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Government graduate takes command of LE Samuel Beckett



Well done to Lieutenant Commander Tony Geraghty who has taken over as captain of the LE Samuel Beckett. Tony graduated last year from the MBS Government programme (now MSc Government) and his thesis was entitled *Irish Maritime Governance and Integrated Marine Plan 2012*. See full story on page 4.

Tony's success is timely as we recently had the conferring ceremonies for the 2015 classes on the MBS Government and the MBS International Public Policy and Diplomacy. See page 3.

There is a good balance of staff, student and alumni news in this issue which we hope you will enjoy. Staff of the department have been very busy delivering lectures from Cork to New Orleans and in between while our graduates such as Alison Donnelly (page 13) and Peter Horgan (page 14) have been making us proud. We also rejoice in the ambition of current student, Orla O'Leary who has lofty plans (see page 9)!



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Aodh Quinlivan (Staff), Caroline Hofman (BSc Government IV), and Lorna Murphy (BSc Government II), co-editors of *Government Times*, 2014/2015

Welcome to a fantastic Issue 64 of *Government Times*, packed with interesting news stories which once again demonstrate the wide range of activities of students and staff in the Department of Government. We lead with the success story of Tony Geraghty, a recent graduate of the MBS Government (now MSc Government, see page 12). We congratulate Tony and wish him well for the years ahead as captain of the LE Samuel Beckett. In this issue we especially feature lectures given by Department of Government staff in recent weeks. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan and Niall Duggan have presented papers at conferences in the US; Theresa Reidy has delivered a lecture on the Quercus Programme in UCC and Aodh Quinlivan has been active in speaking at different events about the Cork boundary review process.

We have also recently had conferring ceremonies for our post-graduate programmes and the picture below on the right includes some of the MBS Government class of 2015. We will include more graduation pictures in our next issue. The picture on the left shows former Head of Department, Professor Neil Collins, who recently met Department of Government graduate, Francis Fitzgibbon, in the European Parliament. And yes, we also have Jonny Wilkinson in this issue (see page 13).

Enjoy the issue and good luck to our third year students who will be sitting spring exams this month before going on work placement.

Aodh, Caroline and Lorna



MBS Government* Graduate takes Command of Navy's new Ship

The Government Department is delighted to hear that Lieutenant Commander Tony Geraghty MBS MA, who graduated last year took command (Captain) of the LE Samuel Beckett in August of 2014. The LE Samuel Beckett in the largest (90 metres with a displacement of 2200 tonnes) and newest ship in the fleet having been delivered in 2014. She is part of a three sister ship contract with the next, the LE James Joyce entering service later in 2015 and the third being delivered in 2015.

With over one million square kilometres of water to patrol, the Naval Service is the State's principal seagoing agency with a general responsibility to meet contingent and actual maritime defence requirements. It is tasked with a variety of defence and other roles. Defence roles include defending territorial seas, deterring intrusive or aggressive acts, conducting maritime surveillance, maintaining an armed naval presence, ensuring right of passage, protecting marine assets and contributing to a blockade if required. The Naval Service must also be capable of supporting Army operations by sea lift and close naval support. As 95% of all goods arriving into Ireland come by sea, it is vital that the sea lines of communications are kept open, so it is the Navy's job to ensure that Ireland is open for business.

Tony's thesis title was *Irish Maritime Governance & Integrated Marine Plan 2012* and questioned if the Irish Maritime Governance Network supports Ireland's Integrated Marine Plan 2012. To answer the question he used multiple research methods including Social Network Analysis which was the first time this type of research method had been used to analyse maritime governance.

Tony received funding for his research through the Halpin Centre for Research and Innovation. The Halpin Centre is the maritime research and innovation centre for the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) and the research and innovation arm of the Naval Service. The National Maritime College of Ireland is a constituent college of the Cork Institute of Technology and a partnership between the Cork Institute of Technology and the Naval Service. The Halpin Centre undertakes research and innovation in the Maritime Safety & Security, Shipping Transport & Logistics and Maritime Education & Training areas.

In addition to his seagoing duties, Tony lectures Ocean Governance in the Naval Service and the National Maritime College of Ireland. He is also an internal examiner for the Level 8 degree in Nautical Science provided by the National Maritime College of Ireland.

We wish him the very best with this new ship and further details on the ship and Naval Service can be found at <http://www.military.ie/en/naval-service/fleet/offshore-patrol-vessel/le-samuel-beckett-p-61/>

***The MBS Government is now titled the MSc Government.**

Upcoming Department of Government Seminars

Global Jewish Criticism of Israel and the Challenges of Practising International Solidarity



This seminar will be delivered by Dr. David Landy from the Department of Sociology in Trinity College Dublin. His main research interests are the politics of ethnicity and identity; transnational social movements; and Israel/Palestine. He is the author of *Jewish Identity and Palestinian Rights: Diaspora Jewish Opposition to Israel* and he recently organised a conference in Trinity College Dublin on "International Solidarity: Practices, Problems, Possibilities." **The seminar takes places on Wednesday 25 March from 2:00-3:30pm in Western Gateway G_02.**

Further information: Contact Dr. Laurence Davis, Acting Director of the PhD in Government, Department of Government, University College Cork at l.davis@ucc.ie.

ALL WELCOME

Personality, Parties, and the Foundations of Economic Opinion in the US



This seminar will be delivered by Professor Howard Lavine from the University of Minnesota. It takes place on Tuesday 31 March at 12:00 in Tower Room 1.

Further information: Contact Dr. Theresa Reidy, Director of Research in Government, Department of Government, University College Cork at t.reidy@ucc.ie.

ALL WELCOME

Information Seminars by Aodh Quinlivan on Cork Boundary Review Process



The proposed changes for local government in Cork – should there be a boundary revision? should the city and county councils be merged? – have been keeping the Department of Government’s Dr. Aodh Quinlivan busy. He has delivered three public talks on the topic as follows:

- ‘Is it time to re-define Cork?’ – School of Music, 22 January 2015
- ‘In Search of Cork’s Common Greatness: Cork’s Local Governance Future’ – Clarion Hotel, 17 February 2015
- ‘The Imitation Game must not become the Crying Game’ – Imperial Hotel, 23 February 2015

In addition, Aodh has written newspaper opinion pieces on the subject as follows:

- ‘Cork’s boundaries must make for a living city’ – *The Irish Times*, 3 February 2015
- ‘Beware of council reform end-game’ – *Evening Echo*, 17 February 2015
- ‘UCC expert warns against merging city and county councils’ – *Irish Examiner*, 25 February 2015
- ‘West Cork may lose out if both councils merge’ – *Southern Star*, 5 March 2015

Aodh has also given radio interviews on 96FM on 16 January and 27 February.

*As reported in Issue 63, Dr. Theresa Reidy of the Department of Government was appointed by government to the Cork Boundary Review Group.

Dr. Theresa Reidy delivers lecture to Quercus programme at UCC

UCC recently introduced the Quercus Talented Students' Programme aimed at supporting and promoting excellence in academia, sport, creative and performing arts, active citizenship and innovation/entrepreneurship for both prospective undergraduate students and students already registered in UCC. *Quercus* is the Latin for oak - or Arabic for cork- the cork that is derived from the cork oak in Iberia. UCC uses the symbolism 'from acorn to mighty oak' to represent the growth that arises from nurturing talent through support, challenge and mentoring both academically and in other areas of talent.

As part of the programme, a Quercus Talented Students' Lecture Series has been organised and the latest lecture was delivered by the Department of Government's Dr. Theresa Reidy on 2 March. The topic was – 'Referendums in Ireland: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.'

You can listen to Theresa's lecture on the Quercus web site at <http://www.ucc.ie/en/quercus/about/>.



As reported in issue 61 of *Government Times*, Dr. Clodagh Harris was appointed co-director of the active citizenship strand of UCC's Quercus talented students' programme.

Irish Times article by Dr. Liam Weeks ... with book to follow!

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Is this the dawn of a new Independents' Day?

"Voters no longer tolerate the party puppets who dance to the tune of their master."



Many of the assumptions about independents tend to be misplaced, misinformed, and tap into fears rather than aspirations.' Photograph: Alan Betson, Irish Times

Dr Liam Weeks Topics: Opinion

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A welcome rethink on town councils
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The brutal killing of Boris Nemstov in the shadows of the Kremlin
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Question Time: Why do we need International Women's Day?

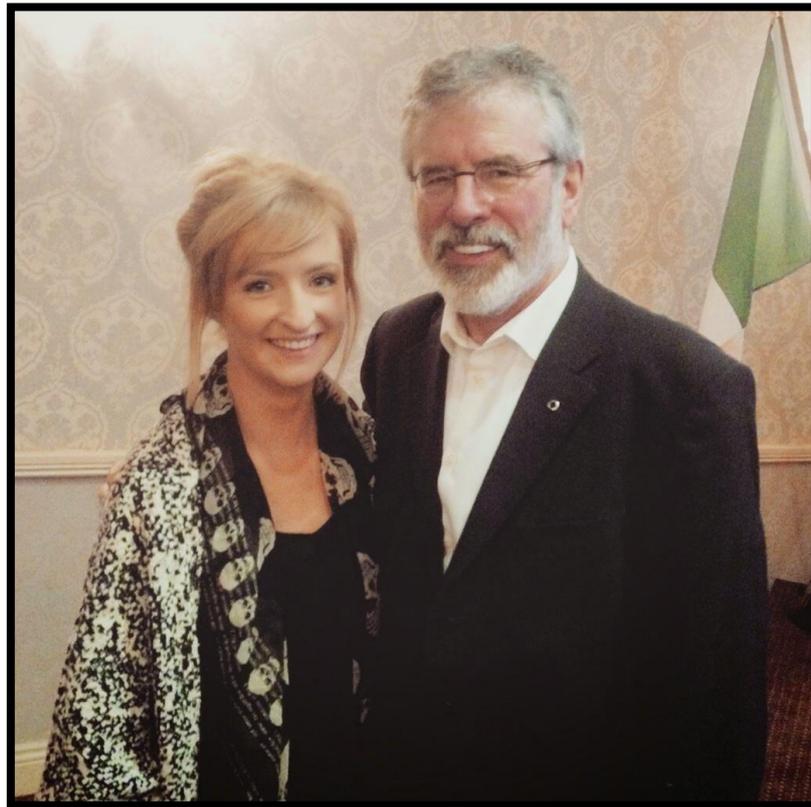


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On 3 March, Dr. Liam Weeks had a fascinating opinion piece in *The Irish Times* about the role of Independents. Liam argued, 'Rather than bemoan the rise of Independents, parties need to realise that this phenomenon is directly related to their own failure. It is the centralisation of power, the prevalence of the party whip and the disengagement from the electorate that have driven voters into the hands of Independents. Voters no longer tolerate the party puppets who dance to the tune of their master. They want someone with an independent mind and conscience, someone directly accountable and answerable to the electorate. In time, this may help to generate a more effective Dáil that can hold the governments to greater account.'

Liam's book on the topic, *Independents in Irish Democracy*, will be published by Manchester University Press later this year.

Orla O'Leary of BSc Government III meets Gerry Adams and reveals Taoiseach ambitions!



On 28 February, Orla O'Leary of BSc Government III, addressed the Sinn Féin Ireland South AGM in Cahir, county Tipperary. Orla, a prominent Sinn Féin activist, met party leader Gerry Adams TD at the event and outlined on Twitter her ambition to become Taoiseach!

Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan speaks at EUSA conference in Boston

Last week, Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan, spoke at the prestigious EUSA conference which took place in Boston between 5-7 March. This was the 14th biennial meeting of European specialists and attracted most of the leading academics in the area.

Emmanuelle's paper was co-presented with Raj Chari of Trinity College Dublin and was entitled 'The Role of the European Commission in Multi-Level Financial Management in the European Union: A Step Closer to Governmentalising?' This research flows from Emmanuelle's Irish Research Council grant.

Amongst the other presenters was the renowned Thomas Piketty who spoke as part of a panel on 'Neoliberal policies and their alternatives'.

For details on the EUSA 2015 conference, go to <https://eustudies.org/conference>.



Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan and Thomas Piketty who both addressed the EUSA Conference in Boston last week.



STAFF-STUDENT FORUM ON 11 MARCH

A staff-student forum will take place on Wednesday 11 March at 12:00 in West Wing 3.

Class representatives from the four years of the BSc Government and our post-graduate programmes are requested to attend.

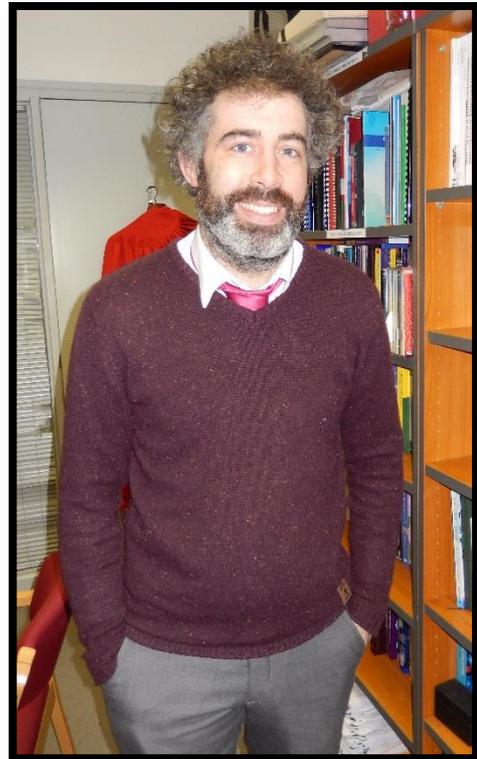
If students have issues they wish to raise, they are encouraged to liaise with their class representatives.

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Dr. Niall Duggan presents at International Studies conference in New Orleans

Dr. Niall Duggan of the Department of Government spoke at the 56th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association which was held between 18-21 February in New Orleans, Louisiana. Niall's paper was titled, 'New actors in intra and inter-regional cooperation: The People's Republic of China's role in regional economic integration and conflict management in Africa' and he presented with Peter Sandby-Thomas of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. For more details on the conference, check out this blog:

<http://blog.oup.com/2015/02/international-studies-association-conference-2015/>



New titles for post-graduate programmes in the Department of Government

Due to restructurings in the College of Business and Law and the establishment of a Business School, there have been some changes to the titles of our post-graduate programmes as follows:

- 🌀 The MBS Government is now the **MSc GOVERNMENT**.
- 🌀 The MBS International Public Policy and Diplomacy is now the **MSc INTRENATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND DIPLOMACY**.
- 🌀 The MSc Government is now the **MSc by Research (Government)**.

For more details on our post-graduate programmes, please go to <http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/postgraduatestudy/> and contact the relevant programme directors.

GRADUATE PROFILE: ALISON DONNELLY



Alison consoles Jonny Wilkinson after last Sunday's match at the Aviva Stadium!

WHO IS SHE?

Alison graduated with a BSc Government and Public Policy degree in 2004. Afterwards she worked as a journalist and a media manager with Sky Sports before getting a job as a Press Officer with the BBC. In February 2011, Alison was appointed Head of Communications with London Wasps where she remained for three years.

WHERE DOES SHE WORK NOW?

In January 2014, Alison was appointed Senior Press Officer in the UK Cabinet Office in Whitehall. The Cabinet Office supports the work of the Prime Minister and is the corporate headquarters for government.

DOES SHE HAVE ANY OTHER CLAIM TO FAME?

In September 2009, Alison set up the world's first dedicated international women's rugby website, www.scrumqueens.com. The website contains news and features from around the game as well as blogs from some leading figures in the sport. As website editor, Alison also contributes a blog to irb.com and skysports.com around major competitions. In addition, she has a monthly column on the women's game in the leading magazine - *Rugby World*. A couple of months ago, Alison received a prestigious award from the UK Rugby Writers, which was presented to her by Jonny Wilkinson (see above).

WOW, THAT'S GREAT – ANYTHING ELSE?

Last week, Alison's website was shortlisted in the UK for a Women's Sport Trust award. Alison faces competition for the award from Sky Sports, BT Sport and BBC Sport.

*Alison featured in the *Evening Echo* on Wednesday 4 March.

When Peter met the President



2010 BSc Government graduate, Peter Horgan, recently met with President Micheal D. Higgins. Following graduation, Peter worked as a journalist for a number of years before being appointed as Parliamentary and Communications Advisor to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Seán Sherlock TD. You can hear Peter's thoughts on the BSc Government programme on this You Tube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IT8xe2Y1LM>

Dr. Clodagh Harris to speak at 'Citizens and Constitutions' Event

Dr. Clodagh Harris of the Department of Government is one of the invited speakers for an event in the Royal Irish Academy on 27 March, entitled 'Citizens and Constitutions: Engaging Citizens in Debates over Constitutional Reform on these islands'. Clodagh will be joined by Tom Arnold, Dr. John Garry, Professor Robert Hazell, Professor Charlie Jeffery, Dr. Alan Renwick, and Professor Richard Wyn Jones. We will carry a report on this event in Issue 65 of *Government Times*.