

Philosophy @ NUIG

*Why study Philosophy
at NUIG?*



National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na bÉireann, Gaillimh

The Philosophy department and its associated research centre COBRA continue an intellectual tradition that started in NUIG over 150 years ago. Today, the Philosophy department is a diverse and expanding department dedicated to providing a learning environment that encourages students to broaden their perspectives, stretch their thinking, and learn to reason and communicate effectively.

The strength of Philosophy @ NUIG lies in its combination of diversity with strong areas of specialisation. The department is particularly proud of including both 'analytic' and 'continental' traditions in an atmosphere of harmony and mutual engagement. Interdisciplinary connections within NUIG, along with collaborations with other national and international bodies, also give the department a distinct character.

All of our staff are experienced academics of outstanding research distinction and international reputation. Many are leading authorities in their fields, most notably in the areas of Philosophy of Rhetoric, the Philosophy of Science, Existentialism, Irish Thought, Ethics and Continental Philosophy.

Diversity of interests combined with strong specialisations give Philosophy at NUIG a distinct character. Members of the department cover a broad spectrum of teaching combining strengths in moral philosophy, ancient philosophy, philosophy of science and philosophy of mind with exciting courses in contemporary philosophy, bioethics, the philosophy of violence and Irish thought.

The Philosophy department is committed to fostering a strong sense of community amongst its students and facilitates regular opportunities for students to meet and discuss philosophical issues outside of their formal seminars. Such opportunities are designed to enhance students' philosophical knowledge and skills, and include frequent visiting speakers, graduate colloquia, research group meetings, reading groups and a very active Philosophy Society.

Philosophy professors at NUIG bring the depth of their study and their understanding to the lecture halls and strive to provide an invigorating learning environment for all.

At NUIG we aim not to just teach philosophy as a body of knowledge, but to engage students in "doing philosophy". We encourage student involvement, and active participation in doing philosophy, in evaluating the ideas of others and in forming their own understandings and opinions.

**International
reputation for
scholarship
and research**

**Diversity of
Specialisations**

**A strong sense
of community**

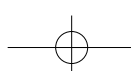
**Great thinkers,
great teachers**

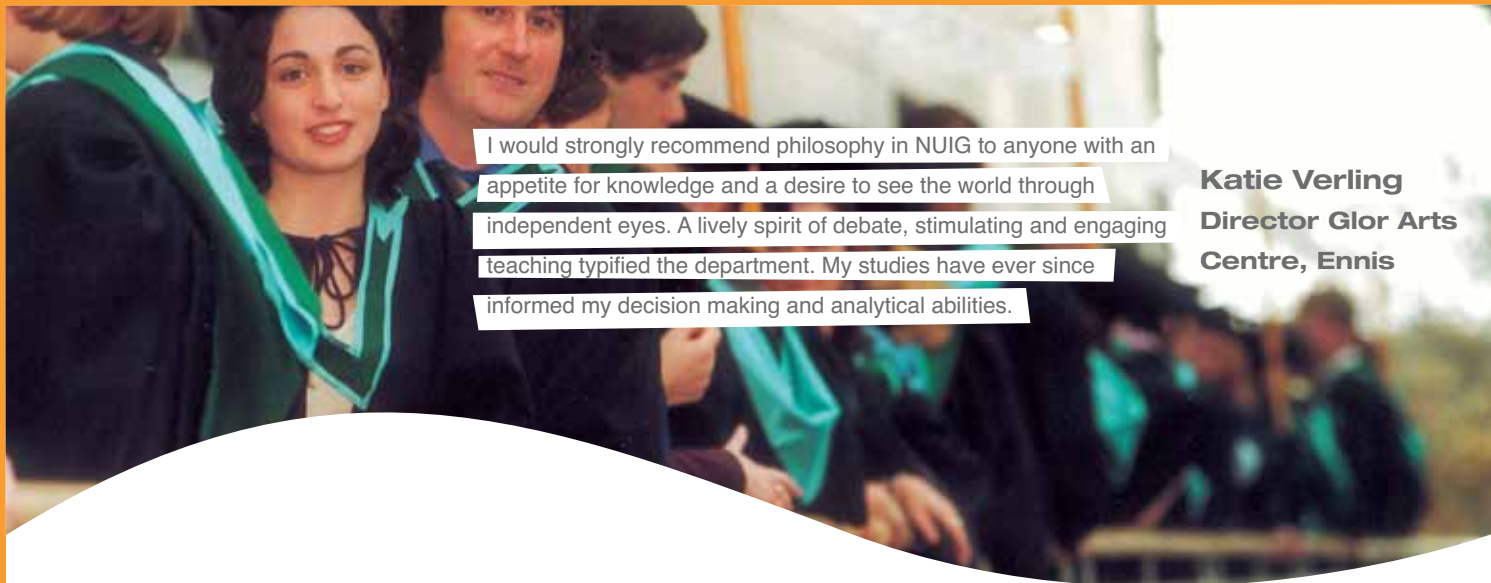
**Philosophy
in action**



Philosophy at NUIG has particular strengths in the areas of ethics and post-Kantian Continental Philosophy. In the field of ethics the emphasis is on areas of bioethics and professional ethics, while such post-Kantian philosophers as Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Levinas and Derrida are the focus of research and teaching.

**A leading centre
for the study
of Ethics and
Continental
Philosophy**





I would strongly recommend philosophy in NUIG to anyone with an appetite for knowledge and a desire to see the world through independent eyes. A lively spirit of debate, stimulating and engaging teaching typified the department. My studies have ever since informed my decision making and analytical abilities.

Katie Verling
Director Glor Arts
Centre, Ennis

Our Programmes

The department offers a taught M.A. in Philosophy: Ethics, Culture and Global Change, as well as more advanced research facilities leading to the degrees of M.Litt. and Ph.D. At the undergraduate level, the department provides a philosophy programme focussed on developing a solid background in the discipline combined with exploring contemporary issues.

Classes are also offered to students from a wide range of other disciplines throughout the University. In addition to the BA, our teaching also includes classes and supervision for students on the Undergraduate Medical Programme MB, B.Ch., B.A.O., Master of Medical Science, B. A. in Nursing Science, MA in Information Technology, BA Economic and Social Studies, BE Bachelor in Engineering, and Higher Diploma in Arts Administration.

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Dr. Tsarina Doyle, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Warwick) joined the staff in 2006. She is an expert on Nietzsche but also has interests in Epistemology, Metaphysics; Eighteenth and Nineteenth century philosophy and Pragmatism.

Dr. Thomas Duddy, B.A. M.A. Ph.D. (NUI) is best known for his work on Irish thought on which he has published a seminal work. His other interests include the Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Art and Literature and Environmental Ethics.

Dr. Richard Hull, B.Phil. Oxon., Ph.D. (Keele), an internationally respected expert in the Ethics of Disability, he is also Director of COBRA at NUIG. His other interests include Bioethics, Professional Ethics and Political Philosophy.

Mr. Joseph Mahon, B.A. M.A. (NUI), a long-standing member of the department, he is well-known for his work on the French Existentialist, Simone de Beauvoir. His other interests include Ethics, Marxism, Political Philosophy, Philosophical Anthropology and Feminist Philosophy.

Dr. Heike Schmidt-Felzmann Dipl.Psych. (Hamburg), MA (Hamburg), PhD (Marburg). Her philosophical education has been complimented by extensive clinical training in cognitive-behavioural psychotherapy. Her primary research interests are in ethics, with particular focus on interdisciplinary research in bioethics and the philosophy of psychology and psychiatry. Her other interests include feminist ethics, health care ethics, professional and research ethics.

Prof. Paschal O'Gorman, B.A. B.Sc. M.A. Ph.D. (NUI), the longest serving member of the department, has an international reputation as an expert on the work of the French mathematician Poincaré. His areas of expertise include Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Economics, Philosophy of Religion and Epistemology

Dr. Felix Ó Murchadha, B.A., M.A. Dr. phil. (Wuppertal) has gained a strong reputation for his work in Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Religion. His other areas of research are in the Philosophy of Time and the work of Husserl, Heidegger, Gadamer, Merleau-Ponty, Ricoeur and Levinas.

Prof. Markus Hilmar Wörner, Dr. phil. habil., Lect. theol. (Bonn/Berlin), an authority on the work of Aristotle and Austin, his main interests are in the Philosophy of Rhetoric and Hermeneutics. He is presently engaged in a project on Wisdom specifically in relation to Ageing.

**Members of
 the Philosophy
 Department
 at NUIG**