

When Are We? Time in the Light of Contemporary World Crisis

University College Cork, 11-12 May 2026

Programme

Day 1: May 11, 2026

9-9:30 **Opening Remarks**

9:30-11 **Panel 1: Violence, Trauma and After-Shock**

Chair: Laura Kennedy

- “Timing Violence”, Vittorio Bufacchi, Philosophy (UCC)
- “Being Stuck in the Present: Trauma, Multiple Temporalities, and the Fragmentation of the Self”, Victoria Ioannidou, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Italian Language and Literature of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese (PEDiS)
- “After-Shock: Temporality and Postmodernity in Walter Benjamin and Paul Celan”, Daniel Fraser, PhD Researcher, German / French (UCC)
- “Dino-Ghosts: Temporalities, Spectrality and the Cultural Politics of Extinction”, Rachel Gough, Postdoctoral Researcher, Engineering and Architecture (UCC)

Q&A

11-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-1 **Panel 2: Temporal Speculations**

Chair: Barbara Siller

- “Bending Time and Afro-Futuristic Dreaming in Contemporary French Caribbean Literature”, Laura Kennedy, French (UCC)
- “Yuanfen, Intercultural Art and Silky Threads across Time”, Jenny Lin, PhD / 林珍妮, 博士, Critical Studies (University of Southern California)
- “Temporal Speculations: Contemporaneity, Crisis and ‘Post-Crisis’ in Portugal”, Carlos Garrido Castellano, SPLAS (UCC)
- “Language as a Time Machine: Temporal Relations, Behavior, and Cognition”, Aleksandra Maryniak, Master’s programme in Psychology (University of Lodz)

- “Relational Time in Postcolonial Italian Literary and Cinematic Narratives”, Leonora Masini, Research Ireland Postdoctoral Fellow, Italian (UCC)

Q&A

1-2 **Lunch break**

2-3:30 **Keynote:** “Postcards from Lake Orcadie: Geology, Graffiti, and Time in Orkney, Scotland”, Antonia Thomas, University of the Highlands and Islands, Archaeology (UHI Orkney)

Introduced by Laura McAtackney

3:30-4 **Coffee break**

4-5:30 **Panel 3: Entangled Temporalities**

Chair: Chiara Giuliani

- “Knotting Temporality through Knitting: The Knitting Map, The Tempestry Project and Exhibitions of Tangled Time”, Jools Gilson, Creative Practices (UCC)
- “Managing tension: What can co-produced Climate Services learn from the craft of collectively produced Textile Arts?” Sadhbh Gaston, Research Assistant the JustCities Hub project, Sustainability Institute (UCC)
- “[I]n an old chaos of the Sun’: Eco-Temporalities in Wallace Stevens”, Dominic Harkin, Teaching Fellow (Queen’s University Belfast)
- Carnival under the Screen: Festive Time in Crisis", Elena Merino Rivera, Universidad Internacional de La Rioja / Cátedra del Carnaval (Universidad de Cádiz)

Q&A

Day 2: May 12, 2026

9-10:30 **Panel 4: Temporality and Environmental Law**

Chair: Leonora Masini

- “Temporality in environmental law and the impact on future generations”, Rhoda Jennings, Taighde Éireann/Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Researcher, School of Law (UCC); Niamh Guiry, Taighde Éireann-Research Ireland and the Environmental Protection Agency Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholar, School of Law (UCC); Elena Kavanagh, School of Law (UCC); Julián Suárez, PhD Candidate, School of Law (UCC); Amy O’Halloran, School of Law (UCC).

10:30-11 **Coffee break**

11-12:30 **Keynote:** “The Living Present: A Literary Aesthetic for Decolonial Temporalities”, Alberica Bazzoni, Comparative Literature (University for Foreigners of Siena)

Introduced by Leonora Masini

12:30-1:30 **Lunch break**

1:30-2:20 **Panel 5: Temporalities and Society**

Chair: Laura McAtackney

- “Taking Time Out: Wellbeing and the Temporal Landscape”, Claire Nolan, Project Researcher, School of Archaeology (UCD)
- “Pastwashing in environmental policy? The use of the deep time past in developing responses to our environmental crises”, Ben Elliott, Archaeology (UHI), Claire Nolan, School of Archaeology (UCD) Alice Rudge, Anthropology (SOAS) and Graeme Warren (presenting), Archaeology (UCD)

Q&A

2:30-4 **Panel 6: The Right Time? Unpacking right-wing thought about time and history**

Chair: Carlos Garrido Castellano

- “Far-Right, Masculinities & the (Re)Writing of History in Contemporary Mexico” Gema Kloppe-Santamaría, Sociology (UCC)
- “The Temper of the Times: Critical Right-wing Histories” Tom Boland, Sociology (UCC)
- “Time's psychopolitics: reactionary nostalgia and the restorative power of nature” Des Fitzgerald, Sociology (UCC)
- “What time is this..? It’s time to wake up to our dream-cum-nightmare” Kieran Keohane, Sociology and Criminology (UCC)

Q&A

4 pm **Concluding remarks**

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