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Gendering Political Recruitment

***Women, Candidate Selection and Affirmative Action in a European Context
Lessons for Ireland***

A one-day seminar

**Brookfield Health Sciences G06
University College Cork**

Saturday 4th October

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This event has been organised by the *Department of Government, University College Cork* in conjunction with the *Gender Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI)*

Background information:

In July 2012 the *Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012* was passed by the Irish Parliament to provide for a candidate selection gender quota at future general elections in Ireland. This Act provides for a 30% gender quota at the next general election, rising to 40% seven years thereafter. This academic seminar examines the European experience of gender quota implementation and the impact of affirmative measures on political party gender recruitment processes and candidate selection procedures.

Convenor: Fiona Buckley

9.30 – 10.00: Registration

10.00: Welcome: Dr Andrew Cottey, Head of Department of Government, University College Cork

10.05: Introduction: Fiona Buckley, Department of Government, University College Cork

Panel 1 Chair: Fiona Buckley (UCC)

10.15 - 10.40: Women and Candidate Selection – Dr Meryl Kenny, University of Leicester

10.40 – 11.05: Affirmative Action Measures in Politics – Dr Lenita Freidenvall, Stockholm University

11.05 – 11.30: Women and Candidate Selection in Ireland – Prof Yvonne Galligan, Queen's University Belfast

11.30 – 11.45: Q+A

11.45 – 12.00: Break

Panel 2 Chair: Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (UCC)

12.00 – 12.20: The Belgian Experience – Prof Petra Meier, University of Antwerp

12.20 – 12.40: The French Experience – Dr Rainbow Murray, Queen Mary University of London

12.40 – 12.55: Q+A

13.00 – 14.00 Break

Panel 3 Chair: Dr. Sandra McAvoy (UCC)

14.00 – 14.25: The Spanish & Portuguese Experience – Dr Tania Verge, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona

14.25 – 14.45: The British Experience – Prof Sarah Childs, University of Bristol

14.45 – 15.00: Q+A

15.00 – 15.15: Break

Panel 4 Chair: Dr. Margaret O’Keeffe (CIT)

15.15 – 16.00: Open Floor Discussion

16.00: Close of Seminar