

# Irish Social Sciences Annual Conference 2009

## Social Science Research and Policy Making: Bridging the Divide

**Venue: Bailey Allen Conference Centre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway**  
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**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**

### Conference Programme

|       |       | <b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009</b>  |
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| 10.30 | 11.30 | <b>Registration – Bailey Allen Foyer</b><br>Tea/Coffee  |
| 11.30 | 11.45 | <b>Introduction</b><br>Dr. James Cunningham, Director, Centre for Innovation and Structural Change, NUI Galway<br><br><b>Official Opening of Conference</b><br>Professor James Browne, President, National University of Ireland, Galway  |
| 11.45 | 12.00 | <b>Welcome Address</b><br>Professor Rob Kitchin, Director, National Institute of Regional and Spatial Analysis, National University of Ireland, Maynooth  |
| 12.00 | 13.30 | <b>Keynote</b><br><b>Professor Diane Halpern, Professor of Psychology, Claremont McKenna College, California</b><br><b>Topic: A Cabinet-Level Office of Social Science Advisors: Mr Cowen and President Obama, Are you Listening?</b><br><br>Followed by Q&A Session<br>Chaired by<br><b>Dr. Brian Hughes</b>   |
| 13.30 | 14.30 | Lunch   |
| 14.30 | 16.00 | <b>Round Table Discussion</b><br><b>Topic: How should Social Sciences relate to Public Policy?</b><br><br><b>Professor Liam O'Dowd</b> , School of Sociology, Queens University Belfast<br><b>Professor Brian Nolan</b> , School of Applied Social Science, University College Dublin<br><b>Professor Patrick Dolan</b> , Child and Family Research Centre, NUI Galway<br><b>Professor Simin Davoudi</b> , Institute for Research on Environment and Sustainability, Newcastle University<br><br>Followed by Q&A Session<br>Chaired by<br><b>Professor Chris Curtin</b> |
| 16.00 | 16.30 | Coffee Break  |
| 16.30 | 18.00 | <b>Keynote</b><br><b>Dr. Rory O'Donnell, Director, National Economic and Social Council of Ireland (NESC)</b><br><b>Topic: Social Science, Policy and Partnership in Crisis</b><br><br>Followed by Q&A Session<br>Chaired by<br><b>Dr. James Cunningham</b>   |
| 18.00 | 19.00 | <b>ISSP Graduate Forum</b>  |
| 20.00 | 23.30 | <b>ISSP Conference Dinner – Glenlo Abbey Hotel</b>  |

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|       |       | <b>Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009</b>  |                          |                               |
|-------|-------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9.00  | 9.30  | <b>Registration – Bailey Allen Foyer</b>  |                          |                               |
| 9.30  | 10.30 | <b>Opening Plenary Session</b><br><b>Professor Paul Wyckoff, Director of the Public Policy Program, Hamilton College, New York</b><br><b>Topic: Social Science and Public Policy: Bridging the ‘Great Disconnect’</b><br><br><b>Discussant: Mr. Micheál O’Cinnéide, EPA</b><br><br>Follow by Q&A<br>Chaired by<br><b>Professor Kevin Leyden</b> |                          |                               |
| 10.30 | 11.00 | Coffee Break  |                          |                               |
| Venue |       | Room A  | Room B                   | Room C                        |
| 11.00 | 12.30 | <b>Balanced Development</b>   | <b>Knowledge Society</b> | <b>Sustaining Communities</b> |
| 12.30 | 1.30  | Lunch   |                          |                               |
| Venue |       | Room A  | Room B                   | Room C                        |
| 1.30  | 3.00  | <b>Balanced Development</b>   | <b>Knowledge Society</b> | <b>Sustaining Communities</b> |
| 3.00  | 3.30  | Coffee Break  |                          |                               |
| Venue |       | Room A  | Room B                   | Room C                        |
| 3.30  | 5.00  | <b>Knowledge Society</b>  | <b>Knowledge Society</b> | <b>Sustaining Communities</b> |
| 5.00  | 5.15  | <b>Closing Address</b><br><b>Professor Kevin Leyden, Centre for Innovation and Structural Change, NUI Galway</b>  |                          |                               |

Please note: In all instances in the case of oral presentations, the presenter was taken to be the individual named as the author who made the original submission, except where we were informed in advance that another author would be making the presentation.

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSP Annual Conference 2009</b><br/> <b>NUI Galway</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009</b><br/> <b>Breakout Session I</b><br/> <b>11.00am – 12.30pm</b></p> |   |   |
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| Room A   | Room B  | Room C  |
| <p><b>Balanced Regional and Rural Development</b></p> <p><b>Track Chair:</b><br/> <b>Dr. Amaya Vega</b></p>  | <p><b>Knowledge Society</b></p> <p><b>Track Chair:</b><br/> <b>Dr. James Cunningham</b></p>   | <p><b>Sustaining Communities</b></p> <p><b>Track Chair:</b><br/> <b>Professor Des McCafferty</b></p>  |
| <p>Accessibility and Employment Clustering in Rural Ireland</p> <p>Amaya Vega</p>  | <p>The Role of Publicly Funded Principal Investigators in the Delivery of National Science, Technology and Innovation Objectives: A New Research Agenda</p> <p>James Cunningham</p> | <p>Residential Segregation in Medium Sized Irish Cities: an Exploratory Analysis</p> <p>Des McCafferty</p>                                  |
| <p>Cross-Border Population Accessibility and Regional Growth: An Irish Border Region Case-Study</p> <p>Declan Curran</p>   | <p>Commercialisation of Scientific Knowledge in Ireland: A Holistic Research Paradigm to Bridge the Divide of Research and Policy-Making</p> <p>Teresa Hogan</p>                    | <p>Sourcing skills from a distance: A comparative appraisal of Ireland and Scotland's diaspora strategies</p> <p>Rob Kitchin</p>            |
| <p>The Practice of Using Research to Influence Policy: A Policy Analyst's Perspective</p> <p>Helen McHenry</p>   | <p>University Industry Technology Transfer Policy in Ireland: Some Policy Challenges</p> <p>Ciara Fitzgerald</p>  | <p>Connection Expectations: Sustaining Entrepreneurial Urban Agendas in Irish Cities Before and After the Crash</p> <p>Cian O'Callaghan</p> |
| <p>Divergence in Policy and Practice – Government and Community Perspectives on Rural Development</p> <p>Caroline Creamer</p>  | <p>Collaboration and Knowledge Flows Across Industry-University Boundaries</p> <p>Jason Flynn</p>   | <p>Issues of Cultural Sustainability: Demographic Insights into the Bilingual Condition</p> <p>Conchúr Ó Giollagáin</p>                     |
|  | <p>Academic Entrepreneurship: The Challenge for Policy Makers</p> <p>Damien Organ</p>   | <p>Tertium Quid: Creative Knowledge</p> <p>Ambra Bergamasco</p>   |
|  | <p>Experiencing the Divide: University Researchers and Employment Opportunity</p> <p>Brian Harney</p>   |   |
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Breakout Session 2  
1.30pm – 3.00pm**

| Room A   | Room B   | Room C  |
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| <b>Balanced Regional and Rural Development</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Dr. Hugh Kelley</b>                      | <b>Knowledge Society</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Professor Paschal Preston</b>  | <b>Sustaining Communities</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Dr. Gemma Carney</b>   |
| The Relative Influences of Land-owner and Landscape Heterogeneity on Land Use<br><br>Hugh Kelley                   | Challenges for Aided Online Shopping and Product Selection – A Decision Making Perspective<br><br>Maciej Dabrowski                     | Research and the Researcher in a Contentious Policy Environment: some reflections from the field<br><br>Eilís Ward and Gemma Carney     |
| Strategic Spatial Planning and Balanced Development: A Concept in Search of Application?<br><br>Michael Murray     | Scenarios: Implications for Management Practice and Policy Formation<br><br>Ultan Sharkey  | The Economic Cost of Disability for Older People in Ireland and Implications for Poverty Measures<br><br>John Cullinan                  |
| The Socio-Economics of Farming for Conservation in the Burren<br><br>Thomas van Rensburg                           | The Implementation of Electronic Healthcare Records within the Irish Health Service: An Analysis of User Attitudes<br><br>Michael Lang | Tracking Social Support Outcomes as a means of Generating Evidence-Based Practice in Youth and Family Support Work<br><br>Cormac Forkan |
| Linking Research and Policy: Assessing a Framework for Organic Agricultural Support in Ireland<br><br>Leslie Duram | Contribution Behaviours in Systems Development – A Position Paper<br><br>Sharon Coyle  | Mental Health, Public Policy, and Sustainable Communities: The Importance of Research<br><br>Niamh Higgins                              |
|  | Systematic Reviews: Their Emerging Role in Connecting Theory and Policy<br><br>Patricia McHugh   | Public Pensions and Retirement in Ireland<br><br>Roman Raab   |
|  | Personal Mobility in Work Contexts<br><br>Thomas Acton   | Voluntary Organisations in Clifden, Co Galway: Baseline Research<br><br>Maureen Maloney   |

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Breakout Session 3  
3.30pm – 5.00pm**

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| <b>Knowledge Society</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Dr. Teresa Hogan</b>  | <b>Knowledge Society</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Dr. James Cunningham</b>  | <b>Sustaining Communities</b><br><br><b>Track Chair:<br/>Dr. Brian Hughes</b>  |
| Where are they now? The survival and growth of Ireland's software cluster<br><br>Teresa Hogan                                   | Social Science Research and Policy Making – Creating the Divide<br><br>Peter Murray   | Research and Policy on Psychological Stress in Caregivers: Bridging the Divide<br><br>Eimear Lee   |
| Lights, Camera, Action: The Emergence of a Television Production Cluster on Ireland's West Coast<br><br>Patrick Collins         | Policy insiders: think-tanks, advocacy coalitions and the changing face of public policy making in Ireland.<br><br>Conor Galvin | Policy And Sexual Minority Men's Health<br><br>Lorraine McDonagh   |
| 'As Important as Technology' – IPRs and Innovation in Digital Media Services<br><br>Jim Rogers                                  | The Impact of the McCarthy Report on the Implementation of the Bologna Process in Ireland<br><br>John Brogan                    | Poverty, social inequality and social capital and their relevance to health outcomes: what's the problem at neighbourhood level?<br><br>Eileen Humphreys |
| A Methodological Approach to Identify Clusters and Inherent Capabilities in Irish High-Technology Sectors<br><br>Majella Giblin | The 'Perfect Storm' and the Crisis of the Public – A Response from the Perspective of Public Scholarship<br><br>Su-ming Khoo    | Stress, Sleep Loss and Well-Being: Implications for Public Health Policy<br><br>Eanna O' Leary   |
| Research in Human Resources for Health and its Relevance to Healthcare Management Practices<br><br>Patricia Browne              | The Cosy Consensus of Irish Policy Making: Identifying its Constitutive Features<br><br>Mary Murphy                             |  |
|   | Smart if Small Economies? : Ireland's Strategy in Comparative Frame<br><br>Sergio Sparviero                                     |  |