



GOVERNMENT TIMES

A Newsletter for Department of Government Students and Staff

Death on Facebook?



Last week, the Department of Government – in conjunction with the Department of Management and Marketing – hosted a seminar by Professor Piergiorgio Degli Esposti of Bologna University titled: 'Death on Facebook as a Prosumer Activity'. The visit by Professor Degli Esposti came as part of the Erasmus teaching staff agreement with Bologna University. The picture above shows Professor Degli Esposti (centre) with one of his colleagues from Bologna and Dr Seamus O'Tuama of the Department of Government.



Editorial Page

You are all very welcome to another packed issue of *Government Times* which contains a diverse range of articles and reports. The cover story features a thought-provoking seminar which was delivered last week by Professor Piergiorgio Degli Esposti as part of our Erasmus exchange programme with Bologna University, Italy. We also highlight recent research activity and conference presentations from Fiona Buckley and Dr Aodh Quinlivan. In addition, you will see some photos of Government students from the recent 'Societies Day' on campus.

Enjoy the read!

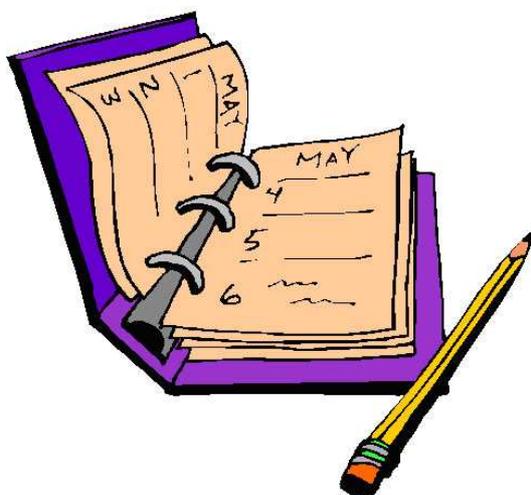
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Dates for your diary



Friday 7 October: This is the closing date for students to register their module choices with the Exams and Records Office.

Saturday 8 October: This is the annual Open Day in UCC. If any students can spare time to help at the Department of Government stand, please let us know.

Wednesday 12 October: The ever-popular Mystery Tour organised by the Government and Politics Society takes place on the Wednesday night.



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FOR ATTENTION OF BSc GOVERNMENT IV STUDENTS - SS4304

SS4304 Applied Housing Research is a five-credit module is offered in the second semester only, subject to student numbers. If you are interested in taking this module, please express your interest to Joe Finnerty (j.finnerty@ucc.ie) so that he can ascertain if there are likely to be enough students to make the module viable.



Lecturer appointed to board of Cork Simon



At a special meeting of the Cork Simon Community on Monday 19 September, **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** of the Department of Government was formally ratified as a new board member.

Cork Simon Community works in solidarity with men and women who are homeless, offering housing and support in their journey back to independent or supported living. Every night Cork Simon provides over 100 beds for people in Cork who are homeless.

The range of Cork Simon's accommodation services and supports includes:

- Emergency Shelter - offering safe, secure accommodation and one-to-one support for 50 men and women every night of the year
- Day Centre - critical support for men and women sleeping rough, offering direct access to a team of doctors, nurses and counsellors
- Outreach Team - working directly with men and women sleeping rough, linking them into mainstream services and offering care and support
- High-Support Housing - permanent accommodation for 32 men and women with mental and/or physical health needs at four residential houses across the city
- Housing Plus -empowering people to return to independent-living in Cork Simon's 25 apartments, in social housing and in the private rented sector, offering a level of support appropriate to each person's needs
- Soup Run - Cork Simon's original project that continues to be operated year-round by a team of 40 volunteers, offering nourishing food, befriending and support every night to people sleeping rough
- Training - helping to build the skills and confidence necessary for independent living

See <http://www.corksion.ie/>

SIMON WEEK (3-9 October) is an annual, nationwide week of events

held each October to raise awareness of homelessness issues and the work of the Simon Communities throughout Ireland. **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY** this year marks 40 years of providing support to homeless men and women in Cork. Please join us for some of the Simon Week 2011 events taking place next week:

The Big 4-0 Launch Spectacular! ~ PUBLIC EVENT ~ To kick off Simon Week 2011, and mark 40 years of Cork Simon Community, we have The Big Four-O Art Extravaganza! Artist Robert Ballagh will be on hand to unveil the great Cork Simon art banner on Sullivan's Quay, and 'The Stuff of Life' exhibition on South Mall, and there will be music and entertainment galore. *Mon 3 October, 5.30-7.00pm, Electric & The Glass Pod, South Mall*

Community Day Q&A * Members of Cork Simon Community will be taking over the Cork City Council Chamber for a very personal Q&A session with some of Cork's elected representatives. (* Cork Simon internal event – invite only) *Tue 4 October, 12noon, Council Chamber, City Hall*

2011 Health Report - Women & Homelessness ~ PUBLIC EVENT ~ The Summer 2011 Health Audit, conducted by Cork Simon Community and Good Shepherd Services, looks at health issues of women who are homeless in Cork. The findings of the audit will be presented here. *Wed 5 October, 8.30am, Electric Restaurant, South Mall*

Launchtime! CD Launch & Performance Showcase ~ PUBLIC EVENT ~ The Claddagh Rogues launch their new CD, Breakaway Theatre Co perform some of their new work, and *special guest John Spillane joins in for a lunchtime performance not to be missed!* *Thu 6 October, 1pm, Triskel Christchurch, South Main Street*

40th Anniversary Time Capsule!* *An eclectic collection of items from across Cork Simon Community will be officially sealed & concealed in a 40-year Time Capsule at this very special ceremony - to be reopened in 2051!* (* Cork Simon internal event – invite only) *Fri 7 October, 11am, Clanmornin House, Ballinlough*

'The Stuff Of Life': Exhibition Open Day ~ PUBLIC EVENT ~ A chance to see up close the art boards produced by residents of Cork Simon this summer. Artists and volunteers who participated in the project will be on hand to welcome visitors throughout the day. *Sat 8 October, 10am-5pm, The Glass Pod, South Mall, Cork*

Sunday Morning Coffee * Neighbours and local councillors are invited to call over to Cork Simon's residential houses for a cuppa and chat, to meet their neighbours and learn a bit about our residential support services. (* Cork Simon internal event – invite only) *Sun 9 October, 11am-1pm, Cork Simon Residential Houses*

Further details: www.corksion.ie,

or contact Georgia Hopkins on georgia@corksion.ie

Research Profile: Fiona Buckley



Fiona Buckley of the Department of Government has been extremely active lately in terms of research output and conference presentations. Here is a sample of what she has been up to.

- She recently presented a paper examining women in cabinet government at the General Conference of the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) in Reykjavik, Iceland.
- She presented at the 'Women into Public Life' seminar in Letterkenny on Friday 30 September.



- She will be presenting at the annual conference of the Irish Federation for University Women (8 October) in River Lee Hotel. Students are welcome to attend. If interested, they should ensure to have their student ID cards with them to facilitate free entry. Conference kicks off at 9.30am. Speakers on the morning are: **Olive Byrne**, Programme Manager, UCC PLUS +; **Professor Kathy Hall**, Head of School of Education, UCC; **Fiona Buckley**, Lecturer in Government, UCC and Co-Founder of 5050:2020; **Margaret E. Ward**, Financial journalist and broadcaster, Founder of "Women on Air".
- Along with Dr Theresa Reidy and Dr Jane Suiter, she will be attending the launch of *How Ireland Voted* on 18 October in which they have chapters.
- She had an article published in *European Political Science* this month examining the use of Online Discussion Forums in the teaching of political science.



Staff Appointments in Department of Government



In mid-September, interviews were held in the Department of Government for two lecturing contracts of a three-year duration. The successful candidates were **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** and **Dr Yu-Wen Chen**. While Emmanuelle has been a member of staff in the Department of Government since 2000, off and on, Dr Chen is new to UCC. Having received her PhD in 2009 from the University of Konstanz, Germany, Dr Chen has been working as a researcher in the National Taiwan University. She has also spent time as a Research Fellow in Australia's La Trobe University. Dr Chen will be starting in the Department of Government in January 2012 and we welcome her as a great new addition to the staff.

At the same time we wish all the best to **Dr Sebastian Bersick** who has left UCC to take up a lecturing post in China.



Debate on Local Democracy at La Touche Legacy Seminar



The 23rd La Touche Legacy Seminar took place in the Charlesland Golf and Country Club in Greystones, County Wicklow last weekend. The topic under discussion was *Local Democracy: A Vision for the Future*. The Department of Government's **Dr Aodh Quinlivan** presented a paper on Saturday entitled 'Local Government: Foundation of Democracy'. A doctoral graduate of the Department of Government, **Dr Mark Callanan**, also delivered a paper.

Other speakers at the event included **Dan O'Brien**, Economics Editor of the *Irish Times* (top left), **Sarah Carey**, journalist/broadcaster (middle) and **Phil Hogan TD**, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.



If you are interested in a copy of Aodh's paper, please contact him at

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Photos from Societies Day: Wednesday 21 September 2011



Mark Curley, BSc Government II, with Councillor Mary Shields at the Young Fianna Fáil stand;
Peter Kiernan McCarthy and John Kenny, both BSc Government III, at the Government and Politics Society stand;
Peter was also at the Young Fine Gael stand during the day.



BSc Government graduate 2011, Cian Barrett, with the mysterious 'Blue Man', Richard Forde, BSc Government IV

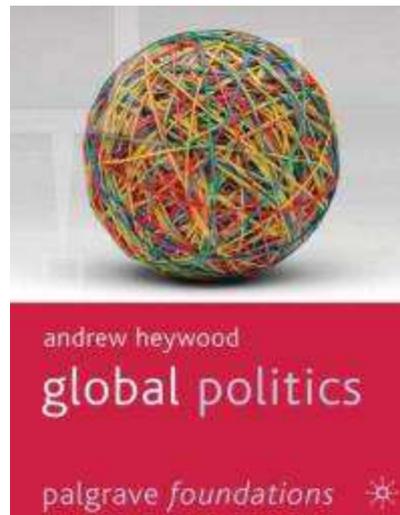
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BSc Government graduate (2010) **Peter Horgan** has started a new job as a journalist with the *Munster Express* newspaper, based in Waterford. Following graduation, Peter worked as a staff writer with the *Connacht Tribune* Group.

- **Dr Andrew Cottey** recently ran a competition for five free copies of Andrew Heywood's book *Global Politics*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. Congratulations to the five winners as follows:

Fiona Durkin
Lorna Gardiner
Emma Walsh
Nicola Armitage
Jeanneau Faustine



- **Dr Theresa Reidy** was featured on a special issue of *Primetime* last week discussing the forthcoming Presidential Election.
- On 19 September, the Auditor of the Government and Politics Society, **Ben English** (BSc Government II), contributed to a debate on BBC Radio Ulster. The subject matter of the show was the attitudes of young people in the Republic of Ireland towards Martin McGuinness, the Sinn Féin presidential candidate.

The next issue of *Government Times* is due on Monday 17 October.

If you have relevant material to contribute please send to

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