



Sociological Association of Ireland

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Member Update

July 2017

Dear Members,

We are delighted to update you on the recent work of the Sociological Association of Ireland Executive Committee and plans for 2017-18.

We hope that you are taking some time off over the summer to refresh yourself, and look forward to talking with you in September!

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New Executive Committee

Please allow us to introduce your new elected Committee:

- Dr Lucy Michael (Ulster) - President
- Dr Amy Healy (Mary Immaculate College, UL) – Treasurer

- Dr. Jill O'Mahony (WIT) - Minutes Secretary
- Dr Colin Coulter (Maynooth) - Membership Secretary
- Dr Paul Ryan (Maynooth) - Ex Officio (President 2014-17)
- Dr Matt Bowden (DIT)
- Dr Ciaran Burke (Ulster)
- Dr Mathew Creighton (UCD)
- Dr Eoin Flaherty (UCD)
- Dr Carmel Hannan (UL)
- Dr Kieran Keohane (UCC)
- Dr Jackie O'Toole (IT Sligo)

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM to vote in the new Committee and to support our work.

You can view our individual profiles at <http://www.sociology.ie/sai-committee.html> As well as your elected representatives, we will also be looking for liaison points in each School/Department in order to ensure that we are addressing the needs of members in each institution, and sharing news and events from across the island.

Postgraduate Conference 2017

The SAI Postgraduate Conference will be held on Saturday 25 November at Ulster University Belfast Campus. This is a one-day conference with lunch provided, which allows postgraduates from across the island to meet and share their research. Postgraduates at all stages of a research degree are welcome to present their work, and the programme is designed to facilitate discussion between postgraduates at similar stages as well as across the research process. Please flag up the Postgraduate Conference to research students in your School/Department, and if possible help them to identify sources of funding for travel. There is no cost to attend for current members.

Call for Papers, submission and registration details at <http://bit.ly/SAIPGConf>

New Webinar Series

From October we will be launching a new webinar series, which will allow sociologists to share developments in sociology without the expense and time commitment of travel, giving you access to research and teaching expertise on a regular basis. We are now seeking proposals for this series, which will involve a 20-30 minute presentation online and discussion with the online audience for the rest of the 60 minute webinar. Attendees can register for each webinar up to 24 hours in advance, and continue the discussion on Twitter afterwards (#SAIwebinars). Webinar presentation and attendance is open to all SAI members, and we encourage sociologists at all stages of their career to consider presenting their work in the series. You do not need a high level of technical knowledge to present by webinar – but you do need a webcam! Proposals should be submitted at <http://www.sociology.ie/sai-news--blog/new-webinar-series> Dates/times will be agreed with presenters.

Sharing news

From September we will be publishing a members newsletter every 2 months to share news and events across the island. The SAI has a unique role to play in collating information about developments in Irish sociology, so please share with us any of the following for our members:

- Upcoming events inc. conferences & seminar series at your institution
- Calls for Papers
- Major research grants / results
- Developments in Teaching & Learning
- Recent PhD awards from your School/Department
- Profiles of recent promotions to Chair
- Other news of interest to sociologists in/of Ireland

You can submit these at <http://bit.ly/SubmitSAINews> - submitted items will be added to our online calendar/blog as well as shared in the newsletter.

Postgraduate Representative

We still have a vacancy for Postgraduate Representative, and we welcome applications from interested postgraduates to sociology.ie@gmail.com with your name, institution, short statement (300 words) detailing relevant experience/ideas. The postgraduate representative will communicate regularly with the postgraduate members, working with them to identify areas where SAI can offer support, and planning PG participation in SAI events.

Annual Conference 2017 Review

Thanks to everyone who took part in our survey after the Annual Conference – your feedback is very much appreciated, and taken into consideration in planning all future events of the SAI. If you have not participated in the survey, and want to share your views, you can still do so at <https://goo.gl/forms/8Zxyx695WRuWskml1>

Irish Journal of Sociology

The Journal is published 3 times a year by Sage Journals, available online as well as in paperback to members, and welcomes papers reflecting the theoretical, substantive, and empirical range of the discipline, that are not germane to Ireland. In addition, the journal seeks submissions for its new in-brief sections: archives, databases, debates, overviews, and trends. It also publishes research notes and solicited book reviews.

This year has seen several welcome changes including:

- New journal platform, with altmetrics
- New virtual special issues, podcasts, submission category (Teaching Notes), call for special issue proposals
- New production editor

Thanks to the Editors and Editorial Board for all their work in pursuing these developments.

The application process to appoint a new editorial team is currently under way – for details please contact l.michael@ulster.ac.uk

The journal's homepage at Sage can be accessed at <http://journals.sagepub.com/home/irj>

Can you help us build an archive of SAI history?

Help us celebrate more than 40 years of support for Sociology in Ireland. We welcome photos, stories, information about events, conferences and member activities in years gone by.

If you can help, please contact the SAI President at L.Michael@ulster.ac.uk - published photos and stories will be credited unless you prefer otherwise.

Visits to your institution

We are planning a series of meetings at institutions around Ireland throughout the autumn to identify key needs in the discipline and ways of maximising the impact of SAI work to support our members. This is a great opportunity for you to talk to us directly about your ideas and questions, but it's not the only way!

To get in touch with any questions or comments throughout the year, please email sociology.ie@gmail.com or any of our Executive Committee, and we'll be happy to take up discussions with you.

You can also follow us on Twitter at [@Soc_Assoc_Ire](https://twitter.com/Soc_Assoc_Ire), and let us know how we're doing.

All the very best from your Executive Committee.

Don't forget!

Submit news and events at <http://bit.ly/SubmitSAINews>

Propose a webinar at <http://bit.ly/SAIWebinar>