



GOVERNMENT TIMES

A Newsletter for Department of Government Students and Staff

THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF IRELAND?

Government and Politics Society host leading candidate Seán Gallagher



Well done to the Government and Politics Society who hosted talks by Presidential hopefuls, Mary Davis and Seán Gallagher last week. Mary Davis spoke in the Aula Maxima on Monday 10 October and Seán Gallagher spoke in the Devere Hall on Thursday 13 October. The latter talk was organised in conjunction with the Law Society. The above picture shows committee members of the Society with Seán Gallagher and his wife in Devere Hall.

Editorial Page



Busy week for Government and Politics Society as two Presidential hopefuls are hosted

It has been a hugely successful start to the new academic year for the Government and Politics Society, hosting two Presidential candidates (see pages 5 and 6) in addition to organising a sold-out Mystery Tour. Thanks to everyone who supports the society's events; we look forward to seeing you at many other events throughout the year. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the new committee (see page 4) without whom none of the events mentioned above would have succeeded. In the next edition of *Government Times*, the society will be publishing a call for abstract submissions for the *Government Politics Review Journal* which gives students an excellent opportunity to be published in an undergraduate academic journal.

In the meantime, please enjoy the current 14-page issue which, as ever, covers a whole range of Department of Government activities. As you will see on page 14, *Government Times* was recognised last week by the President of UCC. We are proud to have reached 35 issues and we will continue to seek ways to improve the newsletter as we advance.

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Cathal Dorgan and Marlena Beczek, BSc Government III, enjoying the Mystery Tour



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GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SOCIETY

Following a well-attended EGM of the Government and Politics Society last week, the new committee of the society for the 211/2012 academic year is as follows:

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PRESIDENTIAL FEVER

Mary Davis and Seán Gallagher in UCC



The above pictures show Ben English, Auditor of the Government and Politics Society, Mary Davis and Seán Gallagher.

PRESIDENTIAL FEVER

Mary Davis and Seán Gallagher in UCC



Seán Gallagher addresses the large crowd in Devere Hall

FIRST YEAR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2011/2012

Well done to the recently elected BSc Government I class representatives, Alison Murphy (academic rep) and Mary Fawsitt (social rep). We look forward to working closely with both of them during the year.



Alison Murphy and Mary Fawsitt, BSc Government I

UCC STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS 2011

(See page 14 as well)



Ireland and the EU: Can we understand each other?



Above: Minister Lucinda Creighton will open the 'Ireland and EU' conference on Saturday 29 October.

The Department of Government is running a one-day **participative** conference entitled: 'Ireland and the EU: can we understand each other?' on **Saturday 29 October 2011** from 10am to 4pm (ORB 2.12) It is funded by the Communicating Europe Initiative, through the Department of Foreign Affairs. Students will discuss two key themes:

- Ireland and the CFSP: where to now?
- Ireland and the Euro: is it time to file for divorce?

Lucinda Creighton, TD, Minister for European Affairs, will open the proceedings at 10.30am.

The conference will be structured around a plenary session in the morning with three speakers:

- **PJ Paul** from the School of Politics and International Relations, UCD
- **Ann Cahill**, Europe correspondent with the Irish Examiner, who was heard by the joint Oireachtas Committee in advance of the second Lisbon referendum on the perceived democratic deficit in the European Union
- **Dr Seamus Coffey** from UCC, Department of Economics

In the morning, speakers will deliver presentations to students which outline the key issues of Ireland's place and interaction with the EU on the Euro crisis and the CFSP. In the afternoon, participants will be divided into workshops where the speakers will engage with them and discuss their views as well as recommendations.

For all enquiries, please email conference organiser Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan at

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ANNUAL PHILIP MONAHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 13th annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, organised by the Department of Government, takes place on **Thursday 17 November 2011 in the Aula Maxima Lecture Theatre, starting at 6:30pm**. This event is one of the highlights of the academic year and is a compulsory lecture for BSc Government students. This year's lecture will be delivered by the current Ombudsman and Freedom of Information Commissioner, Emily O'Reilly. Details of the previous 12 Monahan presenters are contained below.

As part of the Monahan Lecture on 17 November, the Department of Government annual student awards will also be presented – Thomas Whalen Student of Year; Richard Haslam Graduate of Year; Patrick O'Sullivan Essay Competition winner.

1. **Professor Tom Garvin**, Department of Politics, University College Dublin (1997)
2. **Dr. John Hume**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner (1998)
3. **Francesco Rutelli**, Mayor of Rome (1999)
4. **John Dennehy**, Secretary General, Department of Education and Science (2000)
5. **Professor Robert Putnam**, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University (2002)
6. **Dr. Mary McAleese**, President of Ireland (2003)
7. **David Begg**, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions (2005)
8. **David Norris**, member of Seanad Éireann (2006)
9. **Robert Faucher**, Deputy US Ambassador to Ireland (2007)
10. **Dermot McCarthy**, Secretary General to the Irish Government (2008)
11. **Ivana Bacik**, member of Seanad Éireann (2009)
12. **Charlie Bird**, RTÉ broadcaster (2010)



Emily O'Reilly

Department of Government leads the way at annual conference of Political Studies Association



The Department of Government will be extremely well represented at the Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association of Ireland which takes place in UCD from 21-23 October. Departmental staff and post-graduates will be presenting no fewer than 14 papers - the most of any political science department in Ireland - as follows:

- Vanessa Liston (TCD), **Clodagh Harris (UCC)**, Mark O'Toole, (Kilkenny CC), Khursid Ahmand (TCD), 'E-Deliberation in Irish local government: Developing the SOW-IT model'
- **Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (UCC)**, 'The European Commission – On the way to becoming a Government?'
- Mark Callanan, Ronan Murphy, **Aodh Quinlivan (UCC)**, 'Is big really so efficient? Investigating assumptions concerning local government reform and amalgamation'
- **Barry Healy (UCC)**, 'Northern Ireland's district policing partnerships deliberative motifs'
- **Theresa Reidy (UCC)**, 'The politics of Irish presidential elections'
- **Fiona Buckley (UCC)**, Mack Marini (Xavier University-Cincinnati), Claire McGing (NUIM), Timothy White (Xavier University - Cincinnati), 'Pipeline theory and women's recruitment to the Irish parliament: an investigation of the 2011 General Election'
- **Fiona Buckley (UCC)**, 'Views from 'above the glass ceiling': women elites, gender power, and political office'
- **Philip Murphy (UCC)** 'Measuring up: An age appropriate measure of pre-adult political efficacy'
- **Fiona Buckley (UCC)**, Mack Marini (Xavier University-Cincinnati), 'Teaching portfolios'
- **Lyndsay El Amoud, Natasha Underhill, Seamus O'Tuama (UCC)**, 'Preparing for success: A study of targeted skill based workshops'
- **Tim McCarthy (UCC)**, 'The role of ideas in punctuating institutional path dependency at critical junctures in the transformation of Ireland'
- **Eimear O'Leary (UCC)**, 'What is brokerage politics in the 21st century Ireland?'
- **Mary C. Murphy (UCC)**, 'First time TDs and the first 100 days: socializing new parliamentarians in Ireland'
- **Jane Suiter (UCC), Theresa Reidy (UCC)**, 'Did Economics Matter in 2011?'

As convenors of different specialist groups, sessions will also be chaired by Fiona Buckley, Clodagh Harris, Mary C. Murphy and Aodh Quinlivan. In addition the Department's MBS Government and MA Politics students will be attending the conference on Friday.

- *A report on the PSAI conference will be included in the next issue of Government Times.*

UCC OPEN DAY

The annual UCC Open Day took place on Saturday 8 October and there was a lot of interest in the Department of Government stand and the BSc Government programme. The pictures below include Margaret O'Brien, Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan, Neil Collins, Martin Dorgan (BSc Government IV), JP Quinn (UCC Visitors' Centre), Andrew Cottey, Aodh Quinlivan and different secondary school students. Thanks to all for participating!





Eoghan captains Bandon to hurling success



Congratulations to **Eoghan O'Donovan**, BSc Government III, who recently captained Bandon to the Cork County Intermediate hurling title. Well done to Eoghan and all of his victorious team. Bandon decisively beat Fr. O'Neill's in the final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, with Eoghan chipping in with two points.

<http://bigredbench.blogspot.com/2011/10/bandon-win-intermediate-hurling.html>

Click on this link to hear Eoghan's interview with RedFM's Aidan O'Sullivan after the game.

New MComm Class 2011-2013



The new MComm (Government and Public Policy) class 2011-2013 met in UCC last Friday for their first seminar. Eight students are registered for the part-time programme as follows: - Matthew Browne, Katherine Thackeray, Mary O'Regan, Deirdre O'Connor, Sinead Arnold, Tim Ryan, Mairead Foley and Aisling O'Sullivan. The programme director is **Dr Mary C. Murphy**.

The **MComm (Government and Public Policy)** is one of the Department of Government's suite of postgraduate offerings and has been running for almost ten years. The research Masters programme is taken over two years on a part-time basis and is designed for experienced practitioners in full-time employment in the public sector or related areas. This year we are delighted to welcome eight students to the programme, who join us from a variety of different professional backgrounds and sectors. They will visit UCC on a monthly basis to avail of one-day research seminars aimed at supporting the individual student research process.

Research seminars are delivered by Departmental academic staff and invited experts/practitioners. In the past, contributors to the programme have included former President of the European Parliament, Pat Cox, former leader of Fine Gael, Alan Dukes, former leader of the Labour Party, Dick Spring and international academics.

The MComm (Government and Public Policy) students specialise in public policy analysis, public administration, public management and related areas of governance and politics. The programme aims to contribute to the education of a new generation of public policy-makers, policy analysts and mature students, familiarising them with the necessary concepts, theories, methods and principles involved in the formulation and analysis of public policy in Ireland and in the wider context of European integration and globalisation. Through the research thesis students have the opportunity to focus on one issue within the field of public policy and produce a significant piece of academic research. The drafting of the thesis provides students with concrete research experience, preparing them for both further academic research and research-based career progression.

We wish our new MComm group every success with their studies.

Recognition for Government Times



The second annual UCC Staff Recognition Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday 13 October in the Aula Maxima and Dr Aodh Quinlivan, Director of the BSc Government, was presented with a prize by the President of UCC, Dr Michael Murphy. Aodh was nominated under the category of 'Enhancing the Student Experience' and his work in creating the *Government Times* newsletter was cited.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT TIMES WILL BE OUT ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER.