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Speaker of House of Commons to Deliver 14th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



The **Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP**, Speaker of the House of Commons since 2009, has confirmed to the Department of Government that he will deliver the 14th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture on the evening of **Thursday 28 February** at 6:30pm in Boole 3. Organiser of the Monahan Lecture series, Dr Aodh Quinlivan, told *Government Times*, ‘This is a tremendous coup for the Department of Government and we are delighted to have attracted another high quality speaker for the Monahan Lecture to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Mary McAleese and John Hume.’

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Looking Forward to Visit of John Bercow MP



What a great start to 2013 to be able to announce the visit of John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons. Bercow, recently voted **Politician of the Year** by the UK Political Studies Association, was first elected as MP for Buckingham in 1997. He was elected as the 157th Speaker of the House of Commons on 22 June 2009. John Bercow, who is a qualified tennis coach, studied at the University of Essex where he graduated in 1985 with a First Class Honours degree in Government.

Bercow is a controversial character and has been involved in an expenses scandal about the designation of his 'main home' and a tax avoidance issue. His wife, Sally, is also controversial and she was the first person evicted from the *Celebrity Big Brother* house in August 2011.

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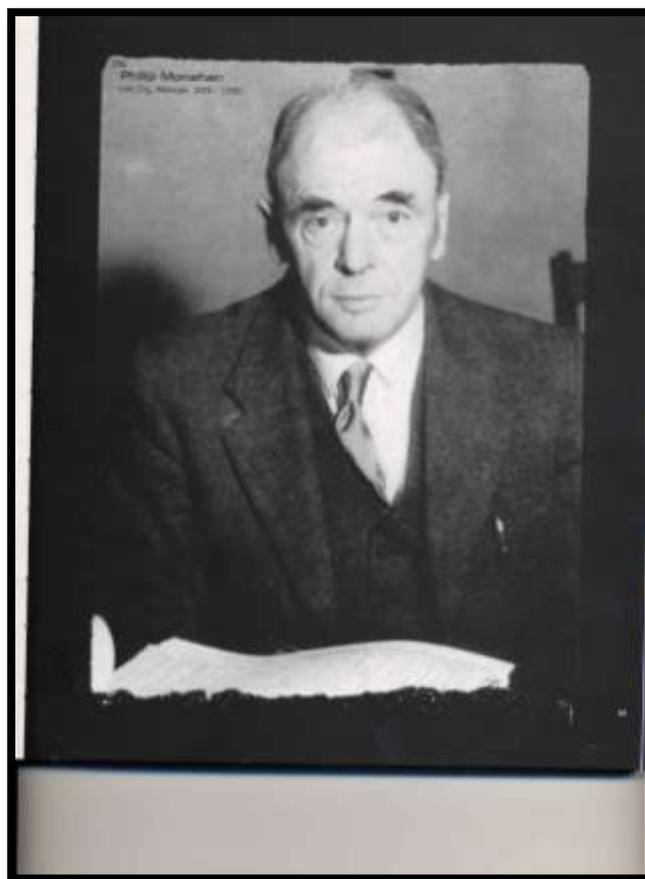


PHILIP MONAHAN LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Each year the Department of Government at University College Cork hosts a prestigious public lecture to celebrate the memory of Philip Monahan. Monahan was Ireland's first local authority manager and he served as City Commissioner and then City Manager in Cork from 1924-1959. Monahan set the highest standards of probity and integrity in public administration and he defined the role of City Manager and the practice of public management in Ireland. The lecture series was inaugurated in 1997 and, as can be seen from the list below, has attracted some very distinguished speakers.

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)
13. **Emily O'Reilly**, Ombudsman and Information Commissioner (2011)

Who was Philip Monahan?



Philip Monahan
1893-1983

Philip Monahan's life was interwoven with significant figures and events in Irish political and cultural history. Heavily involved in the Irish Volunteers and Sinn Féin, Monahan was imprisoned by the British authorities on three occasions. During his third incarceration he shared a cell with Éamon de Valera in Lincoln Jail and assisted in his escape. Following his release, Monahan served as an elected representative on Drogheda Borough Corporation, where he was elected as Mayor, and on Louth County Council. He took the pro-Treaty side in the Civil War and was shot in the neck in 1922.

After recovering, he was sent to Kerry as Commissioner in 1923 by Minister Ernest Blythe to replace the dissolved county council and to administer Republican Kerry on behalf of the Irish Free State government. His final move was to Cork, where he managed the city for thirty-five years. His greatest achievements were the initiation of the Corporation's new housing programme, the eradication of the slums and the creation of the differential rent system. As Commissioner and subsequently City Manager, Monahan set high standards of probity and integrity in public administration – *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re* – flexible in method, constant in principle. He defined the role of the City Manager and the practice of public management in Ireland.

Quinlivan, Aodh (2006), *Philip Monahan – A Man Apart: The Life and Times of Ireland's First Local Authority Manager*, Dublin: Institute of Public Administration

WHO WILL WIN THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT STUDENT AWARDS 2012/2013?

On the night of the 14th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, three Department of Government student awards will be presented – Student of Year; Graduate of Year; Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Winner. Whose names will be added to these prestigious lists?

THOMAS WHALEN STUDENT OF YEAR

2000	Holly Hardwicke
2001	Elizabeth Harrington
2002	Peter Ryan
2003	Hannah Lane
2004	Ann-Marie Tierney
2005	Denis Twomey
2006	Andrea Merrigan
2007	Darragh Mehigan
2008	Patrick Higgins
2009	Tracey O’Rourke
2010	John Kenny
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaidín



Patrick Higgins, winner in 2008

RICHARD HASLAM GRADUATE OF YEAR

2003	Holly Hardwicke
2004	Elizabeth Harrington
2005	Jeremiah O'Sullivan
2006	Brenda Keating
2007	Tim McCarthy
2008	Matthew Ryan
2009	Colm Diamond
2010	Neepa Sodhi
2011	Laura Murphy



Matthew Ryan, winner in 2008

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN ESSAY WINNER

2002	Andrew O'Leary
2003	Donal Holohan
2004	John O'Sullivan
2005	John O'Sullivan
2006	Cormac Cahill
2007	Ian Mawe
2008	Niall Duggan
2009	Andrew Aherne
2010	Declan Keating
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaídn



Ian Mawe, winner in 2007

Placement Manager, Dearbhail O’Callaghan, wins ‘Exceptional Citizen’ Staff Recognition Award



All at *Government Times* would like to congratulate **Dearbhail O’Callaghan** on winning a UCC Staff Achievement Award for 2012. Dearbhail won the award as part of the committee of the UCC Staff Sports and Social Club which has done tremendous work over the past few years. The award was presented to Dearbhail by the President of UCC, Dr Michael Murphy, during a ceremony in the Aula Maxima on Thursday 13 December. The UCC Staff Sports and Social Club committee was nominated for an ‘Exceptional Citizen’ award by Dr Aodh Quinlivan of the Department of Government.

Department of Government Reunion in Germany!



Before Christmas, **Professor Neil Collins** and **Dr Andrew Cottey** attended a meeting in the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) where they met up with former Department of Government colleagues Dr Sebastian Bersick, Dr Niall Duggan and Dr Joern Carsten-Gottwald

Fiona Buckley speaks at Croke Park Event



Picture includes (l – r): Dr. Margaret Ward, Hanna’s House; Prof Monica McWilliams, University of Ulster and former leader of the Northern Ireland’s Women’s Coalition; Fiona Buckley, UCC and The 5050 Group, President Michael D. Higgins; Prof. Christine Chinkins, London School of Economics; and DCC Judith Gillespie, Deputy Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

Fiona Buckley recently spoke at a conference in Croke Park organised by Hanna’s House, which is seeking the full implementation of UNSCR1325 in Northern Ireland. Hanna’s House believes that if UNSCR1325 had been in existence at the time of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement (1998) (the resolution was passed in 2000) it would have been woven into the agreement and would be reflected in its institutions (such as the NI Assembly, the Judiciary, the Policing Services NI, the North South Ministerial Council, and the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly). Therefore, Hanna’s House is recommending that UNSCR1325 becomes part of the fabric of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and its institutions.

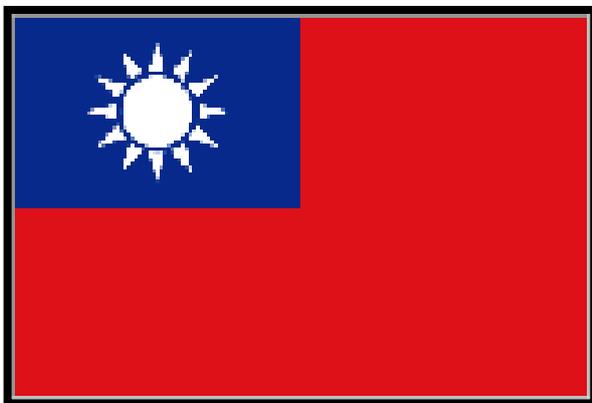
Fiona spoke about how gender quotas can be used as a mechanism to guarantee the presence of women in political decision-making.

Hanna's House is a home for an active feminist community in Ireland, working for a non-violent, just society that embraces diversity. Named after Hannah Sheehy Skeffington, founder of the Irish Women’s Franchise League, this unique space for women’s groups and feminist activists provides opportunities for women to develop and promote radical changes for equality and justice.

Lecture by Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen to TDs about Taiwan Spirit



Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen gave a speech to TDs, entitled “The Taiwan Spirit: Strengthening Ties with China and Maintaining Democracy” in the Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin on 11 December 2012. The event was organised by the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland for members of the Ireland-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group. The current Chairman of the group, John McGuinness TD, was in attendance, as was local Cork TD, Ciarán Lynch. Dr Chen’s presentation – which was very well received - covered a wide range of topics including Taiwan’s current political situation, the ongoing transformation of cross-Strait relations and President Ma’s proposed ‘East China Sea Peace Initiative’.



Lord Mayor leads visit of city councillors to BSc Government First Year class



Above: At the BSc Government I class were (from left to right) the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor John Buttimer (Fine Gael); Councillor Terry Shannon (Fianna Fáil); Councillor Catherine Clancy (Labour Party); Councillor Kieran McCarthy (Independent); and Councillor Ted Tynan (Workers' Party).

Accompanied by Dr Aodh Quinlivan, First Year students of the BSc Government (and some visiting students) attended a meeting of Cork City Council on Monday 26 November. Before the public meeting began, the group met the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Buttimer, in his office and he answered questions about the role of Cork City Council. The meeting itself (which started at 5:30pm) was long and controversial - ending abruptly at 9:00pm without discussion on various abortion motions – and proved to be a valuable experience for students in terms of seeing local democracy at work.

Two days later, the Lord Mayor led a delegation of five councillors to UCC to talk further with BSc Government I students as part of the GV1210 ('Government and Politics of Ireland') module. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Terry Shannon, Catherine Clancy, Kieran McCarthy and Ted Tynan. Each councillor presented their experiences as a local public representative and then fielded questions from the class during a lively two-hour session.



Cork's famous City Hall, scene of the controversial meeting on Monday 26 November

MSc (Government) by Research

“Research is to see what everybody has seen,
and to think what nobody else has thought”

- *Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*

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- Possible stepping stone to PhD



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Graduation Day, October 2012

Well done to the BSc Government class of 2012 and to our two PhD graduates, Natasha Underhill and Niall Mulchinock.



Minister Phil Hogan Launches 5050 Group Book

On Tuesday 18 December, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan TD, launched the book *The Road to 5050 Gender Quotas for Ireland – 2012 featuring the speeches of over 70 well-known Irish politicians* in the European Parliament Offices, Molesworth Street, Dublin. The book was co-written by **Fiona Buckley** of UCC's Department of Government who is a founding member of the 5050 Group.

See <http://5050-group.com/blog/> for details on how to purchase the book in hard copy format or as a PDF download.



"5050 - it's a black and white issue"

"Balance our Politics"

"We want women and men equally involved in the whole process of governing our society."

"The 5050 group aims to encourage debate, conversation, discussion and argument about the need for more women in politics."

"5050 x 2020"

"Women account for half the Irish population, yet we are vastly under-represented in the policy and decision-making processes that shape all of our futures."

"We are obliged to be involved. It is our country. We are all responsible."



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