa's nature. First, I briefly outline the main characteristics of Antifa (section 1). Next, I review the philosophical underpinnings of the Trump-Biden discussion and identify its shortcomings in relation to this political phenomenon (section 2). Later, I draw upon the notion of personification of groups and develop an alternative theoretical framework (section 3). Specifically, I distinguish four axes of analysis: attribution; performativity; external personation; and autonomization. I then conclude that Antifa is a group, but that is mainly voiced and constructed as a collective person by external agents (section 4). Finally, I derive six insights that insiders and outsiders can infer from this approach to Antifa (section 5).

UCD Centre for Japanese Studies Upcoming seminars

The UCD Centre for Japanese Studies have organised a series of three webinars on Feb 10th, 17th and 24th 2022, 1pm (IST) in partnership with SMBC Aviation Capital. This series has been organised by **Associate Professor Naonori Kodate**, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/cc/ucd-japan-smbc-seminar-series-110329>

Date/Time of Webinar 1: Feb 10, 2022, at 1pm (IST)

Topic: 'What we do in SMBC Aviation Capital Communications, and its commitment to environment and sustainability'

Speakers: Orla Benson and Brian Mc Ardle, SMBC Aviation Capital

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/what-we-do-in-smbc-aviation-capital-tickets-256865310057?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

UCD Centre for Japanese Studies | **SMBC AVIATION CAPITAL**

Webinar

What we do in SMBC Aviation Capital Communications, and its commitment to environment and sustainability

Orla Benson
SVP Communications
[UCD BA in English & French]

Brian McArdle
SVP Aircraft Trading
[UCD BEng]

Thursday 10th February 2022 at 1:00pm (IST)
Register at <http://bit.ly/SMBC1>

Date/Time of Webinar 2: Feb 17, 2022 at 1pm (IST)

Topic: 'My Career: Learning from living and working in Japan/Ireland & Intercultural communications in business'

Speakers: Niall Barrett, Breifne Ryan & Mina Takeshita, all currently based in Japan

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/my-career-in-aviation-trading-learning-from-living-working-in-japan-tickets-256905620627?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

UCD Centre for Japanese Studies | **SMBC AVIATION CAPITAL**

Panel Discussion from Tokyo

**My Career:
Learning from living and working in Japan/Ireland & intercultural communications in business**

Niall Barrett
SVP Commercial Negotiation & Execution
[UCD BA in Psychology]

Breifne Ryan
VP Aircraft Trading
[UCD BSc in Economics & Finance]

Mina Takeshita
SVP Aircraft Trading
[Hokkaido University BA in Economics]

All panel members are currently based in Japan.

Thursday 17th February 2022 at 1:00pm (IST)
Register at <http://bit.ly/SMBC2>

Date/Time of Webinar 3: Feb. 24, 2022, at 1pm (IST)

Topic: 'My career: Interdisciplinarity - both engineering and business; Intercultural communications - the multinational environment',

Speaker: Tom Tanaka

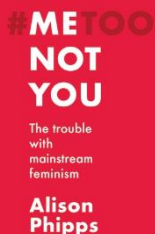
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Registration details to follow

For more information, please email Naonori.Kodate@ucd.ie

Webinar on International Women's Day



Date/Time: March 8th, 2022, 12 noon

Speaker: [Prof. Alison Phipps, Prof. of Sociology, University of Newcastle, UK.](#)

Topic: "From 'me, not you' to 'all of us' - An intersectional approach to tackling sexual violence"

Platform: Zoom

Organised by: Marie Moran, Director of ESC

Details: This webinar draws on but goes beyond work carried out for her ground-breaking book, ['Me, Not You: The Trouble with Mainstream Feminism'](#). After the presentation there will be ample room for discussion.

Latest outputs: Publications, Podcasts, Blogs



Journal Article: Joanne Kelleher, Jim Campbell, Michelle Norris & Angela Palmer (2021) Betwixt and between: qualitative findings from a study on a specialist social work service for Travellers in Ireland, *European Journal of Social Work*,

DOI: [10.1080/13691457.2021.2016641](https://doi.org/10.1080/13691457.2021.2016641)

Abstract: This paper reports on a study (commissioned by central government) of a specialist social work service provided by local government agencies (local authorities) in Ireland. The service originated in the 1960s, was designed to meet the accommodation related needs of Travellers, an indigenous, Irish, ethnic group, who have faced centuries of social exclusion and discrimination. The paper begins with an account of the economic and social problems faced by Travellers and then the few available Irish and UK publications. It then reports on qualitative findings drawn from interviews with social workers, Travellers and other key stakeholders. The idiom 'betwixt and between' is used to characterise the social work role. Respondents aspired to forms of social action and advocacy roles but were sometimes viewed with suspicion by Traveller activists. Local authority structures were overly focused on non-social work functions where social work expertise was rarely acknowledged or utilised. This partly explains why social workers faced challenges in upholding their professional values, regulatory obligations and continuous professional development. The authors conclude by arguing for a more clearly defined, human-rights based social work role, referencing lessons that can be drawn from the wider European literature.

KEYWORDS: Social work; Travellers; Ireland; United Kingdom

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Director of the UCD Equality Studies Centre, Marie Moran, is pleased to announce the launch of the new Equality Studies Centre website, www.ucd.ie/esc

The new website has information on the Centre's five research clusters, its members, and how to get involved in its programme of activities. It provides information on how to study in/equality at UCD, as well as offering a means for prospective PhD students and researchers to find advisors or collaborators with equality expertise at UCD. It also has a news and events page, including recordings of previous public lectures. Please do check us out!

A special thanks to Dominic Shellard for his assistance in getting the website up and running.

This month's Featured Researcher

Dr Zoë O'Reilly - Postdoctoral Research Fellow



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

Like many researchers, particularly those who are interdisciplinary, the path to where I am now has been a winding one! After a degree in languages and gaining huge insight into the asylum system in Ireland through working as a translator and interpreter, I did an MA in Social Anthropology of Development at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, with a particular focus on forced migration in various forms. An interest in documentary photography and visual anthropology led me to develop participatory photographic projects with indigenous women in India and with young people and adults seeking asylum in Ireland. I was able to develop this use of collaborative visual and creative methodologies through a PhD with NIRSA and the Department of Geography in Maynooth University, looking at the Direct Provision system in Ireland. This project resulted in a co-produced exhibition and book of photographs, and later a single authored book entitled 'The In-Between Spaces of Asylum and Migration: A Participatory Visual Approach' (Palgrave 2020). Alongside teaching, my research work since then has mainly been in the areas of migration, asylum, and cultural diversity, working across disciplines and collaborating with academics, artists, arts organisations and community-based organisations.

Could you describe the project you are working on?

I am currently working as a postdoctoral fellow as part of the Scottish Irish Migration Initiative (SIMI), a partnership led by Prof Bryan Fanning (UCD) and Prof Christina Boswell (UOE). As a post-doctoral fellow appointed to the Refugee Integration Strand of this initiative, I am working alongside Dr. Muireann Ní Raghallaigh and Dr. Karen Smith, UCD as well as Dr. Steve Kirkwood, University of Edinburgh. I am part of a strand working on 'refugee integration'. I was attracted to this particular project due to its focus on working in a participatory way with people of a refugee background to co-create knowledge which concerns them, and the interest of the team in developing methodologies and capacity-building programmes to do this. We are currently working on a project, funded by the Irish Research Council's 'New Foundations' strand, looking at the research participation experiences

of people of a refugee background based in Ireland and Scotland. In order to create strong collaborations and ethical ways of working from the start, we felt that it was important to look at ways in which research with people who are in, or have been through, asylum or refugee systems, can be carried out more collaboratively, more meaningfully and with more positive impact for those it concerns.

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

I really enjoy working with people, both as part of a research team, but also with people outside of the university involved in the research. As this project is also part of a partnership with the University of Edinburgh, it is great to work with colleagues there also. As a postdoctoral fellow, I feel that I have been able to develop and expand on interests that arose during my PhD, but that I didn't have the time or space to follow through then. I can also see that the literature I read and thought processes I was developing during my PhD were all important seeds for how I am thinking and working now.

Any advice for your younger self?

I think that my younger self would be pleased to see that I am doing research which continues to interest and challenge me. I would tell her now that she was right to follow her instincts and get involved in work that she was passionate about. It doesn't always make the path simple, but it is rewarding!

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