

Dear Geographers,

As we enter the last week of teaching, may I wish you all the best in preparing for your exams, and all the best for the summer.

May I also congratulate our very own Dr Eugene Farrell who has been selected to travel on the first manned [mission to Mars](#) in 2023. As an aeolian scientist his knowledge will be essential to the success of the mission. Please let him know how proud we are of him if you bump into him in the Geography corridor.

## RESEARCH highlights

The [ENERGISE](#) research team has had a busy week: submitting their forthcoming book 'Energy demand challenges in Europe' to Palgrave Publishers & organising their [final conference](#), taking place in **Barcelona on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

Yumin Yuan has teamed up with the **British Geological Survey** (BSG) to analyse spatially varying relationships in urban soil contaminants of London. Working with a geographically weighted regression method (within a GIS) she will look for geospatial patterns in over 6,000 samples collected by the BGS.

## TEACHING highlights

The second year BSc Applied Social Science Students head to **Barcelona** next Sunday to explore city planning, the markets, green space and tourism over 4 days of fieldwork

Also heading abroad on fieldwork are the MA class. They will be working in the challenging international development context of **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, partnering with the UN Development Programme and a range of other NGOs, government agencies and communities on the ground.

## Of note around Geography this week

Geography is delighted to host Mr **Danijel Pavicic** this week. Danijel is from the beautiful city of Zadar on the Croatian coast. As part a one-week Erasmus visit Danijel hopes to develop further cooperation between his Department (in the [University of Zadar](#)) and our BSc programme in Applied Social Sciences.

Gordon Bromley is taking a team of **transition year Geography students** from Merlin College to Lough Corrib to take a sediment core going back to the last deglaciation (hunting for abrupt climate change). It is part of a several-week-long curriculum he's doing with them on climate variability in Ireland.

## Upcoming talks:

Prof Lorraine Elliott (ANU, Canberra, Australia)

Geography Seminar Room (AC 113) April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm

*ASEAN, disaster discourses and the construction of 'risk'*

How disaster discourses in Southeast Asia constitute a particular version of human (in)security and the human 'insecure' through the construction of ideas and assumptions about 'risk'.

Dr Maggie Jackson, Marie Curie Fellow (Dartmouth College)

Geography Seminar Room (AC 113) April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

*Deglaciation in the Rwenzori Mountains, Uganda*

A fascinating foray into the intersection of climate change, the tropics, and the cryosphere, and opportunity to meet the newest member of our cluster

Prof Scott Kirsch (University of North Carolina)

Venue & time TBC

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

*A Geopolitics and Justice Cluster talk: Prof Kirsch writes about the politics and culture of technology; history of scientific exploration and cartography; US geopolitics; and geographies of war and peace.*