

# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS BULLETIN | NO. 3, MAY 2021

## 1. NEW FUNDED PROJECTS

Congrats to Dr Sarah Donnelly and Professor Jim Campbell on their new three year project **Innovation by supporting reflexivity and participation (INORP): Strengthening education and professionalization of social work on the border of other professions** which is co-financed by EU funds under the Erasmus+ scheme.

The UCD project team is led by Dr Sarah Donnelly and Professor Jim Campbell. The project coordinator is Charles University, and there are three other project partners from Ghent University, University of Helsinki and COOPERATIVA DE ENSINO SUPERIOR DE SERVIÇO SOCIAL, Lisbon. The associate partner is the Association of Educators in Social Work (ASVSP).

The project aims to strengthen the skills and abilities of teachers, students and stakeholders from social and health professional services in each of the partner countries. It focuses on the analysis of participatory and reflexive approaches across two intensive programmes and a concluding conference. This project sets out to examine these themes through comparisons between country case studies, highlighting exemplars of good practice. In addition, a range of outputs will include practice guides, modular designs and peer review journal articles



Congrats to Associate Professor Marie Keenan on her new project **Pathways to Exit: How women leaving prostitution can be supported to rebuild their lives and regain their voice**

Funded by the Community Foundation for Ireland – Covid-19 Response Fund, this is a collaborative project under the UCD Sexual Exploitation Research Programme (SERP) in partnership with Ruhama and the Immigrant Council of Ireland



The majority of women in prostitution in Ireland are vulnerable young migrants. They face many adversities in their lives that both drive them into prostitution, and trap them within it, including poverty, severe financial pressures, homelessness, lack of English, insecure immigration status, and violence and coercion perpetrated by sex buyers, pimps and traffickers. All these existing adversities were further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, leaving many migrant women more entrenched in prostitution than ever before.

As a result of the pandemic, there is growing recognition that women need urgent support to exit prostitution. This collaborative project will document the extensive work undertaken by specialist frontline services to support women to exit (leave) prostitution, rebuild their lives and regain their voice. SERP will examine how agencies involve women in shaping their services, and how they build women’s capacity to have a voice on issues that affect their lives. We will be directly informed by women’s own views and experiences in identifying what quality service provision looks like for those who have been trafficked and exploited in the sex trade. This study will generate a model of good practice for the provision of exiting supports.

It is also noteworthy/newsworthy that SERP received the largest award provided by CFI through this new Covid-19 Response Fund.



The €80,000 awarded includes €25,000 for Ruhama and €10,000 for the Immigrant Council of Ireland, as the two collaborating partners with UCD. When the Irish Times reported on it, they also noted that it was the largest single

award: <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/women-exiting-prostitution-and-meals-on-wheels-among-beneficiaries-of-philanthropy-fund-1.4510164>



**Jim Campbell, Professor of Social Work**, is leading a team of international social work academics in a European Association of Schools of Social Work sponsored project on the topic of social work and political conflict.

The project, informed by the authors' recent edited book: Duffy, J., Campbell, J. and Tosone, C. (Eds.).

(2020). *International Perspectives on Social Work and Political Conflict*. London: Routledge, will involve three

intensive seminars. The three seminars, in Sarajevo, Nicosia and Belfast will engage with key stakeholders in discussions about the impact of political conflict on social work practice, education and organisational delivery. The lessons learned from the project will be used to inform social work education and research for members of the European Association of Schools of Social Work.

## 2. NEW AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

Congrats to Asst. Prof. Marie Moran on her success in the competition for a **Fulbright Scholar's Award 2021-22**

As a Fulbright Scholar Marie will visit the University of Wisconsin-Madison for a period of a minimum of three months in Spring 2022. The award was given to enable Marie to (i) carry out research on social movement responses to inequality in an American context, for her forthcoming book, 'Inequality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' (Polity); (ii) work on the book's theoretical framework under the mentorship of Professor Harry Brighouse of the Philosophy Department, and (iii) to build connections between the world-renowned Havens-Wright Centre for Social Justice the UCD Equality Studies Centre of which she is director. The official awards ceremony will take place in June.



*Marie: I'm very grateful to those who supported me in the application, especially Maureen Lyons, Jim Campbell, Michelle Norris and John Baker. For anybody who is thinking of applying in a subsequent year, I would be very happy to answer questions or help you with your application*



More on the Haven's-Wright Centre:  
<https://havenswrightcenter.wisc.edu/>

More on the Fulbright Award:  
<https://www.fulbright.ie/going-to-the-usa/fulbright-irish-scholar-awards/>



Congrats to Associate Professor Michelle Norris who has been appointed as **one of five expert advisors to the Housing2030 project** which is a joint initiative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, UN Habitat and Housing Europe (which represents social landlords in the EU). As part of the project she has participated in a series of webinars, podcasts and also contributed to the project report which will be adopted at a United Nations Meeting in September.



Michelle's contribution focuses in particular on the finance and investment for affordable housing. Her chapter on this issue for the project report was launched at a webinar on the 14th of April which was attended by 400 policy makers from the 56 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe member states.

Details of the project and copies of the project podcasts are available here: <https://www.housing2030.org/>

Housing Agency Research Advisory Committee

Additional congrats to Michelle Norris who has been appointed to the **Housing Agency's Research Committee**.



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### 3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS



An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála,  
Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil  
Department of Housing, Planning,  
Community and Local Government



Congrats to Professor Michelle Norris, Dr Joanne Kelleher, Dr Angela Palmer and Professor Jim Campbell who have recently completed **an evaluation, to examine and review the current roles, responsibilities, and functions of social workers (or equivalents) funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to assist Travellers with their accommodation-related issues**

( <https://www.housingagency.ie/publications/review-local-authority-social-workers-and-personnel-employed-assist-travellers-their>)

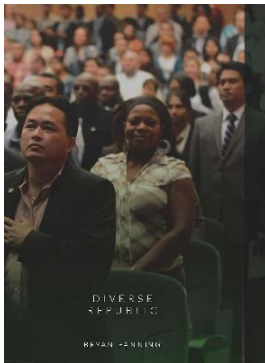


A mixed method research approach was used. This included a review of policies, memoranda, and administrative data: including operational guidelines for, and data on local authority social workers and TLOs who work with Travellers on accommodation needs. The authors carried out a review of the research literature on social work with Travellers, additional government supports for this community and Travellers' socio-economic characteristics, culture, and accommodation conditions. An online survey of local authority social workers and Traveller liaison officers collated information on professional backgrounds, qualifications, job specification, routine duties, professional and career progression and satisfaction, and peer support. In addition, a request for submissions was carried out with local authorities and Traveller representative groups using an on-line survey platform. Finally, interviews with relevant stakeholders: these interviews probed the themes that emerged from the results of the online survey.

The report made the following recommendations:

- That the Department should, with stakeholders, formulate a joint vision for a new role for social work services in local government which is more strategic to the needs of this sector and the clients it serves.
- The establishment of a generic service delivery model for Local Authority social work
- That travellers should have equitable access to the local authority social work services on the basis of need in the same way as any other client, but they should not be obliged to use this service and that the current arrangements for the automatic referral of Travellers to the local authority social work service irrespective of their needs should be discontinued.
- A negotiation of a new agreement regarding the funding of social work posts between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the CCMA and the local authorities.
- The creation of A National Framework for Social Work in the Local Authority Sector to establish clear thresholds and criteria for referrals, descriptions of duties and professional standards and the facilitation of consistent opportunities for continuous professional development.

Congrats to Professor Bryan Fanning on the publication of his new book **Diverse Republic** Published by UCD Press ISBN: 9781910820711



Description: The Republic of Ireland has changed much in the last few decades. It has become much more socially liberal, urban, secular and wealthy. It has also experienced large-scale immigration during a period when other Anglophone and many other European countries mainstream political parties have witnessed the exploitation of anti-immigrant nativism by some political mainstream parties as well as by the far right. *Diverse Republic* examines, as part of a wider focus on how immigration has changed Irish society, the emergence of antiimmigrant far-right groups through a focus on some key figures within these. It also considers the response of mainstream politics to immigration and examines efforts to encourage the integration of newcomers. The first part of the book examines how Irish society and identity has changed since the foundation of the state. This is relevant to the second part, which examines how and to what extent far right anti-immigration politics are likely to flourish or not in the Irish case. The second part of the book examines the appeal of far-right political responses to immigration in a context where some Irish citizens no longer appear to be represented by the political mainstream and where nativist populists lay claim to the symbols and heroes of the Republic. *Diverse Republic* makes the case for proactive measures to promote immigrant integration and social cohesion through citizenship, social policy and community development. It engages with shifting nationalist understandings of Irishness and makes the case for taking these seriously even if anti-immigrant nativist nationalism has found only fringe support in Irish politics to date. The symbols and history of what has become a diverse Republic should not become the property of those who would exclude some of its citizens.

**Mooney, J.** (2021) *How Adults Tell: Messages for Society and Policymakers Regarding Disclosure of Childhood Sexual Abuse*, Child Abuse Review, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/car.2677>.

Overview: 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. This study used a biographic-narrative interpretive method (BNIM) to gather the experiences of adults who engaged with child protection social work services. 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.

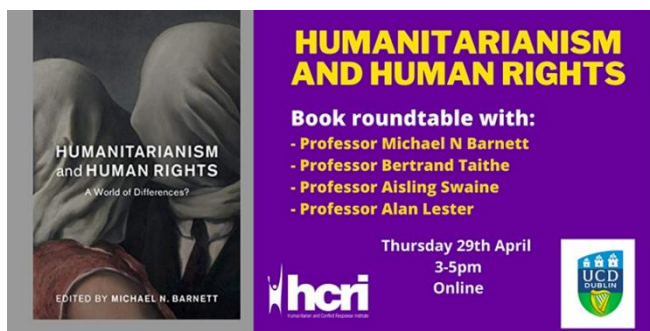


**Professor Jim Campbell's** seminal, co-authored article has been chosen from over 7000 to be included in 50 selected to represent 50 years of the British Journal of Social Work: Smyth, M. and Campbell, J (1996) Social Work, Sectarianism and Anti-sectarian Practice in Northern Ireland, *The British Journal of Social Work*, Volume 26(1), 77-92. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordjournals.bjsw.a011074>

**Campbell, J.,** Duffy, J., Tosone, C. and Falls, D. (2021) 'Just Get on with It': A Qualitative of Study of Social Workers' Experiences during the Political Conflict in Northern Ireland, *The British Journal of Social Work*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcab039>

**Kodate, N., Donnelly, S.,** Suwa, S., et al. Home-care robots –Attitudes and perceptions among older people, carers and care professionals in Ireland: A questionnaire study. *Health Soc Care Community*. 2021;00:1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13327>

## 4. RECENT EVENTS



The UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice with the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Nottingham, UK is pleased to forward details and a registration link for the webinar '**Humanitarianism**

**and Human Rights: A World of Differences?' where you can join the authors as they discuss some of the debates within the book**



**DATE & TIME: Thursday 29th April 2021, 3 – 5pm**

Please register for the event

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/humanitarianism-and-human-rights-book-launch-and-roundtable-tickets-145443211561>

**About this Event:** The book, edited by Michael N Barnett, explores the fluctuating relationship between human rights and humanitarianism. For most of their lives, human rights and humanitarianism have been distant cousins. Humanitarianism focused on situations in faraway places dealing with large-scale loss of life that

demanded urgent attention whilst human rights advanced the cause of individual liberty and equality at home. .

In this virtual roundtable organised in collaboration with UCD's School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, and chaired by Dr Ronan McDermott (University of Nottingham), leading scholars who contributed to the book will probe how the shifting meanings of human rights and humanitarianism converge and diverge from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, and debate topics including violence against women, humanitarian aid in a genocide context, and practices of humanity.

**Speaker bios:**

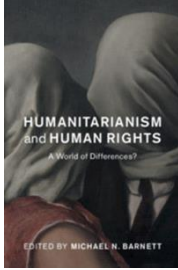
**Professor Michael Barnett:** Professor of International and Political Science at the George Washington University. He will be introducing the reasons for the interest in the distinction between human rights and humanitarianism, their relationship, and what this distinction tells us about the world we live in.

**Professor Aisling Swaine,** University College Dublin: Professor of Gender Studies in the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. She was named by A-Political as one of the world's 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy 2021. She'll be discussing her chapter 'At Odds? Human Rights and Humanitarian Approaches to Violence Against Women During Conflict' which examines the relationship between the human rights and humanitarian fields respectively through the lens of both their normative and related approaches to practice and responses in humanitarian contexts to the issue of conflict-related violence against women.

**Professor Alan Lester:** Professor of Historical Geography at the University of Sussex. He is the author of *Colonisation and the Origins of Humanitarian Governance*, with Fae Dussart (Cambridge University Press 2014) and *Ruling the World: Freedom, Civilisation and Liberalism in the Nineteenth Century British Empire*, with Kate Boehme and Peter Mitchell (Cambridge University Press 2021). In this session he'll be talking about the relationship between humanitarian governance, Protection and the Rights of Man in the nineteenth century British Empire.

**Professor Bertrand Taithe:** Since 2009, Bertrand Taithe has been a founding member and Executive Director of the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, which combines the research interests of colleagues in the humanities and opens a dialogue with humanitarian workers and medical practitioners. Bertrand has been editor of the *European Review of History- revue europeenne d'histoire* since 1994., and has chaired the editorial committee of Manchester University Press for a number of years . He now edits two book series: *Cultural History of Modern War and Humanitarianism Key Debates and New Approaches*, as well as the *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*.





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## 5. FUTURE EVENTS/CONFERENCES



**The 3rd Joint UCD/Tusla Learning Forum is planned for Friday 11th June 2021;**



**Overview:** This is the third year of the Joint UCD/Tusla Learning Forum which brings together academics, students, practitioners, and management to discuss current issues in child protection practice. Previous fora have focused on *Outcomes for Children in Care* and the *Impact of Covid 19* and included keynote addresses from Professor Caroline McGregor (NUIG) and Professor Bríd Featherstone (Uni of Huddersfield), respectively. This year's forum will focus on the issues of 'resistance' and 'disguised compliance' and we hope to secure an internationally recognised scholar in the field of Shame and Social Work, alongside practitioner presentations. *More details to follow.*

**Associate Professor Naonori Kodate** has organised a Film screening and discussion: **Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution (Directed by David Prendergast / Produced by Naonori Kodate)**

**Date: Thu, 20 May 2021 12:00 – 13:00 IST/GMT**

This is an event (free-of-charge) organised by the UCD Centre for Japanese Studies (UCD-JaSt) in collaboration with la Fondation France-Japon de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales & Maynooth University's Ethnographic Lab.

Please register for this event: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/circuits-of-care-ageing-in-japans-robot-revolution-film-screening-qa-tickets-142400950075>



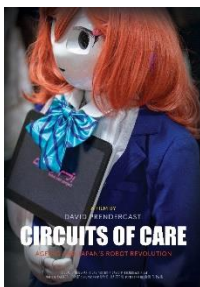
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**Date: Fri, 21 May 2021 14:05 – 15:15 IST/GMT**

You can see the programme. This is not a free event.

<https://response-ability.tech/programme/>



**Overview:** Japan is arguably the first post-industrial society to embrace the prospect of human-robot coexistence. David Prendergast, Professor in Science, Technology & Society at Maynooth University, will introduce and show his newly-released 35-minute documentary film, **Circuits of Care: Ageing and Japan's Robot Revolution**, which explores the role of robots in the social care of Japan's ageing population. Accompanied by the film's producer, Naonori Kodate, Associate Professor in Social Policy, University College Dublin, David will facilitate a discussion with delegates about the issues the film raises.

**Speakers:**

**David Prendergast** is a social anthropologist and Professor of Science, Technology and Society at Maynooth University in Ireland where he was also previously Head of the Department of Design Innovation. David also worked at Intel for eleven years where he was a Principal Investigator at the 'Technology Research for Independent Living Centre' and co-founder of the 'Intel Institute for Sustainable Connected Cities'. He has served as Visiting Professor of Healthcare Innovation at the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Trinity College Dublin. His latest book 'Aging and the Digital Life Course' was named a CHOICE 'Outstanding Academic Title' by the American Library Association and was described as one of 'the two most fascinating books on ageing in the 21st Century' by the Huffington Post.

**Naonori Kodate** is Associate Professor in Social Policy, University College Dublin and the founding Director of UCD Centre for Japanese Studies. He was previously Research Associate at NIHR King's Patient Safety and Service Quality Research Centre, UK, and is affiliated with the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, France. He is the Principal Investigator of an international and social science-led interdisciplinary research project "Harmonisation towards the establishment of Person-centred, Robotics-aided Care System (HARP)", working with teams in Ireland, Japan, Hong Kong and France. His recent publications include: 'Can connected technologies improve sleep quality and safety of older adults and care-givers? *Technology in Society*' and 'Home-care robots - attitudes and perceptions among older people, carers and care professionals in Ireland (co-authored with Dr Sarah Donnelly and others), *Health and Social Care in the Community*'.

[Conference]

The 19th Annual STS Conference Graz 2021 "Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies" (3-5 May 2021)

Kodate, N. (co-authored with Obayashi, K. & Masuyama, S.)

- "Empowering users by co-producing a bedside cuddly soft robot: a case study from a Japanese nursing home"
- "In search of successful implementation of assistive technologies in care sector: Applying a framework for Responsible Research and Innovation"

The 50th Anniversary Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology 'Ageing Past, Present and Future: Innovation and Change' (7 to 9 July 2021)

Kodate, N., Donnelly, S., Mannan, H., et al. "A vision for the future? Shifting portrayals of care robots in newspaper articles in Asia and Europe"