

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS REPORT | NO. 2 | APRIL 2021

1. NEW FUNDED PROJECTS



Congrats to Assoc. Prof. Marie Keenan who was successful in her application to the Community Foundation Ireland (CFI) under the Covid-19 response grants scheme for a research project entitled 'Women wanting to exit prostitution'. These grants are being made from a Covid-19 response fund which was established 12-months ago and has through corporate and private donations provided grants on an on-going basis.

The UCD SERP team are conducting the existing prostitution research in collaboration with Ruhama and the Immigrant Council of Ireland. The aim of the research is to document the process of exiting and recovery from sexual exploitation, the barriers women face and the supports required to rebuild lives outside of the sex trade.

<https://www.ucd.ie/geary/research/healthandhumandevlopment/sexualexploitationresearchprogramme/>



**Nordic
Co-operation**

Congrats to Asst. Prof. Stephan Köppe who was successful in his application under 'Nordic Talks' Nordic Talks is a series of talks addressing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals through current affairs that capture the essence of Nordic themes and issues.

Abstract: Ireland used to borrow welfare policies from the United Kingdom. Due to Brexit and increasing conversations around unification with Northern Ireland, Ireland is at the crossroad which kind of welfare state it shall embrace and is looking elsewhere for the future. The ScandIRE Nordic Talk Series explores the Scandinavian welfare model and what it can offer for Ireland. The talks will explore the pivotal

challenges as well as pointing out key steps towards a Nordic welfare model in conversation with academics, policy-makers and civil society.



Congrats to Assoc. Prof. Karen Anderson who was recently granted funding for a cross-national, collaborative research project on sustainable investment in occupational pension schemes. The Hans-Boeckler Foundation, based in Duesseldorf, Germany, finances the research. The two-year project investigates how workplace co-determination influences the adoption of sustainable investment strategies in capital-funded occupational pension schemes in Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands. Research partners are Tobias Wiss (Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria) and Natascha van der Zwan (Leiden University, the Netherlands). Karen will research how and why sustainable investment goals have been incorporated in the investment strategies of occupational pension schemes in Denmark.

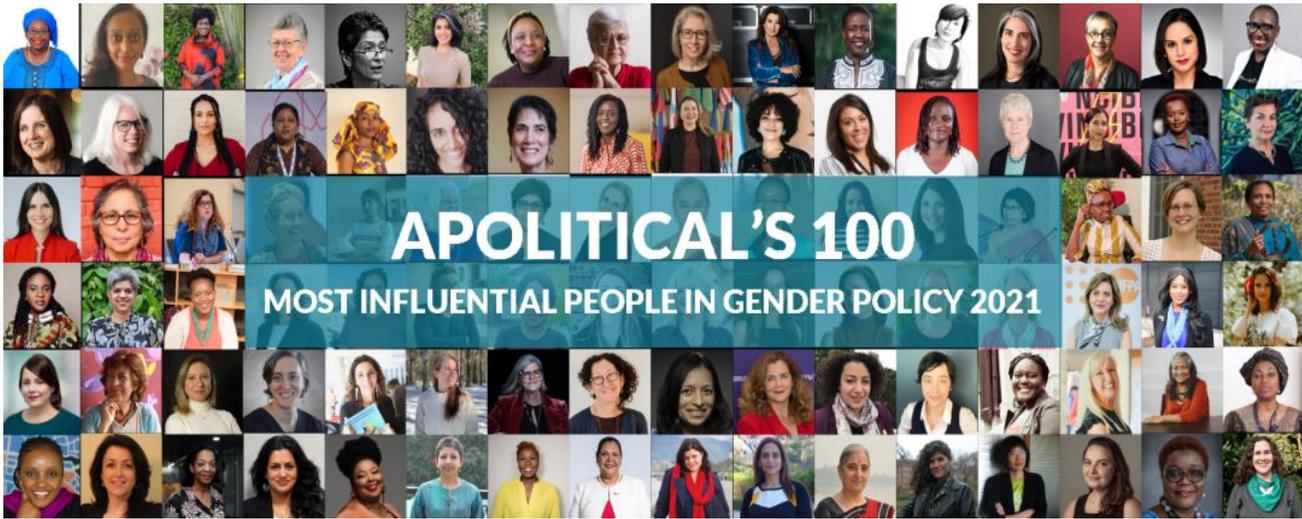
**Hans Böckler
Stiftung** 

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Congrats to Dr Mary McAuliffe who is involved with a team from UCD (including Prof Kath Browne and Dr Pascale Barker) and an international team from Leicester University, UK headed by an in Professor Gavin Brown which received funding from Leicester Institute of Advanced Studies to report on the gendered and LGBT impacts of COVID in UK, Ireland, India, Trinidad and Canada - entitled the LIAS Pandemic Citizenship and Urgent Witnessing

2. NEW AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS



Congrats to Prof. Aisling Swaine who has been nominated as one of Apolitical's Most Influential People in Gender Policy, 2021 specifically on global policy on violence against women. The list celebrates people of all genders working on gender policy and making the world more equitable, whether they exert their influence through policymaking, public service, research, philanthropy, advocacy, activism or however else. This year's list will recognize people working on the six themes which are part of the Generation Equality Forum's Action Coalitions, as well as a few other areas of gender policy. It will be launched in the last week of March. <https://apolitical.co/list/en/gender-equality-100>



We would like to extend our congrats to Prof. Michelle Norris on the recent announcement by Prof. Orla Feely, UCD VP for Research that she has been appointed as the new Director of UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy. As you know, Michelle has an outstanding track record of research and leadership in public policy, particularly in housing policy. She has an ambitious and exciting vision for the Geary Institute, and we can look forward to great achievements under her leadership over the coming five years. While Michelle's formal appointment will not begin until June 1, she has taken over key duties in the institute on an interim basis since the beginning of March.



Congrats to Assoc. Prof. Karen Anderson who was awarded a NORFACE Grant for the Democratic Governance of Funded Pension Schemes (DEEPEN) project. Karen is one of two Ireland-based Principal Investigators who was selected for funding from the European NORFACE network on the theme ‘Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age’. She is also Project Leader for DEEPEN-- the first time an Ireland-based researcher has held this role.



NORFACE was established in 2007; this is the seventh research programme. NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe) is a partnership of national research funding agencies from 20 European countries focusing on the field of social and behavioural sciences. The “Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age” programme investigates the precise nature of this turbulence and of how European states can negotiate it and develop strategies to enhance the quality of democratic politics and governance.

The DEEPEN project explores the democratic governance of capital-funded occupational pension schemes. The team will distinguish between input legitimacy (i.e. are collectively binding decisions in line with citizens’ democratically expressed preferences?) and output legitimacy (i.e. do collectively binding decisions serve the common interests of the citizens?) to investigate how governments, regulators and labour market actors govern funded pensions (input legitimacy) and whether participants are satisfied with pension fund performance (output legitimacy). The project compares Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Ireland and Spain as the structure of funded pension provision varies along key dimensions relevant to input and output legitimacy.

The project team includes researchers from the fields of Political Science, Social Policy, and Sociology, whose combined expertise includes pension politics and policy, financialization, and the politics and sociology of the welfare state.

Research team:

Project Leader:
Professor K.M. Anderson
University College Dublin (Ireland)

Principal Investigator:
Dr T. Wiss
Johannes Kepler Universität Linz
(Austria)

Principal Investigator:
Dr N.A.J. van der Zwan
Leiden University (the Netherlands)

Principal Investigator:
Professor J.J. Fernández
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Spain)

A warm welcome to Dr Hayley James who was appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow in March 2021 to work with Karen on DEEPEN over the coming three years.



Hayley is an experienced qualitative researcher with an interest in interdisciplinary projects looking at money and finance, and how the use of these tools intersect with gender, ageing and the lifecourse. Her Thesis, completed at the University of Manchester, examined the impact of automatic enrolment into workplace pensions in the UK on individual decision making using a qualitative research methodology (entitled Connecting Policy with the Personal: UK pension reforms and individual financial decision making).



CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATE DR MEGAN CURRAN NOW PART OF THE BIDEN STIMULUS PACKAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

Megan Curran, graduate of the UCD Masters in Public Policy (2014) and the UCD PhD in Social Policy (2019), is playing a significant research role in one of the most important social policy initiatives in the United States of the modern era. This initiative is the anti-poverty package for children and families contained in President Joe Biden's massive pandemic stimulus plan for the United States unveiled in late February 2021. The initiative at present is a temporary pandemic intervention but President Biden's pledge is to refine and adopt it as a permanent feature of American social policy as the pandemic is overcome.

Megan is a central member of a research team in Columbia University in New York which has emerged as the pre-eminent national centre for technical study in this area in the United States. Among their many contributions, Megan and her colleagues have recently modelled the anti-poverty impact of the Biden package and have predicted that it will reduce child poverty in the US by half (see the team's *Policy Brief* attached). That dramatic prediction, widely reported in the American media, has become a touchstone for public commentary on the Biden plan and has caused its anti-poverty aspects to be hailed as having historical significance on the scale of Lyndon Johnson's *War on Want* in the 1960s and Franklin Roosevelt's *Social Security Act* of 1935.

Much congratulation is due to Megan for the talent, persistence and moral commitment which has brought her to her present position. It is good also to know that the education and training she received in UCD, and the funding provided by the Irish Research Council, have helped her get there.

Megan, an American national, began her research in this field with her thesis for the MPP in UCD in 2013-14, which examined a possible design for a universal child benefit for the US. It continued through her PhD research in UCD on poverty among children in large families in the US, the UK and Ireland, work which was supported by an Irish Research Council PhD scholarship (supervisors: Profs Tony Fahey and Stephan Köppe). The external examiner for Megan's PhD dissertation in September 2019 was Prof Jane Waldfogel of Columbia University. She not only gave the dissertation a resounding thumbs up but followed through by recruiting Megan to a post-doc appointment with the child poverty research group in Columbia, an appointment that has since evolved into a staff post. Megan has quickly established herself as a central contributor to the detailed policy analysis with that group which has now achieved triumphant realisation in the Biden anti-poverty policy for American children. She is well placed to serve as expert analyst and commentator for the further refinement and bedding down of the Biden initiative in the months and years to come. It is an exceptionally influential and rewarding position for an early-career social policy researcher to find herself in.

TWITTER @MeganACurran



We would like to extend our congrats to Associate Professor Marie Keenan on the recent announcement by Prof. Orla Feely, UCD VP for Research that she received the UCD Impact Case Study Award. One in four females and one in six males experience sexual violence as children.

Summary: More than four in ten women and over a quarter of men experienced some form of sexual abuse or assault over their lifetime. Social harm adds to personal injury by the failure of criminal justice systems to secure meaningful justice and healing for most victims. Two studies led by Associate Professor Marie Keenan examined whether “restorative justice” could fill some of the gaps in current justice service provision. She found that it could. The research had direct impact on policy in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Estonia, and for individual victims and offenders – who now experience this service first-hand. By collaborating with the arts through film and theatre, Dr Keenan creatively built societal understanding and support for this innovative practice, demonstrating how justice and healing after sexual violence can be reimagined.

RESEARCH IMPACT

Policy impact

Northern Ireland

Dr Keenan’s research and interviews with Sir John Gillen on 3 October 2018, as part of his review following the Belfast Rape Trial, produced direct recommendations for restorative justice in Northern Ireland (recommendations 219 and 220). On 22 June 2020 the Northern Irish Justice



Minister launched an Adult Restorative Justice Strategy, in light of the recommendations, including a section on restorative approaches to sexual offences. Now, a dedicated staff has been appointed to lead on a Centre of Restorative Excellence, aiming to enhance capacity of restorative justice practitioners to operate a system of restorative justice at any stage in the

criminal justice process.

The Republic of Ireland

In January 2015, the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Frances Fitzgerald, invited Dr Keenan to meet with her officials to discuss her research findings and to consider possibilities for restorative justice after sexual crime in Ireland. This led to a committee of stakeholders within the criminal justice system being established to consider the issues in light of the EU Victims Directive 2012. One outcome of the committee's work was the development of a Victims Unit and a restorative justice service in The Irish Probation Service, to offer restorative justice to victims of Probation Service clients following sexual crime. This service began in 2018. Dr Keenan continues further advocacy work with Senator Ivana Bacik for the possibilities of establishing more extensive restorative justice services for sexual crime in Ireland.

Estonia

In 2019, the Estonian government asked their Ministry of Justice to develop an action plan to develop the use of restorative justice. The Ministry of Justice then invited Dr Keenan to Estonia to screen 'The Meeting' and present her research to members of their policymaking division, as well as to practitioners and NGOs. There are several direct outcomes: restorative justice is now being offered to victims of sexual crime in Estonia with the support of the Ministry for Justice, and Dr Keenan has been invited to facilitate training of staff in Estonia to increase capacity. This began in December 2020.

Health and wellbeing impact

Eleven individual victims of sexual crime in Ireland were directly impacted by Dr Keenan's research through their participation in restorative justice with her. In their own words, the process helped them to "reclaim power" by facing their offender and their fears; "exercise voice" in making statements and asking questions; "recover from post- traumatic stress"; and "believe in the idea of 'justice' again".

Former sex offenders were also impacted by Dr Keenan's research, six of whom participated in restorative justice, by "repaying a moral debt" to the victim and society; helping to heal the wounds and impacts of their crime by "listening and responding honestly to the victims' questions"; and enabling their own recovery from shame and dishonour by doing something "honourable". Thirteen family members of victims and offenders participated in restorative justice with Dr Keenan.

Social and cultural impact

Dr Keenan's work has reached a broad audience through a full-length film, a play, four podcasts, five webinars, radio and television interviews, and newspaper articles.

On September 15 2018, The Late Late Show conducted an interview with Ailbhe Griffith and Dr Keenan on restorative justice after sexual violence. Around 650,000 viewers watched the interview, generating awareness and increasing demand for restorative justice.

An estimated 332,000 listeners heard a radio interview with Dr Keenan and Ryan Tubridy on RTE radio in 2018, which generated significant awareness of restorative justice following gender-based violent crime. This was followed by requests from victims of sexual crime for restorative justice.

The film 'The Meeting' has been positively reviewed in at least 20 outlets and viewed by more than 3000 people to date, generating awareness of the possibilities and processes involved in restorative justice following sexual crime.

As one woman wrote having seen the film:

"It was difficult not to cry. I didn't cry because she did not cry. Instead, as I was faced with a woman who refuses to be classed as a victim, I decided not to be a victim of her experience ... This film shows us that in the aftermath of the greatest hurt, the most invasive of assaults, the most denigrating pain, that resolution is possible. Put simply, to have watched it means there is now a 'before' and an 'after' for every viewer."

The [website](#) designed for the distribution of materials and interviews related to the film, has had 100,000 hits since September 2018.

Educational impact

Dr Keenan's research led to her being invited in 2019 to participate in the United Nations review of their Policy Handbook on Restorative Justice in Criminal Matters, which guides nation states in developing restorative justice services. Her research forms the bedrock of the section relating to restorative justice after sexual crime.

Dr Keenan (with her team) also developed a Practice Guide, "Doing Restorative Justice in Cases of Sexual Violence: A Practice Guide", published by Leuven Institute of Criminology.

Academic impact

These findings have been widely disseminated to build public and academic understanding, via ten academic articles and book chapters, three books, presentations at international conferences, including to such specialist audiences as the International Association of Women Police.

3. RECENT WEBINARS

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Who Benefits from 0% and exempt rates of VAT?

Webinar as part of fellowship with CHASM

Wednesday 24 February 2021 (12:30-13:30)

Value Added Tax (VAT) is one of the most far-reaching aspects of taxation systems, collecting revenue from almost all individuals and households irrespective of their means and age. The provision of 0% and exempt rates of VAT is a large area of (social) tax expenditure with many of these policy measures justified on the basis of social policy objectives. Estimates from the UK HMRC (October 2019) conclude that these VAT measures for food (£18.9bn), children's clothing (£2bn), prescription medication (£3.2bn) and printed material (£1.5bn) cost over £25 billion per annum in revenue forgone – equivalent to 19% of the total annual VAT revenue.

This examines the distribution of these fiscal supports in both the UK and Ireland. The presentation focuses on Ireland, the first part of this research project, to examine questions including: how do the consumption patterns of these 0% and exempt VAT goods and services differ across households in the income distribution?; and do these tax reliefs benefit lower income households most (nominally and proportionally)? The analysis uses data from the latest CSO Household Budget Survey in Ireland.

The seminar also includes a discussion of the next stage of this project, the extension of the analysis to the UK system using the ONS Living Costs and Food Survey, which is being undertaken as part of the CHASM International Research Fellowship 2020, working with Professor Andy Lymer. Watch **Micheál's full presentation:** <https://youtu.be/zogQUatDEdQ>



International Women's Day

Invited by the Institute of Bankers and to celebrate International Women's Day, 2021 Prof. Aisling Swaine presented a talk entitled 'Advancing Transformation: Considering Continuums in Gender Inequalities'



Drawing from the UN Commission on the Status of Women's theme for 2021 on 'Women' full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls', this talk focused on pushing us to think more about what working towards gender equality in our institutions means.

The challenges that present by a focus on just adding women to organisations or promoting their leadership without both recognition of, as well as addressing, the broader context to inequalities were outlined. The idea that there are connections in the ways that women experience inequalities across their public and private lives were.



THE EQUALITY STUDIES CENTRE PUBLIC SEMINAR SERIES 2021

A very successful webinar and panel discussion entitled 'Care Inequalities and the Politics of Interdependence' with speakers:

- **Catherine Rottenberg**, Assoc. Prof. of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham, UK. Her books include *The Rise of Neoliberal Feminism* (2018) *Black Harlem and the Jewish Lower East Side* (2014) and as part of the Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (2020).
- **Jo Littler**, Prof. of Social Analysis and Cultural Politics, University of London. Her books include *Against Meritocracy* (2018) *Radical Consumption?* (2008) with Roshi Naidoo *The Politics of Heritage: The legacies of 'race'* (2005) and as part of the Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (2020). @littler_jo
- **Emma Dowling**, Asst. Prof. for the Sociology of Social Change, University of Vienna having previously held academic positions in the UK and Germany. Recent publications include 'In the Wake of Austerity: Social Impact Bonds and the Financialisation of the Welfare State' (*New Political Economy*, 2017) and 'Confronting Capital's Care Fix: Care Through the Lens of Democracy' (*Journal of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*, 2018). She is the author of the book *The Care Crisis* (Verso, 2021).
- **Jamie Hakim**, University Lecturer in media studies, University of East Anglia, UK. He previously worked at *Attitude* magazine from 2003. He is Principal Investigator of the ESRC-funded project 'Digital Intimacies', partnered with the Terrance Higgins Trust, author of *Work That Body: Male Bodies in Digital Culture* (2019) and as part of the Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (2020) @digidintimaciesUK took place via Zoom webinar, on Mar 10, 2021 04:00 PM. This event was attended by X participants and included a lively Q&A session

https://ucd.ie/zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0fzh2frGM6-5r0nJcJ30g

CARE INEQUALITIES AND THE POLITICS OF INTERDEPENDENCE

Webinar and panel discussion
March 10th at 4pm

SPEAKERS

Catherine Rottenberg, Assoc. Professor of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham

Jo Littler, Professor of Social Analysis and Cultural Politics, City, University of London

Emma Dowling, Asst. Professor for the Sociology of Social Change, University of Vienna

Jamie Hakim, Lecturer in Media Studies, UEA

The Care Crisis*
Emma Dowling

What Caused It and How Can We End It?

THE CARE
THE POLITICS OF INTERDEPENDENCE
MANIFESTO
THE CARE COLLECTIVE

Equality Studies Public Seminar Series 2021

Join us in conversation with the Care Collective and Emma Dowling as they discuss their recent books on the politics and economics of care inequalities in 'careless' societies, and ways out of the care crisis

Register in advance for this webinar through the link below. Follow Equality Studies UCD on twitter: @UCDEqualStudies

https://ucd.ie/zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0fzh2frGM6-5r0nJcJ30g

Summary abstract: The webinar and panel discussion involved the care collective and Emma Dowling as they discussed their recent books on the politics and economics of care inequalities in 'careless societies' and ways out of the care crisis.



Protecting Nursing Home Residents Rights to Family Life: Lessons for Ireland, Wed 24th March, 9.30 to 11.30am (GMT)

This very timely webinar was organised by Dr Sarah Donnelly with the Irish Association of Social Workers in the context of Covid19 and current visiting restrictions for nursing home and care home residents. It provided an opportunity to discuss key questions including: What is the constitutional right of Irish citizens to a family life? What impact has cocooning and visiting restrictions had on nursing home residents and their families? What can we learn from other jurisdictions about safe visiting arrangements? How can models such as the IASW Liaison Social Work Role for Nursing Homes offer communication care and crisis support to residents and their families?

This webinar, which was attended by 177 covered a broad range of issues related to the protection of residents' rights to family life in nursing homes, learning from successful visiting practice & approaches elsewhere and concluding with lessons for Ireland and a panel discussion.

Media Coverage:

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2021/0324/1205923-nursing-homes/>
<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40249271.html>

Programme

9.30-9.40 am Welcome and Hearing the Voice of Residents

9.40-9.55 am The experience of nursing home residents and their families during Covid19; Speaker is Majella Beattie, Care Champions,

9.55-10.10 am Human rights law and its demands of the State in the nursing home context; Speaker is Dr Maeve O'Rourke, NUIG

10.10-10.25 am Visitors in nursing homes during COVID-19: essential for residents' wellbeing; Speaker is Professor Hilde Verbeek, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

10.25-10.40 am Q and A Session

10.40-10.50 am Balancing Autonomy and Protection for Nursing Homes Residents; Speaker is **Dr Sarah Donnelly, UCD.**

10.50-11.05 am A Psychiatry of Later Life Perspective of the Impact of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes; Speaker is Professor Greg Swanwick, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin

11.05-11.15 am IASW Advocating for Rights-based Practice in Nursing Homes; Speaker is Sinead Mc Garry, Irish Association of Social Workers

11.15-11.30 am Q and A Session and Close

Professor Hilde Verbeek, Professor of Long-Term Care Environments, Maastricht University;

Dr Sarah Donnelly, Lecturer in Social Work, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice



Dr Maeve O'Rourke, Lecturer in Human Rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

Majella Beattie, Care Champions, a family run online advocacy group on for people in care and in nursing homes;

Sinead Mc Garry, Irish Association of Social Workers



Dr Ernesto Vazquez del Aguila



Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila co-organized the public webinar, “**Newman: Saint; Cardinal; Egalitarian; Gay?**” as part of the LGBT+ History Month 2021 on 26th February 2021.



Cardinal Newman's legacy on church and society is universally accepted - however a point of sometimes controversy, is Newman's sexuality; his intense relationship with Ambrose St John is often speculated to have been a deep and loving relationship. Can we claim Newman as a Gay Man?

The online discussion chaired by **Dr Mary McAuliffe, UCD** with Dr Richard O'Leary of the LGBT Heritage Project Northern Ireland and Francis DeBernardo of New Ways Ministry, USA, will consider Newman's impact and legacy - and examine what it might mean for us to claim him as a Gay Man.

<https://ucdlgbthistorymonth.eventbrite.co.uk>



Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila was also co-organiser of the “National LGBTI Think Tank” workshop, hosted by the UCD LGBTI Subgroup on 11 March 2021.

The purpose of the workshop was to develop actions on LGBTI perspectives in curriculum review and design in higher education institutions in Ireland.

4. UPCOMING WEBINARS



Disclosure of Sexual Abuse: encouragement, facilitation, and support

**One-Day Virtual Conference: Initial Call for Papers –
October 8, 2021 being organised by Dr Joe Mooney**

Disclosure of sexual abuse and violence is a process often beset with many barriers. Developing systems, practices, and environments that encourage, facilitate, and support disclosure of sexual abuse by both children and adults is key to the timely provision of services, stopping the cycle of abuse, and moving towards healing.

If you are engaged in research, practice, advocacy, or policy in Ireland (north or south) in the area of disclosure of child sexual abuse (or related areas) and are interested in presenting, please submit a 500-word abstract aligned broadly to one of the following themes:

- Disclosure of Sexual Abuse and Violence
- Policy and Practice Responses to Disclosure
- Cultural and Societal Responses to Disclosure
- Facilitators and Barriers to Disclosure
- Service User Experiences of Disclosure (Research or First Person)

For more information, or to submit an abstract (MSWord or PDF format) please contact joseph.mooney1@ucd.ie

Deadline for Abstract Submission is June 4th, 2021

This conference is funded by the **Irish Research Council** and **UCD Seed Funding Scheme**



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UCD CENTRE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES UPCOMING WEBINARS

The next Webinar “Japan in the Age of Fraying International Order” will be held on Thursday 8 April, 1-2pm. Speaker: Prof. Ken Endo (Dean, Graduate School of Public Policy, Hokkaido University & Part-time Professor Global Governance Programme, EU-ASIA Project, European University Institute (EUI)). This event is the first joint Webinar with Hokkaido University, Japan & Portland State University’s Center for Japanese Studies, USA. To register: <http://bit.ly/JapanInNewOrder>

In May, Dr Naonori Kodate will be speaking with Prof. David Prendergast (Maynooth University). The original film “Circuits of Care: Ageing in Japan’s Robot Revolution” (Director: Prof. Prendergast; Producer: Assoc. Prof. Kodate) was filmed in Japan in Oct/Nov. 2019. It is one of the outputs from Dr Kodate’s international research project “Harmonisation towards the establishment of Person-centred, Robotics-aided Care System (HARP: RoCS)” (2019-2022, EUR 70k). This is a joint Webinar with la Fondation France-Japon de l’EHESS (The Graduate School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), Paris, France. To register: <http://bit.ly/CircuitsOfCare>

On 24 March, Drs Elaine Wilson and Nao Kodate facilitated the second Canada-Ireland-Japan ‘Caring Community’ Research Network meeting, led by Prof. Mina Ishimaru (Graduate School of Nursing, Chiba University). This is collaboration among UCD, Chiba University, Japan and Université de Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Portland State University UCD Centre for Japanese Studies

PSU Center for Japanese Studies
UCD Centre for Japanese Studies
Hokkaido University Public Policy School
Joint Webinar Series

Japan in the Age of Fraying International Order

Professor Ken Endo
Hokkaido University, Japan & European University Institute, Italy

Thursday 8th April
from 1:00pm (Irish Standard Time)

Note: This talk will be repeated for an American audience from 8:00pm (Pacific Standard Time) by PSU Center for Japanese Studies

Register – <http://bit.ly/JapanInNewOrder>

EHESS Paris 日仏研 UCD Centre for Japanese Studies visual ethnography lab Maynooth University

Webinaire conjoint de la Fondation France-Japon de l’EHESS et Le Centre d’Études japonaises de l’UCD

Film “Circuits of Care: Ageing in Japan’s Robot Revolution”
Screening & Discussions

Professor David Prendergast
Maynooth University, Ireland
avec

Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate
University College Dublin, Ireland & FFJ

Thursday 20th May 2021
from 1:00pm (Central European Time) / 12noon (Irish Standard Time)

Register – <http://bit.ly/CircuitsOfCare>

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University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



Webinar

Fri Apr 16th

8 – 10am

COVID-19 AND THE PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR: AN INTERNATIONAL QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

WEBINAR

SPEAKERS

- Bronwyn Bate (Western Sydney University): **The everyday practices and experiences of renting within the private rental sector in Australia**
- Dr Bridgette Toy-Cronin & Sarah Bierre (University of Otago, Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo, New Zealand): **Power, compliance and eviction: rent arrears hearings in a tribunal system**
- Dr Adriana Mihaela Soaita (University of Glasgow): **For a post-Covid world: private tenants demand the right to home**

This seminar brings together experts on the private rental sector in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, with a particular focus on qualitative research. It aims to showcase the latest research on the impact of the pandemic on the private rental sector, policy responses to that impact and how we can confront emerging challenges.

Organized by Dr. Michael Byrne in collaboration with the UCD Equality Studies Centre and the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Register for the webinar: https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/join/register/WN_s4aQhSUWTx0Q6b-0ov2iaA

OTHER NEWS

Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila is the co-coordinator of the newly created UCD Global Health Network, a joint initiative with Dr. Brynne Gilmore (UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems)



to develop a network of scholars, students and early career researchers interested in global health. The initiative was awarded the UCD Global Engagement Seed Fund (2020-

2021).

The goal of the UCD Global Health Network (GHN) is to contribute to UCD's position as a leader in the Global North-South cooperation network by fostering the development of network that connects faculty, doctoral and post doc researchers, and students, working on



issues related to Global Health across UCD. While a magnitude of staff has experience within this field there is no consolidated space related to Global

Health.

Drawing on existing resources and aligned to other strategic partners within UCD, the GHN aims to foster inter-college, interdisciplinary collaborations and leverage international global health expertise.

Aligned to the aforementioned goal, the objectives of the network are to

- i) increase UCD's international reputation as a hub in Global health;
- ii) support and develop innovative teaching and learning activities around Global Health; and
- iii) leverage internal, interdisciplinary research capacity for funding opportunities related to Global Health to address the UCD Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Contact us: UCDgh.network@ucd.ie

A dedicated website was created and was launched on 26th February. Website: <https://www.ucd.ie/ghn/about/>

Forthcoming Symposium in May



Dr Aideen Quilty (Director, Gender Studies) will be speaking at the Intercultural Learning Symposium 2021 in UCD (with Dr Cliona O'Sullivan - UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science)

6th May 11:30-13:30 Workshop 'Intercultural Learning: What is it and how can I do it in my teaching?'

Contact: teachingandlearning@ucd.ie

NEW PUBLICATIONS

CURRENT PHD STUDENTS & FACULTY

Flores, Ruben and Burg, R. 2021. A Case for Conscious Normativity: Or How Ethics Literacy Can Benefit Sociology Students and Their Teacher. *Civic Sociology*, 2(1).

Mary McAuliffe 'Remembered for Being Forgotten: The Women of 1916, Memory and Commemoration' in Oona Fraley (ed) *Women and the Decade of Commemorations* (Indiana University Press, January 2021)

Hiroo Ide, **Naonori Kodate**, Sayuri Suwa et al. Do care professionals in Japan really want robotics-aided care? A balancing act between individual perceptions and institutional choices. *International Journal of Care and Caring*. February 2021. DOI: 10.1332/239788220X16020939719606

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Joe Mooney (along with Aoife O'Malley, Manager of Pilot Barnabus Model, Galway) have had a book chapter accepted for inclusion in an international text entitled: *Contemporary and Innovative Practices in Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Models*. The text is being led by Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada.

Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila has had a book chapter accepted for publication: "Exploring older men's intergenerational friendships: masculinities, ageing and ageism" (co-authored with Dr. Catherine O'Dare). This will appear in the edited collection, *Ageing, Men and Social Relations: global perspectives on masculinities and men's social connections in later life*, Edited by Paul Willis et al. [Accepted for publication with Policy Press, 2021].

Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila has published a journal article, "Precarious Lives: Forced Sterilisation and the Struggle for Reproductive Justice in Peru". *Global Public Health*.

Mary McAuliffe has had two book chapters published recently 1) 'The Homefront as Battlefield: Women, Violence and the Domestic Space during War in Ireland, 1919–1921' in *Women and the Irish Revolution: Feminism, Activism, Violence* (Irish Academic Press) edited by Linda Connolly and
2) 'Remembered for Being Forgotten: The Women of 1916, Memory and Commemoration' in *Women and the Decade of Commemorations* (Indiana University Press) edited by Oona Frawley

Mary McAuliffe, along with Drs Emilie Pine and Miriam Haughton, is editor of a forthcoming Manchester University Press edited collection (Sept 2021) *Commemoration, Gender and the Postcolonial Carceral State*

Mary McAuliffe was co-editor *Saothar* 45 (The Journal of the Irish Labour History Society) in 2020 and is currently preparing *Saothar* 46 (2021) for publication in April, 2021