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NEW APPOINTMENTS



CHIBA UNIVERSITY

Dr Naonori Kodate (Nov. 2024) was appointed as Adjunct Research Professor, Center for Frontier Medical Engineering, Chiba University, Japan



At the signing ceremony of the MoU (UCD Quinn School of Business, 18 Nov 2016) . (Left to Right: former Director of UCD Research, now Vice-President for Strategy and External Engagement, Ms Triona McCormack, then Registrar, Prof. Mark Rogers, former Ambassador of Japan to Ireland Mrs Mari Miyoshi, Prof. Wenwei Yu and Prof. Sayuri Suwa)

RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

Research Professorship position at the Center for Frontier Medical Engineering,,Chiba University, Japan

Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate has been offered a Research Professorship position at the Center for Frontier Medical Engineering, Chiba University, Japan. Dr Kodate's research collaboration with Prof. Wenwei Yu (School of Engineering, Chiba University) started in 2016, and expanded to include Prof. Sayuri Suwa (former Vice President & Dean, Graduate School of Nursing, Chiba University), Prof. Mina Ishimaru (Graduate School of Nursing, Chiba University) and Prof. Mayuko Tsujimura (Shiga University of Medical Science) on the team.

UCD signed an MoU with Chiba University in 2016. This appointment, unanimously approved by the Center's committee, recognises past and ongoing international research projects co-led by Dr Kodate and Prof. Yu. It is expected that as Research Professor, Dr Kodate will continue fostering and strengthening research culture and infrastructure that have been built over 8 years between the two universities , while conducting his research collaboration with engineers and medical/care practitioners in the area of robotics-aided care at home and in communities.

Dr Sarah Donnelly, Assoc. Prof. of Social Work, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice was selected as one of four participants in the Universitas 21 Mid-Career Researchers Programme



UNIVERSITAS 21 MID-CAREER RESEARCHER PROGRAMME

Four UCD colleagues have been selected to participate in the Universitas 21 (U21) Mid-Career Researchers Programme. Universitas 21 (U21) is a global network of 30 world-leading research-intensive universities, fostering collaboration and internationalisation to benefit staff, students, and institutions.

The U21 Mid-Career Researchers Programme is designed to help researchers at a pivotal stage in their careers develop new skills, build international networks, and collaborate with peers from around the world. Participants work together on projects and attend workshops that enhance their professional and personal development.

You find out more about the programme via this link: <https://universitas21.com/get-involved/researcher-opportunities-and-funding/u21-mid-career-researcher-programme-reset-re>

Participating in this year's programme from UCD are:

- Associate Professor Alessia Paccagnini, UCD School of Business.
- **Associate Professor Sarah Donnelly, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice.**
- Associate Professor Shane Bergin, UCD School of Education.
- Lecture Assistant/Professor Javad Zeinali, UCD School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

PAST RESEARCH EVENTS

Willie Birmingham Memorial Lecture 2024 awarded to Dr Sarah Donnelly, Assoc. Prof. in Social Work, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice



(Left to Right: Bibiana Savin of Sage Advocacy, Dr Sarah Donnelly, Assoc. Prof. of Social Work, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice and Dr Emer Ahearne, President of the Irish Gerontological Society)

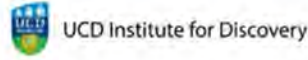
WILLIE BIRMINGHAM LECTURE, 2024

Dr Sarah Donnelly, Irish Gerontological Society Conference, 2024

Dr Sarah Donnelly was invited to give the prestigious Willie Birmingham Memorial Lecture at this year's Irish Gerontological Society Conference in Athlone on 'Ageism, Human Rights and Growing Old with Dignity'. The Willie Birmingham Lecture, which is sponsored by ALONE, is the keynote address at the Annual & Scientific Meeting of the Irish Gerontological Society. The theme of the lecture is generally reflective of the presenter's special interests and perspectives on ageing and older people

Sarah was also awarded the ALONE Willie Birmingham Medal in recognition of her work in this area. Previous recipients include President Mary Robinson, Seamus Heaney and Dr Mike Ryan of the World Health Organisation. Sarah is pictured with Bibiana Savin of Sage Advocacy and Dr Emer Ahearne, President of the Irish Gerontological Society. The lecture can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/RUKCOC4IfxM?feature=shared>

Webinar | HHIT Series
Episode 14: “Automation,
robots and care”, with
Naonori Kodate | 15th
October 2024. 2pm | via
Zoom Webinar |



WEBINAR: AUTOMATION, ROBOTS AND CARE

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

An Interdisciplinary approach

Dr. Kodate's passion for interdisciplinary research is driven by two main factors. First, health and social care are fundamental pillars of welfare states, making the link between policy and practice crucial. He says effective policy must be grounded in evidence, but it loses its significance if practitioners do not embrace and implement it. Having collaborated with care professionals and engineers for more than a decade, his commitment to interdisciplinary research has naturally deepened. Secondly, his work addresses a pressing social challenge that demands a collaborative approach. His central research question explores how we can safely and sustainably leverage technological innovation in care. The relationship between technology and society—and indeed, prosperity—has long been recognized. However, the rapid advancements in robotics and AI amplify the importance of this issue, necessitating collaboration among researchers from diverse disciplines.

Integrating Person-Centered Robotics in Care Systems

Dr. Kodate is co-leading a project involving UCD, [La Fondation France-Japon \(FFJ de l'EHESS\)](#) in Paris, and [Shiga University of Medical Science](#), funded by Toyota Motor Corporation and the Toyota Frontier Research Center.

This initiative coincided with the refurbishment of a 500-bed regional hospital in central Japan, which incorporated autonomous transfer robots into its new care delivery model. While Toyota is widely recognized for its automobiles, the company is also exploring mobility-related transfer robots to alleviate the time spent on caregiving tasks in the hospital.

In this study, social scientists are working alongside engineers and care professionals to assess the impact of these robots on care and service delivery. They aim to understand the perceptions of users and stakeholders, including patients, regarding the implementation of a specific transfer robot known as [Potaro](#) within the hospital.

A distinctive aspect of this project is the collaboration between robotics developers and healthcare practitioners, who have engaged together from the design phase through to deployment.

Beyond short-term effects, the study seeks to understand the long-term implications for the workflows of nurses, medical technicians, and pharmacists, focusing on performance, efficiency, and overall well-being of the staff and patients.

Woven City: A Community for All Generations

Toyota is also developing Woven City in Susono City, aiming to enhance community well-being through technology. The Woven City project illustrates Toyota's commitment to exploring technology in a broader community context. It is designed to benefit all generations, not limited to specific needs such as dementia care. Instead, it serves as a testbed for integrating advanced technologies into everyday community life, catering to younger families with children as well as individuals requiring care.

Ethical Concerns in Using Robots in Care Settings

Dr. Kodate highlights the ethical dimensions of his research on robots in care environments, emphasizing a recent international comparative study he co-led with colleagues from UCD and researchers in Japan and Finland. This tri-country questionnaire surveyed actual and potential users of home care robots, including care recipients, family caregivers, and care professionals, to gather insights into their ethical perceptions.

Unlike previous studies that focused on non-users, this research prioritized the perspectives of those directly affected by robotic care.

A key finding across all three countries was a significant concern about robots replacing human caregivers. Respondents expressed a desire for regulations and legal guarantees ensuring the right to human care, even as automation becomes more prevalent. Dr. Kodate's research in nursing homes, where various assistive technologies are already in use, underscores the importance of trust among all stakeholders, including care recipients, professionals, care managers, and families. Ultimately, he argues that trust in AI and robotics hinges on fostering trust between humans.

Impact of Automation on Human Interactions in Care Settings

Dr. Kodate emphasizes the necessity of interdisciplinary international research collaborations to address the implications of automation on human interactions in care. He advocates for discussions with policymakers and citizens to understand how automation affects relationships and practices across different cultural and organizational contexts. The long-term consequences of these changes remain unclear, but trust in human caregivers is essential for effective communication and care delivery. In nursing homes, the quality and safety of care have often been evaluated based on specific tasks rather than holistic care experiences. While physical assistive robots are being used to aid in tasks like patient transfers, Dr. Kodate expresses concerns about socially assistive robots potentially isolating elderly individuals from human contact. If the caregiving responsibilities of family members and care workers are reduced, the risk of inadequate emotional support increases, highlighting the critical need for human presence in caregiving.

Robots Supplementing, Not Replacing Care

The care sector is facing a significant shortage of professional workers, a challenge not only in Japan but worldwide. While there are both advantages and disadvantages to integrating technology into healthcare, Dr. Kodate emphasizes that these tools should be used to supplement, not replace, human care. Concerns exist about the potential loss of essential communication and interpersonal skills among care professionals, leading some managers to hesitate in adopting new technologies. However, in demanding situations like night shifts, where the workload can be particularly challenging, technology can play a crucial role in supporting care delivery. This support may help alleviate some of the burdens that deter individuals from pursuing careers in this sector.

Great Policy = Great Practice

Dr. Kodate began his research focusing on human-robot interaction, which attracts interest from various disciplines exploring the interface between technology and humans. However, during his visits to nursing homes that utilize these technologies, he consistently observes the critical importance of human-to-human interactions. Care professionals try to use robots not only for assistance but also to foster social connections among themselves, highlighting the necessity of human contact in care settings.

As the use of technology increases, it's vital to remain mindful of the entire care delivery process and its impact on individuals, particularly those with cognitive impairments or disabilities. Dr. Kodate believes that researchers, care professionals, managers, policymakers, and community members must address this issue from multiple societal perspectives to ensure that the human element of care is not overlooked.

You can watch the conversation on YouTube: <https://www.ucd.ie/discovery/hhitseries/naokodate/>

5th Meeting of Le Cercle de la FFJ
 "International research partnership: A
 unique research framework for
 universities and companies" . Date:
 October 17th 2024, 2 - 6 pm. Venue:
 French Embassy in Japan



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP SEMINAR

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate contributed to a one-day seminar (Le Cercle de la Fondation France-Japon Annual Meeting 2024) by giving a presentation for a session entitled “International research partnership: A unique research framework for universities and companies” which was held at the Embassy of France in Japan.

Adjunct Prof. John Neary's Book Launch at MoLI (22nd Oct), organised by Dr Naonori Kodate, Assoc. Prof. of Social Policy

BOOK LAUNCH

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

On 22nd of October, 2024, the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies (JaSt) and the UCD Centre for Asia-Pacific Research jointly hosted a book launch and celebration event to mark the publication of Adjunct Prof. John Neary's book 'Public Diplomacy in Ireland and Japan' (published by Amsterdam University Press).

His Excellency Ambassador Mr Maruyama Norio and President of UCD, Professor Orla Feely gave a speech while the JaSt Director, Assoc. Prof. Kodate served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Both Ambassador and President underscored the significance of Prof. Neary's book in light of the current world affairs. President Feely emphasised in her speech that the book highlights the value of the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies (established in April 2020) by showing the important role that educational and academic links can play in the development of relations between Ireland and Japan.



Left to right: Dr Steffen Rimner (Dir. Centre for Asia-Pacific Research/School of History), His Excellency Mr Norio Maruyama (Ambassador of Japan to Ireland), Adjunct Prof. John Neary (Former Ambassador of Ireland to Japan/the Kingdom of the Netherlands), Prof. Orla Feely (President, UCD), **Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate (Dir. JaSt/Co-Dir. Public Policy Programme in UCD)**

Adjunct Prof. Neary was appointed by the School and the College of Social Sciences and Law in 2017, and the book project began then. Therefore, it was several years in the making, and the team at the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies was particularly delighted with the publication.

Prof. Neary's family and former colleagues from the Department of Foreign Affairs joined this celebratory event as well.

The UCD Centre for Japanese Studies came out of its precursor, UCD Japan Group (which still exists, providing outreach activities for secondary schools and other bodies in the community) and the group has been active for nearly ten years. The publication of his book marks a very important milestone for the entire team and the university community.

We thank Ms Hannah Lyons at MoLI and Mr Hugo O'Donnell (UCD Japan Group) for their help and assistance with the preparations for this event, and thank everyone for joining us along this journey so far!

Address to Seanad Éireann by Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima, Oct. 22nd 2024. Seanad Éireann debate - Wednesday, 23 Oct 2024 Vol. 303 No. 10.



SEANAD ÉIREANN ADDRESS

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate, Associate Professor of Social Policy & Director of UCD Japan Centre

On Wed. 23rd of October, 2024, Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui addressed the Seanad Eireann, the upper chamber of Ireland's parliament, seeking cooperation over the fight against nuclear weapons and over calls for peace.

Director of the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies (JaSt), Assoc. Prof. Naonori Kodate, Assist. Prof. Declan Downey (School of History) and Mr Hugo O'Donnell (UCD Global Engagement/ Founding Chair of the Japan Festival in Ireland, Experience Japan), alongside Prof. Nathan Hill and two TCD colleagues (Trinity Centre for Asian Studies) were invited to attend the session.

Jast, in collaboration with the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, Hiroshima City University and Hiroshima University, hosted a seminar and a 2-week long post exhibition in February 2024.

<https://www.ucd.ie/japan/newsevents/hiroshimaseminarposterexhibition/>

You can access the address at the following web link <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/seanad/2024-10-23/9/>

A cross-European project to meet the challenges of political conflict: Case studies from Northern Ireland, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Cyprus: Report on the findings from three seminars

1. Emeritus Professor Jim Campbell, University College Dublin,
2. Professor Gregory Neocleous, University of Nicosia,
3. Professor Sanela Bašić, University of Sarajevo
4. Professor Joe Duffy, Queens University Belfast
5. Professor Vasilios Ioakimides, University of West Attica,
6. Professor Reima Ana Maglajlic, Sussex University

A European Schools of Social Work sponsored project



This is a photo of some of the participants during the Belfast seminar in the the George J Mitchel Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queens University Belfast. From let to right: Emeritus Professor, Jim Campbell, UCD; Dr Paul Gallagher, WAVE; Carolyn Ewart, CEO British Association of Social Workers, NI; Patricia Higgins, CEO, Northern Ireland Social Care Council; Professor Joe Duffy, Queens University Belfast, Professor Gregory Neocleous, University of Nicosia; and Dr Hanife Serin, University of Nicosia.

REPORT: Three Cross-European Seminars focused on Meeting the Challenges of Political Conflict

Organised by UCD Emeritus Professor Jim Campbell

Introduction

This report describes and discusses the outcomes from the EASSW sponsored Project, led by Professor Jim Campbell and colleagues, that took place between June 2023 and June 2024, across three seminars in Nicosia, Belfast and Sarajevo. The seminars focused on, and debated, the developing knowledge base about the relationships between social work and political conflict in these regions (Campbell et al, Ioakimides et al, Maglajlic et al). Over 200 participants (students, practitioners, victims and survivors and policy makers) were involved, and 28 presentations took place across five days.

Five key themes emerged from the discussions.

- Victim and survivor needs were largely unmet because of failures in political and policy making processes.
- Social work academics need to use a variety of interventions better to understand how the profession can meet these needs and develop alliances with victims and survivors.
- The social work classroom is a space where students can learn more about the skills, knowledge and values that are necessary in meeting the needs of victims and survivors.

Future outcomes

1. Each of the lead participants will incorporate selected aspects of the seminar activity and discussion into respective social work programmes
2. An abstract on the content and process of the seminar series has been submitted to the European Social Work Research Association Conference, Munich, March 2025.
3. A paper, based on the findings from the seminar series will be submitted to a peer review journal in 2025.
4. The lead participants will build upon these experiences to further widen the network of academics, students, practitioners and victims and survivors of political conflict, in 2025

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Dr Ieva Zumbyte and Asst. Prof. Dorota Szelewa, “Work-Life Balance Policymaking in Ireland”, Oct. 15th 2024, MoLI, St. Stephen’s Green, D2



WORK-LIFE BALANCE POLICYMAKING IN IRELAND

The Geary Institute for Public Policy hosted an event on Work-Life Balance Policymaking in Ireland on October 15 at MoLI. The event featured a presentation by **Ieva Zumbyte (UCD Geary Fellow and UCD Postdoctoral fellow on Horizon Europe project TRANSEUROWORKS)** (PI: Asst. Prof. Dorota Szelewa) on Ireland’s compliance with the EU Work-Life Balance Directive, followed by a panel discussion. The panel included Pauline Cullen (Associate Professor of Sociology, Maynooth University), Alice-Mary Higgins (Senator, Seanad Éireann), Laura Bambrick (Head of Social Policy & Employment Affairs, ICTU), and Donal Swan (Women's Economic Equality Co-Ordinator, NWC), with moderation by **Dorota Szelewa** (Geary Fellow and Asst. Prof. in Social Justice).

The discussion explored key issues related to care, gender, and work in Ireland. A key takeaway from the roundtable was the need to shift the perception of care policies from being seen as concessions or obstacles to economic competitiveness, to recognizing and valuing care as a cornerstone of societal prosperity.

Dr Ieva Zumbyte, UCD Postdoctoral fellow, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice was selected to attend the “Transform Your Dissertation into a Book Workshop”, Madison, USA, Oct 29-30, 2024



Part of the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, this workshop aims to help a select number of recent PhDs to re-vision their doctoral dissertations as books.

Sponsored by the American Institute of Indian Studies with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, and American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.

To Apply

Submit the following items as **one PDF** to Dr. Sarah Lamb at sarahlambaiis@gmail.com:

- Cover page
- CV
- Dissertation or book abstract
- Dissertation or book table of contents
- Draft book prospectus
- One sample chapter

Senior Faculty Participants

- Sarah Lamb (convener, Anthropology, WGS, Brandeis U)
- Laura Brueck (South Asian & Comparative Literature, Northwestern U)
- Tejaswini Ganti (Anthropology, Culture & Media, NYU)
- Douglas Haynes (History, Dartmouth U)
- Arsalan Khan (Anthropology, U of Tennessee-Knoxville)
- Arvind Rajagopal (Media, Culture, and Communication, NYU)
- Haimanti Roy (History, U of Dayton-Ohio)
- Akshya Saxena (English, Vanderbilt U)
- Anand Yang (History, U of Washington)

WORKSHOP: OCTOBER 29-30, 2024
APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2024

APPLY: SARHLAMB@GMAIL.COM
MORE INFO: [BIT.LY/AIIS-WORKSHOP](https://bit.ly/AIIS-WORKSHOP)

WORKSHOP: TRANSFORM YOUR DISSERTATION INTO A BOOK

Sponsored by AIIS, AIBS, AIPS and AISLS and attended by Dr Ieva Zumbyte

Dr Ieva Zumbyte (UCD Geary Fellow and UCD Postdoctoral fellow on Horizon Europe project TRANSEUROWORKS) (PI: Asst. Prof. Dorota Szelewa) was selected to attend the competitive and prestigious “Dissertation-to-book workshop” in Madison, USA, October 29-30 organized by American Institute of Indian Studies. This competitive workshop selected recent PhDs, aiming to support them in transforming their dissertations into publishable books.

Participants received valuable feedback on their book proposals from experienced social science scholars and peer authors. Additionally, the workshop featured a session with insights and strategies for publishing with major academic presses. Ieva’s tentative book title is “Professional without Profession: How Childcare Workers and Parents Co-Produce Better Childcare in Urban India”.

FUTURE RESEARCH EVENTS

Professor Kosuke Imai, Prof. of Gov. and of Statistics, Harvard University, 5th Nov. 2024 at 5pm. 'Using Algorithms to Detect Gerrymandering and Improve Legislative Redistricting: Cases from the US and Japan', Old Physics Theatre, MoLI, 86 St. Stephen's Green

Organisers:
UCD Centre for Japanese Studies
UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy
UCD Institute for Discovery
UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice
UCD Centre for Asia-Pacific Research

SPEAKER:
Professor Kosuke Imai
 (Professor of Government and of Statistics, Harvard University)

Using Algorithms to Detect Gerrymandering and Improve Legislative Redistricting: Case from the United States and Japan

Date/Time
 5pm, Nov. 5th, 2024

Venue: Old Physics Theatre, MoLI, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

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SEMINAR “Using Algorithms to Detect Gerrymandering and Improve Legislative Redistricting: Cases from US and Japan

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

Before moving to Harvard, Imai taught at Princeton University for 15 years where he was the founding director of the Program in Statistics and Machine Learning. In addition, Imai served as the President of the Society for Political Methodology from 2017 to 2019 and was elected fellow in 2017.

Dr Toshiaki Segawa & Mr Toshihiko Tsuda (JATCO Ltd.), with Dr Yukio Honda (Univ. of Tokyo / Osaka Univ. / Advisor for Care Robots, Health and Welfare Bureau for Older People, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan), 11th Nov. 2024 at 1pm. 'Expanding the Mobility Potential of Ageing and Inclusive Society', SCIH 2.22, O'Connor Theatre, UCD O'Brien Science Building, Belfield campus.

Organisers:

UCD Centre for Japanese Studies &
UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy
UCD Institute for Discovery
UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice in collaboration with The Embassy of Japan in Ireland



SPEAKERS: Dr Toshiaki Segawa & Mr Toshihiko Tsuda (JATCO Ltd.), with Dr Yukio Honda (Univ. of Tokyo / Osaka Univ.) / Advisor for Care Robots, Health and Welfare Bureau for Older People, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan)

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Date/Time: 1:00-1:50pm,
Nov. 11th, 2024

Venue: SCIH 2.22
O'Connor Theatre,
O'Brien Science Building
UCD, Belfield Campus

SEMINAR "Expanding the Mobility Potential of Ageing and Inclusive Society"

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

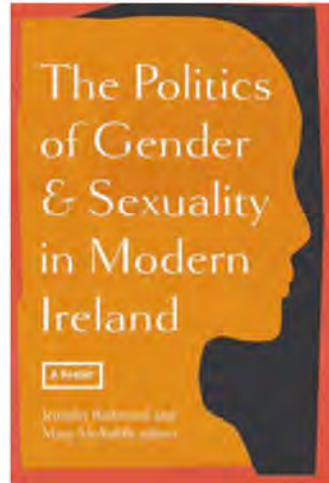
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**Book Launch 'The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Modern Ireland A Reader' Jennifer Redmond and Mary McAuliffe, editors,
ISBN: 978-1-80151-139-1
August 2024. 288 pages.**

Books Upstairs, Wed. Nov. 6th at 6pm



Please join us for the launch of

**The Politics
of Gender & Sexuality
in Modern Ireland**

A Reader

**Jennifer Redmond &
Mary McAuliffe, editors**

To be launched by
Professor Lindsey Earner-Byrne
(Professor of Contemporary Irish History at TCD)

from 6.00pm to 7.45pm in

Books Upstairs
17 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2

on Wednesday 6 November 2024

RSVP info@fourcourtspress.ie

BOOK LAUNCH “The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Modern Ireland A Reader”

Organised by Dr Mary McAuliffe

This book launch concerns ‘The Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Modern Ireland A Reader’ (2024) with Jennifer Redmond and **Mary McAuliffe** as editors and published by Four Courts Press. The book will be launched by Prof. Lindsey Earner-Byrne, Prof. of contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin.

For more information on the book go to [this link](#)

WORKSHOP FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Organised by Dr Naonori Kodate

**Nihon Fukushi University
(University of Social Welfare,
Japan (Tokyo Branch)) &
Obayashi Lab - Collaboration
Seminar/Workshop for Social
Workers, 9 Nov. 2024, 14:00-
17:00 JST**

東京地域同窓会と尾林ゼミのコラボ学習会

社会福祉法人東京聖新会見学会とハイブリット学習会

尾林ゼミでは2019年7月の新宿での発足以来、地域学習会としてソーシャルワークの学びを深めてきました。尾林先生は2024年3月に惜しまれつつ日本福祉大学を勇退されましたが、学びはまだまだ続いていきます!

今回は久しぶりの社会福祉法人東京聖新会見学会とハイブリットの学習会の2部構成を東京地域同窓会と共催で開催いたします。

尾林ゼミメンバーだけではなく同窓生に広く門戸を開きます。皆様と共に学び続けましょう!

2024年11月9日(土) 12~17時(予定)

第1部(現地参加定員先着20名)		第2部(ハイブリット開催)	
12:00	東京聖新会正門に集合 昼食試食会	14:00	浅石裕司先生講義 『研究を語る!~地域からロボットまで~』
12:45	特別看護老人ホーム フローラ田無 老人保健施設 ハートフル田無見学会	15:00	尾林和子先生講義『最近の尾林と社会動向』 スペシャルゲスト(ダブリンからZoom参加) アイルランド国立大学ダブリン校 小館尚文先生

CSJF Annual Conference

Paper presented by Dr Naonori Kodate

**VSJF (Vereinigung für
sozialwissenschaftliche
Japanforschung)
Annual Conference 2024.
Online-Treffen der Fachgruppe
Technik. Online Meeting of the
Technology & Society Section,
Friday 15 November, 8-11am
(IST)**

VSJF



The conference **programme** is available for download here: [VSJF-2024-Sustainability-in-Japan](#)

For more information please email:
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Online Webinar, Social Justice Ireland Annual Policy Conference, 2024, Wed. 13th Nov, 9:30am-12 noon (IST).

To register please use this [link](#)



**Managing Change to Build a Just Society
Policy Outcomes for a New Social Contract**

Social Justice Ireland Annual Policy Conference

Join Social Justice Ireland online, **Wednesday 13th November** between **9.30 am and 12 noon** to hear from experts writing out what needs to be done to build a just society using our policy framework for a New Social Contract.



Aoife Ní Lochlainn
Policy and Strategy Manager
Climate Change Agency



Ciarán Nugent
Economist at the Nevin Economic
Research Institute



Matthew Donoghue
Assistant Professor of Social Policy at the
School of Social Work and
Social Justice, Dublin City University



Seán Ó Riain
Professor of Sociology at the National
University of Ireland Maynooth



Sadhbh O'Neill
Independent Researcher
Climate and Environmental Policy



Michael Clifford
Journalist

Webinar: Managing Change to Build a Just Society

Social Justice Ireland Annual Policy Conference, 2024

This is an opportunity to join Social Justice Ireland online for their 2024 Annual Social Policy Conference, to hear from experts on what we need to do to build a Just society and deliver change for a New Social Contract. The participants include the following:

- Aoife Ní Lochlainn, Policy Officer at the Irish Environmental Network (IEN);
- Ciarán Nugent, Economist at the Nevin Economic Research Institute;
- **Matthew Donoghue, Asst. Prof. in Social Policy, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice;**
- Seán Ó Riain, Professor of Sociology, National University of Ireland Maynooth.
- Sadhbh O'Neill, Independent Researcher, Climate and Environmental Policy;
- Michael Clifford, Journalist, Irish Examiner



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EQUALITY STUDIES CENTRE NEWS

Dear members and friends of the Equality Studies Centre,

Here are some updates about upcoming events - we hope you can join us for some!

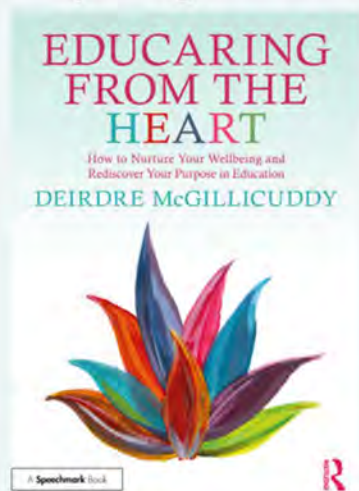
- The Equality Studies working paper series got off to a great start before the term break, and we are now looking forward to our second session with Dr. Showkat Ali, on 'Theorising Equality of Opportunity'. Showkat is a Leverhulme fellow with the the Equality Studies Centre, and though he continues to be based in London, he travels back and forth for meetings and events. I hope he can get to meet some of our equality community at UCD this week! A reminder that the session will take place in A102 in the Hannah Sheehy Skeffington Building, Arts annex (just out the back of the Arts block), from 1-2pm on Tuesday Nov 5th.
- Equality Studies member, Dr. Deirdre McGillicuddy, is launching her new book, Educaring from the Heart: How to nurture your wellbeing and rediscover your purpose in education, on Thursday November 21st at 5pm in the University Club. Dr Niall Muldoon, ombudsman for children, will officially launch the book, and he will be joined in discussion with Profs Colin Scott, Judith Harford and Niamh Moore Cherry.
- Advance notice! We are excited to welcome Dr. Louise Richardson-Self from the University of Tasmania, Australia, to give an Equality Studies lecture on "'Gender Critical Feminist' Speech as Oppressive Speech" on November 21st (time and venue to be confirmed). This presentation will argue that gender-critical 'women's rights' advocacy, which draws its seeming validity from appeals to science, nature, and common sense, constitutes a form of oppressive speech against the trans and gender diverse community. Dr Louise Richardson-Self is an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Awardee, and Senior Lecturer in Philosophy & Gender Studies at the 21 University of Tasmania.

- Finally, there is a talk being given by Dr. Rashmita Mistry from UCLA on 'Undertanding Family's experiences of poverty' in the Geary Institute on Tuesday Novembder 5th at 1pm, that may be of interest to some members. Unfortunatelly it clashes with our own seminar series, but in non-competitive egalitarian spirit, please see attached for further details of this talk!

MARIE MORAN
ESC DIRECTOR

Join Dr Deirdre McGillicuddy for her

Book Launch



In the company of

**Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children
& Special Guests**

Thursday / November 21st / 5pm

UCD University Club

Fáilte roimh chách!



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UCD Equality Studies Centre Lecture Series

'Gender Critical Feminist' Speech as Oppressive Speech



Dr. Louise Richardson-Self

**November 21st
Room A201
Hannah
Sheehy
Skeffington
Bdg, UCD
1-2pm**

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

L. Lucumi-Mosquera, M. Ugueto-Ponce, A. Felicien, and K. Ruetten-Orihuela. 2024. [Duple Cacao-Chocolate and the Materiality of the Political Economy of Pleasure](#). *The European Journal of Development Research*, 1-21.



Abstract:

This article expands on Walter Rodney's call to explore possibilities for redevelopment of the African diaspora due to its underdevelopment. Drawing on four experiences of rural everyday resistance in Colombia, Brazil, and Venezuela, it analyses fine-flavour cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* L.) ecologies, subjectivities, and economics in relation to craft chocolate production, commercialisation, and consumption. Our evidence suggests that farmers' liberation projects occur beyond the ambivalence between oppression and emancipation. It is argued that emancipations are rather shaped by complex non-binary power dynamics with multiple tensions that resist the materiality of a racialised administration of pleasure and pain.

Vélez Torres, I., Gough, K. V., & Ruetten-Orihuela, K. 2024. ["Una paz que se la lleva el viento" Efectos y alcances de la 'paz territorial' en Colombia \(2016-2022\)](#). *Territorios*, (51 Especial), 1-26.



Abstract:

Six years after signing the Peace Agreement between the Farc-EP and the Colombian government, the main rural transformations were delayed, while the violence figures show that peace had not materialized. Using an activist methodology, working in the Department of Cauca with rural communities, this article analyses three phases of the 'territorial peace' model: the local turn, characterized by the participatory and densely bureaucratic implementation of the Peace Agreement; the militarist turn, which replaced integral territorial development; and the new cycle of internal armed conflict, emphasizing the ethnic and racial dimension of violence. We conclude that peacebuilding has deviated from the roadmap to comprehensively address the structural causes of war, opting instead for militaristic securitization and stabilization, which generates the re-victimization and hopelessness of impoverished rural inhabitants, who are once again caught between new and recycled conflicts.



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