

Sociological Association of Ireland - 44th Annual Conference - Ulster University, 5-6 May 2017

Conference Programme

Venue: Ulster University, York Street, Belfast, BT

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FRIDAY				
9.30am Registration desk open (Coffee on arrival)				
Session 1 10.30- 11.30 (60 Mins)	Paper session: Exclusive histories	Paper session: Technology and sociological futures	Paper session: Migration Contexts	Paper session: Embodying professional lives
Session 2 11.30 - 1.00 (90 mins)	PANEL: The normative and relational in sociology: the political significance of material and affective relations	SYMPOSIUM: The Troubles and Issues with Irish Identity	Paper session: Work, income, gender and race	Paper session: Media and Power
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch & Poster Exhibition			
Session 3 1.45-3.15 (90 mins)	PANEL: Generation What: Changes and Continuities in Irish Society	ROUNDTABLE: Immigrants as Outsiders on the Island of Ireland	Paper session: Sociological teaching for the future	Paper session: Austerities, inequality and well-being
3.15- 3.30	coffee			
Session 4 3.30-4.30 (60 mins)	Paper session: New mobilisations, old issues: the power of protest - part 1	Paper session: Considering emotions	Paper session: Assessing wellbeing	Paper session: Digital Sociology
4.30 – 6.00	Keynote speaker Dr. Richard Barbrook, author of <i>Imaginary Futures</i>			
7.00	Drinks reception			
7.30	Conference Dinner @ Europa Hotel Piano Restaurant – additional booking required Great Victoria St, Belfast BT2 7AP			

SATURDAY				
9.30 Registration open (Coffee on arrival)				
Session 5 10.30- 11.30 60 mins	Paper session: (In)tolerances	Paper session: Sports as Society	Paper session: Nationalism and its exclusions	Paper session: New mobilisations, old issues: the power of protest - part 2
Session 6 11.30 – 1.00 90 mins	PANEL: Journalism, Discourse and Inequality	PANEL: Belfast: Reproducing or Transcending Ethno-national Conflict	Paper session: Well-being in crisis	Paper session: Migrant narratives and modes of being
1.00 -2.15	Lunch AGM begins 1.15pm			
Session 7 2.15-3.45 90 mins	Roundtable: Debating the International Panel on Social Progress's Report	MASTERCLASS Researching the social world through big data.		Paper session: Lived marginalities
3.45 – 4.	Coffee			
Session 8 4.00 – 5.30 90 mins	PANEL: Irish Sociological Futures		Paper session: Rethinking security	
5.30	Conference close			

FRIDAY Session 1 10.30-11.30 (60 Mins)

Exclusive histories

- Museums, the heritage sector and a sociological imagination? Enhancing participation for ethnic minority and migrant communities in Northern Ireland, *Philip McDermott (Ulster University)*
- 'Every Damn Rebel Seems To Be A Man'. Gender and Republican Commemoration in Northern Ireland, *Niall Gilmartin (Maynooth University)*
- Urbanization: Class and Gender in Mid Victorian Commercial Photography: Reading the Archive of Arthur J Munby (1828-1910), *Sarah Edge (Ulster University)*
- Media histories and nation states, *Eddie Brennan (Dublin Institute of Technology)*

Migration Contexts

- 'Biographies of Internationalisation': Methodological reflections on using the Biographical Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM) to capture international student's discourses and policy narratives – Speaking to Policy Speaking to Institutions, *Lisa Moran & Simon Warren (NUI Galway)*
- Labour of love: Filipino migration in the Irish domestic and care sector, *Pablo Rojas Coppari (Maynooth University)*
- When 'good' immigrants turn 'bad': resource competition and the Irish professional class, *Martina Byrne (Trinity College Dublin)*

Technology and sociological futures

- The 'Privacy Shield' agreement through a Sociological Lens: Key actors and discourses, *Cristin O'Rourke & Aphra Kerr (Maynooth University)*
- Illuminating the 'Blackbox': A call for more robust sociological inquiry into technology design, development and adoption processes, *Mike Hynes (NUI Galway)*
- The online decivilising process?, *Angela Nagle (Dublin Institute of Technology)*

Embodying professional lives

- Disability and Employment in the Civil Service: Lessons that Northern Ireland could learn from England and the US, *Jason Olson (Ulster University)*
- Prison officers' occupational culture and identity, *Joe Garrihy (University College Dublin)*
- Construction of professional identity: a time of change and uncertainty for beginning teachers, *Cathal de Paor (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)*

Session 2

11.30 - 1.00 (90 mins)

PANEL: The normative and relational in sociology: the political significance of material and affective relations

Chair/Discussant: Kathleen Lynch (University College Dublin)

- Care consciousness, *Mags Crean, UCD*
- Precarity, gender and care in the academy, *Mariya Ivancheva, UCD/ University of Leeds; Kathleen Lynch, University College Dublin; Kathryn Keating, University College Dublin*
- A relational approach to choice at the end of life, *Luciana Lolich, University College Dublin*
- Precarity, Class and Gender: The Precarious Lives of Public Housing Tenants, *John Bissett, UCD*
- Inequality in Education in Turkey: the case of the Alevi Community, the largest Ethno-cultural/religious Minority, *Yeser Torun, University of Ankara/ UCD*

SYMPOSIUM: The Troubles and Issues with Irish Identity

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Veronique Altglas (Queen's University Belfast)

- "Social Class in Northern Ireland: a review of classed patterns within the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey", *Dr. Eoin Flaherty, University College Dublin*
- Graduate Blues: social class and graduate employment, *Dr. Ciaran Burke, Ulster University*
- Tradition, Literature and Class in Recent Irish Working-Class Writing, *Micheal Mac Piarais, Queens' University Belfast*
- Beyond the mire of laws and figure? Working class students experience in and after HE, *Fergal Finnegan, Maynooth University*

Media and Power

- Participatory cultures in Irish public service media: beyond paternalism?, *Dr. Mark Cullinane (University College Cork)*
- NI Screen and the Political-Economy of the Screen Industries in Northern Ireland, *Stephen Baker, Robert Porter & Phil Ramsey (Ulster University)*
- 'Africa Rising?' Current Media representations on UK and Irish media coverage, *Michael Mahadeo & Rachel Naylor (Ulster University)*
- From literacy to media literacy: a study on the interface between mediated communication and education and its implications for the Irish second-level education, *Ricardo da Silva (Dublin City University)*

Work, income, gender and race

- The moderating influence of welfare regime: religious denominations and gender role attitudes, *Amy Erbe Healy (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)*
- Why Income Inequality is dissatisfying? The Role of Subjective Social Status, *Simone M. Schneider (Trinity College Dublin)*
- Negotiation and resistance strategies in Ireland's emerging activation regime, *Philip Finn (Maynooth University)*
- How can we measure racial stratification: The hidden determinant of socio-economic dominance and economic inequality, *Ebun Joseph (UCD)*

Session 3

1.45-3.15 (90 mins)

PANEL: Generation What: Changes and Continuities in Irish Society

Chair/Discussant: Sara O'Sullivan & Eoin Flaherty (University College Dublin)

- GenWhat: Changes and Continuities in Liberalism, *Gerard Boucher (UCD)*
- GenWhat: National Identity, Belonging, and Age Cohort Differences, *Iarfhlaith Watson (UCD)*
- GenWhat: State, Politics & Risk Society, *Amanda Slevin (NUI Galway)*
- Ireland's Moral Millennials: The Future of Love, Commitment and Loss in the Digital Age, *Kevin Myers (Hibernia College)*

ROUNDTABLE: Immigrants as Outsiders on the Island of Ireland

Immigrants as outsiders in the two Irelands examines how a wide range of immigrant groups who settled in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland since the 1990s are faring today. We are interested in concrete experiences of exclusion *and inclusion* in many different domains, noting the poor representation of immigrants in the media, politics and the public sectors of both Irelands, and exploring the range of ways in which they have succeeded economically, politically, religiously or otherwise in building viable lives in Ireland.

Chair: Bryan Fanning (University College Dublin). Contributors: *Lucy Michael (Ulster University)*, *Teresa Buczkowska (Immigrant Council of Ireland)*, *Pablo Rojas Coppari (Maynooth University / Migrant Rights Centre of Ireland)*, *Fiona Murphy (Queens' University Belfast)*, *Ulrike Vieten (Queens' University Belfast)*, *Bethany Waterhouse-Bradley (Ulster University)*.

Austerities, inequality and well-being

- Quality or Quantity: The Future of Public Dental Provision in Ireland, *Nicholas Deal (University of Limerick)*
- Do Institutions Matter? Studying the Performance of Health Care Systems from a Migrant's Perspective - a Quasi-Natural Experiment, *Simone M. Schneider (Trinity College Dublin)*
- Instilling a 'spirit of fairness': A critical assessment of the Irish policy sphere's approach to 'equality' and 'entitlement' as determinants of access to health care provision, *Patrick Malone & Michelle Millar (NUI Galway)*
- Austerity's model pupil: The ideological uses of Ireland during the Eurozone crisis, *Colin Coulter (Maynooth)*, *Francisco Arqueros-Fernández (Maynooth)* & *Angela Nagle (Dublin Institute of Technology)*

Sociological teaching for the future

- Teaching sociology amidst the chaos of the disciplines, *Su-ming Khoo (NUI Galway)*
- Participatory Theatre: A flexible pedagogic tool for bringing public issues into academic spaces, *Karin Cooper (University of Hull)*
- Sociology of Irish Higher Education or An Irish Sociology of Higher Education? The Challenge of Southern Theory, *Simon Warren (NUI Galway)*

Session 4

3.30-4.30 (60 mins)

New mobilisations, old issues: the power of protest - part 1

- 'Tweeting to #Repealthe8th: Challenging the legal regime and Irish attitudes to abortion?', *Rajalakshmi Kanagavel & Sara O'Sullivan (University College Dublin)*
- How Social Movements Produce Policy Change: Explaining the impacts of student protests on the reform of higher education in Chile, Cesar Gusman-Concha (*Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy*)
- New mobilisation, old issues: A look inside #Blacklivesmatter and the Women's March on Washington, *Laura Graham (Trinity College Dublin)*

Assessing wellbeing

- Household resilience and austerity in Ireland: evidence from the Enabling Resilience project, *Cliona Rooney & Jane Gray (Maynooth University)*
- The Spirit Level Revisited: The importance of relative income position for well-being, *Lisa Wilson (Nevin Economic Research Institute)*
- The forgotten community: Exploring well-being and belonging in Northern Ireland's LGBT community, *Danielle Mackle (Ulster University)*

Considering emotions

- Affective Transactions: Rethinking Emotion, Power & Habitus from a Processual Perspective, *Jonathan Heaney (Queens' University Belfast)*
- From Practices to Claims: The Emotional Social Order, *Lisa Smyth (Queens' University Belfast)*

Digital Sociology

- ELSI for digital data, *Sian Joel Edgar (University of Bath) & Ingrid Holme (Independent)*
- Do gender and the presence of children have an influence on telecommuting practice?, *Pamela Yourell & Markus Hoffman (Institute of Technology Blanchardstown)*
- Disc' world? A digital ethnography, *Wendy O'Leary (Waterford Institute of Technology)*

Session 4

4.30 – 6.00

Keynote speaker

Dr. Richard Barbrook, author of *Imaginary Futures*

Richard Barbrook is a senior lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Westminster. In 1995, he and Andy Cameron wrote *The Californian Ideology*, which



was a pioneering critique of the neoliberal politics of *Wired* magazine. His other important writings about the Net include *The Hi-Tech Gift Economy*, *Cyber-communism*, *The Regulation of Liberty* and *The Class of the New*. The Media Ecology Association selected *Imaginary Futures* as the winner of the 2008 Marshall McLuhan Award for Outstanding Book of the Year in the Field of Media Ecology. In 2014, Richard's book about Situationist gaming was published: *CLASS WARGAMES: Ludic Subversion Against Spectacular Capitalism*. In 2016, he coordinated the writing of the *Digital Democracy Manifesto* for Jeremy Corbyn's campaign for the leadership of the British Labour party which includes a firm commitment to support platform cooperatives.

SATURDAY

Session 5 10.30-11.30 60 mins

(In)tolerances

- An awkward truth: Hidden intolerance on the left in the UK, *Matthew J. Creighton (UCD) & Amaney Jamal (Princeton University)*
- The fear of smaller numbers': (Re)constructing identities of American and European Muslims, *Izabela Handzlik (University of Limerick)*
- What shapes attitudes toward Muslim migrants in Europe?, *Egle Gusciute (Trinity College Dublin)*

Sports as Society

- Playing for time: Sport and identity in a post-conflict society, *Ciaran Acton (Ulster University)*
- On Being Head Strong, *Katie Liston (Ulster University)*

Nationalism and its exclusions

- The significance of the UK's exit from the EU for Northern Ireland: Insights from political sociology, *Katy Hayward (Queen's University Belfast)*
- The Alienation of Minority Identities in Public Policy in Northern Ireland, *Bethany Waterhouse-Bradley (Ulster University)*
- Literacy and Membership of the Nation in Twentieth Century Ireland, *Mairead Tobin (Maynooth University)*

New mobilisations, old issues: the power of protest - part 2

- New and Old issues during the 39th G8 Summit in Northern Ireland, *John Karamichas, (Queen's University Belfast)*
- The Fighting Irish? Explaining the Temporal Pattern of Social Protest during Ireland's Fiscal Crisis 2008-2015, *Richard Layte & David Landy (Trinity College Dublin)*
- Reforming Welfare States in Times of Austerity: Protest and the Politics of Unemployment Insurance, *Rossella Ciccia (Queen's University Belfast) & Cesar Gusman-Concha (Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy)*

Session 6 **11.30 – 1.00** **90 mins**

PANEL: Journalism, Discourse and Inequality

Chair/Discussant: Martin Power & Eoin Devereux (University of Limerick)

- Socio-Economic Inequality and the Press: The print media treatment of Piketty's 'Capital' in the UK, Ireland, Germany and Austria, *Henry Silke (University of Limerick), Prof. Paschal Preston (Dublin City University), Andrea Grisold (WU Vienna University of Business and Economics), Maria Reider (University of Limerick), Hendrik Theine (WU Vienna University of Business and Economics), Marlene Ecker (WU Vienna University of Business and Economics).*
- 'Overpaid', 'Inefficient' and 'Unpatriotic': Print Media Framings of the Public Sector in The Irish Times and the Irish Independent during the Irish Financial Crisis, *Aileen Marron (University of Limerick)*
- The News Agenda and Objectivity: a Discourse Analysis of the EU Ruling on Apple Inc., *Ciara Graham (Institute of Technology Tallaght), Dr. Brendan O'Rourke (Dublin Institute of Technology)*
- Discourse of tragedy: How the language of media reportage on tragic events mirrors and magnifies societal prejudice against minority groups, *Fergal Quinn & Elaine Vaughan (University of Limerick)*
- Precarity and Freelance Journalism, *Kathryn Hayes (University of Limerick)*

PANEL: Belfast: Reproducing or Transcending Ethno-national Conflict

Chair/Discussant: Professor Madeleine Leonard, Queen's University Belfast

- Place, Generation and Everyday Life: Reflections from Belfast, *Madeleine Leonard (Queen's University Belfast)*
- Temporality and Territoriality in Conflict Management in Contemporary Belfast, *Katy Hayward & Milena Komarova (Queen's University Belfast)*
- Narratives of Post-Conflict Belfast: An Introduction, *Liam O'Dowd & Milena Komarova (Queen's University Belfast)*

Well-being in crisis

- Dying is Just Something She Wouldn't do!, *Kevin Myers (Hibernia College)*
- Immigrant women's experience of pregnancy loss, *Bernadette McCreight (Ulster University)*
- 'Exploring through expressions of masculinity the needs and experiences of young men imprisoned in Hydebank Wood', *Conor Murray (Ulster University)*

Migrant narratives and modes of being

- Asylum seekers' use of temporal emotion work, *Bridgette Carey (University College Cork)*
- Life's a beach? How migrant capital and narratives of success emerge, converge and diverge among the Dubai-Irish, *Frances Carter (NUI Galway)*
- Polish migration and imaginative cartographies of Belfast: through time and space, *Marta Kempny (Queen's University Belfast)*

Roundtable: Debating the International Panel on Social Progress's Report

Discussant: G. Honor Fagan (Maynooth University)

The International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP) brought together the world's leading researchers, sociologists, and economists in a single effort – to develop research-based, multi-disciplinary, non-partisan, action-driven solutions to the most pressing challenges of our time. While the Authors are over 250 leading academics and researchers from all around the world who are collaboratively co-authoring the 2017 report, this Round Table will invite three of its lead authors on the Social Trends Section of the Report to discuss its work and conclusions.

MASTERCLASS Researching the social world through big data.

Sian Joel-Edgar (University of Bath), Rajee Kanagavel (UCD), Ingrid Holme (Independent)

This masterclass will introduce a range of tools (NodeXL, Python, Gephi, Tableau and NVivo/NCapture) useful in sourcing, analysing and effectively presenting social media data in research. It will also briefly illustrate how this material can be used in teaching. The final discussion will concern the political and ethical nature of 'big data' with the intention of producing a lively debate as to how Irish sociology should respond to the big data world.

Lived marginalities

- Life After Debt: A critical analysis of the engagement/non-engagement of debtors with the Insolvency Service of Ireland, *Zach Roche (University of Limerick)*
- Social movement success and implicit inclusivity: The experiences of rural LGBT activists of the Irish LGBT movement, *Nigel Connor (Maynooth University)*
- An ethnography of Vapefest Ireland 2017: an analysis of materials, meanings and competence, *Eileen Hogan & Eluska Fernandez (University College Cork)*
- HIV/AIDS and decriminalisation of Female Sex Workers in South Africa, *Bev Orton (University of Hull)*

Session 8 4.00 – 5.30 90 mins

PANEL: Irish Sociological Futures: Crises & Opportunities

Colin Coulter (Maynooth University), Katy Hayward & Liam O'Dowd (Queens' University Belfast).

Sociology in Ireland faces a sequence of challenges that is perhaps unprecedented. In Northern Ireland, the instrumentalist logic of the new breed of university administrators threatens the very existence of the discipline. South of the border, the recent spasm of boom to bust to 'recovery' has asked critical questions of the facility of sociology to interrogate and anticipate social change. And then there is the vexed issue of how sociologists operating in the two jurisdictions relate, or otherwise, to one another. In this panel, we will reflect on the challenges and opportunities that currently face Irish sociology.

Rethinking security

- Parking tickets and police reform: Culture, legitimacy and accountability in Irish policing, *Aodhan Mulcahy (University College Dublin)*
- Producing Security: Urban Securitization Through Fields and Capitals, *Matt Bowden & Derek Dodd (Dublin Institute of Technology)*
- The Political Economy of the Irish Border: Exploring cross-border digital solutions post-Brexit, *Matthew G O'Neill (Queen's University Belfast)*
- Community-Supported Agriculture in Dublin: Food Futures, *Sean Shanagher (Ballyfermot College of Further Education)*

5.30 Conference close