

# SCHOOL RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW FUNDED PROJECTS

### IRC NEW FOUNDATIONS 2020 – 21 CALL:

A total of 94 eligible applications were received and evaluate by the IRC and 76 applications were recommended for funding. Congratulations to Marie Keenan, Muireann Ní Raghallaigh and Karen Smith on their successful awards:

- Marie Keenan *Developing a theoretical framework on prostitution with the National Women’s Council which is compatible with their goal of achieving gender equality and is informed by evidence and consultation with their members.*

Abstract: This research aims to develop a theoretical framework on prostitution with the National Women’s Council which is compatible with their goal of achieving gender equality, respects individual choice and sexual autonomy, and also recognises how individuals are constrained in their choices by structural, socio-economic and cultural forces. It aims to develop a critical understanding of consent within the prostitution contract and whether the buying of sexual access to *some* women’s bodies undermines the movement for meaningful sexual consent for all. A key question is the impact of framing prostitution as a positive choice on marginalised women who populate the global sex trade.

- Karen Smith, *Community Sponsorship Ireland: a participatory approach for increasing sustainability.*

Abstract: In 2019, the government of Ireland launched a refugee resettlement programme called Community Sponsorship Ireland (CSI). Worldwide, other countries are implementing similar policies, modelled on a Canadian initiative. Limited research evidence makes ongoing critical review of the policy essential. Issues of equality and exclusion including gender and race are typically overlooked in the monitoring and evaluation of such policies. In partnership with the Regional Support Organisation Nasc and refugee peer researchers, this project will develop a guide setting out principles and guidelines for a participatory feedback and monitoring approach taking into account relevant issues related to power, equality and inclusion.

- Muireann Ní Raghallaigh, *Perspectives of refugees on questions of participation, power and ethics in research.*

Abstract: Through engaging in collaborative discussions and processes of reflection with asylum seekers, refugees and refugee activists, this research will develop an understanding of how refugees experience participation in research and how ‘engaged research’ might be done more collaboratively and ethically. It also explores how academic researchers and refugees can genuinely co-create knowledge that more meaningfully contributes to activism and social change. As well as being a standalone study, the project will lay the foundation for the methodological approach to a comparative study of refugee integration in Ireland and Scotland, as part of the Scottish Irish Migration Initiative (funding dependent).

## WUN RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND, 2020 CALL

Congratulations to Dr Orla Kelly, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice who was awarded funding to lead a new Interdisciplinary Research Group with funding from the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Research Development Fund (RDF) 2020.

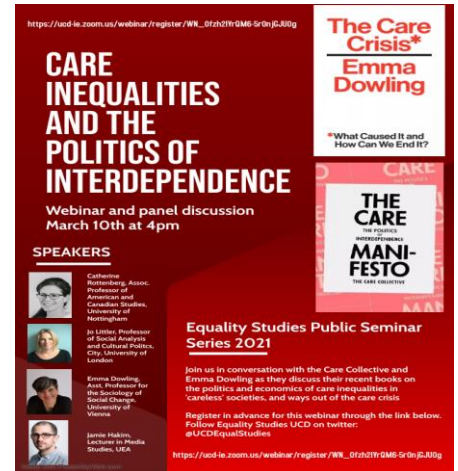


## UPCOMING ESC EVENTS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> in the current series of **Equality Studies Public Seminar**, 'Care inequalities and the politics of interdependence', which will take place via zoom webinar on March 10th at 4pm.

The event will take the form of a panel discussion with Jo Littler, Catherine Rottenberg and Jamie Hakim of The Care Collective, and authors of 'The Care Manifesto', and Emma Dowling, author of 'The Care Crisis', both published by Verso in the last year. There will be time for contributions and questions and answers from participants in what we hope is a lively and interactive discussion of the ongoing care crisis and how we might work to resolve it.

Please register in advance for the event here:  
[https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0fzh2IYrQM6-5r0njGIU0g](https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0fzh2IYrQM6-5r0njGIU0g)



### Books

'The Care Manifesto: the politics of interdependence' by the Care Collective is published by Verso (2020); more information available here - <https://www.versobooks.com/authors/2499-the-care-collective>

'The Care Crisis: what caused it and how can we end it?' by Emma Dowling is published by Verso (2021); more information available here - <https://www.versobooks.com/books/3667-the-care-crisis>

### Speaker Profiles

**Dr Emma Dowling** is currently Assistant Professor for the Sociology of Social Change at the University of Vienna, having previously held academic positions in the UK and Germany. Recent publications include 'In the Wake of Austerity: Social Impact Bonds and the Financialisation of the Welfare State' (New Political Economy, 2017) and 'Confronting Capital's Care Fix: Care Through the Lens of Democracy' (Journal of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, 2018). She is the author of the book *The Care Crisis* (Verso, 2021).

**Dr Jamie Hakim** worked at Attitude magazine from 2003 and is now Lecturer in Media Studies at UEA. He is Principal Investigator of the ESRC-funded project 'Digital Intimacies', partnered with the Terrance Higgins Trust, author of *Work That Body: Male Bodies in Digital Culture* (2019) and as part of the Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (2020).  
@digintimaciesUK

**Jo Littler** is a Professor in the Sociology Department at City, University of London, UK. Her books include *Against Meritocracy* (2018) *Radical Consumption?* (2008) with Roshi Naidoo *The Politics of Heritage: The*

legacies of 'race' (2005) and as part of the Care Collective, The Care Manifesto (2020).  
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**Dr Catherine Rottenberg** is Associate Professor in American and Canadian Studies at the University of Nottingham. Her books include *The Rise of Neoliberal Feminism* (2018) *Black Harlem and the Jewish Lower East Side* (2014) and as part of the Care Collective, *The Care Manifesto* (2020).

## ESC POLITICAL THEORY SEMINAR SERIES

The ESC co-sponsors the PSAI All-Ireland Political Theory Seminar Series, which runs monthly seminars through a collaboration with the QUB Political Theory and Philosophy Seminar Series; the Power, Conflict, and Ideologies at NUI Galway; the UL Politics and Public Administration Seminar Series; and the Trinity Justice and Values Centre.

Director of the ESC, Marie Moran, co-organises the monthly seminars with a rotating co-convenor from another university.

Dates this year are Sept 25; Oct 30; Nov 27; Dec 18; Jan 29; Feb 26; Mar 26; Apr 30; Mar 28. The associated website can be found at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/site/politicaltheorynetworkireland/psai-all-ireland-political-theory-seminars>

## ESC DUBLIN CRITICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY NETWORK

The Dublin Critical Political Economy Network has developed out of an ESC research cluster. It has 50 members drawn from UCD and other Irish universities, including Trinity, Maynooth and Limerick. It meets up to three times per semester to discuss key issues in CPE, as well as working papers from its members. The next meeting is March 19th, and the previous meeting was Friday 11th December

## ESC MARXISM AND FLOURISHING READING GROUP

The 'Marxism and Flourishing Reading Group' has been established as a shared initiative between the Dept of Sociology, University of Nottingham and the ESC. It is co-convened by Marie Moran (ESC) and Nick Stevenson (Nottingham) but includes members from the ESC, the CPE network, and other research clusters including the Publics and Practices cluster at the University of Liverpool. The group first met on Friday 5th of Feb with the next meeting scheduled for April 9th.

## UCD CENTER FOR JAPANESE STUDIES SPECIAL LAUNCH WEBINARS

The Webinars were organised in collaboration with UCD Japanese Society, the Embassy of Japan in Ireland, Ireland-Japan Association, Experience Japan and UCD Japan. Both events were attended by more than 100 people from Ireland, Japan and all across Europe. Dir. of the Centre / Assoc. Prof. Nao Kodate organised and co-chaired the events with Deputy Dir. Assoc. Prof. Emma Sokell (School of Physics).

[1] 12 February 2021, 1-2pm “Why Japan Matters”  
Speaker: H.E. Mr Mitsuru Kitano (Ambassador of Japan to Ireland), with Prof. John Neary (School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice) & Dr Declan Downey (School of History)

A special video letter was sent from H.E. Mr Paul Kavanagh (Ambassador of Ireland, Japan). You can access the Webinar on our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKy1B1Bnu58&feature=youtu.be>

Ambassador Kitano's speech can be accessed on the website of the Embassy of Japan in Ireland.

[https://www.ie.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/11\\_000001\\_00042.html](https://www.ie.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/11_000001_00042.html)

[2] 16 February 2021, 9-10am “Why Women Leaders? Fostering Tomorrow Leaders in Japan”  
Speaker: Chancellor Prof. Mariko Bando (Chancellor, Showa Women’s University), with Prof. Gerardine Doyle (Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School) and Assoc. Prof. Emma Sokell (School of Physics, Deputy Director of the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies).

A special video letter was sent from Prof. Christina Davis (Director of the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations & the Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University. Prof. Davis is also an external academic advisor for the Centre.

The **NEXT SEMINAR** will be held on Thursday 8 April, 1-2pm. “Japan in the Age of Fraying International Order”. Speaker: Prof. Ken Endo (Dean, Graduate School of Public Policy, Hokkaido University & Part-time Professor Global Governance Programme, EU-ASIA Project, European University Institute). This event is the first joint seminar with Hokkaido University, Japan & Portland State University’s Center for Japanese Studies, USA.

To register: <http://bit.ly/JapanInNewOrder>



## SCHOOL PUBLIC SEMINAR SERIES 2020-21

- A very successful webinar entitled 'Just Transition: From Policy to Practice' with speaker Dr Jeanne Moore from The National Economic and Social Council took place via Zoom webinar, on Jan 28th, 2021 01:00 PM. This event, chaired by Assoc. Prof. Nessa Winston was attended by over 60 participants and was followed by a very lively Q&A session. This seminar was organised in conjunction with UCD Earth Institute Sustainable Communities Research Theme 2020 2021.

**Bio:** Dr Jeanne Moore primarily works on climate and sustainable development projects in NESC, most recently on a just transition, sustainable recovery from Covid 19 and climate policy. Previous Council work has examined the social and behavioural aspects of climate change, circular economy, and environmental policy integration, community engagement in wind energy and the role and future of environmental data. Jeanne has also worked on quality and standards in disability services. As part of her role, she has contributed to Council Reports, represented NESC on advisory committees, addressed conferences and policy forums and presented to the Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change. Prior to this role, Jeanne was a lecturer in social and environmental psychology at the University of Teesside, UK.



**Summary abstract:** This seminar draws on recent work conducted by NESC on just transitions, outlining key challenges identified on how positioning the response to economic vulnerability within a just transition framework throws light on the need for particular governance tools and processes. These include widening the evidence to be considered, developing social dialogue processes and adopting a place based approach to delivering solutions. It will also reflect on the challenge ahead aligning just transition policies with decarbonisation measures is necessary to ensure emissions are radically reduced, but in a way that is fair, inclusive and equitable.

See link to UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice/Events:  
<https://www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice/newsandevents/events/publicwebinarjusttransitionfrompolicytopractice/#d.en.534016>

## UPCOMING SCHOOL WEBINARS

- Webinar co-hosted by the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD and the Irish Association of Social Workers: **Protecting Nursing Home Residents Rights to Family Life: Lessons for Ireland Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-11.30am.** Confirmed speakers include;

Professor Hilde Verbeek, Professor of Long Term Care Environments, Maastricht University; Full profile available at this link:

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/h.verbeek>



Dr Maeve O'Rourke, Associate Professor of Human Rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUIG. Full profile available at the following link:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/staff/maeveorourke/>



Dr Sarah Donnelly, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice Full profile available at the following link:

<https://people.ucd.ie/sarah.donnely>



Majella Beattie, Care Champions, a family run online advocacy group on for people in care and in nursing homes.



Sinead Mc Garry, Irish Association of Social Workers

