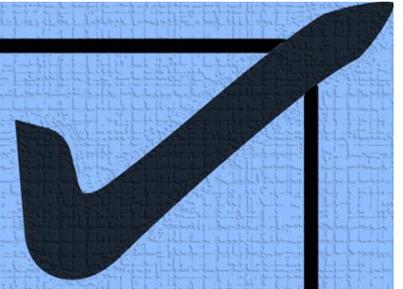


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## Roundtable Discussion on the U.S. Presidential Election Next Monday



On Monday 3 October, the Department of Government is running an event to facilitate an open and informed discussion on the U.S presidential election. The three speakers are Professor Liam Kennedy (UCD Clinton Institute of American Studies), Dr Laurence Davis (Department of Government, UCC) and Harry Browne (School of Media, Dublin Institute of Technology). The event runs from 5:00-7:00pm in the Cavanagh Pharmacy Building, LG51 and will be chaired by the Department of Government's, Dr Mary C. Murphy. The three speakers above will initially make short presentations. There will then be questions from the chair, followed by an open Q&A session and a moderated discussion.

## ALL WELCOME

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# TRUMP v CLINTON

It's certainly hard to avoid the U.S Presidential election at the moment, especially on foot of the first television debate between the two candidates. The upcoming election features prominently in this issue of *Government Times*. First, there is a report by Áine Hennessy on page 5 about the recent event run by the Government and Politics Society. Secondly, as you will have seen, our cover story promotes next Monday's roundtable discussion in the Cavanagh Pharmacy Building. Dr Laurence Davis will be speaking on Monday night and he features prominently in this issue with stories on pages 4 and 10. The Apple Tax ruling was the subject of a debate this Monday organised by the Europa Society and we carry a report on page 11. As mentioned in the last paragraph of the report, we strongly urge students to get involved in clubs and societies on campus.

Finally, on page 12, you will see that we are looking for student helpers for UCC's Open Day on Saturday 8 October. If you can lend a hand for a couple of hours, let us know! Enjoy issue 69.

## *Diandra & Aodh*



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# Dr Laurence Davis: Athena Swan Steering Group and Equality Week



Dr Laurence Davis has been appointed to the Athena Swan Steering Group chaired by Professor Caroline Fennell, Senior Vice President Academic and Registrar. The Athena Swan Charter is a recognition and award scheme for positive gender practice in higher education. As a recent Athena Swan Bronze Award recipient, UCC is committed to a comprehensive, three-year action plan to improve gender equality in the university, and Dr Davis will contribute to this work as a member of the Steering Group.

In related news, Dr Davis was appointed by Professor Siobhan Mullally, chair of the University Equality Committee, to a working group charged with organising UCC's first ever Equality Week. The Equality Week will run from **Monday October 17 to Friday October 21**, and will highlight a wide range of equality issues and resources at the university, from access to disability rights to gender equality and LGBT\* rights and ethnic and racial diversity. The week will be launched by Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, and will feature a separate launch on Wednesday 19th October of UCC's new membership in the GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network) Diversity Champions Network, Ireland's first and only not- for profit workplace programme designed specifically to assist Irish employers to benefit from the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees. Dr Davis led the successful campaign for the university to join the Network in his capacities as LGBT Staff Liaison Officer, Chair of the UCC LGBT Staff Network, and member of the University Equality Committee, and he will speak at the event.

Link to UCC Athena Swan page: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/support/president/athenaswan>

# **A REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS SOCIETY U.S. ELECTION DISCUSSION**

By Áine Hennessy, BSc Government II



On the evening of 21 September, record numbers attended the U.S. Election Discussion, the inaugural event of the 2016/2017 year by the Government and Politics Society.

With the US election less than two months away, this timely event drew a large crowd who were appreciative of the contributions made by UCC's Dr Laurence Davis and Donagh Kavanagh, former auditor of the society and the current host of 'Express on Air' at UCC 98.3FM. His analysis of the social media presences of the two candidates was especially insightful.

Current auditor of the society, Robert Cassidy, chaired the event and he asked probing questions of the speakers and the audience.

With the introductory event of the Government and Politics Society proving to be a huge success, here's hoping the upcoming events will follow suit.

# CLRG NEWS



## MAYORAL CONFERENCE AT DCU ALL HALLOWS CAMPUS



Director of the CLRG, Dr Aodh Quinlivan, was an invited speaker at the Martin McEvoy Annual Conference in DCU All Hallows on 14 September. Aodh addressed the topic of whether Dublin should have a directly elected mayor with executive powers. The picture above shows the speakers at the conference. From left to right, Mark Callanan, Colin Copus, Orla O'Donnell, Pauline Cullen, Colin Knox, Eoin O'Malley and Aodh Quinlivan. The conference ended with a roundtable discussion, chaired by the former government Chief Whip, Pat Carey. Some of the presentations are available at the following link: [http://nordubco.ie/?page\\_id=20](http://nordubco.ie/?page_id=20)

# CLRG NEWS



## FIRST CLRG BOOK PUBLICATION IN 2017

The first book produced by the CLRG will be published in September 2017 as part of Cork City Library's 'occasional' series. Dr Aodh Quinlivan's book will tell the story behind the dissolution of Cork Corporation in 1924. The councillors remained out of office for five years until 1929. Aodh describes it as 'a book about political intrigue, abuse of power, civil war politics, petty corruption, big egos and attempted murder.'



## CLRG COMMISSIONED TO CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK IN CORK

The CLRG, through Dr Aodh Quinlivan, has been commissioned to examine the operations of the Public Participation Network (PPN) in Cork City. The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided for the adoption of a Framework for Public Participation in Local Government to set out the mechanisms by which citizens and communities will be encouraged and supported to participate in the decision-making processes of local authorities. The establishment of the Framework is a reserved function of the local authority and the statutory basis for adoption is set out in Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 46 of the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014.

The work of the CLRG will partly be based around providing training and supports for community members to enable them to participate to the fullest extent possible in Cork city's PPN.



## Highly successful ‘young people and politics’ workshop organised by Dr Theresa Reidy

On Friday 16 September, Dr Theresa Reidy ran a workshop in Dublin under the title ‘Young People and Politics: Engaged, Dis-engaged and Just Plain Turned Off!’ The event took place in the National University of Ireland and attracted an excellent cast of speakers, as follows:

### Panel 1: Political Participation and Political Trust

Chair: James Doorley (NYCI)

- Political Trust of Young Adults: Comparative findings - Prof Elina Kestila-Kekkonen (Tampere)
- Postmaterialism and young people’s political participation in a time of austerity - Prof Matt Henn (Nottingham Trent)
- Views from the Inside; Building Political Participation - Orla Murphy (UNICEF Ireland)

### Panel 2: Engaging Young People

Chair: Dr Theresa Reidy (UCC)

- Digging it and doing it; Gender-based differences in adolescent political efficacy - Dr Philip Murphy (UCC)
- Exploring opportunities for youth engagement and participation in a ‘Smart City’ - Long Pham (UCC) and Dr Elizabeth Massey (UCC)
- Presentation on “Young Voices” project - Maeve Richardson; Ciara Browne; Vanessa Mulhall and Cárthach Ó Faoláin <http://www.youth.ie/youngvoices>

### Roundtable Discussion: Young People in Politics

Chair: Marie Claire McAleer (NYCI)

- Jack Chambers, TD (Fianna Fáil)
- Noel Rock, TD (Fine Gael)
- Senator Fintan Warfield (Sinn Féin)



***This event was funded by a New Foundations Award from the Irish Research Council.***

# Pictures from 'Young People and Politics' Workshop

16 September 2016

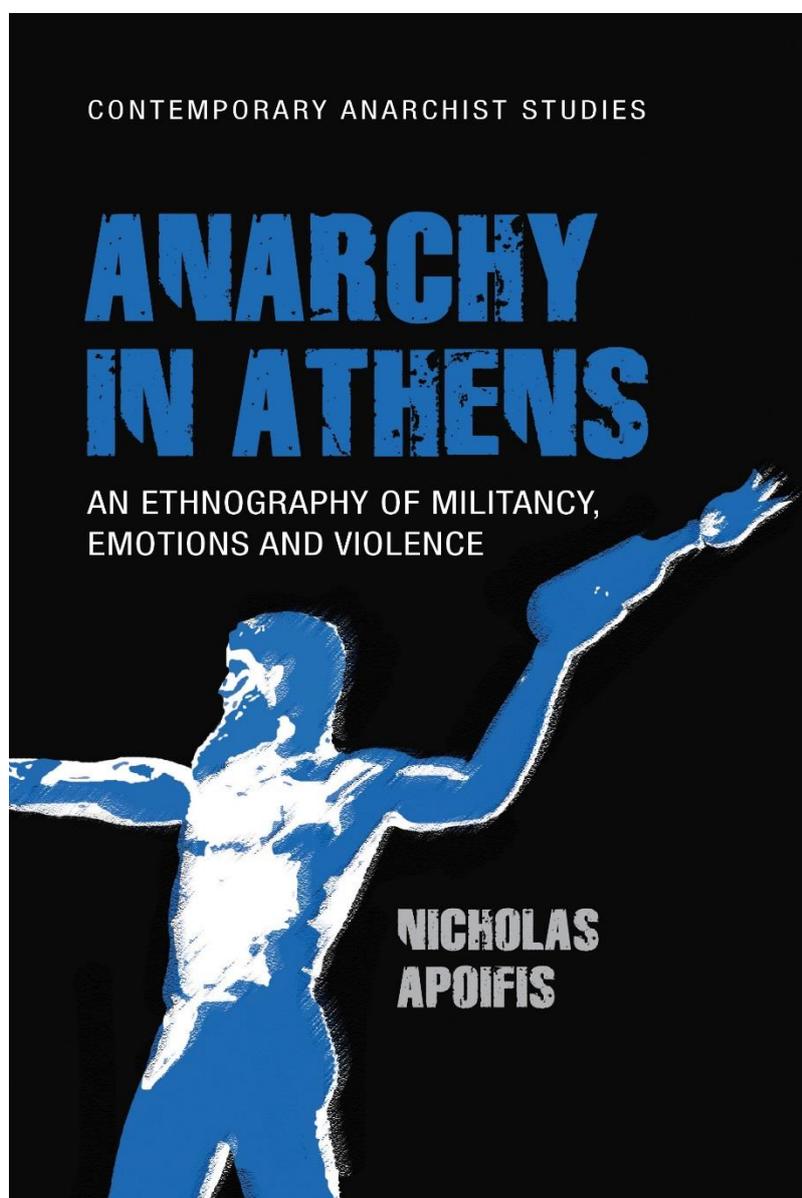


Dr Philip Murphy, a lecturer in UCC's Department of Government, presented at the workshop in the National University of Ireland, as did Long Pham who is a PhD candidate in the Department of Government.

## Milestone Publication in the Contemporary Anarchist Studies Book Series

The Contemporary Anarchist Studies Book Series (the series editor is Dr Laurence Davis of the Department of Government) recently celebrated the publication of its tenth research monograph. It also re-launched the series following a recently announced move to Manchester University Press.

More information about the series, including a picture of the cover of the latest title - *Anarchy in Athens*, by Dr Nicholas Apoifis (University of New South Wales, Australia) - is available here: <http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/series/contemporary-anarchist-studies/>. Praise for the series, by a wide range of leading international scholars in the field of political science, may be found here: <http://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/cas-series-endorsements.pdf>.



**Dr Nicholas Apoifis and his book, *Anarchy in Athens*.**

# Apple Tax Ruling: A Report by Diandra Ní Bhuachalla on the Europa Society Debate



The Apple tax ruling is one of the most controversial news pieces to grace the economic Irish landscape in quite a while. Perhaps the most contentious factor of all, is the fact the Irish government is going to appeal the EU's ruling, along with Apple, which will undoubtedly place another monetary burden on the state. Everyone seems to have an opinion on the matter but the ruling is shrouded by a mask of confusion; does anyone know what really happened? Were the activities of Apple illegal? Or did they merely exploit an opportunity that was put in front of them when our laws were different? Was an injustice done to local businesses, who were struggling to abide by the law? Or could anyone have availed of this loophole? Would you have done the same?

On Monday 26 September, The UCC Europa Society held an informative debate on this topic. The motion **“Is the Irish Government right to appeal to Apple tax ruling?”** drew a large number of students, with varying strong-minded views. With representative from the UCC Sinn Féin Society, UCC Young Fine Gael, UCC Economics Society and a surprise visit from UCC Fianna Fáil, the evening was set up to be very entertaining. Chairperson Lorna Murphy kept a handle on the whole debate and discussion expertly. That being said, with the evening turning out to be such a success, it was clear that there was a massive group effort employed, so well done to all.

A broad range of issues were addressed and they were presented brilliantly by the speakers. It was clear that each speaker was very educated on the piece and they were also clear about both their opinions and the opinions of their party. Although the individual societies had their own stances on the issue, each addressed the fact that the €13billion could have gone to much better use over the years, had Apple paid the 12.5% tax. Issues such as homelessness, water charges, healthcare, and the outstanding debt of Ireland, brought this large sum of money into perspective. Some questionable views were raised which made for a rousing and sometimes heated discussion between audience members.

Between the Government & Politics Society and The Europa Society, there is so much for you to learn both as a BSc Government student and as an individual. Each society has so much to offer so I urge you to get involved! You can learn so much that can ease the pressure of your assignments and exams, you gain amazing opportunities and make wonderful friends, and all of this can be achieved through enjoying yourself. The confidence that you build from putting yourself out there is immense, no matter what level of confidence you possess already. Not all of your university life is meant to be about deadlines! Stay updated through Facebook & Twitter, and come along to their EGMs. There are still positions on offer for both societies so what better way to get involved!

# UCC October Open Day Saturday 8th October 2016



## ***REQUEST FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS***

The UCC Open Day takes place on Saturday 8 October.

This is one of our main recruiting opportunities for the Department of Government and the BSc Government (CK210) degree.

If you can spare an hour or two on the day to come to our stand and meet with prospective students, we would be most grateful.

If you can help us out, please e-mail Aodh Quinlivan at [a.quinlivan@ucc.ie](mailto:a.quinlivan@ucc.ie)

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## **Be a leader, not a follower.**