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Focus On New Funded Research

European Commission for the “Establishment and management of an Expert Network for Analytical Support in Social Policies (ENASSP)”



Dr Michelle Norris (Full Prof.), Dr Micheál Collins (Asst. Prof.) and Dr Maria Pierce (Asst. Prof) were successful in their bid to the European Commission to provide research expertise for Ireland as part of the Expert Network for Analytical Support in Social Policies (ENASSP). The overall objective of the establishment of the ENASSP is to provide expert analysis of social protection and social inclusion policies and developments at national and European level, support the development of evidence-based social policy initiatives at the EU level, as well as the exchange of knowledge and best practices between Member States.

The ENASSP will be requested to provide thematic reports on social protection and social inclusion issues. The geographical scope of the thematic reports covers EU Member States and EEA countries participating in the EaSI strand of ESF+, and candidate countries and potential candidates where relevant. As Irish experts, the 3 person UCD team will provide responses to requests for information, advice and detailed analysis in relation to the aforementioned specific themes related to social protection and social inclusion policies.

New Appointments/Promotions

Dr Mary McAuliffe (Sept 2022) was appointed as a new member of the LGBTI Community Groups Advisory committee to submit proposals to the Oireachtas for 'Disregard and Redress: Restorative Justice for people impacted by Ireland's anti-gay laws'.

Congratulations are extended to **Dr Aideen Quilty** (Social Justice) at the UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, on her promotion to Associate Professor in October 2022. Her colleagues in the school are delighted for Aideen on her promotion and recognition of her excellent academic record.

Past Conference/Other Events: October 2022

Workshop & Seminar, Montreal, Canada



Dr Naonori Kodate (Assoc. Prof. in social policy) participated in a Workshop & Public (Hybrid) Seminar “Community engagement with seniors: a cross-section perspective on Japanese and Canadian models”/ “Engagement communautaire avec les aînés: regard croisé sur les modèles japonais et canadien” at the University of Montreal Hospital Research Centre (CRCHUM), Canada, 31 October – 2 November, 2022.

“和(wa)-style Caring Community in Higashi-Chiba, Japan: In search of a community model which enables ‘living the life we/elder people wish to live’”



Speakers: Ms Sanae Murai (*Higashi-Chiba Wa-Wa-Wa no Kai*, Chiba, Japan), Prof. Mina Ishimaru (Chiba University, Japan) & **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate** (School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice / UCD Centre for Japanese Studies). Date/Time: Wed 2 November 2022, 10:00-12:00; Venue: the University of Montreal Hospital Research Centre (CRCHUM), Canada.

IGS (Irish Gerontological Society) Annual Conference 2022 – 3-4 November 2022.



Irish Gerontological Society

Dr Sarah Donnelly, Dr Stephan Köppe and Dr Naonori Kodate presented the following papers at the Irish Gerontological Society Annual Conference:



Donnelly S et al. (2022) Adult Safeguarding, Human Rights and People Living with Dementia in Nursing Home; Co-producing Recommendations for Best Practice. Poster.

Köppe S (2022) The Welfare Shield: A Microsimulation of Inequalities, Inheritance and the Irish Fair Deal. Poster.

Kodate N, Kohli P, McGinn C, Scott R, Ross E, Treusch P, Maeda Y, Donnelly S, Leonard C, Cogan L, Mannan H, O’Shea D, Obayashi K, Masuyama S (2022) Exploring staff perceptions and attitudes to care and carebots: A case of an original air-disinfection robot in Ireland. Poster.

Obayashi K, Kodate N, Kondo H, Okamoto Y, Kaneko H, Ishii Y, Nonoda T, Masuyama S (2022) Examining the impact of safety monitoring devices on care work and processes in Japanese nursing homes. Poster.

Futures Thinking: From the predictive to the productive

October 20th and 21st 2022, TCD (open to public) and UCD (invitation only)

The Equality Studies Centre (specifically Marie Moran and Karen Smith) has been centrally involved in the organisation of a large cross-institutional event on futures thinking.

The Futures Thinking conference, co-hosted by the UCD Equality Studies Centre, was a great success. Held over two days at Trinity and UCD on Oct 20th and 21st, a wide range of national and international guests were welcomed to consider how it might be possible to think productively rather than just predictively about the future in a context of interlocking ecological, economic, and social crises. A series of follow-up events are planned for the future.



Overview: We are living in an era of cross-cutting crises – political (the emergence of powerful forms of authoritarianism and the renewed threat of fascism), economic (the continued growth of extremes of inequality coupled with run-away financialisation), cultural (an explosion of conspiracy theories, ‘echo chambers’ and a public sphere wrought by ‘culture wars’), bio-political (pandemics and the threat of new ones) and environmental (the already-happening global warming, biodiversity loss and ensuing climate chaos). There is a wide-spread awareness of these crises, with many people not only acutely conscious of current and impending disasters, but actively disabled by a sense of impotence in face of their almost certain inevitability.

This conference does not therefore seek to impress upon us the scale of the crises facing us, but rather offer an intervention in ‘futures thinking’ that will enable us to better address some of these challenges. It engages centrally with the question of why it is that social, political and economic thinking seems to be beset by short-termism and immediate interests. And it asks: How can we think about the future across values, philosophies, disciplines, and generations, in a way that is not simply predictive but productive?

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Dublin Festival of History, October 1, 2022 (5-6pm): Sister Against Sister: Women and the Irish civil war (Big Weekend)

Organised by Dublin City Council



The Dublin Festival of History with its theme ‘Sister Against Sister: Women and the Irish Civil War (Big Weekend)’ was a great success. The panel, which was moderated by Dr Fionnuala Walsh (UCD), involved Dr Leeann Lane (DCU); **Dr Mary McAuliffe (UCD)** and Dr Margaret Ward (QUB)

This event can be viewed at the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25StPZ6a6hw>.



Overview: The civil war in Ireland was not only ‘brother against brother’. Cumann na mBan, the nationalist women’s organisation was the first to vote against the Treaty after it had been passed by Dáil Éireann while in the Dail, the 6 female TDS all voted for rejection with Mary MacSwiney’s lengthy speeches a notable feature of the debate. Why did Cumann na mBan reject the Treaty and what role did women play in a war where their

contribution led to over 500 women being imprisoned by their former comrades? Why were women denounced as 'furies', with measures enacted by the Free State to force their return to the home.

Leading historians of Irish women's history will reflect on events leading to civil war and the contribution made by women to the war – from both sides of the divide. Gender-based violence, trauma and the legacy of war are new areas of study, enhanced by archival evidence and the writings of former activists. Has the Decade of Centenaries fully acknowledged the complexities and extent of women's participation?

In addition to the contribution of the panellists the audience will be invited to ask questions and reflect on what they have heard.

This event can be viewed at the following YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25StPZ6a6hw>. Please email Mary.McAuliffe@ucd.ie for additional information

RETHINKING DEMAND: Reality and Opportunity (Hybrid Conference)

Wed 26th Oct, 14:00 to 17:30 Oak Room,

Venue: The Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2

*Organised by the Green European Foundation, with the support of
Green Foundation Ireland and the Green House Think Tank*



Dr Orla Kelly, Asst. Prof. in social policy, participated in the Rethinking Demand: Reality and Opportunity hybrid Conference held on 26th October 2022. Orla provided a response entitled Linking

to policy, research and activism. Other speakers included Sien Hasker, Senior Project Lead at the Green European Foundation; Swen Ore, Etopia, research and animation centre on political ecology, Belgium; Jonathan Essex and Peter Sims, Green House Think Tank, UK.

2nd Roundtable of the All-Island Partnership to End Sexual Exploitation, in partnership with Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid

14th Oct, 2022 (Belfast, NI)



In collaboration with key partners Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid, on the 14th of October SERP co-hosted the second Roundtable in a series as part of our All-Island Partnership to End Sexual Exploitation, which is funded by the Community Foundation for Ireland All-Island Fund. The Partnership is designed to share collective learning through the delivery of a series of knowledge-exchange and dissemination events and opportunities aimed at enhancing both policy and practice responses to tackling sexual exploitation across the island of Ireland.

This second Roundtable was held in Belfast with almost 30 key stakeholders in attendance, including representatives of An Garda Síochána and the PSNI, the Departments of Justice both North and South, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (RoI) and the Public Prosecution Service (NI), the HSE and the Department of Health NI, the Housing Executive NI, alongside specialist frontline support providers. Following a very successful knowledge exchange, the partners are now developing a series of policy and practice recommendations on tackling commercial sexual exploitation as an all-island issue, which are due for release in the new year.

Structures of Feelings in an Age of Accumulating Crises

A Symposium Inspired by Raymond Williams

Scuola Normale Superiore, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Palazzo Strozzi, Florence
27.10.2022



OCTOBER 27
2022
11.00-19.00

STRUCTURES OF FEELINGS IN AN AGE OF ACCUMULATING CRISES

A Daylong Symposium Inspired by Raymond Williams

Room Simone del Pollaiuolo
Faculty of Political
and Social Sciences
Scuola Normale Superiore
Palazzo Strozzi
FLORENCE

Organizers:
Marco Deseriis
Scuola Normale Superiore
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Immacolata Pepino
Scuola Normale Superiore

Entrance will be allowed up
to the maximum capacity of
the room

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JACK Z. BRATICH Rutgers University online
DONATELLA DELLA RATTA John Cabot University
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On the 27th October 2022 Dr Marie Moran (Asst. Prof. in Equality Studies) and director of the UCD Equality Studies Centre) presented the keynote address as part of the 'Structures of Feelings in an Age of Accumulating Crises: A Symposium Inspired by Raymond Williams' hosted by the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences (Scuola Normale Superiore, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Palazzo Strozzi (5th fl.), Piazza degli Strozzi, 50123 Firenze). Marie's keynote was entitled 'Keywords as Method: A cultural materialist approach to studying the relation of linguistic to social change'. The Symposium was very well attended and overall was a resoundingly successful event.

Further information can be found at this link:

<https://www.sns.it/en/node/105143> <https://www.sns.it/en/node/10514> or by emailing Marie at Email: Marie.Moran@ucd.ie

Upcoming Seminars/Events

'Reinventing Morality: The Good Governance of Transportation in Mexico City'

Tues Nov 15th, 1-2 pm, Geary Seminar Room, Ground Floor

Chair. Dr. Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila



THE GEARY INSTITUTE
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UCD EQUALITY STUDIES CENTRE

REINVENTING MORALITY: THE "GOOD GOVERNANCE" OF TRANSPORTATION IN MEXICO CITY

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2022 • 1:00PM-2:00PM

• IN PERSON EVENT •

THE GEARY SEMINAR ROOM, GROUND FLOOR

"Good governance" has increasingly been presented as the best avenue to achieve more democratic and just societies. Within this model, expert knowledge – in contrast to political arrangements – has become the exemplary path for designing and implementing urban public policy. Through an ethnographic account of the daily work of state officials at the Secretariat of Transportation in Mexico City, this presentation discusses the tensions and lapses between the categories of technical" and "political" work, exploring the moral tensions embedded within this distinction.

Veronica Crossa is an associate profesor of urban studies at El Colegio de México in Mexico City. Previously, she was a lecturer in the School of Geography at UCD. Her research lies at the intersection between cultural, political and urban geography, with a specific interest in governance and inequality in Latin American cities.



This seminar involves speaker **Veronica Crossa**, Associate Professor of Urban Studies at El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City. This is an in-person event and will take place in the Geary Seminar Room, first floor.

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This event has been organised by the Geary Institute, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, and the Equality Studies Centre

For further information, please email Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila (Ernesto.vasquezdelaguila@ucd.ie).

'Tax Haven Ireland'

Equality Studies Seminar, Wed Nov 16th, 1-2pm, Quin 013, UCD Quinn Building

Please join **Kieran Allen** (UCD) and **Brian O'Boyle** (NUIG) who will discuss their book 'Tax Haven Ireland'. This is an in person-event, and will take place in room QUIN 013 Quinn Building UCD. There is a zoom option also available.

Further information:



TAX HAVEN IRELAND

Speakers:
Brian O'Boyle and Kieran Allen

Chair: Raben Flores (School of Sociology/UCD Equality Studies Centre)

16 November 2022 13:00 – 14:00

QUIN 013 Quinn Building, Belfield, UCD

In-person event with zoom option available

Register for zoom @ [https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v8KhJz0HRG2hTRpmtcwCzQ](https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/join/ucd-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v8KhJz0HRG2hTRpmtcwCzQ)

Hosted by:
the UCD Equality Studies Centre (www.ucd.ie/esc)

TAX HAVEN IRELAND



**BRIAN O'BOYLE
AND KIERAN ALLEN**

Brian O'Boyle lectures in economics at St Angela College, National University of Ireland, Galway. He has published widely on the global economy and is the co-author of *Austerity Ireland* (Pluto 2013).

Kieran Allen is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at University College Dublin. His books include *1916: Ireland's Revolutionary Tradition* (2016) and *The Politics of James Connolly* (2016).

Published by Pluto Press *Tax Haven Ireland* tells the story of how a small island on the edge of Europe became one of the world's major tax havens. From global corporations such as Apple and Google, to investment bankers and mainstream politicians, those taking advantage of Ireland's pro-business tax laws and shadow banking system have amassed untold riches at enormous social cost to ordinary people at home and abroad. *Tax Haven Ireland* uncovers the central players in this process and exposes the coverups employed by the Irish state, with the help of accountants, lawyers and financial services companies, and examines the social costs of the Irish offshore system, making the case for "radical transformation of politics on the island of Ireland".

To register for zoom please use the following link:

https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v8KhJz0HRG2hTRpmtcwCzQ

VSJF (Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung)

Annual Conference 2022

Co-organised by UCD Centre for Japanese Studies



Session A: Visions, Needs and Technology Development: Moderator: [Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate](#) (School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice) Date/Time: Fri 18 November 2022, 8:00-11:30 (IST) Venue: Online: <https://vsjf.net/die-vsjf/fachgruppen/fachgruppe-technik/fachgruppensitzung-technik-2022/>

OxDEG: Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution

Oxford Digital Ethnography Group Seminar Series

Date &
28
2022,
(BST).



Time: Monday
November,
15:30 - 17:00

Prof. David Prendergast and [Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate](#) are presenting a seminar entitled 'OxDEG: Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution' as part of the Oxford Digital Ethnography Group Seminar Series.

Abstract: By 2036, one in three people in Japan will be over the age of 65. While the nation wrestles with a shrinking labour force, the Robot Revolution Initiative was launched to expand robotics into every corner of Japanese economy and society. Circuits of Care follows anthropologist David Prendergast as he meets researchers developing and testing assistive technologies for older adults. From cybernetic walking supports to companion robots and automated sensor networks in nursing homes, older adults and care professionals share their experiences of the practical benefits these technologies bring, the problems they create and the unexpected relationships that can blossom. This presentation will include a screening of the documentary, Director's Q&A as well as a chance to meet Dr Naonori Kodate and learn about the work of the 'Future Technologies for Integrated Care' network in Japan as well as the Toyota Foundation-funded international research project "Harmonisation towards the establishment of Person-centred, Robotics-aided Care System (HARP: RoCS)".

For more information go to the following link: <https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/news-events/events/oxdeg-circuits-of-care-ageing-and-japans-robot-revolution/>

MPP Research Seminar

Organised by Dr Matthew Donoghue, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Date and Venue: Fri 14th Nov, 4pm in C001, Agnes Maguire Building, Belfield UCD Campus.

Dr Katy Wright, lecturer in Sociology & Social Policy, University of Leeds UK will give a presentation entitled Community resilience: policy, adversity and everyday life followed by a Q&A session.

The poster is a vertical rectangular graphic with a purple and white color scheme. At the top left is the UCD Dublin logo. To its right, the text reads 'MPP SEMINAR Organised by ucd School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice'. Below this, a purple banner contains the title 'TOPIC: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: POLICY, ADVERSITY AND EVERYDAY LIFE' in white, followed by the date and time 'DATE/TIME: FRI NOV 18TH 2022, 4PM' and the venue 'VENUE: C001, AGNES MCGUIRE SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, UCD BELFIELD CAMPUS, D4'. A circular portrait of Dr Katy Wright is on the left side. To its right, the text identifies her as 'SPEAKER: DR KATY WRIGHT, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, UK' and 'LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY'. Below this, it says 'ALL WELCOME'. At the bottom, there is an abstract paragraph and contact information for Dr Matt Donoghue, including an email address and a URL to the seminar series page.

Abstract: In an increasingly uncertain context and in the face of risks like climate change, pandemics, energy crises and rapid increases in the cost of living, the need to develop resilience seems ever more urgent. However, our understanding of how resilience can be enhanced or what it might look like remains somewhat unclear. In this talk, Dr Katy Wright (University of Leeds) will discuss the topic of community resilience, exploring how we might understand and engage with resilience beyond limited neoliberal policy framings. This will involve exploring the relationship between resilience and vulnerability, and considering what a critical model of resilience might look like and what it could offer to the study of policy. The talk will offer

insights into how people's resilience strategies are shaped and affected by broader policy decisions and draw out some conclusions and questions for future research.

Dr Katy Wright is a Lecturer in Sociology & Social Policy, University of Leeds UK. Her areas of expertise include the following: Community resilience; climate change; citizen participation; risk and vulnerability; futures; planning; preparation

For further information please contact Dr Matt Donoghue, Ad Astra Fellow, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice @ Email: Matthew.Donoghue@ucd.ie

Social Work during COVID-19: Glocal Perspectives Conference
University of Lapland, Finland
24th and 25th of November, 10.00– 15.00 (UTC+2)



SOCIAL WORK DURING COVID-19: GLOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Abstract: This international symposium will address social work during COVID-19 in varying ecological and social contexts. Even if there is plenty of experience in social work practice and research on working in human emergencies and natural disasters, the global COVID-19 pandemic has been a novel kind of experience for social work professionals, teams and organisations. Social workers, their clients and the organisations they represent have been affected by the pandemic in multiple ways. Social workers have been forced to experience the pandemic and its effects both as residents of the global village, citizens of the state and from their various social positions, one of which is the professional role of a social worker. Social workers have lived, worked and been parts of varying social-ecological fabrics, all of which define their professional operating environment. The pandemic and its effects on the lives of social workers have been pervasive and comprehensive in such a way that the boundaries between social workers' private and working lives have faded away. Professionally, the pandemic has called for social workers to reflect, adapt, innovate and change their activities.

Dr Joseph Mooney (Asst. Prof. in Social Work) has been invited to deliver a keynote address "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Irish Child Protection Social Workers' Experiences of a National Cyber-Attack during a COVID-19 Lockdown"

To participate remotely via Zoom go to this link: <https://eoppimispalvelut.zoom.us/j/61135364547>

No registration is required to attend.

The Symposium is organised by PANDA – The Challenges and Solutions of Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Social Work in the Glocal Settings research project. For more information on the symposium, the

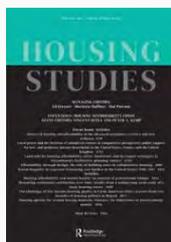
keynote speakers, and the project, please visit: <https://www.ulapland.fi/EN/Webpages/PANDA-pandemic-social-work/Social-Work-during-COVID-19-Glocal-Perspectives-Webinar>

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Journal Article: McAuliffe, Mary. "Commemorating Women's Histories during the Irish Decade of Centenaries." *Éire-Ireland*, vol. 57 no. 1, 2022, p. 237-259. Published by Irish-American Cultural Institute <https://doi.org/10.1353/eir.2022.0011>.

Abstract: This article focuses on the relative success of demands for the inclusion of women's histories in commemorative events over the Decade of Centenaries (2012–23). It analyzes how this development has transformed both the commemorative landscape and how we write histories of the Irish revolutionary period. It also questions the contribution of commemoration to our understanding of other, more troubling aspects of Irish women's history. To what extent has it led to a broader inclusion of inconvenient female bodies in modern Irish history, shedding further light on the physical, emotional, sexual, obstetric, and institutional violence done to women both in the revolutionary period and in the postrevolutionary Irish state?



Journal Article: Michael Byrne (2022) Post-neoliberalization and the Irish private rental sector, *Housing Studies*, <https://DOI: 10.1080/02673037.2022.2137474>.

Abstract: Recent years have witnessed new policy interventions in many countries seeking to get to grips with challenges in the private rental sector (PRS), including rent regulation and enhanced security of tenure. This raises the possibility of a shift away from market-based approaches which have characterized neoliberal housing regimes over recent decades. This article adds to emerging work on post-neoliberalism by examining policy change in the Irish PRS. The Irish PRS is an illustrative example because it has experienced rapid increases in the proportion of households renting and in average rents, but also because of the large volume of reforms introduced since 2015. Examining these shifts through the lens of 'market rule', the article conceptualizes the Irish PRS as in a process of 'post-neoliberalization' in that it has moved away from the commodification of PRS housing, and yet continues to be shaped by the transnational political economy of institutional investment, itself largely a product of previous phases of neoliberalization.

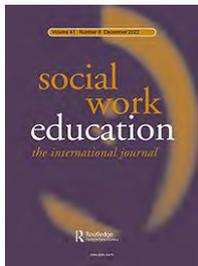


Journal Article Lynch M, **Kodate N**, Hickey C, O'Leary AC. (2022) Bridging the gap between healthcare professions' regulation and practice: the "lived experience" of community pharmacists in Ireland following regulatory change. *Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice*. DOI:

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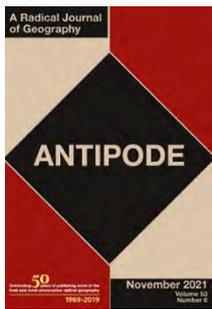
Abstract: Background: Reforms to models of health and care regulation internationally have adapted to address the challenges associated with regulating healthcare professionals. Pharmacists in Ireland entered a new era of regulation with the enactment of the Pharmacy Act in 2007 which significantly updated the law regulating pharmacy in Ireland and expanded the regulatory scope considerably. An earlier study in 2017 examined the experiences of 20 community pharmacists of the Act. This follow-up study aimed to expand the scope of the original study to all community pharmacists in Ireland, to report their “lived experience” of the regulatory model introduced by the Act, assessing its impact on their professional practice using the principles of “better regulation”. Methods: Survey methodology was used to assess the perception of all community pharmacists registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland of the Act, as implemented, on their practice using an experimental design based on the seven principles of “Better Regulation”. Descriptive statistics analyzed quantitative responses while answers from open-ended questions were analyzed using a combination of a modified framework analysis and a qualitative content analysis. Results: Respondents agreed that the Act was necessary, although its implementation by the regulator was largely not viewed as fulfilling the remaining “Better Regulation” principles of being effective, proportional, consistent, agile, accountable and transparent. In particular, its proportionality was questioned. This resulted in pharmacists perceiving that their professional competency to act in the best interests of their patients was not appropriately acknowledged by the regulator, which in turn compromised their ability to provide optimal care for their patients. Conclusion: While healthcare professional regulation must primarily be concerned with public protection, it must also have regard to its impact on those delivering healthcare services. The findings highlight the challenge internationally of balancing rigidity and flexibility in professional health and care regulation, and the importance of a regulatory conversation occurring between those regulating and those regulated. This would serve to promote mutual learning and understanding to create a responsive approach to regulation, underpinned by mutual trust, effective risk assessment and adherence to the principles of “Better Regulation”



Journal Article McCartan, Claire, Julie Byrne, **Jim Campbell**, Declan Coogan, Gavin Davidson, David Hayes, Gloria Kirwan et al. "Social work students on the island of Ireland: a cross-sectional survey." *Social Work Education* 41, no. 2 (2022): 228-247. 10.1080/02615479.2020.1832060

Campbell, J., Davidson, G., Kirwan, G., McCartan, C., & Mcfadden, D. (2022). The mental health needs of social work students: findings from an Irish survey. *Social Work Education*, 1-17. 10.1080/02615479.2022.2130232

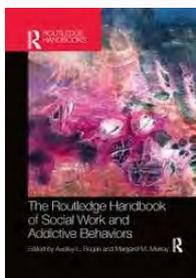
ABSTRACT: Understanding the characteristics, motivations, and experiences of student social workers is important to inform their professional education and support needs. To date, there has been relatively little research about social work students in Ireland, both North and South. This study reports on an all-Ireland survey of students beginning their social work course in Autumn 2018 in the six Universities delivering social work education. It describes the characteristics of the student cohort, examines the motivations behind choosing this career, and highlights some of the potentially relevant life experiences and beliefs which may have contributed to their ambition to join the social work profession. Implications for social work education, recommendations for curriculum development, workforce planning, and the provision of appropriate support for students are discussed.



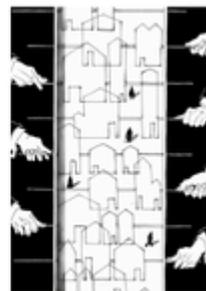
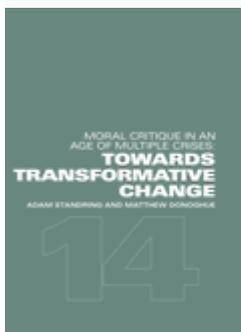
Journal article Vélez-Torres, I., Gough, K., Larrea-Mejía, J., Piccolino, G., & Ruetten-Orihuela, K. (2021). "Fests of Vests": The Politics of Participation in Neoliberal Peacebuilding in Colombia. *Antipode*.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12785>

Based on engaged research conducted in the Department of Cauca and Bogotá between 2017 and 2020, this article critically analyses territorial peace, exploring its ideation, implementation, and subsequent decline in favour of security and stabilisation. We argue that the government's peacebuilding rationale and mechanisms sought to reinforce the neoliberal state through a constrained participation model, which marginalised the progressive struggles of local communities living in former conflict affected areas. Without a radical breakdown of pre-existing power structures of exploitation and domination, community participation in peacebuilding runs the risk of legitimising state-led initiatives that ensure the political rule of capital, strengthen the bureaucracies of the centralised state, and create new violent disputes without resolving existing ones.



Book Chapter: Campbell, J., Cuskelly, K., & Walsh, J. (2022) Radical approaches to mental health social work. In *The Routledge Handbook of International Critical Social Work* (pp. 328-340). London: Routledge. 10.4324/9781003211969



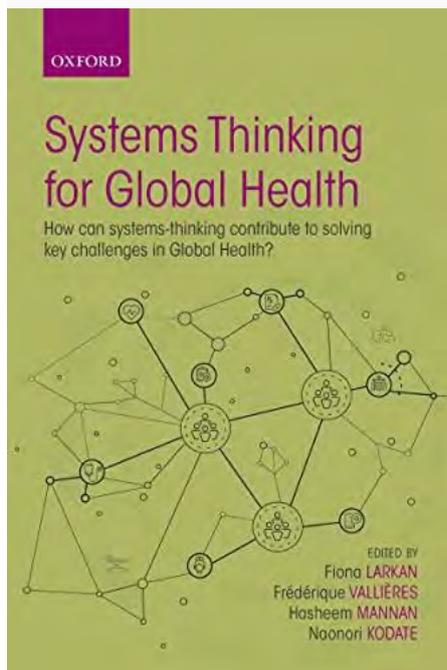
Book chapter: Matthew Donoghue (2022) Chapter 14 'Moral Critique in an Age of Multiple Crises: Towards Transformative Change' in the book *The Crisis and Future of Democracy* (with Adam Standing). The link to the book here (free PDF and hard copies available):

<https://www.rosalux.eu/en/article/2172.the-crisis-and-future-of-democracy.html>.

Abstract: Societies across Western liberal democracies are experiencing overlapping crises: economic, social, political and ecological. The feeling for many, particularly those on

the left is, in Gramsci's terms, that "the old is dying and the new cannot be born", but what is necessary for the birth of a new socio-political order? Why is it that until now, socialists and those on the left have struggled to articulate a coherent counter-hegemonic discourse? In this chapter, we argue that this failing is, at least in part, the result of an ambivalence to making the moral argument for socialist transformation. Both a moral critique of the existing order and the articulation of a socialist future based on a distinct moral order derived from concrete struggles are necessary components of transformative change as they place substantive policy initiatives within a broader vision of how society and the state should function, and for whom. Morals are important in stabilising otherwise contingent socio-economic orders as they work as cognitive shortcuts for actors, communicating meaning and generating expectations regarding the practices of ourselves and others. While the dominant social contract revolves around an ethos of individualisation, responsabilisation and competition, the current crisis means that the time is right to challenge this and propose a new moral order centred on justice, inclusivity and collective solidarity. The first part

of this chapter looks at the historical ambivalence of the left to moral critique while also examining its nature and possibilities. The second section sketches out what a new social contract grounded in a moral critique of actually existing capitalism might look like, examining ongoing struggles around austerity, deficit and debt and how they structure and constrain the expectations and preferences of European citizens. The final section looks at possible loci for the development of a leftist moral critique, in particular the emergence of new think tanks which provide robust economic analysis within a broader moral framing that challenges the existing orthodoxies of neoliberal capitalism.



Book: Systems Thinking for Global Health: How can systems-thinking contribute to solving key challenges in Global Health? Oxford University Press.

Edited by Frédérique Vallières, Hasheem Mannan, **Naonori Kodate**, and Fiona Larkan

How can systems-thinking contribute to solving key challenges in Global Health? Global Health is an evolving field operating within a complex interaction of political, environmental, economic, and socio-cultural factors. Any work on the subject needs to reflect current developments and be supported by a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that retains a focus on the underpinning determinants of health. This book reflects the importance of applying a systems-thinking approach to Global Health challenges: one that examines both the individual elements within the system as well as the interrelationships between them and wider contextual patterns.

Bringing together a global and multidisciplinary team of experts, this volume outlines the core concepts of a systems-thinking approach and how they can be applied to current Global Health problems. It provides a comprehensive range of case studies, reflections, conceptual pieces, and methodological approaches. Readers are invited to engage with arguments and assumptions across global health interventions and to connect systems-thinking theory with lived experiences. Well-established topics such as infectious and non-communicable diseases, as well as lesser-discussed areas such as still birth, mental health, and war and conflict are united under a shared systems-thinking framework.

Offering innovative perspectives on current health challenges, students, academics, practitioners, and policy makers will find this a significant resource to enhance their understanding and application of systems-thinking in Global Health.



Journal article: Donoghue, M. and Standring, A.(2022) Moral crisis/moral critique? Soundings 2022 No. 8, pp. 51-64. Soundings - ISSN 1362-6620 DOI: 10.3898/SOUN.80.04.2022

Abstract: The crisis of neoliberal capitalism and liberal democracy has a genesis stretching back a decade or longer. Why is it that, until now, socialists and those on the left have struggled to articulate a coherent counter-hegemonic discourse? We argue that at least part of this failing comes from an ambivalence about making the moral argument for socialist transformation. Both a moral critique of the existing order and the articulation of socialist future grounded in a distinct moral order are necessary components of transformative change: they are able to fix substantive policy initiatives - whether a green new deal, universal basic income or the nationalisation of essential services - within a broader vision of how society and the state should function, and on whose behalf. Morals are important in the functioning of any socio-economic order - communicating meaning, providing rationale and generating expectations regarding the practices of ourselves and others. They construct and stabilise contingent social orders and hierarchies. The current social contract is characterised by increased individualisation, responsabilisation and the moral imperative towards competition and consumption. Morals are what allow people to tolerate current conditions. But as contemporary capitalism becomes increasingly uninhabitable, a moral critique - that is the ability to both unpick what stabilises the current conjuncture and offer an alternative - becomes all the more urgent. We look at a number of initiatives and movements, most but not all lodged in the anti-austerity protests of the past decade, for examples of such political strategies. In such movements we see how material criticisms of capitalism are grounded in concrete struggles for justice and emancipation but framed in a counter-hegemonic moral framework that explicitly challenges the status quo.



International Journal of
*Environmental Research
and Public Health*

Journal Professor Jim Campbell, Professor Lisa Brophy (La Trobe University, Melbourne) and Professor Gavin Davidson (Queens University Belfast) have jointly edited the following special issue:

Campbell, J., Brophy, L., & Davidson, G. (2022). International Perspectives on Mental Health and Mental Health Social Work. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(12), 7387. [10.3390/IJERPH19127387](https://doi.org/10.3390/IJERPH19127387)

They are currently involved in a second special edition on the same topic, to be published in 2023.

News from the UDC Equality Studies Centre

Announcement of new ESC International Advisory Board: Dr Marie Moran, Director of the ESC announced, on behalf of the Centre advisory board, that she has now established a new international advisory board. The aim of establishing this international advisory board is to help build international networks and visibility, and open new opportunities for international collaboration.

The Equality Studies Centre International Advisory Panel consists of the following members. Please click on the link in the individual panel member's name for a photograph and brief bio/link to personal website:

[Professor Andreas Bieler](#) - Professor of Political Economy, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham.

[Professor Harry Brighouse](#) - Mildred Fish Harnack Professor of Philosophy and Carol Dickson Bascom Professor of the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

[Professor Jo Littler](#) - Professor of Social Analysis and Cultural Politics at City, University of London

[Professor Kate Nash](#) - Professor of Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London, and Faculty Fellow at the Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University.

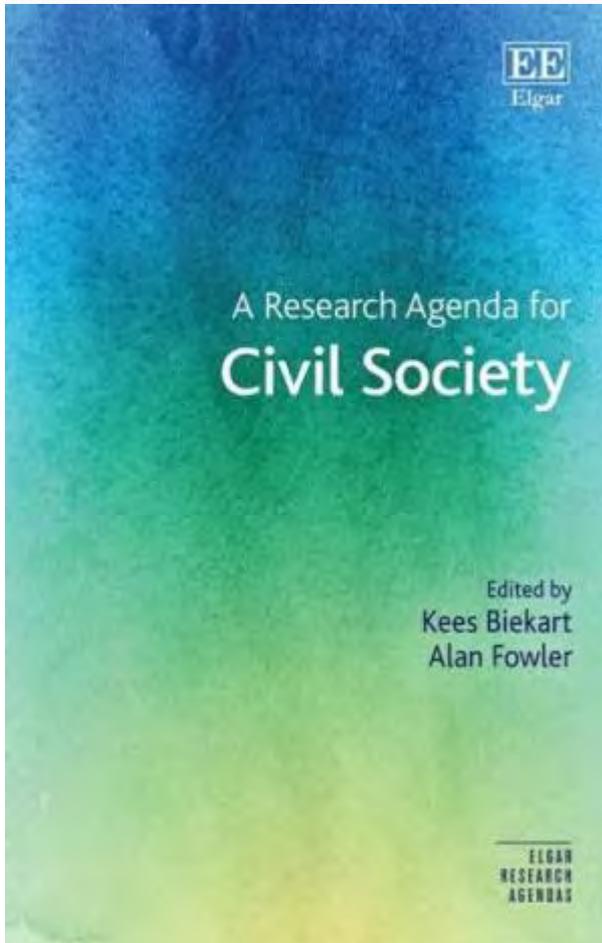
[Adrienne Pagac](#) - Managing Director, Havens Wright Centre for Social Justice, University of Wisconsin-Madison

[Dr Remi-Joseph Salisbury](#) - Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Manchester

[Professor Mike Savage](#) - Martin White Professor of Sociology, LSE, and former Director of LSE's International Inequalities Institute

[Professor Robert Van Niekerk](#) - Professor and Chair of Public Governance and Social Policy at the Wits School of Governance, South Africa

Focus on our PhD students



Book Chapter: IRC PhD fellow, **Ali Bakir Hamoudi** published a the following chapter from his doctoral research: Chapter 6: Measuring the values of civil society in the Middle East and North Africa region. This chapter is one of twenty two in the following open access title:

A Research Agenda for Civil Society (2022) (Eds.) Kees Biekart and Alan Fowler. Elgaronline.com

Summary: Mapping a wide range of civil society research perspectives, this pioneering Research Agenda offers a rich and clear insight for academics and practitioners hoping to embark on future civil society research. Kees Biekart and Alan Fowler bring together over 20 expert contributions from researchers across the globe who are actively engaged in testing the old and generating new knowledge about civil society.

Beginning with a concise historical review of civil society research over the last four decades, the book provides a critical insight into the future of research, taking into account the domestic outcomes of major geopolitical changes and the increasing shift towards authoritarian and populist systems of governance. Exploring the

norms and values of civil society, as well as key topics such as voluntourism, civil society mapping, democratization, and civic agency, chapters offer a unique overview of civil society research themes and agendas. Its comprehensive analysis of canonical civil society research provides a fertile basis from which novel research can be conducted. Join the online conversation to learn more!

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