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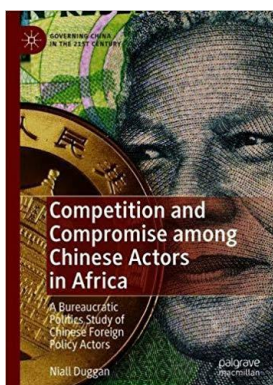
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Exceptional Citizen Award for Emmanuelle as BFGtoEU Programme goes from Strength to Strength



Staff of the Department of Government and Politics have been making headlines recently! On Thursday 10 October, **Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** was presented with an 'Outstanding Citizen' award by the President of UCC, Professor Patrick O'Shea. The innovative BFGtoEU programme helps primary school children to develop knowledge, curiosity and debate about Ireland's role in the European Union. See pages 4 & 5.

New book by Dr. Niall Duggan



Dr. Niall Duggan has written a book, published by the prestigious company, Palgrave Macmillan. *Competition and Compromise among Chinese Actors in Africa: A Bureaucratic Politics Study of Chinese Foreign Policy Actors* explains why conflict exists among Chinese foreign-policy actors in Africa and the book argues against the concept that China has a grand strategy in relation to Africa. Congratulations to Niall on this fine achievement – read more about this story on page 6.



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Dr. Aodh Quinlivan, Editor, *Government Times*

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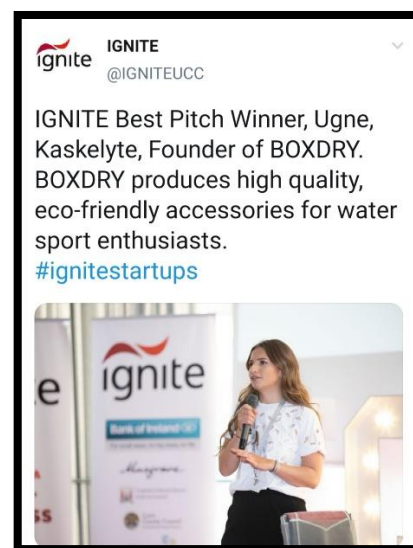
This timely book explains why conflict exists among Chinese foreign-policy actors in Africa and argues against the concept that China has a grand strategy in relation to Africa. It does so by examining Sino-African relations by focusing on how China's Africa policy is constructed and implemented concluding that a large number of actors are active in its formulation and implementation.

The book argues that China's Hegemonic Political Discourse (HPD), the goal of achieving a Harmonious Society and later the Chinese Dream through the Scientific Concept of Development, has dominated Chinese political discourse. It is this HPD that acts as the structural imperative that allows for collective action in the Chinese foreign-policy process in Africa rather than a Chinese grand strategy since the actors are unwilling to break the social norms of the collective process for fear of exclusion. This book will be of great interest to China watchers and those eager to understand how China's rise will impact the developing world. Congratulations, Niall!

Graduate entrepreneur, Ugne Kaskelyte, hoping for success with Boxdry



Ugne Kaskelyte, Boxdry, at the Ignite Awards and Showcase at UCC's Devere Hall. The company produces high-quality, eco-friendly accessories for water sport enthusiasts Picture: Darragh Kane, *Irish Examiner*

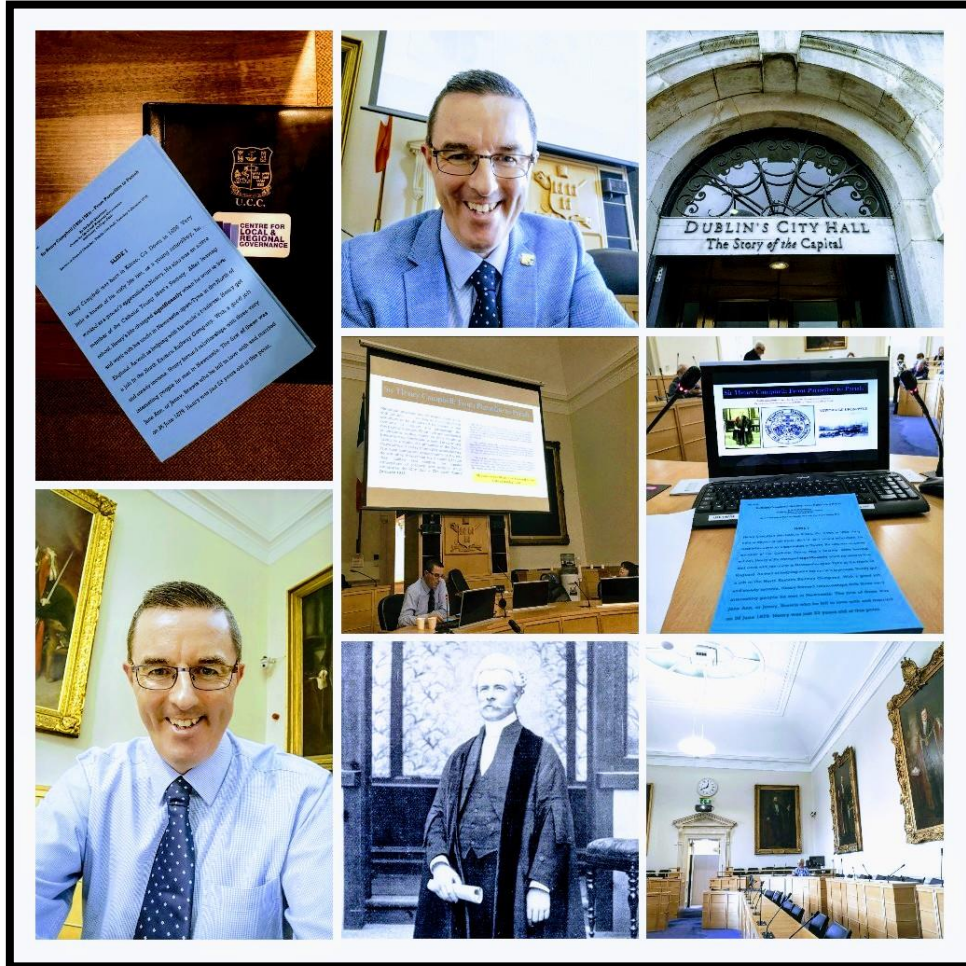


Ugne Kaskelyte is a graduate of the BSc Government and is a current student of ours on the Masters in International Public Policy and Diplomacy. Earlier this year, with the assistance of UCC's Ignite programme, Ugne set up her own company, Boxdry. Boxdry produces high-quality, eco-friendly accessories for water enthusiasts. Ugne received funding after winning Ignite's BEST PITCH competition, utilising the presentation skills honed on the BSc Government. We wish Ugne continued success with Boxdry.

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/specialreports/graduate-entrepreneurs-igniting-the-spark-for-future-business-supremos-956887.html>

Visit to Cork City Hall and Meeting with Lord Mayor





Patrick O'Sullivan Essay Writing Competition 2019/2020 Academic Year



This essay writing competition celebrates the life and spirit of Patrick O' Sullivan, who tragically died on 3 March, 2001. Patrick should have been amongst our first group of students who graduated in September 2003. Patrick had a deep interest in politics and he also possessed a great sense of humour. We try to combine both of these elements in this annual essay competition.

The Politics of Food



500-word essay, 1-2 pages

Please supply your name and class year on a separate cover page

NO need to adhere to academic assignment guidelines re: referencing etc.

Essays can be as light-hearted and as irreverent as you wish!

Submit to: Aodh Quinlivan, Room 2.54, Department of Government and Politics,
or electronically to a.quinlivan@ucc.ie

DEADLINE: - Wednesday 30 October 2019

The writer of the winning essay will receive the **Patrick O' Sullivan Perpetual Shield**
at the 21st Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture

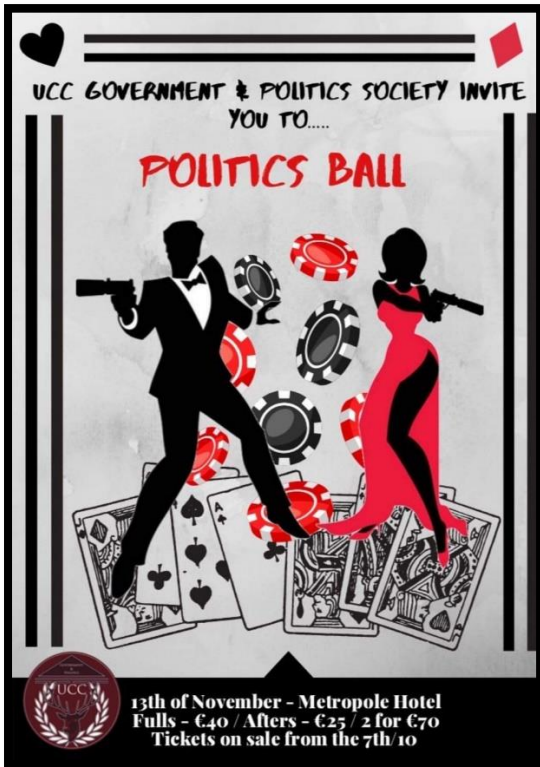
NOTE: This competition is open to all under-graduate students of our BSc Government and Political Science degree and to Arts, Commerce and international students studying Government modules.

Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Writing Competition – who will the 18th winner be?

YEAR	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 Consaidín
2012	John Somers
2013	Padraig Mac Consaidín
2014	Don O’Neill
2015	Luke Foley
2016	Emily O’Regan
2017	Nathan Board
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2019	?



Top (left to right) – Declan Keating (2010) and Luke Foley (2015)
 Bottom (left to right) – Emily O’Regan (2016) and Nathan Board (2017)



Well done to the Government and Politics Society for organising the Annual Ball for Wednesday 13 November in the Metropole Hotel. This is always a highlight of the year and a great time is guaranteed, especially with a James Bond theme!

The Government and Politics Society is very active this year – be sure to follow the society on Facebook and Twitter (@uccgovpol). Apparently, the society also has a Tinder account!

