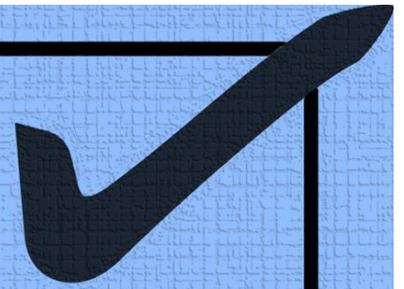


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Welcome to the 2016/2017 academic year!



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“We freely pledge to abide by the UCC Code of Honour. Being truthful, honourable and honest in all our conduct, we will not lie, cheat, or plagiarise. We will always endeavour to show respect to fellow students, staff and to all members of the wider community.”

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Have a great year!

Another academic year at UCC is upon us and we wish every success to Department of Government under-graduate and post-graduate students. We hope you have an academically stimulating year and an enjoyable one as well. The cover page shows UCC's new Code of Honour which incoming first year students were encouraged to sign during orientation week. For all of our students, whether you had a chance to sign the code or not, we would ask you to adhere to the spirit of the pledge. In this 12-page first issue of the year, you can read about what we are up to in terms of conferences and presentations. As the weeks and months go by, we hope that *Government Times* will have a 50/50 balance between student and staff stories and we encourage you all to send us news, articles or opinion pieces. We are sure that the Government and Politics Society will have a busy year ahead and we wish Rob Cassidy and his team all the best. Students have a wonderful opportunity during the first week of the semester to check out the rich array of clubs and societies that are on offer in UCC. While your academic development is critical to us in the Department of Government, we would also encourage you to play a full part in all that UCC life has to offer.

Diandra & Aodh



Co-editors of *Government Times* 2016/2017
Diandra Buckley (BSc Government 2)
Aodh Quinlivan (Director, BSc Government)

Successful workshop organised by Dr Niall Duggan



On 2 September the PSAI International Relations and Area Studies Specialist Group held a **Teaching and Learning in International Relations and Areas Studies Workshop** at the National University of Ireland, Merrion Square, Dublin. Niall Burgess, Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade gave the opening remarks of the event discussing the important of integrating academic researching into the department's policy. The workshop brought together staff from all of Ireland's major international relations departments discussing issue such as running simulations, incorporating ICT and online delivery and strategies for large group teaching. The event was organised by Dr Niall Duggan UCC, Dr Ken McDonagh, DCU and Dr Diarmuid Torney, DCU. The day was sponsored by: Political Science Association of Ireland (PSAI), College of Business and Law, University College Cork, Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies. (IACES) Irish Association for Asian Studies (IAAS).



Keynote speaker, Niall Burgess, Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

* The workshop included a roundtable discussion at which Dr Andrew Cottey and Dr Mary Murphy of UCC's Department of Government also contributed.

CLRG NEWS



The Centre for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG) was established in UCC in February 2016, with Dr Aodh Quinlivan as Director. Since then, Aodh has been working closely with a group of international colleagues preparing a research bid for the ESRC in the area of public accountability at the local level. A meeting of the group took place in Cork in February and this was followed by two meetings over the summer in Zagreb and Leicester. The research bid will be ready for submission in October. The picture on the left shows some members of the research team at the meeting in Zagreb.

International Advisory Board



Good luck to the five members of the CLRG International Advisory Board. From left to right above:

Professor Filipe Teles, Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences, University of Aveiro, Portugal

Professor Norbert Kersting, Institute of Political Science, University of Muenster, Germany

Dr Katarzyna Szmigiel-Rawska, Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

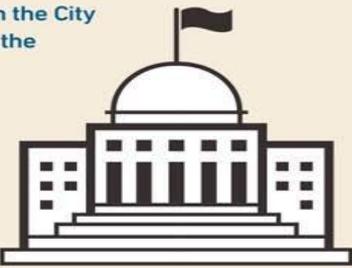
Professor Colin Copus, Department of Politics and Public Policy, De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom

Professor Ivan Kopic, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

CLRG NEWS



**New Politics and Policy in the City
- Mayoral Governance of the
Dublin City Region**



Martin McEvoy Annual Conference
Purcell House
All Hallows Campus,
Dublin City University
Wednesday 14th September 2016

The introduction of a directly-elected city mayor for Dublin has been a recurring topic of debate in politics and policy circles. Recent efforts to introduce the measure have had widespread endorsement from citizens, communities and many political parties but have failed to be implemented. The Martin McEvoy Conference 2016 will examine how other cities have redesigned their governance arrangements and what Dublin can learn from these reforms.

The conference will offer a platform to citizens, communities, councillors, local government officials and academics to examine the challenges facing Dublin and the characteristics of an appropriate model of mayoral governance for Dublin.

9.15am - 9.45am	Registration
9.45am - 10.00am	Welcome – Professor Dáire Keogh (DCU)
10.00am - 10.30am	Opening Address – Professor Colin Copus (DMU)
10.30am - 11.30am	Session 1 – Chairperson – Professor Ronnie Munck (DCU) Dr. Aodh Quinlivan (UCC) Dr. Mark Callanan (IPA) Dr. Pauline Cullen (MU)
11.30am - 11.45am	Coffee
11.45am - 12.45pm	Session 2 – Chairperson – Professor Iain McMenamin (DCU) Professor Colin Knox (UU) Orla O'Donnell (IPA) Dr. Eoin O'Malley (DCU)
12.45pm - 1.30pm	Practitioner Roundtable – Chairperson – Pat Carey Representatives of Sinn Féin, Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Labour, Greens, Social Democrats, Workers Party and the People Before Profit Alliance.

To register for the event please email: nordubco@dcu.ie

For more information see the link below.

NorDubCo | Economic, Civic and Social Innovation in North Dublin 

DIRECTOR SPEAKING AT DCU CONFERENCE AND LGIU WORKSHOP

Director of the CLRG, Dr Aodh Quinlivan, is meeting in Dublin next Tuesday (13 September) with the LGIU to discuss local government reforms in Ireland and the UK. The LGIU is an influential British local democracy think tank, based in London. See <http://www.lgiu.org.uk/>.

On the following morning, Aodh is addressing the Martin McEvoy Annual Conference in Dublin City University. The conference is titled 'New Politics and Policy in the City – Mayoral Governance of the Dublin City Region'. Aodh will be discussing local governance arrangements in the Dublin region, with a focus on directly elected mayors – an area where he has conducted much research.



The CLRG would like to congratulate Steven Browne on the successful completion of his MSc Government (by research) thesis. Supervised by Dr Aodh Quinlivan, Steven's thesis is entitled 'The Economic Development, Planning and Urban Regeneration of Cork.'

Alumni
Corner



Kerrie O'Callaghan

BSc Government 2009 graduate

Graduating in 2009 at the height of the recession with unemployment at one of its highest peaks in decades wasn't exactly the rosy career outlook I or any of my peers anticipated when we first walked through the gates of UCC four years previously. Without wanting to make it sound like one of the cheerier chapters of *Angela's Ashes*, they were uncertain times, and to be frank, none of us were sure of gaining employment when all around us, people with much more experience than us were lining up at the back of the dole queue.

The impetus behind my decision to pursue a BSc Government had always been to go into a career in journalism but interning in Albany, New York as part of my third year abroad convinced me that perhaps a career in communications might be a more interesting career path. The good thing about having nothing to lose is...well, you have nothing to lose. With a moratorium on hiring in the civil service, and — to be honest — not much of an idea of what I might do, I took the decision to try a career in public relations.

I won't claim it was a strategic decision. It was the perfect confluence of opportunity and luck, powered by a certainty that I at least knew I wanted to write for a living. So with that in mind, I approached a local public relations firm in Cork to know if I could do some work experience there for a few weeks, after which I was offered a position as an account executive. After a year or two, I decided to move to Australia on something of a whim. I fancied a sea change and wanted to see what else was out there. I quickly found myself a position as head of communications with a fast-growing start-up called Curicon, devising and implementing strategic communication plans across traditional and social media channels, running events and drumming up grassroots support within a very niche community. It was fun while it lasted but through that process, I had come to the realisation that the thing I was most interested in was innovative technologies that have a social impact and start-ups.

This led me agency-side for a few years working predominantly with technology start-ups which allowed me to hone my corporate communications skills, and learn to manage external stakeholders including government, analysts and journalists.

Having studied government I always wanted to try working in the third sector at some juncture, so when an opportunity arose to join the executive team of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an Australian aeromedical service, in the role of Business Transformation Manager, I jumped at it. It was a contract role but it enabled me to drive positive impact in an organisation and work across a range of business functions steering governance and organisational reform in conjunction with an exceptional team of people, at a time when the organisation had a need to become high-performing in response to changing government procurement and funding practices.

I've been in Sydney now for almost five years, and I've been fortunate enough to have experienced a varied and interesting career so far. I hope this is just the beginning. I'm currently an account director with Sling & Stone, a Sydney-based public relations agency specialising in entrepreneurs, disruptor and challenger brands. I specialise predominantly in business-to-business communication strategies and government relations.

Serving on the executive team of Sling & Stone means that I can help to shape and drive the direction of an up-and-coming agency, and no two days are the same. At any given time I'm running upwards of eight or nine PR campaigns, coupled with the inevitable business and management challenges of being in a growing agency. It's high-intensity, fast-paced and it requires me to be 'on' at all times.

It's not for everyone but I absolutely love it.



Kerrie was present last week at the swearing in ceremony of Australia's 45th Parliament. She was doing public relations work around the event for her company, Sling & Stone.



BSc graduate addresses UCC orientation group

Well done to BSc Government graduate, Callum Donnelly, who was invited by UCC to speak to incoming first year students at orientation on 6 September. Callum works for Ludgate Ireland and is a co-organiser of the highly successful Annual Digital Week. Callum addressed our GOVERNMENT GATHERING last January (see picture on right).



Lecturer interviewed by French journalist about the Apple tax ruling



The European Commission ruling on the taxation paid by Apple in Ireland has been in the news recently and the Department of Government was pleased to contribute to the debate.

French journalist, Andrea Fradin, travelled to Cork to interview the Department of Government's, **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan**. Fradin, a specialist in digital policy and new technologies writes for the magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* as well as for the online news website *Rue 89*.



Department of Government well represented at UACES annual conference in London

The 46th annual UACES conference took place in London from 5-7 September. UACES is the academic association for contemporary European Studies and the conference was hosted by Queen Mary University of London. The Department of Government was represented at the prestigious conference by Dr Andrew Cottey, Dr Mary C. Murphy and Dr Niall Duggan, each of whom presented papers. Mary's paper was entitled 'Northern Ireland and the EU referendum: a debate too soon?' The abstract for her paper can be accessed here -

http://uaces.org/events/conferences/london/papers/abstract.php?paper_id=446#.V8aQC_krIdU

Interested in the Fulbright Programme?

Staff and students might be interested in applying for the Fulbright programme. Dr Mary C. Murphy is the UCC Fulbright Ambassador (<http://www.fulbright.ie/talk-fulbright-ambassador-campus>), and is available to meet and advise those who might be interested in applying for various opportunities to study, teach and research in the US. The application period for the 2017-2018 Irish Awards is open until 28 October 2016. The various opportunities for students and staff are listed here: <http://www.fulbright.ie/irish-citizen-awards>.



PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SOCIETY THIS YEAR



The Committee for 2016/2017

Auditor	Robert Cassidy
Vice-Auditor	Lucy Roche
Finance	Brandon McEvoy
Secretary	Áine Hennessy
PRO	Chelsea Cunningham
Social Secretary	Fia Long

The Government and Politics Society is YOUR society so we encourage all of our students to play an active role during the coming year. Societies' Day takes place in the Student Centre on Wednesday 14 September, so please check out the Government and Politics Society stand. In addition to the societies, there are 61 clubs from which you can choose! You can explore these on Tuesday 13 September.

BSc Government graduate appointed CEO of Cork Foundation



<http://www.corkfoundation.com/>

We are very proud of BSc Government graduate, Pádraic Vallely, who has been appointed as the CEO of Cork Foundation. The Cork Foundation is a unique social enterprise fund, fuelled by donations from proud Cork people at home and abroad who want to support social entrepreneurs and businesses that need funding to bring about positive social change in their local towns and villages. The aim of the foundation is to help social enterprise, community and voluntary groups by providing funding to create jobs, which will have a direct positive impact on your community.

Pádraic graduated with his BSc Government in 2005 and he went on work in Leinster House for the best part of the next 10 years. During that time, he continued his studies and in 2010 he received a Masters in Business from Liverpool John Moore's University, with his thesis focused on social enterprise.

Pádraic was appointed to his current position in February 2016 and we wish him well in what is a challenging and exciting job. One of the projects in which the Cork Foundation is currently involved is Reimagine Cork. This is a unique, community-driven project aimed at rejuvenating and rebuilding some of the most derelict areas of Cork city in order to bring them back to life.

