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(PhD) Research working title: Working Lives and Psychological Well-being : A Comparative Case Study of Ireland and Denmark

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Research interests (please include a paragraph summarizing your PhD project

PhD: Rapid techno-economic change and macro structural shifts have transformed the employment relationship, the organisation of work, the demands of working life, and the ways in which work affects workers. This is particularly evident in the emergence and significance of psychosocial risks at work across Europe and the dangers they may pose to workers mental health. This study will explore the development of psychosocial risks for IT and health sector workers across different European capitalisms (Ireland and Denmark). In doing so the thesis will examine how the conjunction of transformations in working conditions and institutional contexts are shaping the demands and stressors faced by workers. It will link societal and organisational factors to individual outcomes through a focus on autonomy, intensity and uncertainty as conditions of working life.

Interests: Sociological theory, working conditions, psychosocial work environment, sociology of mental health, comparative analysis, and qualitative methods.

Conference/Workshop Presentations

Status, Stressors & Sustainability, Poster Presentation New Deals in the New Economy (Project Launch), 28th February 2013, NUI Maynooth, Ireland

Status, Stressors & Sustainability, Poster Presentation New Deals in the New Economy (Changing Capitalisms Conference), 2nd May 2013, NUI Maynooth, Ireland

Working Conditions and the Conditions of Workers, PhD Research Design Presentation, Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 27th June 2013, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse USA

Learning from the Institute for Qualitative & Multimethod Research (IQMR) in Syracuse University, Dept. of Sociology/NIRSA Methods Workshop for Postgraduates, 17th October 2013, NUI Maynooth, Ireland

Working Conditions and the Conditions of Workers: Old Models in a New Context, Sociological Association of Ireland Postgraduate Conference, 08th March 2014, NUI Galway, Ireland

Working Conditions and the Conditions of Workers: Old Models in a New Context, 32nd International Labour Process Conference, 7th April 2014, Kings College, London

The Demands of Working Life: Recontextualising Old Models, The 7th Nordic Working Life Conference: Threats and Possibilities Facing Nordic Working Life, 12th June 2014, University of Göteborg, Sweden

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