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**What aspects of Development Education (DE) are included in your work?**

This depends how development education is interpreted – Eilís would see her courses as having content relevant to development studies and to development education but would not describe them as a form of development education. Her courses cover areas such as human rights, international development, questions of global justice, gender issues and women’s human rights.

SP 617 – Women’s Human Rights

SP 234 – International Relations (2nd year undergraduate elective)

SP 622 – Multiculturalism Buddhism, State and Society (Provisional Title) is due to start in 2009, dealing with issues including peace and conflict resolution.

**Do you have interests or involvement in particular countries or regions?**

Eilís is involved in research regarding women, sex-trafficking and prostitution in Ireland and has published a report:

Dr Eilís Ward and Dr Gillian Wylie. ‘The Nature and Extent of Trafficking of Women into Ireland for the Purposes of Sexual Exploitation 2000 – 2006: a report from findings.’ SSRC Research Papers and Reports No. 39, SSRC, NUI Galway.

Eilís is also involved in theorizing Buddhism and Global Civil Society. This is a new project looking at (delete) Asian and Western Buddhist practices. As part of this project Eilís carried out field research in Cambodia in March 2008 with funding from the Millennium Research Fund (small projects).

**Recent events :**

Eilís recently presented papers at the International Peace Research Association’s bi-annual conference in Belgium and at the International Society for Political Psychology’s annual conference in Paris (both July 2008).