

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS BULLETIN NO. 4, SEPTEMBER 2021

1. NEW AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS



Congrats to Dr Marie Moran on her success with the **IRC Employment based Postgraduate Scheme** where she is mentor to PhD fellow Khalil Moran.

*PhD IRC Fellow: Khalil Moran,
Wick low Democratic School*



Abstract: This research project is driven by the need to establish sustainable and equitable development paths in Ireland and takes inspiration from international experience in the US and the UK, where there are examples of successful Community Wealth Building initiatives combining elements such as worker co-op networks, public banks, local procurement strategies, and more. It asks, what can the development of Community Wealth Building (CWB) in Ireland learn from

these international experiences? What are the characteristics of successful CWB projects operating internationally, and what are the determining factors in their success? What are the broader political and economic forces that surround their operation? The four-year PhD project will involve conducting extensive desktop research along with qualitative field research into already existing CWB initiatives to answer these research questions both abroad and in Ireland. The research aims to map out existing initiatives in Ireland in order to determine the state of knowledge and activity in an Irish context. It will also undertake extensive case study analysis of CWB initiatives already in existence in a UK context in order to determine whether factors that have led to their successes are present in Ireland and deduce to what extent CWB as it has been

implemented in the UK is replicable in Ireland. The proposed research is particularly timely given the extraordinary circumstances precipitated by accelerating climate change, ongoing economic and fiscal crisis, and most recently, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, all of which threaten immense social and economic upheaval including recession and increased inequality. With this idea in mind, it is more critical than ever to investigate the potential of ideas like Community Wealth Building to build a just and equitable society and strengthen our communities for what is already happening, and what lies ahead.'



Congrats to Dr Orla Kelly on her new project *The Triple Dividend? Assessing The Economic, Social And Environmental Impacts Of Working Time Reduction In Ireland.*

This research is funded by FORSA (union representing members in the public service, as well as the commercial sector, state agencies, some private companies and in the community and voluntary sector) and being conducted with Co-Investigator Juliet Schor, Professor of Sociology at Boston College. Professor Schor is of the world's foremost experts in working time, sustainability and consumption and has published several influential books, including the New York Times Best Seller; *The Overworked American and Plenitude*.



*Professor Juliet Schor,
Boston College < USA*

Abstract: As the world approaches investment in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing attention is being paid to how this can be done sustainably. Empirical evidence to date suggests that working time reduction (WTR) is an important social policy for reaping benefits for both human and environmental wellbeing. As such, WTR represents a promising policy tool for national development in the aftermath of the pandemic.

As a result, a growing number of nations are investing in such initiatives (Keely 2020; Booth 2020; Roy 2020).

Given Ireland's commitment to generating sustainable human wellbeing for its citizens, it is critical it joins other forward-thinking nations' ranks and considers ways to integrate WTR into national development policies. However, as the literature illustrates, the relationship between WTR and economic, social and

environmental outcomes is complicated and context specific and, to date, there is no research on economic, social and ecological consequences in the Irish context. The aim of this research is to better understand the economic, social and environmental implications of WTR in the Irish context. To achieve this the research will address the following three questions: one, what are the economic impacts of WTR in terms of participating company costs and associated employee productivity?; two, what are the social impacts of WTR in terms of participant wellbeing, job satisfaction and gender distribution of labour within the household?; and three, what are the environmental impacts of WTR in terms of household time use and consumption patterns The findings will generate insights on which future national worktime policies can be based. The project which will involve data collection with organizations from across several sectors will be launched in January 2022.

Links: <https://fourdayweek.ie/> ; <https://www.newstalk.com/news/dublin-city-councillors-unanimously-back-four-day-working-week-proposal-1221227>; <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/four-day-working-week-trial-to-launch-today-40566295.html>



Dr Orla Kelly's application with Angela VandenBroek for an IRC Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral) was successful.

Unfortunately, Angela VandenBroek, who completed her PhD in Anthropology at Binghamton University, New York has decided not to take up her postdoctoral fellowship however, as she was offered a permanent tenure-tracked academic position at Texas State University.



The University Climate Change Challenge: Assessing student knowledge, anxiety and activism'

Congrats to **Dr Orla Kelly** with her collaborators Dr Daniel Capistrano and Dr Gabriela Martinez-Sainz (School of Education) received funding from UCD College of Social Sciences and Law to design and implement a pilot study with CoSSL students to better understand their knowledge and perceptions of the climate crisis. The objective of this project is to develop and test an instrument to measure students' understandings of, attitudes towards and actions against climate change. The pilot will establish a baseline for larger research projects on Climate Change Education in Higher Education. It will also help the

College to understand how we can better equip our students to deal with the challenges of the climate crisis.



**An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige**
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Congrats to **Dr Joe Mooney** and **Dr Micheál Collins** for their recent success in leading the applications for eligibility to a research supplier framework between the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

Dr Joe Mooney is leading future bids for Lot 1 which relates to tenders of value up to €49,000 while Dr Micheál Collins is leading future bids for tenders of a value between €49,000 and €139,000. Future applications for specific bids will include other faculty as part of a diverse team.

The competition resulted in a finite number of universities/research organisations deemed eligible to apply for future advertised tenders issued by the DCEDIY.

For **Lot 1** the eligible list includes 25 research organisations/individuals in addition to the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. These include the following: Annabel Egan; Behaviour and Attitudes Marketing Research; Centre for Effective Services; Clarity Research; Dr Maria Herron Research Consultant; Eustace Patterson Limited; Frontier Economics Limited; Insight Research; Ipsos MRBI; Mary Immaculate College; NUIM (Delma Byrne); NUIM (Deirdre Forde - ICON- Interdisciplinary Childhood Outcomes Network); NUIG (UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre; NUIG (Dr Colette Kelly and Professor Saoirse Nic Gabhainn); Pink Flower Research; Quality Matters Limited; Research Matters Limited; S3 Solutions; Sandra Roe; Sandra Roe (with Annabel Egan); Sarah Murphy Research Consultancy; Stranmillis University College - Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement (CREU); Trinity College Dublin; UCC ISS21 and Centre for Children's Rights and Family Law; UCD (School of Education); UCD (School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice).

For **Lot 2** the eligible list includes 19 research organisations/individuals in addition to the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. These include the following: Behaviour and Attitudes Marketing Research; Centre for Effective Services; ESRI; Frontier Economics Ltd; Ipsos MRBI; Mary Immaculate College; NUIM (Delma Byrne); NUIM (Deirdre Forde - ICON- Interdisciplinary Childhood Outcomes Network); NUIG (UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre); Quality Matters Limited; Research Matters Limited; S3 Solutions; Sandra Roe, Annabel Egan, Deirdre Fullerton, Dr Maria Herron; Stranmillis University College - Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement (CREU); Trinity College Dublin; UCC ISS21 and Centre for Children's Rights and Family Law; UCD (School of Education); UCD (School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice).



Congrats to Dr Nessa Winston on her new project *Sustainable wellbeing: humans, environment, and liveability (SWHEL)* which she is leading with the following five other co-Investigators from the Earth Institute.

The interdisciplinary team includes Jennifer Symonds (School of Education), Finbarr Brereton (School of Planning and Environmental Policy), Orla Kelly (School of Social Policy), Conor Buggy (School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science) and Leonhard Lades (School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy).

This project is part of UCD's Strategic Priority Support Mechanism 2021. This Strategic Priority is building capacity in UCD around the topic of sustainable wellbeing, integrating diverse research approaches to encourage collaboration, identify knowledge and data gaps, and building relationships with key stakeholders including policymakers, at a time when the Irish Programme for Government has highlighted this important topic.

Abstract: Despite the importance and increased concern for sustainability, there is no agreed definition of sustainable well-being. UCD has research expertise in many dimensions of sustainable well-being but at present this is fragmented and dispersed across a range of schools and disciplines. This Strategic Priority (SP) initiative will establish an interdisciplinary network on sustainable wellbeing within UCD to facilitate collaboration and build capacity and community on the topic. The network will forge links with relevant academics and other stakeholders at local, national and international levels. Core tasks will be to develop interdisciplinary conceptual and operational maps of sustainable wellbeing, identify gaps in research and form teams for future projects. The initiative will also act as a platform to communicate with stakeholders, including government and mass media, so that interdisciplinary

research and expertise on this topic will impact on relevant decisionmakers and the general public.

Wellbeing is an important policy concept at national level currently. The Programme for Government contains a commitment to develop an overarching Well-being Framework for Ireland, linked to the work of the OECD. The new Irish Framework will be used across Government to inform policymaking and complement existing tools for policy analysis. NESC is co-ordinating this work. Its Director (Dr Larry O'Connor) has invited the lead applicant to work with EI colleagues to provide an interdisciplinary research agenda for their work to include research questions, methods and indicators and explore how both bottom up and top-down approaches to researching these questions may be combined.

The project involves the following objectives:

- Establish an interdisciplinary network of researchers to commence work on this important topic. The initial team consists of academics from Sociology, Social Policy, Psychology, Environmental Policy, Occupational and Environmental Science, and Economics. This team will be extended during the first stage of the initiative to include additional disciplines, particularly from the natural sciences.
- Map relevant academic expertise nationally and internationally and establish links with them.
- Map other relevant national and international stakeholders (policy/community/civil society groups) and invite them to join the SP.
- Draw on the relevant expertise of the SP to develop an interdisciplinary conceptualisation of well-being including the development of a shared language across the diverse disciplines.
- Employ this interdisciplinary perspective to operationalise well-being at different scales (e.g. national and local levels) and consider ways to overcome some of the challenges associated with this.
- Draw on this interdisciplinary, multi-stakeholder perspective to establish a UCD centred platform for research programmes on this topic, identifying strengths, opportunities, and synergies for research.
- Establish UCD as part of a policy/research/civil society coalition on this important topic.
- Communicate and promote UCD's expertise and research excellence to other external stakeholders, including the public.

2. IN THE MEDIA

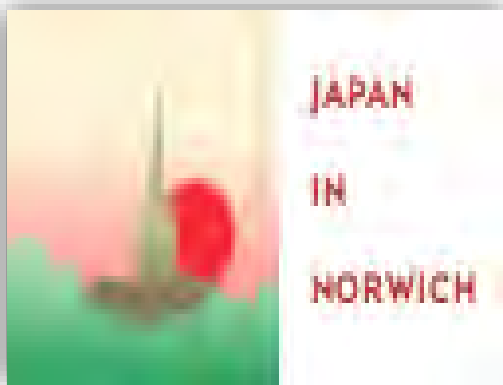


An Op-ed article 'Nursing homes must be made places of safety and protection: Elderly should be safeguarded from all abuse by law based on human rights principles' by **Dr Sarah Donnelly** was published by The Irish Times on July 5th 2021. For the complete article go to the following link: <https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/nursing-homes-must-be-made-places-of-safety-and-protection-1.4611256>

On the 1st July 2021, Dr Sarah Donnelly was interviewed as a national adult safeguarding expert for RTE Primetime Investigates: Care in Covid19. <https://www.rte.ie/player/series/prime-time/SI0000000825?epguid=IH000400746>



The Irish Times published an op-ed 'Foster departure highlights misogyny in North's public life Progress on women's equality hindered by NI sectarian divisions and politics of crisis' on July 25th 2021. This featured the recently completed research by **Prof. Aisling Swaine** and her co-author Professor Catherine Turner on protection-related barriers to women's participation in Northern Ireland . The complete article can be accessed [here](#).



PODCAST Nao Kodate Beyond Japan Ep. #36: Robotics in Elder Care

Podcast Description: This week we are joined by [Dr Naonori Kodate](#), Associate Professor in Social Policy and Director of Research at University College Dublin, who will introduce us to the growing phenomenon of robotics in elder care. In super-aged Japan, robots are becoming more and more common in assisting care staff in a wide range of activities, from heavy-lifting to night-nursing, as the human workforce decreases due to depopulation and strict migration policies. Nao's research indicates robots can be more than tools, providing social contact for a

demographic commonly afflicted by loneliness. What's more, as other nations begin to see ageing populations, robots in the care home may soon become the norm.

Listen at the following link: <https://japaninnorwich.org/2021/05/20/beyond-japan-ep-36-robotics-in-elder-care-with-dr-naonori-kodate/>

3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS



EDITOR of EDITED BOOK Ellen M. Immergut, **Karen M. Anderson**, Camilla Devitt, and Tamara Popic (Editors) Health Politics in Europe A Handbook (Published 2021; Oxford University

BOOK CHAPTER Anderson KM, Van Druenen R (2021) Chapter 24 ‘The Netherlands’ pp. 520-55 in Ellen M. Immergut, Karen M. Anderson, Camilla Devitt, and Tamara Popic (Editors) Health Politics in Europe A Handbook (Published 2021; Oxford University

DESCRIPTION: Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook is a major new reference work, which provides historical background and up-to-date information and analysis on health politics and health systems throughout Europe. In particular, it captures developments that have taken place since the end of the Cold War, a turning point for many European health systems, with most post-communist transition countries privatizing their state-run health systems, and many Western European health

systems experimenting with new public management and other market-oriented health reforms. Following three introductory, stage-setting chapters, the handbook offers country cases divided into seven regional sections, each of which begins with a short regional outlook chapter that highlights the region's common characteristics and divergent paths taken by the separate countries, including comparative data on health system financing, healthcare access, and the political salience of health. Each regional section contains at least one detailed main case, followed by shorter treatments of the other countries in the region. Country chapters feature a historical overview focusing on the country's progression through a series of political regimes and the consequences of this history for the health system; an overview of the institutions and functioning of the contemporary health system; and a political narrative tracing the politics of health policy since 1989. This political narrative, the core of each country case, examines key health reforms in order to understand the political motivations and dynamics behind them and their impact on public opinion and political legitimacy. The handbook's systematic structure makes it useful for country-specific, cross-national, and topical research and analysis.



BOOK CHAPTER Karen M. Anderson and Elke Heins (2021) Chapter 1 'After the European elections and the first wave of Covid-19:prospects for EU social policymaking' in Social Policy in the European Union: State of Play 2020 pp.13-32 Chapter 1 by Karen Anderson and Elke Heins provides the general framework for the other contributions, discussing the impact of the 2019 European Parliament elections and the appointment of the new European Commission on EU social and employment policy. While Covid-19 interfered with both the timing and substance of several planned initiatives, the authors point out that the crisis triggered some remarkable developments, such as the SURE mechanism. These are discussed in detail, explicitly considering themain areas of contention among relevant stakeholders. All in all, it would seem that recent developments have prepared the ground for more EU social policy activity



REPORT Barry, Ursula; Jennings, Ciara Gender equality: Economic value of care from the perspective of the applicable EU funds: An exploration of an EU strategy towards valuing the care economy. Commissioned by the Department of Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs, FEMM Committee of the European Parliament (Published 2021-06-21; Publisher European Parliament).

ABSTRACT: This research study aimed to examine the gendered nature of the EU care economy, the impact of COVID-19 on caring activities and the care sector and the extent to which gender equality and care have been taken into account in the EU COVID-19 Recovery Plan. Examining care systems in place in eight different EU countries, the study highlights the diverse nature of care strategies. There are those that are based primarily on public systems of support, others on family and community-based systems, some (like Ireland) rely on the

private market-place and yet others combine different approaches. By exploring the potential for a new EU strategy on care and for a new model of care, this study

argues that the care economy should be seen as a social investment and have a central place in the funding of the post-crisis EU Recovery Plan. Research indicates that investing in the labour-intensive care economy generates a high level of return through increased women's employment, enhanced quality of job opportunities, together with an increased level of social and economic well-being. By funding quality diverse care services, women's time spent on unpaid work is reduced and new opportunities are opened up for women in education and paid employment, particularly those in low-income, migrant and lone parent households. Through new ways of thinking about care activities and the enactment of different policies respecting the diverse needs of care recipients and care providers, a new model would be generated based on a more equal sharing of care work and greater involvement of men with care activities. In this context, this report argues that by placing care at the centre of society, enhanced gender equality and stronger social justice that are in the interests of both men and women are more likely to emerge. This study makes the case for funding of the care economy under the newly-established and well-funded EU Recovery and Resilience Programme 2021. Under this new funding system, 30 percent of funds are ring fenced for the digital economy and 38 percent for the green economy. In its conclusion, this study argues that the care economy should be placed on an equal footing to the green and digital economies by ring fencing 30 percent of funds for social investment in care infrastructure and care activities. The objective would be to move towards greater gender equality by increasing the value of care, addressing poor conditions in the care sector and enhancing the quality of care provision.

Link to online version:

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=IPOL_STU\(2021\)694784](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=IPOL_STU(2021)694784)

JOURNAL ARTICLE Carter Anand,J., **Donnelly, S.**, Milne,A.,Nelson-Becker,H., Vingare, E.L., Deusdad,B., Cellini,G.,Kinni, R.L. & Cristiana Pregno (2021). The covid-19 pandemic and care homes for older people in Europe - deaths, damage and violations of human rights, European Journal of Social Work, Available:

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13691457.2021.1954886>

ABSTRACT: Throughout Europe the most damaging consequences of the coronavirus have fallen disproportionately on older people who live in care homes. This study involves the analysis of secondary data sources relating to deaths, and related harms, in European care homes from seven countries between March and December 2020. The findings are reviewed using the framework of the European Convention on Human Rights to identify examples of human rights violations - namely the right to life, liberty and security, respect for private and family life, and prohibition of torture, and general prohibition of discrimination. A significant contributing factor to the scale and nature of deaths and harms is the abject disregard of older people's human rights. Based on the findings, the authors, a group of social work academics, call for an urgent re-examination of the role of social work in relationship to care homes and the importance of re-engaging with human rights issues for care home residents.

JOURNAL ARTICLE **Donnelly S.**, Ó Coímín D., O'Donnell,D., Ní Shé, E., Christophers, L., Mc Donald, S and Kroll,T (2021). Assisted decision-making and interprofessional collaboration in the care of older people: a qualitative study exploring perceptions of barriers

and facilitators in the acute hospital setting. Journal of Interprofessional Care, Available: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13561820.2020.1863342>

ABSTRACT: In recent years, there has been a move toward a more human rights-based approach to the issue of supported and assisted decision-making (ADM) with legislative changes strengthening the formal right for older people to participate in care planning and decision-making. Ireland's Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act, 2015 breaks from traditional views of capacity to consider the uniqueness of each decision in relation to topic, time and place for those with impaired or fluctuating capacity. This study set out to explore experiences of assisted decision making (ADM) in acute care hospitals in Ireland and to identify the barriers and enablers to ADM for older people and people with dementia from the perspective of different Health and Social Care Professionals (HSCPs) involved in their care. We carried out 26 semi-structured audio-recorded interviews with a convenience sample of HSCPs working in two acute hospitals and subsequently confirmed the results. HSCPs identified several barriers to, and enablers of, ADM in acute hospitals that were categorized into three key themes: Building meaningful engagement with older people and their family carers; barriers and enablers associated with interprofessional collaboration and barriers and enablers associated with the environment. Our findings suggest that despite concrete policy and legislative underpinnings to ADM, this was not always evident in practice and suggests the need for specialized education and training on ADM in practice settings.

Sarah Donnelly Promoting Assisted Decision-Making in Acute Care Settings- Introduction video and access to PADMACS Serious Game Available:

<https://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/clinical-engagement/promoting-assisted-decision-making-acute-care-settings-padmacs-care-planning>

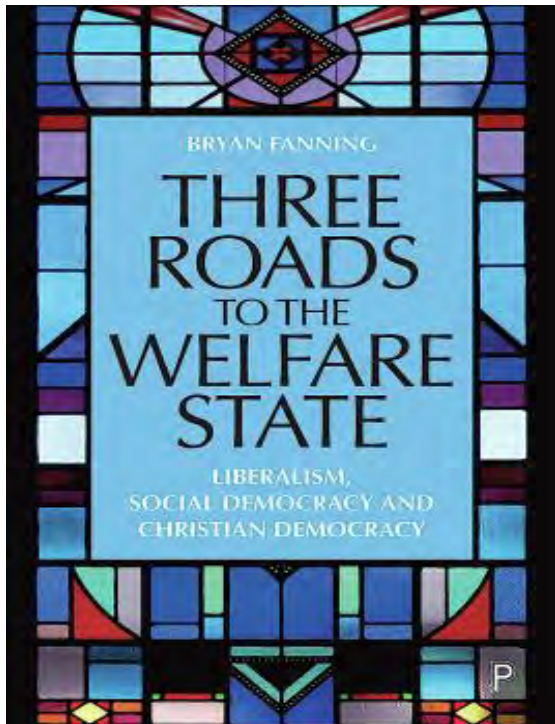
JOURNAL ARTICLE Dixon J, **Donnelly S, Campbell J**, Laing J (14 Jun 2021)
Safeguarding People Living with Dementia: How Social Workers Can Use Supported Decision-Making Strategies to Support the Human Rights of Individuals during Adult Safeguarding Enquiries The British Journal of Social Work

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcab119>

ABSTRACT: Dementia may make adults more susceptible to abuse and neglect and such mistreatment is recognised as a human rights violation. This article focusses on how the rights of people living with dementia might be protected through the use of supported decision-making within safeguarding work. The article begins by reviewing the aims and scope of adult safeguarding services. It then describes how the concept of 'legal capacity' is set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and how this differs from the concept of 'mental capacity' in the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Focussing on practice in England, it is argued that tensions between the CRPD and domestic law exist, but these can be brought into closer alignment by finding ways to maximise supported decision-making within existing legal and policy frameworks. The article concludes with suggested practice strategies which involve: (i) providing clear and accessible information about safeguarding; (ii) thinking about the location of safeguarding meetings; (iii) building relationships with people living with dementia; (iv) using flexible timescales; (v) tailoring information to meet the needs of people living with dementia and (v) respecting the person's will and preferences in emergency situations.

JOURNAL ARTICLE **Matthew Donoghue & Mikko Kuisma** (2021) Taking back control of the welfare state: Brexit, rational-imaginaries and welfare chauvinism, West European Politics, DOI: [10.1080/01402382.2021.1917167](https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2021.1917167)

ABSTRACT: Brexit is about more than the UK exiting the EU. For the Conservative Party, it is about reacting to the challenge from the radical right, both in terms of the electoral threat from UKIP and a long-term internal struggle between moderate Conservatives and the more radical Eurosceptic faction within the party. We ask to what extent Brexit could also be considered as the mobilisation of specific welfare chauvinist discourses and practices. Through a combination of Qualitative Content Analysis (QCA) and Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) of key speeches and documents from the official Leave campaign, we demonstrate that, rather than merely reinforcing deservingness along ethno-national lines, Brexit invokes social citizenship to delegitimize EU institutions. The referendum result catalyses a longer-term redrawing of the boundaries of social citizenship, and the ideas of membership that grants access to services and benefits. Brexit is discursively framed to mobilise people to consent to this redrawing of boundaries.



BOOK Bryan Fanning (2021) Three Roads to the Welfare State Liberalism, Social Democracy and Christian Democracy Bristol: Policy Press ISBN 978-1447360322

Abstract: The development of social policy in Europe is explored in this accessible intellectual history and analysis of the welfare state. From the Industrial Revolution onwards, the book identifies three important concepts behind efforts to address social concerns in Europe: social democracy, Christian democracy and liberalism. With guides to the political and ideological protagonists and the beliefs and values that lie behind reforms, it traces the progress and legacies of each of the three traditions. For academics and students across social policy and the political economy, this is an illuminating new perspective on the welfare state through the last two centuries.

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Reviews:

“An impressive intellectual history of the welfare state, well written and highly readable. It offers a fresh perspective while remaining an accessible and stylish survey of ideas.”
Fred Powell, University College Cork

"Bryan Fanning offers a fresh and erudite history of the welfare state. This is a book well worth reading, especially for those interested in the underlying concepts and philosophies." Mary Daly, University of Oxford

For further information see: <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/three-roads-to-the-welfare-state>

CHAPTER Nao Kodate (2021) Chapter 7 ‘The Role of Incident-Reporting Systems in Improving Patient Safety in Japanese Hospitals: A Comparative Perspective’ in Brucksch, Susanne, Sasaki, Kaori (Eds.) *Humans and Devices in Medical Context: Case Studies from Japan*



Abstract: This book explores the ways in which socio-technical settings in medical contexts find varying articulations in a specific locale. Focusing on Japan, it consists of nine case studies on topics concerning: experiences with radiation in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Fukushima; patient security, end-of-life and high-tech medicine in hospitals; innovation and diffusion of medical technology; and the engineering and evaluating of novel devices in clinical trials. The individual chapters situate humans and devices in medical settings in their given semantic, pragmatic, institutional and historical context. A highly interdisciplinary approach offers deep insights beyond the manifold findings of each case study, thereby enriching academic discussions on socio-technical settings in medical contexts

amongst affiliated disciplines. This volume will be of broad interest to scholars, practitioners, policy makers and students from various disciplines, including Science and Technology Studies (STS), medical humanities, social sciences, ethics and law, business and innovation studies, as well as biomedical engineering, medicine and public health.

BLOG Köppe, Stephan; Cazaciuc, Robert, ‘Ireland most stringent Covid restrictions in EU since January. Way out of lockdown has to keep on prioritising children’s education’ COVID-19 Law and Human Rights Observatory (6 May 2021)

<https://researchrepository.ucd.ie/handle/10197/12235>

Abstract: Despite the vaccine rollout, governments across the globe still grapple with containing the Covid infections, keeping hospitalisations down and preventing a surge in fatalities. Since last spring, a group of researchers and volunteers, led by Oxford

University, have tracked the multiple government restrictions to citizens, businesses and society at large in almost every part of the world. Last week we have launched the UCD Covid Compared dashboard – in short UCD CoCo – to easily access the underlying data of these Covid policy responses and make the tremendous work of the Oxford team more accessible to everyone through simple colour-coded tables and graphs.

JOURNAL ARTICLE Moran, Marie (2021) 'Keywords as Method', *The European Journal of Cultural Studies*, first online June 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1177/13675494211016858>

ABSTRACT: This short essay seeks to restore the keywords approach initiated by Williams to a more central place within the cultural materialist paradigm he also developed. Combining Williams' cultural materialist account of language with the practical orientation of Keywords, it sketches a way of developing the keywords approach as a method of sociocultural analysis. Drawing on some practical examples, it offers 'keywords-as-method' as a means of carrying out a historicist and materialist study of the relationship of linguistic to social change, that goes beyond the simple glossary of terms approach that has thus far limited the explanatory and critical potential of Keywords. In so doing, I hope to contribute to the renewal of Williamsian scholarship that has coincided with the centenary of his birth.

JOURNAL ARTICLE **Mooney J**, McGregor C (3 May 2021) The importance of teaching social work as a socio-legal practice: An Irish perspective *Journal of Social Work Education*

ABSTRACT: This paper presents the findings of a study examining adult disclosures of childhood sexual abuse to child protection social work services in the Republic of Ireland. Limited literature indicates that adults can have negative experiences when disclosing childhood abuse; this is primarily owing to a lack of training, policy and guidance for practitioners, and legal complexities regarding allegations of abuse. This study used a biographic-narrative interpretive method (BNIM) to gather the experiences of adults who engaged with child protection social work services. The findings were analysed using both BNIM panel analysis and open, axial and selective coding. Six main themes were identified, and the findings are discussed under three headings: (1) the system as a barrier presents the various influences that acted as barriers for adults coming forward to disclose; (2) issues of power examines the influence of power from the time of abuse throughout the adults' life courses and their interactions with services; and (3) the system as a facilitator presents practice and policy recommendations based on participants' narratives and the wider research literature. Implications for child protection practice in this extremely sensitive and sometimes controversial area are considered.

JOURNAL ARTICLE Giulia Piccolino & **Krisna Ruetten-Orihuela** (2021) The turn from peacebuilding to stabilisation: Colombia after the 2018 presidential election, *Third World Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2021.1951201

ABSTRACT: This article looks at Colombia where, since the election of president Iván Duque in 2018, the government has increasingly emphasised stabilisation. We argue that stabilisation is for the Duque administration a discursive device that allows them to navigate the contradiction between their critical position towards the peace process and the necessity to fulfil internal and international obligations. We also argue that, in spite of its apparent novelty, the concept of stabilisation has long roots in Colombia, going back to the policies of consolidation developed under the presidencies of Álvaro Uribe and Juan Manuel Santos. The analysis of the antecedents of consolidation raises doubts about the appropriateness of Duque's stabilisation for tackling Colombia's post-

conflict challenges. The case of Colombia highlights the risk that stabilisation might displace more transformative approaches to peacebuilding and the continuity between contemporary stabilisation and previous interventions.



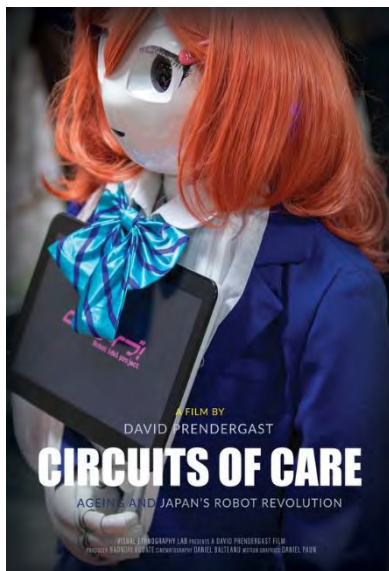
REPORT Catherine Turner, **Aisling Swaine (Jul 2021)** At the Nexus of Participation and Protection: Protection-Related Barriers to Women's Participation in Northern Ireland **SUMMARY:** This research was funded by the International Peace Institute (IPI) in New York and published as a global research policy paper by the IPI. On the basis of empirical research with women in leadership positions at community, public sector and formal political levels, this paper examines the intersection between women's participation and protection in the context of Northern Ireland. While often assumed to be free of global policy concerns such as the UN Security Council's Women, Peace and Security agenda, this research evidences that Northern Ireland starkly illustrates the intrinsic tensions between the global push for women's leadership in conflict settings and critical threats, abuse and sexism that women experience and that inhibits their safe participation in public leadership positions.

The report finds that gender inequalities and gendered insecurities intersect with sectarianism, the legacy of violence, and political crises arising from power-sharing arrangements under the peace agreement. These, in turn, intersect with emerging technologies such as social media to stymie women's participation across all areas of post-conflict political life. While these findings underscore the relevance of the women, peace and security agenda to a context like Northern Ireland, they also signify that deeper engagement with gendered protection issues is required if the agenda is to substantively advance women's equality and participation in the longer term.

The full report is available [here](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps/2021/06/28/at-the-nexus-of-participation-and-protection-risks-and-barriers-to-womens-participation-in-northern-ireland/). A blog version of the paper was published by the London School of Economics Centre for Women, Peace and Security is available at the following link: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps/2021/06/28/at-the-nexus-of-participation-and-protection-risks-and-barriers-to-womens-participation-in-northern-ireland/>

JOURNAL ARTICLE Lendvai-Bainton N, **Szelewa D** (1 Jul 2021) Governing new authoritarianism: Populism, nationalism and radical welfare reforms in Hungary and Poland *Social Policy and Administration* 55(4):559-572
ABSTRACT: Drawing on contemporary academic literature on the rise of authoritarian neoliberalism (Bruff, *Rethinking Marxism: A Journal of Economics, Culture & Society*, 2014, 26,

113–129; Bruff, *The handbook of neoliberalism*, 2016, 107–117; Giroux, 2015), the uneven geographies of neoliberalism (Peck, 2010), and authoritarian progress (Bloom, 2015; Brown, *Authoritarianism: Three Inquiries in Critical Theory*, 2018, 7–44), we aim to trace the rise of new authoritarianism in Hungary and Poland. We argue that the fast-tracking of radical neoliberal economic policies in conjuncture with the building of an “illiberal democracy” with strong populism and nationalism brings about new ways of negotiating the economic, the political and the social in a post-2008 landscape. This contemporary insurgence, we would argue, has significant impact on both the welfare state as an institutional structure for social sharing, as well as on the forms and practises of social citizenship. We aim to theorise “authoritarian neoliberalism” as a distinctive regime and draw comparative lessons from Hungary and Poland.



DOCUMENTARY FILM Prendergast D (Director), **Kodate N** (Producer) *Circuits of Care: Ageing in Japan's Robot Revolution* has been nominated for awards at several film festivals, and won the Best Documentary Award at Long Story Shorts International Film Festival.



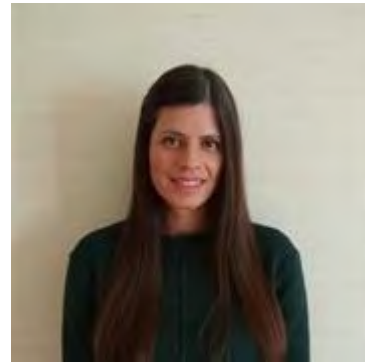
JOURNAL ARTICLE Obayashi, K., **Kodate, N.**, Kondo, H., Okamoto, Y., Ishii, Y., Nonoda, T. & Masuyama, S. The COVID-19 pandemic and organizational resilience as unanticipated outcome of introducing socially assistive robots in nursing homes. *Geriatrics and Gerontology International*. 2021.

JOURNAL ARTICLE Obayashi, K., **Kodate, N.** & Masuyama, S. Assessing the Impact of an Original Soft Communicative Robot in a Nursing Home in Japan: Will Softness or Conversations Bring more Smiles to Older People?. *International Journal of Social Robotics*. 2021.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12369-021-00815-4>

4. RECENT EVENTS/CONFERENCES



**Inaugural
Conference/Webinar
with
Dr. Krisna Ruetto Orihuela**



Academia de Lingüística,
Universidad de Guadalajara,
Mexico. Indexicalidad,
Antirracismo y Performatividad del
Cuerpo. (Indexicality, Antiracism
and Bodily Performativity).

Date: 25th August
Time: 11:00

Abstract: This webinar explores how Black and Indigenous actors in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico mobilize their bodies and corporal representations in order to denounce and contest racist experiences. Drawing on the concept of indexicality, Ruetto-Orihuela examines how racialized actors can strategically mobilize the visual and kinetic materiality of their bodies, in order to: a) challenge their social and political exclusion within the nation-state; b) denounce structural racism; c) demonstrate the effects of racialized violence and criminalization; and d) contest racist stereotypes. Some of her guiding questions are: how do racialized people, who have been wounded, and stigmatized by anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racist projects, use their bodies to challenge racism? What happens when they engage in public protest? How can racialized actors speak about and challenge racism within larger political agendas demanding inclusion, dignity and life?

5. FUTURE EVENTS/CONFERENCES



Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate is giving an invited talk at the Chiba Academy of Nursing Science on the theme “Social implementation of advanced technologies”

Date: 4th September 2021,
Time: 5:30-6:30AM (13:30-14:30 JST).

More information is available at this link: <http://www.cans-net.jp/society/>



Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate together with Prof. David Prendergast, will give a talk and screening ‘Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan’s Robot Revolution’

Date: 24 September 2021,

Time: 15:00 -16:00.

This is part of the University of Bonn International Workshop "East Asia in the Digital Age - Digital Transformation in Technological, Economic, and Social Perspective"

More information is available at this link: <https://www.ioa.uni-bonn.de/de/inst/japkor/forschung/digitale-transformation-und-wandel-der-arbeit-in-ostasien>





The All-Island **Political Theory Seminar Series** will recommence in September 2021, with a full schedule of speakers organised for the year.

The seminars take place **online, at 3pm on the last Friday of every month**, and are co-hosted by the UCD Equality Studies Centre, led by **Marie Moran**.



For further information see:

<https://sites.google.com/view/politicaltheorynetworkireland/>



Seminar organized by Dr Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila - UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health System
With the support of the Global Engagement Seed Fund 2020

Title: The Mouth of the Shark: Central American Mothers Seeking Refuge and Hope in the USA

Date: : Thur. 14th October, 5PM

Speaker: Professor Susan Terrio,, Georgetown University, USA



Abstract: Based on extensive interviews with undocumented mothers in U.S. immigration prisons and in U.S. communities, this paper centers on a group of Central American mothers who got caught up in the refugee crisis in the Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. In an unprecedented exodus, these women fled their homes and sought protection in the United States as extortion and killings by criminal groups soared, the abuse and murder of women exploded at home and in the streets, and the rule of law disintegrated. Leaving children behind with family members, these mothers headed north to work so they could support their children while making plans to bring them to the U.S. Their ambitious plans were often thwarted for years because of the militarized southern border, restrictive immigration policies, low job earnings, and escalating smuggling fees. Reunited in the U.S. after years of separation and facing enhanced enforcement operations, the mothers describe why they left home and how they attempt to build secure lives in the U.S. without legal status.

Speaker Bio: Susan Terrio is Professor of Anthropology and French Studies at Georgetown University. Her specific interests center on social class and educational systems, craft and commoditization, migration and the law, national identities and ideologies, youth culture and conflict, juvenile delinquency and its treatment within the French and US systems of juvenile justice. Her publications include, Judging Mohammed. Juvenile delinquency, Immigration, and Exclusion at the Paris Palace of Justice (Stanford University Press 2009); Whose Child am I? Undocumented, Unaccompanied Children in U.S. Immigration Custody (University of California Press 2015). Her latest book manuscript, Migration, Detention and Deportation in the Lives of Young People, under contract with New York University Press.



Seminar - UCD Asia Pacific Research Network in collaboration with the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice.

Title: Saving Muslim Women: Orientalist feminism in post-colonial Hong Kong
Date: 21st Oct, 6pm

Speaker: Raees Baig (Dr.) Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice, University College Dublin

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Thursday 21st October 2021
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Register at <http://xxx>

In cooperation with **UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice**

Eventbrite link for registration : <https://bit.ly/2WKWXD2/>
Contact: naonori.kodate@ucd.ie

Abstract: The “War on Terror” discourse constructed after 911 attacks continues to shape race relations in the West. While Hong Kong did not experience terrorist attacks under the religious rhetoric, signs of the orientalist narrative of the “War on Terror” could be identified in the construction of race relations under postcolonial legacy. Based on the narratives of non-Chinese muslim young women in Hong Kong, this seminar discusses the play out Orientalist Feminism under postcolonialism and how the shifting identities of Muslim young women under transnationalism help them battle through the Orientalist framing on victimization.

Bio: Raees Baig (BSW, PhD *HKU*) is adjunct assistant professor of social work at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She specializes in the study of gender and race relations in transnational communities, with a focus on women’s empowerment in Muslim communities through women-centred narrative-based approach in deconstruction of myths and stereotypes. Her publications include “Formal and informal social support systems for migrant domestic workers” in *American Behavioral Scientist* (with C. W. Chang in 2020), “Everyday multiculturalism in union: power construction in migrant domestic workers’ unionism” in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (2019), and “The power to change: Muslim women’s rights movement and the resistance towards gender-based violence” in *China Journal of Social Work* (2017). Besides academic publications, she has published a consortium of stories *Break the Barriers - Inside Stories of Ethnic Minority Muslim Girls in Hong Kong* and *Guidebook on Honour-based Violence for Social Service Practitioners* (Upcoming in 2021)



Disclosure of Sexual Abuse: encouragement, facilitation, and support

This one day virtual conference, funded by the Irish Research Council and UCD Seed Funding, has been organised by Dr Joe Mooney

Date: October 8th 2021



Abstract: Disclosure of sexual abuse and violence is a process often beset with many barriers. Developing systems, practices, and environments that encourage, facilitate, and support disclosure of sexual abuse by both children and adults is key to the timely provision of services, stopping the cycle of abuse, and moving towards healing.



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