



The Social Sciences in Ireland: Status, Challenges, and Prospects
An Irish Social Sciences Platform (ISSP) Event
Renehan Hall, Maynooth University, October 2nd 2014

From 9.45	<i>Registration (Tea/Coffee on arrival)</i>
10.10	Welcome and overview Professor Philip Nolan, President Maynooth University and Professor Mark Boyle, Maynooth University
PRTL 4 and the ISSP: The Legacy Chair: Dr. Carmel Hannan, University Limerick	
10.30	PRTL 4 and the ISSP: A brief history Professor Rob Kitchin, Maynooth University and former Chair ISSP
10.50	The principal innovations and legacies Professor Fred Powell, University College Cork
11.10	Building data infrastructures Dr. Jane Gray, Maynooth University
11.30	Investing in people biographical accounts by Dr. Clive Earls, University Limerick/Maynooth University; Dr. Trish Morgan, Dublin City University/Maynooth University; and Dr. Majella Giblin, University Galway/Trinity College Dublin
12.00	<i>Lunch</i>
IRC led Workshop: Horizon 2020 – Creating opportunities for Social Scientists	
1.00	Shaping Horizon 2020: An interactive workshop led by Mr. Paul Kilkenny, Irish Research Council and Dr. Allen White, University College Cork
2.50	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
Prospects for the Social Sciences in Ireland Chair: Professor Richard Layte, Trinity College Dublin	
3.05	Introduction: Professor Bernard Mahon, Maynooth University Address: Minister for Skills, Research, and Education, Damien English TD
3.20	Social Science research in Ireland: The view from the Irish Research Council Dr. Eucharia Meehan, Director Irish Research Council
3.35	Collaborating for success? The Irish Social Sciences Platform Dr. Linda Connolly, University College Cork, and Chair ISSP
Panel Discussion - Prospects for the Social Sciences in Ireland Chair: Professor Pat O'Connor, University Limerick	
3.50	Panelists: Dr. James Cunningham, University Galway; Dr. Carmel Hannan, University Limerick; Dr. Perry Share, Sligo IT; Professor Seán Ó Riain, Maynooth University; Professor Caroline Fennell, University College Cork; Professor Sally Shortall, Queen's University Belfast; and Professor Colin Scott, University College Dublin
5.10	<i>Close</i>