



POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (PSAI)

Annual Conference, October 18th-20th 2019

Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, and Maynooth University

Conference Programme

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 18th

10-11:30am: PSAl Executive Committee (Oval Suite)

From 11am: Registration opens (Conference Lobby)

11:30am-1pm: SESSION 1

Panel 1a: Amnesty or Prosecution: Peace building and reconciliation in post-conflict societies (*Peace and Conflict Specialist Group*) (Cleggan)

Chair: Cera Murtagh (Villanova University)

Doing the aftermath: recognising victims and terrorism across UK space and time – Sara Dybis McQuaid (Copenhagen University)

Amnesty for the Troubles? Statute of limitations and the asymmetric burdens of justice in Northern Ireland and Postwar Germany – C.K. Martin Chung (HKBU)

An international review of agnostic transitional justice provisions in peace agreements – Dawn Walsh (UCD) & Emma Murphy (UCD)

At the end of the list. Victims and survivors of conflict in the post Good Friday Agreement Ireland – Adrienne Reilly (Pat Finucane Centre) & Andrée Murphy (Relatives for Justice)

Panel 1b: Appreciating the social dimension of sustainability transitions: Developing acceptable and successful decarbonisation pathways (*Environmental Politics Specialist Group*) (Kinvara)

Chair: Diarmuid Torney (DCU)

The centrality of coalition building in energy transitions: Lesson learning from the case of Germany and the development of the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) – Louise Michelle Fitzgerald (UCD)

Reconnecting to the land for a just transition – agriculture's role in climate action – Sabrina Dekker (DCU) & Jeremy P. Emmet-Booth (UCD)

Community-supported agriculture and the social dimension of sustainability transitions – Sean Shanagher (MU)

What is a just transition in practice? Exploring emerging policy approaches – Jeanne Moore (NESC Secretariat)

Panel 1c: Gender and Politics Specialist Group Panel 1 (Renvyle)

Chair: Claire McGing (MU)

Beyond the Dáil: the impact of legislated gender quotas for general elections on candidate selection for local elections – Danielle Brady (QUB)

When selection processes differ, do women's election chances change? – Mary Brennan (UCD)

Female political journalists sidelined as ‘boys on the bus’ dominate Twitter interactions – Kelly Fincham (Hofstra/DCU)

Gendered support? Evidence from the 2019 local elections – Lisa Keenan and Gail McElroy (TCD)

**Panel 1d: History of political ideas – in context, across borders, through time
(Political Theory Specialist Group) (Kylemore)**

Chair: Peter Stone (TCD)

Democracy in Ireland? Tocqueville, Beaumont and the colonial origins of English democracy – Ross Carroll (Exeter)

Theorising nationalism and democracy in Ireland before 1916: the ideas of Tom Kettle and his adversaries – Niamh Reilly (NUIG)

On the political value of the concept of elites - Marie Moran (UCD)

What can Wittgenstein do to solve climate change? The case for a criterial approach to assessing the ethics of emissions trading – Sadhbh O’Neill (UCD)

Imagining new worlds: Revolutionary love and radical social transformation in the 21st century – Matt York (UCC)

1-2pm: Lunch (Connaught Suite)

2-3:30pm: SESSION 2

Panel 2a: Constitutional futures after Brexit (Peace and Conflict Specialist Group) (Cleggan)

Chair: Sara Dybis McQuaid (Copenhagen University)

The British government as external ethnonational guarantors of the Northern Ireland peace process – Dawn Walsh (UCD)

So what’s so bad (or good) about a United Ireland? – Jennifer Todd (UCD)

The United States factor in Brexit – implications for Ireland – Paul Gillespie (UCD)

British-Irish political institutions and the Northern Ireland conflict after the Brexit debate – John Coakley (QUB/UCD)

Panel 2b: Environmental politics in comparative perspective (*Environmental Politics Specialist Group*) (Kinvara)

Chair: Louise Michelle Fitzgerald (UCD)

Ireland's climate policy development: From laggard to leader? - Sadhbh O'Neill (UCD) & Diarmuid Torney (DCU)

Wyrd sisters: Trade, agriculture and the environment post-Brexit – Sean Hearon (QUB)

Destabilisation of sustainable energy transformation: Analysing natural gas lock-in in the case of Germany – Louise Michelle Fitzgerald (UCD), Isabell Braunger (TU Dublin) & Hanna Brauners (TU Dublin)

Panel 2c: Participatory & Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group Panel (Renvyle)

Chair: Ken Carty (British Columbia)

Deliberating on a hot topic in the headlights: the Irish Citizens' Assembly's deliberations on abortion – David Farrell (UCD), Jane Suiter (DCU), Kevin Cunningham (TU Dublin) & Clodagh Harris (UCC)

Discursive representation in Irish forward planning consultations – Vanessa Liston (DCU)

Non-deliberative and participatory democratic practice in Africa: a post-colonial construct – Maxwell Osonokwu (UCC)

The effect of issue contestation on deliberation? Comparing two mini-publics in a divided place – Jamie Pow (KU Leuven) & John Garry (QUB)

Panel 2d: Post-conflict and the Western Balkans (Kylemore)

Chair: Sven Milekić (MU)

EU enlargement to the Western Balkans: has the dream died? – John O'Brennan (MU)

Regional cooperation as tool to address bilateral conflicts in the Western Balkan - Christina Griessler (netPOL/AU Budapest)

The dynamics of state recognition: Abkhazia's campaign for diplomatic ties – Donnacha Ó Beacháin (DCU)

3:30-4pm: Coffee break (Conference Lobby)

4-5:30pm: SESSION 3

Panel 3a: Non-state actors as disruptions in Post-Communist Europe' transition (Cleggan)

Chair: John O'Brennan (MU)

Ambitious Elites: Language Politics and the Collapse of Soviet Power in the Moldovan SSR – Keith Harrington (MU)

The Problem of Fragmentation Within the Russian Non-Systemic Opposition (2011-2018) - Marina Selnitsyna (UL)

General Ante Gotovina, Our Hero: How the Croatian State Tackled Veterans' Dissatisfaction - Sven Milekić (MU)

Trapped in Limbo: Ukraine's Troubled Path to Consolidated Democracy - Oleg Chupryna (MU)

Panel 3b: The complexity of political landscape: power of civil society (Kinvara)

Chair: Ibrahim Natil (DCU)

Political opportunities for NGOs in hybrid regimes: Systematic variation between policy networks – The case of women's rights and environmental domains in Iran – Mohsen Moheimany (DCU)

How can Palestinian people develop sustainably and fulfil their commitments to the SDGs under the current conditions? - Cezar Qumsieh (TU Dublin)

Challenges of civil society organisations in Libya; Humanitarian assistance, peace-building and state building – Ibrahim Natil (DCU)

Civil society engagement: Great March of Return – Gaza – Asad Abusharak (The Association of Universities Professors – Palestine)

Panel 3c: Science, politics and environmental policy (Renvyle)

Chair: Niall Duggan (UCC)

Irish Science Policy has a good story to tell – including 'social impacts' in its representation would make it even better – Veronica McDermott (MU)

The politics and framing of climate action in Ireland – Cathal Fitzgerald (NESC Secretariat)

Framing interests: Farmers debating climate change policy in Ireland and New Zealand – Kate Nicholls (AUT University)

Panel 3d: Political socialisation: the role of formal educational strategies (*Teaching and Learning Specialist Group*) (Kylemore)

Chair: Clodagh Harris (UCC)

Teacher experiences of the rollout of Leaving Certificate Politics and Society – Jerome Davitt (TCD/PASTAI)

Social capital, schooling and the political socialisation of youth – Gráinne McKeever (UCD)

1969, 18: 2019, 16? Evaluating the pressure for another change in the UK voting age - Jon Tonge (Liverpool), Andrew Mycock (Huddersfield) & Tom Loughran (Huddersfield)

Experiential learning for Active Citizenship - Michelle Maher (MU)

Flipping Feedback – creating an active learning environment – Philip Finn (MU)

6:30-7:30pm: PSAI Fellowship Lecture (Renehan Hall, South Campus, Maynooth University)

The Concertina Effect: Territorial politics, identity and consociationalism in Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia – Professor Jennifer Todd (UCD)

Chair: Dr. Mary Murphy (MU)

7:30pm-9pm: MU Department of Sociology/Taylor and Francis wine reception (Renehan Hall), followed by informal drinks in The Roost, Main Street, Maynooth

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th

8am-9:30am: *Irish Political Studies* Editorial Board meeting (Oval Suite)

9:30-11am: SESSION 4

Panel 4a: New approaches to analysing political images and text (*Big Data, Text Analysis, and Methodology Specialist Group*) (Cleggan)

Chair: James Cross (UCD)

The politics of social media images: potential and biases of image recognition algorithms for studying congressional behaviour – Carsten Schwemmer, Emily Bello-Pardo, Carly Knight, Jeffrey W. Lockhart, Stan Oklobdzija & Martijn Schoonvelde

Facing the electorate: computational approaches to the study of nonverbal communication and voter impression formation – Constantine Boussalis and Travis G. Coan

Analysis of political text using machine learning – Kenneth Benoit, Patrick Chester, Michael Laver & Stefan Muller

China's digital national: search engines and online encyclopedias – Dechan Zhang (Arhus University/University of Amsterdam)

Panel 4b: Comparative perspectives on populism (Kinvara)

Chair: Conor Little (UL)

Globalisation, labour market change and the renaissance of class voting: the case of Ireland and the Netherlands – Johan Elkink (UCD) & Aidan Regan (UCD)

Talking the same simple language? Right-wing populist leaders in the US, UK, Italy and France – Duncan McDonnell (Griffth University, Brisbane) & Stefano Ondelli (University of Trieste, Italy)

From benign neglect to threat: The rise of populism and mobilization on gender equality in the European Union - Pauline Cullen (MU)

Ireland, Europe and the far right populist puzzle – Kevin Cunningham (TU Dublin), Jane Suiter (DCU) & Theresa Reidy (UCC)

Panel 4c: Authoritarianism, transnationalism, security and governance in the MENA region since the “Arab Spring” (Renvyle)

Chair: Paola Rivetti (DCU)

The convergence of illiberal norms in post-uprising Egypt – Vincent Durac (UCD)

Orders of militancy in Rojava and Western Europe: war and transnational solidarity – Paolo Rivetti (DCU)

Mapping the process of PVE policymaking in post-revolutionary Tunisia: which agency for international and internal actors? – Fabrizio Cuccu (DCU)

The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood amid sustained regime repression: organizational stagnation or reform? – Erika Biagini (DCU)

Citizen evaluations of different forms of clientelism – Miquel Pellicer (University of Duisberg-Essen) & Eva Wegner (UCD)

Panel 4d: Gender and Political Specialist Group Panel 2 (Kylemore)

Chair: Lisa Keenan (TCD)

On the campaign trail: documenting women’s experiences in the 2018 elections in Sierra Leone – Dominic Boima (Trócaire), Zainab Tunkara Clarkson (Independent Researcher), Stephen Douglas (Independent Researcher), Eimear Lynch (Trócaire), Michael Solis (Trócaire) & Carol Wrenn (Trócaire)

Gendered memories and silences in Peace Anniversaries: the unfinished politics of the Good Friday Agreement – Maria-Adriana Deiana (QUB)

Alternative sites of securitization: women and the #NiUnaMenos Movement – Natalia Umansky Casapa (UCD) & Emma Murphy (UCD)

Feminist thinking in the Green movement – Sadhbh O'Neill (UCD) & Mary Brennan (UCD)

Gender inclusion in divided societies – comparing civic and ethnic parties – Cera Murtagh (Villanova University)

11-11:30am: Coffee break (Conference Lobby)

11:30am-1pm: SESSION 5

Panel 5a: Elections, political parties and governance on the island of Ireland (Cleggan)

Chair: Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)

The legislative agenda in Ireland – Conor Little (UL) & Diarmuid Scully (UL)

Twenty-two or thirty three? A re-appraisal of Ireland's "Civil War Politics", 1922-37 – Mel Farrell (IHA/UCD)

Position-taking and position-changing amid social upheaval: Political responses to the Celtic Tiger – Colleen Driscoll (Harvard)

Whatever happened to the Ulster Unionist Party? - Thomas Hennessey (Canterbury Christ Church), Mairé Braniff (Ulster), Jim McAuley (Huddersfield), Jon Tonge (Liverpool) & Sophie Whiting (Bath)

Panel 5b: Roundtable - State Recognition in World Politics (supported by the *International Relations and Area Studies Specialist Group*) (Kinvara)

Chair: Gëzim Visoka (DCU)

This roundtable will serve as a platform to discuss and launch the Routledge Handbook of State Recognition to be published in September 2019, which is coedited by Gëzim Visoka, John Doyle and Edward Newman.

John Doyle (DCU), Eileen Connolly (DCU), Donnacha Ó Beacháin (DCU), Gëzim Visoka (DCU), Chiara Loda (IUA) & Yaser Alasqar (TCD)

Panel 5c: Addressing children policies in Ireland: voice from children in care, preschool children with additional needs and children from incarcerated mothers (Renvyle)

Chair: Christopher Wylde (St. Mary's University, London)

Early intervention in the context of Family Support Preschool: What Irish policy says about it all? – Melissa Bonotto (NUIG)

'Stepping outside the box': using participatory methods in insider research in relation to Child Welfare policies – Róisín Farragher (NUIG)

Young people in care's collective participation in decision-making designed to influence policy and service development – Rebecca Jackson (NUIG)

Why are children of prisoners and intergenerational institutionalisation absent from the political agenda? The case of #TheMothersProject exposes a level of state responsibility for ACEs – Sinead O'Malley (academic practitioner & published activist)

Panel 5d: Peace, diplomacy and negotiation in the Northern Ireland conflict (*Peace and Conflict Specialist Group*) (Kylemore)

Chair: Jennifer Todd (UCD)

War of Words: US Media and the Northern Ireland Conflict - Peter McLoughlin (QUB)

The Hunger Strike as protest tactic: negotiation, deadlines and the micro-temporalities of protest - Niall Ó Dochartaigh (NUIG)

In the shadows: shedding light on 'theory-policy-practice' initiatives through inter-multi-track diplomacy in search for peace in Northern Ireland - Anna Tulin-Brett (NUIG)

Irish Security Responses to Northern Ireland in the post-hunger strikes period - Alex Jeffery (QUB)

1-2pm: Lunch and Specialist Group AGMs (Connaught Suite)

2-3:30pm: SESSION 6

Panel 6a: State and non-state institutions in the Republic of Ireland (Cleggan)

Chair: Gail McElroy (TCD)

The efficacy of the medium: analysis of campaign spending on traditional and digital mediums in Irish elections – Alan Duggan (TCD)

Why Ireland needs to change its defence strategy and why it won't – Patrick Finnegan (University of Reading)

Public apologies, accountability and blame-acceptance – Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)

Using Transparency Portals for stories: analysis of the effects of Political Transparency Portals on media in Ireland – Liam Kneafsey (TCD) & Michele Crepaz (TCD)

Panel 6b: Conflict and security: global perspectives (Kinvara)

Chair: Neil Collins (UCC)

Eurasian connectivity – Central Asian perspectives on BRI and implications for Ireland – Neil Collins (UCC)

Multiple testing with spatio-temporal data – A Bayesian approach – Daniel Ohrenhofer (TCD)

The concern of commodification: explaining the illegitimacy of private military companies – Kevin Lacourse (TCD)

Panel 6c: The politics of Brexit on the island of Ireland (Kylemore)

Chair: John O'Brennan (MU)

The DUP and the EU: from contestation to conformance and back again – Jonathon Evershed (UCC) & Mary C. Murphy (UCC)

If money talks, what does it say about Brexit? - Iain McMenamin (DCU)

Troubled Waters: The potential impact of a hard Brexit on sea freight decisions from Ireland - Ciarán O'Driscoll (NUI Galway)

Breaking peace – Brexit and Northern Ireland – Fergal Cochrane (University of Kent)

3:30-4pm: Coffee break (Conference Lobby)

4-5:30pm: SESSION 7

Panel 7a: Conflict legacies in Northern Ireland (Cleggan)

Chair: Niall Ó Dochartaigh (NUIG)

Three fronts in a memory struggle: examining Irish Republican narration of legitimacy in a transnational setting – Kris Brown (UU)

How to 'learn' from a peace process: comparing scholarly and practitioner approaches to sharing the Northern Ireland peacemaking experience – David Mitchell (TCD)

Pressure for Peace? The Role of New Consensus/New Dialogue in the nascent Northern Irish 'Peace Process', 1989-1995 – Stephen Hopkins (University of Leicester)

'The most notorious trouble spot along the entire border' – Violence in an Irish border town, 1971-1974 – Patrick Mulroe (Independent Scholar)

Panel 7b: Democratic theory and practice (*Political Theory Specialist Group*) (Kinvara)

Chair: Marie Moran (UCD)

Epistocracy and Epistemic Democracy – Peter Stone (TCD)

Inclusion, distribution, decentralization: How democratic social movements design communication technologies, and what they tell us about theory - Jessica Feldman (American University of Paris)

Arkhê and Kratos - John McGuire (UCD)

Normative power and democratic inclusion in the state - Ludvig Beckman (Stockholm University)

Panel 7c: Text analysis applications (*Big Data, Text Analysis, and Methodology Specialist Group*) (Renvyle)

Chair: Constantine Boussalis (TCD)

Talking the talk: Exploring conflict in European Central Bank Governing Council speeches using speaker-topic networks – James Cross, Darek Greene & Natalia Umansky Capasa

Repost and like: Securitization theory in a digital world – Natalia Umansky Casapa

Newsworthy globalisers? International organisations and global media attention - Michael Breen

Dynamic responsiveness in political rhetoric - Martijn Schoonvelde, Gijs Schumacher, Denise Traber

Policymaking and statistical estimates: A Bayesian decision-analytic perspective - Akisato Suzuki (UCD)

Panel 7d: Inequalities and the decline of democracy (Kylemore)

Chair: Mary Murphy (MU)

Inequality and democratisation in Evo Morales' Bolivia: Advances, limitations and lessons for the Left – John Brown (MU)

Democratisation, inequality and Latin America – Christopher Wylde (St. Mary's University, London) & Barry Cannon (MU)

Inequality and the right in Contemporary Spain – Barry Cannon (MU)

Religiosity and understandings and evaluations of democracy – Gizem Arikan (TCD) & Pazit Ben-Num Bloom (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Citizens Assemblies: 'New wine in old bottles' – Or the next phase in evolution of 'representative democracy'? – Veronica McDermott (MU)

5:45-6:45pm: PSAI AGM (Connaught)

7-8pm: Peter Mair Lecture (Funded by the Department of Sociology, Maynooth University) (Connaught)

***Remaking democracy: Ireland as a role-model* – Professor Simon Hix (LSE)**

Chair: Professor John O'Brennan (MU)

8:30pm: Conference dinner and prize giving (Clifden Suite)

After-dinner address by Deputy Catherine Murphy TD (Social Democrats)

New Politics, New Parties: Irish politics in 2020?

Introduced by Dr. Muiris MacCarthaigh, President of the PSAI

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th

10-11:30am: SESSION 8

Panel 8a: Political parties in comparative perspective (Cleggan)

Chair: Ken Carty (British Columbia)

Youth wing membership in Australia – Duncan McDonnell (Griffth University, Brisbane)

Supply and/or demand? Political parties, gender quotas and the selection of women candidates in the 2016 general election in the Republic of Ireland – Claire McGing (MU)

British party members: Mapping the terrain, noting the tensions – Tim Bale (QMUL), Paul Webb (Sussex) & Monica Poletti (QMUL)

Gender in government: a comparative analysis of the effects of gender on ministerial stability - Conor Little (UL)

Panel 8b: Housing policy, politics and protest (Kinvara)

Chair: Barry Cannon (MU) F

Ineffective homelessness prevention? Eviction in the private rental housing market – Valesca Lima (MU)

A radical challenge to Ireland's broken housing regime – new practices and potential of alternative policies, politics and protest – Rory Hearne (MU)

The Vienna model as the answer to Dublin and Ireland's housing and homeless crisis: a challenge for policy transfer? – Mary Murphy (MU)

The politics of Irish financialisation (1987-2008): bank liberalisation, European integration and the rise of market based banking – Patrick Gallagher (MU)

Panel 8c: Conflict, security and development – Ulster at another crossroads? (Renvyle)

Chair: Jon Tonge (University of Liverpool)

The current state of ‘dissident’ Irish republicanism; a seismic shift within? – Marisa McGlinchey (Coventry University)

Physical Force Republicanism: Useless Violence – Anthony McIntyre

A legacy of spying: How successful was Britain’s intelligence war during the Northern Ireland Troubles? – Aaron Edwards (RMA Sandhurst)

For God and Mammon? Ulster loyalism and the neoliberal peace – Séan Brennan (QUB)

Panel 8d: Political and public institutions in the Republic of Ireland (Kylemore)

Chair: Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)

What now for Parliamentary Privilege? – Jennifer Kavanagh (WIT)

To inform, strategize, collaborate or compete... What use do lobbyists make of lobby registers in Ireland? – Michele Crepaz (TCD)

Decision making in the Irish judiciary – Jolly A. Emrey (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) & Wendy L. Martinek (Binghamton University)

How different is Ireland’s immigration policy from the western trend? - Takashi Asakawa (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

Incumbency Advantage in a PR System and the Moderating Effect of High-Quality List Competitors - Michael Jankowski (University of Oldenburg) & Stefan Müller (University of Zurich)

11:30-12pm: Coffee break (Conference Lobby)

12-1:30pm: SESSION 9

Panel 9a: Security, defence and peacekeeping (Cleggan)

Chair: Brendan Flynn (NUIG)

Fishing in empty waters? Analysing defence, strategy and war in Ireland today – Ian Speller (MU)

Understanding terrorism – Maura Conway (DCU)

The role, evolution and development of Irish peacekeeping operations – Rory Finegan (Glencree Centre)

An analysis of strategic communication as a feature of EU peacebuilding – Kieran Doyle (MU) & Tedla Desta (MU)

Panel 9b: Accountability and trust in the European Union (*European Studies Specialist Group*) (Kinvara)

Chair: John O'Brennan (MU)

Revisiting the founding of European Human Rights Law – William Phelan (TCD)

The outcome of the 2019 European Parliament elections: a changed Europe or not so very different from usual? – Francis Jacobs (UCD/formerly European Parliament)

Public deliberation and the future of Europe: strengthening elite accountability of public preferences on Europe – Anthony Costello (UCC)

Beyond the legal concept: an assessment of mutual trust between EU member states – Audrey Plan (TCD)