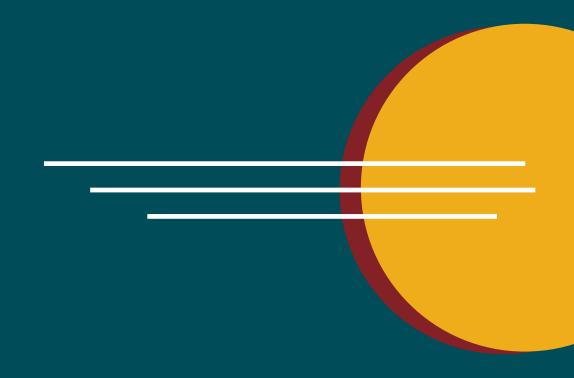
IRELAND AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AT 50: POLITICS, POLICY AND TRANSFORMATION



THURSDAY 11TH MAY & FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY SOCIAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE, MAYNOOTH CO. KILDARE







THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023

8.30a.m. Attendee Registration - coffee on arrival

9.30a.m. Opening Welcome by Professor John O' Brennan, Maynooth University and

Alex White, IIEA

9.45a.m. *Opening Welcome Address:* Professor Eeva Leinonen, President Maynooth

University

10.00a.m. Former Taoisigh reflect on Ireland and the EU

Bertie Ahern

John Bruton

In interview with Professor John O' Brennan

11.15 a.m Coffee Break

11.30a.m. EU Policies

Chair: Dr Barry Colfer, Director of Research, IIEADan O' Brien, IIEA

• Professor Frances Ruane, ESRI

• Dr Diarmuid Torney, Dublin City University

12.30p.m. *Lunch*

1.30p.m. Social Europe

Chair: Frances Byrne, Early Childhood Ireland

Paul Ginnell, EAPN Ireland

Professor Seán Ó Riain Maynooth University

Professor Mary P Murphy, Maynooth University

2.30p.m. 'Communicating Europe' in Ireland

Chair: Dr Patricia Conlan, University of Limerick

Barbara Nolan, European Commission Representation, Ireland

Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan, University College Cork

Professor John O' Brennan, Maynooth University

Noelle O' Connell, European Movement Ireland

3.30pm. Coffee Break

4.00.p.m. Reporting Europe
Chair: Dr Paul Gillespie, UCD/The Irish Times

Gavin Esler, Former host, BBC Newsnight

• Dr Suzanne Lynch, Politico Europe

• Shona Murray, Euronews

5.00p.m. Wine Reception and Keynote Academic Address:

Professor Desmond Dinan, George Mason University, Washington DC





FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

9.30a.m. Education, Research and Science

Chair: Professor Linda Connolly, Maynooth University

- · Professor Ellen Hazelkorn, TU Dublin
- Professor Philip Nolan, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland
- Dr Edward Walsh, Founding President, University of Limerick

10.30a.m. Keynote Address

Mairead McGuinness, EU Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services, and the Capital Markets Union

11.30a.m. Coffee Break

11.45am. The Ministerial Experience

Chair: Dr Mary C. Murphy, University College Cork

- Barry Andrews MEP & Former Minister of State for Children
- Alan Dukes. Former Minister for Finance
- Alex White, Former Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- Lucinda Creighton, former Minister for Europe

12.45p.m. Lunch

1.45p.m. The Brussels Experience

Chair: Francis Jacobs, Former Head, European Parliament Office, Dublin

- Marian Harkin, TD and former ALDE MEP
- Proinsias De Rossa, former S & D MEP
- John Cushnahan, EPP MEP

2.45p.m. How Ireland was/is perceived in Brussels and in other Member States Chair: Marie Cross, IIEA

- Dr Eoin Drea, Martens Centre, Brussels
- Ambassador Mari Skåre, Ambassador of Norway to Ireland
- Rory Montgomery, former Irish Ambassador to France and Permanent Representative to the EU
- Ambassador Laurentiu-Mihai Stefan, Ambassador of Romania to Ireland

3.45p.m. Coffee Break

4.00p.m. Gender and Intersectionality

Chair: Dr Pauline Cullen, Maynooth University

- Professor Maura Adshead, University of Limerick
- Dr Muireann O' Dwyer, St Andrews University
- Professor Delia Ferri, Maynooth University
- Dr Sindy Joyce, University of Limerick

5.00p.m. Northern Ireland, Ireland and the EU on the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement

Chair: Flor McCarthy, Oireachtas TV

- Dr Giada Lagana, Cardiff University
- John McGrane, British Irish Chambers of Commerce
- Dr Mary C. Murphy, University College Cork
- Dr Lisa Claire Whitten, Queens University Belfast

6.00p.m. Closing Address

Professor John O' Brennan, Maynooth University











