

# GOVERNMENT TIMES

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS FOR THE 2014 CHRISTMAS EXAMS  
(Keep the end goal in mind!)



While nobody looks forward to exams they are an essential part of university life and are a means to an end. That end is the successful completion of a degree programme. On 29 October we were delighted to congratulate the BSc Government class of 2014, represented in the picture above by Lorna Gardiner and Áine Ahern. As I am sure the class of 2014 will testify, there are ups and downs along the journey but it is worth it in the end!

Enjoy this issue of *Government Times* which features a report on the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Philip Monahan Memorial lecture, an account of the BSc Government first year class visit to Cork City Council and a student interview with Don O'Neill ..... plus lots, lots more!

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## SEMESTER 2 TERM DATES

Semester 2 begins on Monday 12 January and runs for 12 weeks to Friday 3 April.

Exams are scheduled for three weeks, commencing on Monday 27 April.



# EDITORIAL PAGE

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## It's that time of the year

With the introduction of semesterisation to UCC, we are facing into Christmas exams for the first time. Good luck to all students. Exams are always stressful but hopefully students have built up some good continuous assessment marks to help reduce some of that pressure. When the exams are complete, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a nice long Christmas break so make the most of it! The second semester begins on Monday 12 January 2015. This will be an exciting time, especially for BSc Government IV students heading into their final term and for BSc Government III students preparing for placement.

As the *Government Times* editorial team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Let's make 2015 a year to remember!

Aodh Quinlivan (Staff), Caroline Hofman (BSc Government IV), and Lorna Murphy (BSc Government II), co-editors of *Government Times*, 2014/2015



# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



The proceedings were opened by Dr. Andrew Cottey, Head of the Department of Government.



The Tom O'Connor Working Paper Series was launched by Dr. Aodh Quinlivan in the presence of Tom's six children

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



The guest speaker was introduced by Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan



Professor Brigid Laffan delivered a fascinating lecture on Ireland and the EU, post-Troika

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



The Thomas Whalen Student of the Year Award was won by Michael Lyons and the Richard Haslam Graduate of the Year Award went to Pádraig Mac Consaidín



The Patrick O'Sullivan Perpetual Shield was presented to Don O'Neill.



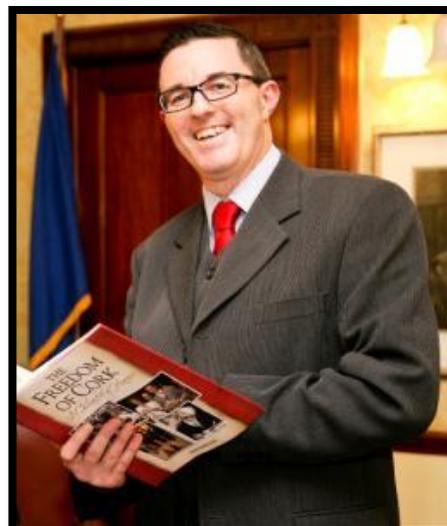
As Auditor of the Europa Society, Michael McCarthy made a presentation to Professor Laffan.

# BSc Government I class visit Cork City Council ... which has not been dissolved!



BSc Government I students with the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Mary Shields

The BSc Government I class visited Cork City Hall on 10 November. After a private meeting with the Lord Mayor, Councillor Mary Shields, at 5:00pm the students attended the City Council meeting which started at 5:30pm. Housing dominated the agenda during a lively meeting which saw eloquent contributions from Councillors Shane O'Shea (BSc Government graduation class of 2014) and Stephen Cunningham (BSc Government II). At the following meeting of the council on Monday 17 November, the elected members dramatically failed to agree an annual budget which created a situation whereby the council could have been dissolved and replaced by an administrator. This became a big local and national news story which saw local government specialist Dr. Aodh Quinlivan give an interview to 96FM on Tuesday 18 November and write articles for the *Irish Examiner* and *Cork Independent* on Thursday 20 November. In addition, Aodh appeared in a special television report for ***The Week in Politics*** which aired on Sunday 23 November.



Áine Lawlor and Aodh Quinlivan, *The Week in Politics* on RTÉ 1 on Sunday 23 November

# BUSY TIMES FOR EUROPA SOCIETY


**CEI CONFERENCE 2014**  
 14/11/2014, DEVERE HALL,  
 10:15-3:30PM  
**Youth Unemployment Panel**

 Deirdre Clune MEP	 Micheál Martin TD
 Senator Kathryn Reilly	 Hugh O'Connell #EuropaConf14


**CEI CONFERENCE 2014**  
 14/11/2014, DEVERE HALL,  
 10:15-3:30PM  
**EU and Youth Affairs Panel**

 Dr Mary Murphy	 Minister Dara Murphy
 Liadh Ní Riada MEP	 Frances Byrne #EuropaConf14

Congratulations to the Europa Society – with a strong involvement of BSc Government students – on running an exceptional conference in UCC on 14 November. The conference featured excellent topical panels and the guest speakers included Dara Murphy TD, Minister for European Affairs; Michéal Martin TD, Fianna Fáil leader; Deirdre Clune MEP; Liadh Ní Riada MEP; Hugh O’Connell, Political Editor of the Journal.ie and Dr. Mary C. Murphy of the Department of Government. The conference was opened by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Mary Shields.

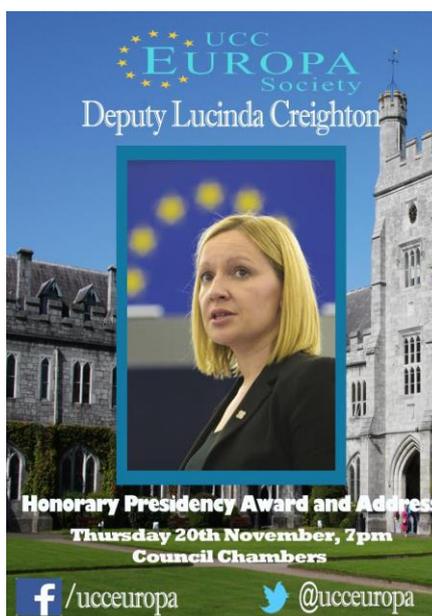


Europa Auditor, Michael McCarthy (BSc Government III), with the Lord Mayor and guest speakers

# BUSY TIMES FOR EUROPA SOCIETY



The Europa Society made its annual trip to Dublin on 17 and 18 November, visiting Leinster House, and sitting in on a meeting of the Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs as well as a trip to the European Commission and Parliament offices. The above picture shows members of the society with Mary Lou McDonald TD at Leinster House.



On 20 November, Lucinda Creighton TD, addressed the Europa Society and was presented with an Honorary Presidency of the society.

# TOM O'CONNOR WORKING PAPER SERIES ONLINE



\*The Tom O'Connor Working Paper Series was launched as part of the annual Philip Monahan lecture on 6 November. The papers listed below are now available online at the following address:

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/research/tomoconnorworkingpaperseries/>

"The Cork Progressive Association and the Dissolution of Cork Corporation in 1924" **Aodh Quinlivan (2014)**

"Some Reflections on the Making of Public Policy in Ireland" **Tom Ferris (2014)**

"Extreme Shortage of Money in the Irish Free State 1922-1932" **Donal Corcoran (2014)**

"Ireland in Austerity: Implications for Reform of Performance Management and Development Systems in the Irish Civil Service" **Pádraig Mac Consaidín (2014)**

"The Dáil Éireann Electoral System" **Tom O'Connor (2014)**

"Jack Lynch: Reluctant Taoiseach, True Patriot" **Pádraig Mac Consaidín (2014)**

"Introduction of Planning in Ireland in 1963 and the Birth of the Profession" **Seán O'Leary (2014)**

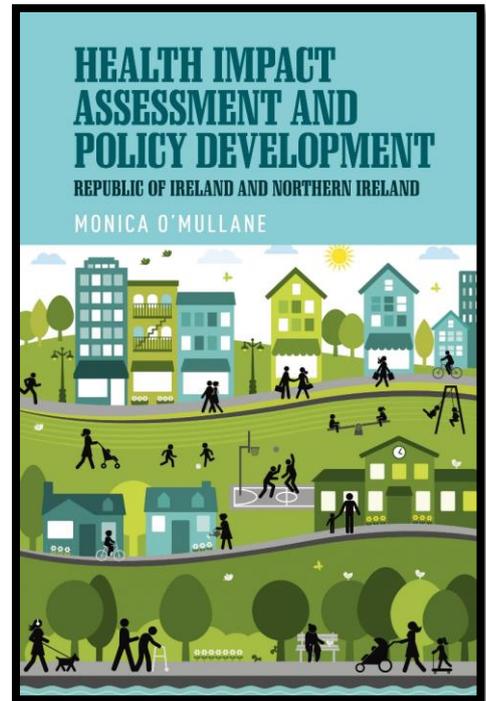
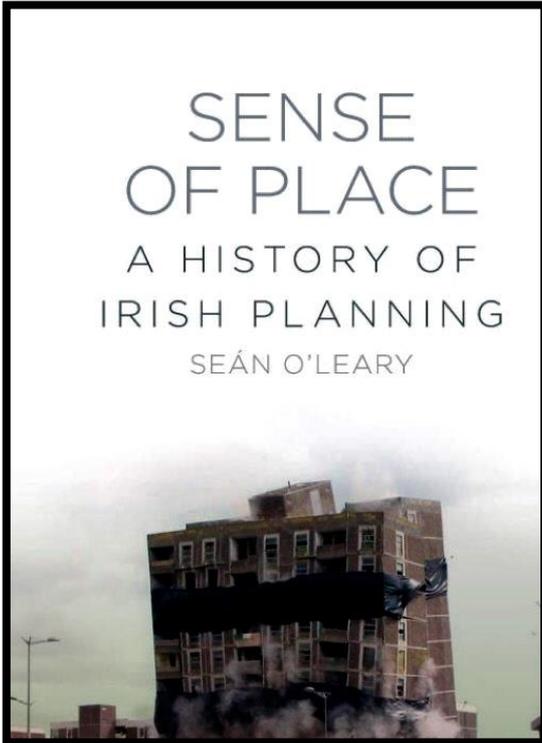
"The Significance and context of Hayek's 1945 Finlay Memorial Lecture" **Mark Nolan (2014)**

"Practitioner Perspectives on the Implementation of the Legal Provisions of HIA in Slovakia"  
**Monica O'Mullane (2014)**

"Re-visiting performance appraisal: can the Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) be made to work?" **Richard Boyle (2014)**

"JFK and the Freedom of Cork" **Aodh Quinlivan and Pádraig Mac Consaidín (2014)**

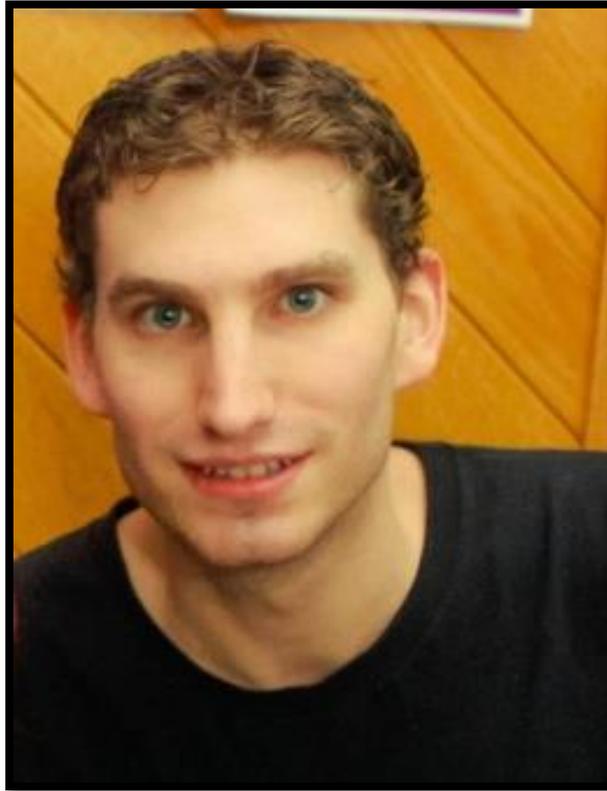
# NEW BOOKS BY BSc GOVERNMENT GRADUATES



Congratulations to Seán O'Leary and Monica O'Mullane, both BSc Government graduates 2006, who have new books to their names. Seán's book, *Sense of Place: A History of Irish Planning* was launched by George Lee in Dublin on 6 November and we will have a full report in the next issue of *Government Times*. Monica's book, *Health Impact Assessment and Policy Development: Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland* will be published shortly.

Both Seán and Monica contributed papers to the Tom O'Connor Working Paper Series.

## STUDENT INTERVIEW: DON O'NEILL (BSc GOVERNMENT IV)



### **What made you choose the BSc Government degree?**

I have always had an interest in how the world works from a political point of view and a scientific point of view. I was introduced to the Government degree by a Government student and that got my interest going. I researched the programme and talked to Dr. Aodh Quinlivan about the course and what the course entails. I think what made my decision for me was when I was allowed to sit in a lecture. It was Dr. Mary Murphy's lecture on Northern Ireland. Needless to say, I found the topic very interesting and wanted to do the degree.

### **What have been the highlights of the degree for you?**

Tough question. Perhaps my two main highlights were my trip to Taiwan and my work placement. While I have enjoyed the course and had a fantastic time with the course, the trip to Taiwan deserves a special mention. Thanks to Dr. Julie Yu-Wen Chen I was able to travel to Taiwan to learn Chinese at the New Taiwan Normal University, an amazing experience and a beautiful country. I would highly recommend the trip to anyone. I was able to tour the country, experience a different way to live, and also learn a new language.

### **Where did you do your third year work placement?**

I went to Revenue House in Cork city, a wonderful placement. I liked it because it was different from the course and involved a lot of number crunching.

### **Are you involved with any clubs or societies in UCC?**

Yes I am. I was the OCM for the Europa society last year and I was involved in two student election campaigns over the past two years.

### **Any advice for first year or future students?**

I would highly recommend getting involved in societies and student election campaigns. Firstly you get to put it on your CV and employers love it. Secondly you get to see how societies operate and get involved. It is hard work but worth it. I would recommend joining a student election campaign. It's hard but a lot of fun and you get brilliant experience. It's a unique thing to do as very few people get involved in student election campaigning. You get to learn about how the Student Union works, you learn about the candidates and it's fun.

# Congratulations to the BSc Government Class of 2014 - Conferring Ceremony, 29 October

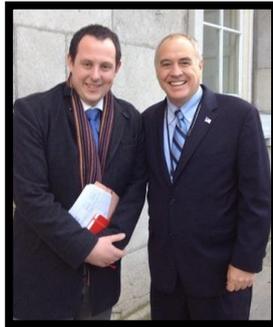


# BSc Government on Twitter

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@horganp: Was great to meet @NYSComptroller today – last time was in 2009 in Albany @UCC @BScGovUCC  
18 November

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@SCunningham\_SF: Great to see a large turnout from @BScGovUCC first years at #CorkCC. Remember sitting in those seats this time last year.  
10 November

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@shanegoshea: I knew those planning classes on Development Plans would come in handy! Committee Cork City Draft Dev Plan @BScGovUCC @AodhQuinlivan  
5 November

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# BSc Government on Twitter

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@martiniqu: Excellent speaker Prof Brigid Laffan at 16<sup>th</sup> annual Philip Monahan lecture at UCC tonight. Well done to all concerned - @BScGovUCC  
6 November

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@Paddy\_Donovan: @BScGovUCC Tonight's Philip Monahan lecture was really good! Interesting points made on Europe 😊  
6 November

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@lornagardiner91: We did it 😊. The 1<sup>st</sup> ladies I spoke to on the first day @UCC and graduating with them yday. Thanks for everything @BScGovUCC.  
30 October

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