

# GOVERNMENT TIMES

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### **Renowned Academic, Professor Brigid Laffan, to Deliver 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture on 6 November**



The annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture is a showcase event for the Department of Government and we are delighted that the latest lecture in the series will be delivered by Professor Brigid Laffan, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute in Florence. See pages 5-8 for more on the Monahan Lecture which takes place on Thursday 6 November. Put the date in your diary.

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## GEARING UP FOR 6 NOVEMBER

As you will read, the main focus in this issue of *GT* is on Thursday 6 November when we have our annual showcase event, the **Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture**. Also on the night we will be presenting our annual Department of Government student awards and we will be re-launching our Working Paper Series in honour of Tom O'Connor. There are lots of other interesting stories too in this issue so we won't delay you any longer from getting stuck into it!

Aodh Quinlivan (Staff), Caroline Hofman (BSc Government IV), and Lorna Murphy (BSc Government II), co-editors of *Government Times*, 2014/2015



Nobel Peace Prize winner, John Hume, delivered the second annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture in 1998.







## More Research Awards for Department of Government Staff and Students

- Dr Clodagh Harris has been awarded €4,100 from UCC's strategic Research Fund to fund her sabbatical research leave from June to December 2015.
- Department of Government PhD candidate, Long Pham, has won a PhD Scholarship under UCC's Strategic Research Fund PhD Studentship Programme 2014.



Congratulations to Dr Clodagh Harris and Long Pham on their successful funding applications

## Quercus Appointment for Dr. Clodagh Harris



Dr. Clodagh Harris has been appointed co-director of the active citizenship strand of UCC's Quercus talented students' programme. For more information on the Quercus programme see <http://www.ucc.ie/en/quercus/>.

## BSc Government I Student Represents UCC at Golf Intervarsity



Congratulations to BSc Government First Year student, Thomas Conway, who was selected to represent UCC last week in an inter-varsity golf tournament. Onwards and upwards!



## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Lecture

### ‘A PROGRAMME COUNTRY NO MORE: WHITHER IRELAND AND EUROPE?’

BY PROFESSOR BRIGID LAFFAN

*Director of Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Florence*

This annual lecture series celebrates the life and career of Ireland’s first local authority manager, Philip Monahan. Previous lectures in the series have been delivered by John Hume, Mary McAleese, David Norris, Emily O’Reilly and Taoiseach Enda Kenny, amongst others.



Thursday  
6 November  
2014

6:30pm sharp in  
Boole 2, UCC

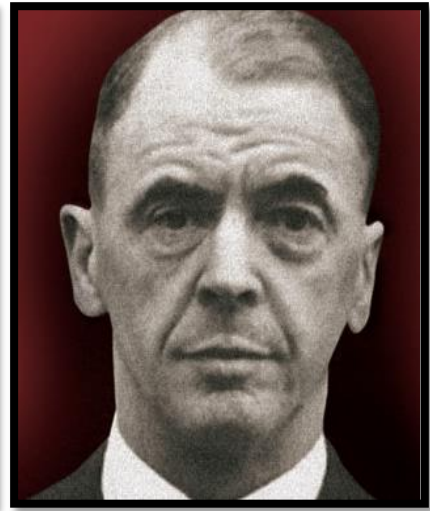
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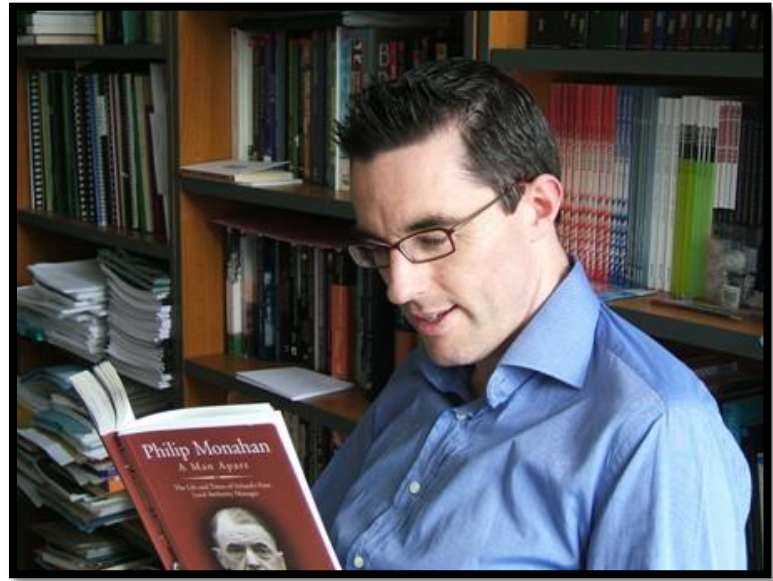
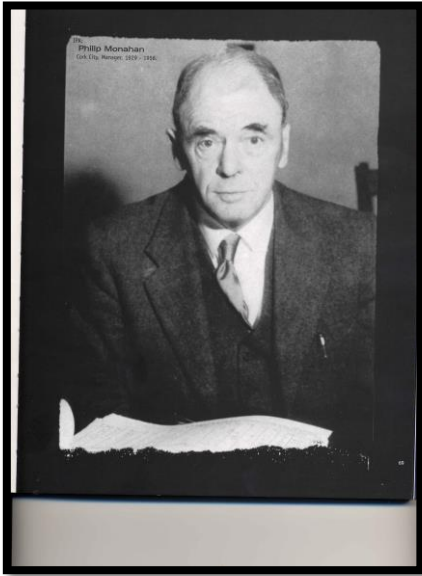


## PHILIP MONAHAN LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES TO GROW

Each year the Department of Government at University College Cork hosts a prestigious public lecture to celebrate the memory of Philip Monahan. Monahan was Ireland's first local authority manager and he served as City Commissioner and then City Manager in Cork from 1924-1959. Monahan set the highest standards of probity and integrity in public administration and he defined the role of City Manager and the practice of public management in Ireland. The lecture series was inaugurated in 1997 and, as can be seen from the list below, has attracted some very distinguished speakers.

1. **Professor Tom Garvin**, Department of Politics, University College Dublin (1997)
2. **Dr. John Hume**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner (1998)
3. **Francesco Rutelli**, Mayor of Rome (1999)
4. **John Dennehy**, Secretary General, Department of Education and Science (2000)
5. **Professor Robert Putnam**, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University (2002)
6. **Dr. Mary McAleese**, President of Ireland (2003)
7. **David Begg**, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions (2005)
8. **David Norris**, member of Seanad Éireann (2006)
9. **Robert Faucher**, Deputy US Ambassador to Ireland (2007)
10. **Dermot McCarthy**, Secretary General to the Irish Government (2008)
11. **Ivana Bacik**, member of Seanad Éireann (2009)
12. **Charlie Bird**, RTÉ broadcaster (2010)
13. **Emily O'Reilly**, Ombudsman and Information Commissioner (2011)
14. **John Bercow MP**, Speaker of House of Commons (2012) \*Lecture took place in February 2013
15. **Enda Kenny, TD**, Taoiseach (2013) \*Lecture took place in January 2014

# Who was Philip Monahan?



## *Philip Monahan* *1893-1983*

Philip Monahan's life was interwoven with significant figures and events in Irish political and cultural history. Heavily involved in the Irish Volunteers and Sinn Féin, Monahan was imprisoned by the British authorities on three occasions. During his third incarceration he shared a cell with Éamon de Valera in Lincoln Jail and assisted in his escape. Following his release Monahan served as an elected representative on Drogheda Borough Corporation, where he was elected as Mayor, and on Louth County Council. He took the pro-Treaty side in the Civil War and was shot in the neck in 1922.

After recovering, he was sent to Kerry as Commissioner in 1923 by Minister Ernest Blythe to replace the dissolved county council and to administer Republican Kerry on behalf of the Irish Free State government. His final move was to Cork, where he managed the city for thirty-five years. His greatest achievements were the initiation of the Corporation's new housing programme, the eradication of the slums and the creation of the differential rent system. As Commissioner and subsequently City Manager, Monahan set high standards of probity and integrity in public administration – *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re* – flexible in method, constant in principle. He defined the role of the City Manager and the practice of public management in

Quinlivan, Aodh (2006), *Philip Monahan – A Man Apart: The Life and Times of Ireland's First Local Authority Manager*, Dublin: Institute of Public Administration



# Memories from the last Monahan Lecture





# WHO WILL WIN THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT STUDENT AWARDS 2014?

On the occasion of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, three Department of Government student awards will be presented – Student of Year; Graduate of Year; Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Winner. Whose names will be added to these prestigious lists?

## THOMAS WHALEN STUDENT OF YEAR AWARD



2000	Holly Hardwicke
2001	Elizabeth Harrington
2002	Peter Ryan
2003	Hannah Lane
2004	Ann-Marie Tierney
2005	Denis Twomey
2006	Andrea Merrigan
2007	Darragh Mehigan
2008	Patrick Higgins
2009	Tracey O’Rourke
2010	John Kenny
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaidín
2012	Louis O’Keeffe
2013	Jack Corbett
2014	



The 2012 Student of the Year, Louis O’Keeffe, with Lord Mayor John Buttimer

**RICHARD HASLAM GRADUATE OF  
YEAR AWARD**



2003	Holly Hardwicke
2004	Elizabeth Harrington
2005	Jeremiah O’Sullivan
2006	Brenda Keating
2007	Tim McCarthy
2008	Matthew Ryan
2009	Colm Diamond
2010	Neepa Sodhi
2011	Laura Murphy
2012	Tracey O’Rourke
2013	John Kenny
2014	



**The 2013 Graduate of the Year, John Kenny with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD**

**PATRICK O’SULLIVAN  
ESSAY WINNER**



2002	Andrew O’Leary
2003	Donal Holohan
2004	John O’Sullivan
2005	John O’Sullivan
2006	Cormac Cahill
2007	Ian Mawe
2008	Niall Duggan
2009	Andrew Aherne
2010	Declan Keating
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaídn
2012	John Somers
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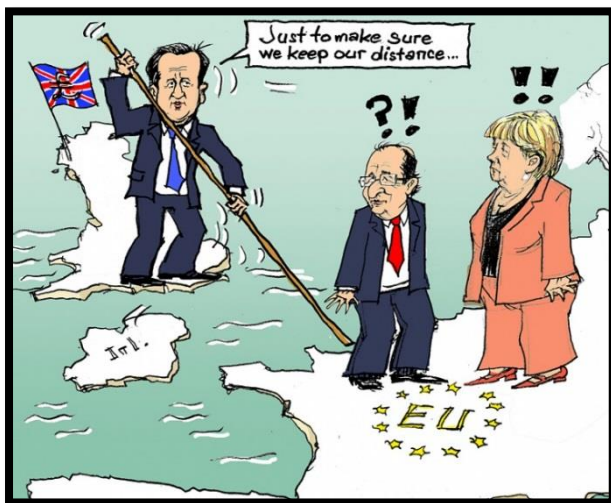
**The 2010 Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Winner, Declan Keating, with the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Catherine Clancy**



# The Patrick O'Sullivan Essay Writing Competition 2014/2015 Academic Year



This essay writing competition celebrates the life and spirit of Patrick O' Sullivan, who tragically died on 3 March, 2001. Patrick should have been amongst our first group of students who graduated in September 2003. Patrick had a deep interest in politics and he also possessed a great sense of humour. We try to combine both of these elements in this annual essay competition.



*The perfect European should be...*

*Humorous as a German, generous as a Dutchman, discreet as a Dane, famous as a Luxembourger, technical as a Portuguese, humble as a Spaniard, cooking like a Brit, available as a Belgian, controlled as an Italian, driving like the French, organised as a Greek,*

## 'IS THERE A EUROPEAN IDENTITY?'

500 word essay, 1-2 pages

Please supply your name and class year on a separate cover page

NO need to adhere to academic assignment guidelines re: referencing etc.

Essays can be as light-hearted and as irreverent as you wish!

Submit to: Aodh Quinlivan, Room 2.54, Department of Government, or electronically to [a.quinlivan@ucc.ie](mailto:a.quinlivan@ucc.ie)

**DEADLINE: - Friday 24 October 2014**

The writer of the winning essay will receive the Patrick O' Sullivan Perpetual Shield at the Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture on Thursday 6 November.

**NOTE: This competition is open to all under-graduate students of our BSc Government degree and to Arts, Commerce and international students studying Government modules.**

## Excellent MBS Government Seminar by Art O’Leary – ‘Decisions are made by those who show up’



Art O’Leary (on left above), Secretary General to President Michael D. Higgins and former secretary of the Irish Convention on the Constitution, delivered an MBS Government seminar entitled 'Decisions are made by those who show up' on Friday 26 September. During an engaging presentation Art discussed the Convention on the Constitution which he stated had the aim of hearing from the ‘ordinary citizen’. This was the first real attempt in Ireland to have a citizens’ assembly and meetings took place over an 18 month period.

The Constitutional Convention was regarded as a success but Art argued that there remains a fundamental need to ‘find a way to put a fire in the belly of citizens, especially young people, so they will engage.’ He also claimed, ‘*how we have conversations is very important.*’ The seminar presentation was very well received, as evidenced by the number of questions at the end.

## Welcome Visitor from Konstanz

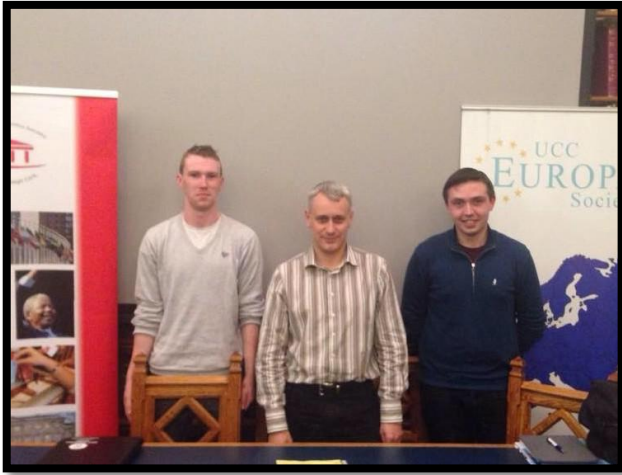


The Department of Government was delighted to recently host Heike Schutter from Konstanz University in Germany. During her brief stay in UCC Heike contributed to a number of classes on the BSc Government, including GV2230 (‘Public Management Concepts’) and GV4202 (‘Government Research Dissertation’).



# UCC Societies

## The Ukrainian Crisis – Europe’s Response



**Dr. Andrew Cottey (centre) spoke at the debate on the Ukrainian Conflict organised by the Europa Society (Auditor Michael Daniel McCarthy on right) and the Government & Politics Society (Auditor Donagh Kavanagh on left)**

Last week, the Europa Society hosted an event in collaboration with the Government and Politics Society to discuss the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and the response of Europe to the situation. The meeting was addressed by the head of the Department of Government, Dr Andrew Cottey, who gave a fascinating and insightful address on the topic. The crisis began to make international news in 2013, when large protests against the Ukrainian government for their failure to sign the association agreement with the European Union, instead choosing to strengthen relations with Russia. People were also protesting against the perceived authoritarian style of governance the Ukrainian government ruled by. The Ukrainian president fled to Russia, where he still resides, following the extreme unrest in the country, and a rebellion in the East instigated by pro-Russian separatists began. In February of 2014, unmarked military personnel gradually took control of the province of Crimea, which Russia then annexed.

The military takeover of Crimea was a clear violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty, and was utterly outrageous. As Dr Cottey explained, Ukraine is a divided country at heart, with the West generally being pro- Europe, and the East generally being pro-Russia, and this is at the heart of the conflict in Ukraine. Putin would argue that the uprising was encouraged by the West, and that Russia has the right to be involved to protect its own interests, but most Western commentators would agree that Russia’s actions and military intervention highlights Russia’s inability to accept that they lost the Cold War, and the subsequent collapse of its empire, and intervened in Ukraine as it saw itself losing its influence in Ukraine as well.

The response to the crisis has been divided. The European governments do not want a conflict with Russia, and Obama has made it clear that there will be no western military intervention in Ukraine. The main response from Europe has been to impose tougher sanctions on Russia, and said economic sanctions are starting to negatively impact Russia. A recent NATO conference has also seen moves to toughen the defence of countries bordering Russia, a show of strength on the part of the border countries. A ceasefire was implemented in early September, and while it seems to be holding, there is now fears that the Ukrainian conflict will become a ‘frozen conflict’, a situation where armed conflict has come to an end, but the conflict itself has not been resolved through any political means. This means that the crisis and underlying issues in Ukraine are far from resolved.



# LAUNCH OF TOM O'CONNOR WORKING PAPER SERIES



**COPY OF LETTER TO *THE IRISH TIMES*  
PUBLISHED ON 5 DECEMBER 1996, ENTITLED  
'CIVIL SERVICE ROLES'**

Sir, -

Garret FitzGerald has got it wrong (November 30<sup>th</sup>). Far from 'sheltering civil servants', the Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924, as interpreted by successive Governments, inhibits civil service initiatives.

Civil servants will gladly implement policy and take full responsibility for their actions if and when Ministers acquire the competence to articulate coherent policies, the courage to delegate intelligently and the good sense to desist from 'corrosive' and niggling interference in administration.

Yours etc.,

T. O'Connor  
Churchtown  
Dublin 14

As part of the Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture we will be launching the **TOM O'CONNOR WORKING PAPERS SERIES** which celebrates and commemorates the life of our colleague who passed away in April 2013.

Tom was a graduate of Trinity College Dublin (MLitt). A native of Kerry, he was a career civil servant and served as a senior official at the Department of Finance before becoming Commissioner of Valuation. He lectured on politics and public administration at the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin, at Maynooth University and at University College Cork. He was a much loved colleague in the Department of Government for the best part of 20 years up to his death in April 2013. He was very popular with staff and students alike and was highly respected. As well as writing a series of articles on politics and public administration he co-wrote (with Anthony O'Halloran) *Politics in a Changing Ireland, 1960-2007 (2008)*.

# TOM O'CONNOR WORKING PAPER SERIES

The Department of Government's Working Paper Series started in 1998 and, by 2009, there were 31 papers in the series. At that point the series was discontinued but we are re-launching it on 6 November in honour of Tom O'Connor. We hope to launch at least a dozen new papers, including the following which have already been submitted.

There will be a link to the working paper series on the Department of Government web site and people will be able to download the papers.

We are delighted to honour Tom through this series and we hope that it will prosper over the years ahead.

1. "The Cork Progressive Association and the Dissolution of Cork Corporation in 1924"  
**Aodh Quinlivan (2014)**
2. "Some Reflections on the Making of Public Policy in Ireland"  
**Tom Ferris (2014)**
3. "Extreme Shortage of Money in the Irish Free State 1922-1932"  
**Donal Corcoran (2014)**
4. "Ireland in Austerity: Implications for Reform of Performance Management and Development Systems in the Irish Civil Service"  
**Pádraig Mac Consaídn (2014)**
5. "The Dáil Éireann Electoral System"  
**Tom O'Connor (2014)**
6. "Jack Lynch: Reluctant Taoiseach, True Patriot"  
**Pádraig Mac Consaídn (2014)**
7. "Introduction of Planning in Ireland in 1963 and the Birth of the Profession"  
**Seán O'Leary (2014)**
8. "The Significance and context of Hayek's 1945 Finlay Memorial Lecture"  
**Mark Nolan (2014)**
9. "Practitioner Perspectives on the Implementation of the Legal Provisions of HIA in Slovakia"  
**Monica O'Mullane (2014)**
10. "Re-visiting performance appraisal: can the Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) be made to work?"  
**Richard Boyle (2014)**
11. "JFK and the Freedom of Cork"  
**Aodh Quinlivan and Pádraig Mac Consaídn (2014)**

# More News from Student Societies



**Top Left:** BSc Government students Orla O'Leary and Alison O'Connell at the Europa Society Annual Table Quiz on 22 September.

**Top Right:** The newly elected committee 2014/15 at the Government & Politics Society EGM on 25 September.

**Bottom Left:** The newly elected Sinn Féin student committee on 25 September with Councillor Lisa-Marie Sheehy (BSc Government III).

**Bottom Right:** Ógra Fianna Fáil EGM on 30 September with Councillor Fergal Dennehy.



# GENDER AND POLITICAL RECRUITMENT SEMINAR ORGANISED BY FIONA BUCKLEY

On Saturday 4 October a seminar on gender and political recruitment took place in UCC. The event was organised by Fiona Buckley of the Department of Government in conjunction with the Gender Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association of Ireland and it was supported by the Irish Research Council's 'New Foundations' Scheme.

After a welcome address by Dr. Andrew Cottey and an introduction by Fiona Buckley, the audience heard papers from Dr. Meryl Kenny (University of Leicester), Dr. Lenita Freidenvall (Stockholm University), Professor Yvonne Galligan (Queen's University Belfast), Professor Petra Meier (University of Antwerp), Dr. Rainbow Murray (Queen Mary University of London), Dr. Tania Verge (Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona) and Professor Sarah Childs (University of Bristol). The panel sessions were chaired by Fiona Buckley and Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (both Department of Government, UCC), Dr. Sandra McAvoy (UCC) and Dr. Margaret O'Keeffe (CIT).

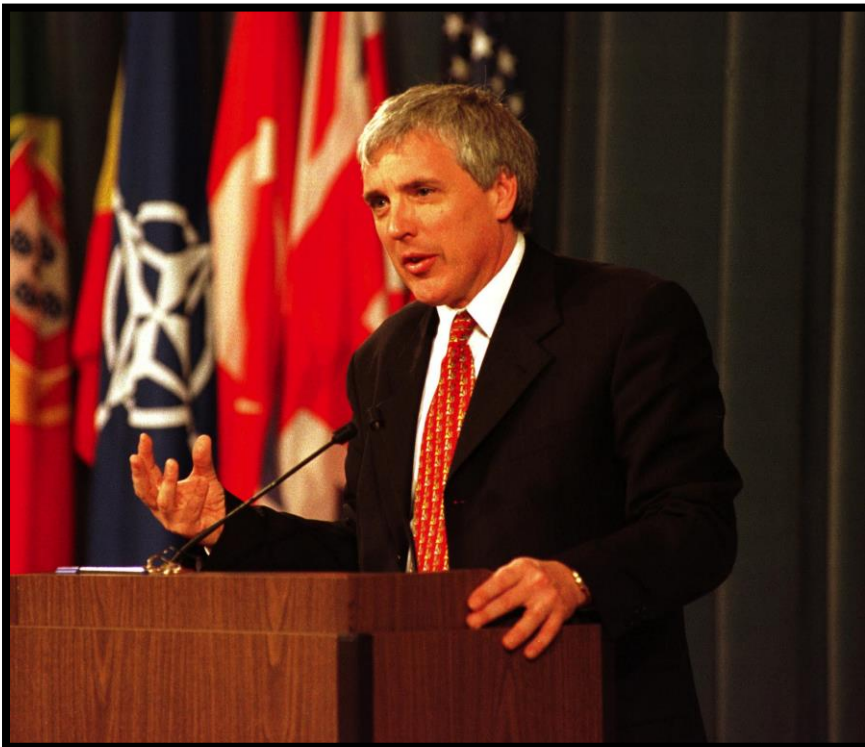


**Fiona Buckley (far left) at one of the panels at the seminar; included in the picture (second from right) is Professor Yvonne Galligan, formerly of the Department of Government but now based in Queen's University, Belfast.**

## Europa Society to Host Debate about Phil Hogan



## High-Profile NATO Speaker Visiting Department of Government



Next Tuesday, 14 October, Dr. Jamie Shea of NATO will be delivering a lecture in the Department of Government (details to follow). Dr. Shea is the Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges. Dr. Jamie Shea has been working with NATO since 1980 in a wide range of areas including external relations, press and media, and policy planning, and currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary General for the Emerging Security Challenges Division. This division was established in 2010 to deal with a growing range of non-traditional risks and challenges including terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, cyber defence and energy security.



# BSc GOVERNMENT - CK210

**'Become a leader, rather than a follower'**



The BSc Government is the flagship academic programme of the Department of Government and it is one of an exciting new generation of degrees on offer in UCC. The four-year programme combines political science and public administration with a broad range of other subjects in business, law, modern languages, social sciences and information technology. An attractive component of the BSc Government is the work placement in third year. This includes the prestigious internship in the New York State Legislature and many other highly prized placements in international (e.g. European Parliament) and national (e.g. Department of the Taoiseach) institutions. The placement programme for the BSc degree has been so successful that the model has since been copied by many other programmes.

Now, more than ever before, the study of government and politics is crucial. Politics affects everyone. Aristotle called politics the master science for a reason: he understood that through politics the future of the world is shaped. Ultimately, politics is the activity through which people make, preserve and amend the general rules under which they live. Do you want to be an active or a passive citizen? Do you want a say in how your future is shaped or do you want to blindly follow the path set down by others? Students of the BSc Government will be the political and business leaders of tomorrow and will be a vital part of the generation that shapes the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Accept the challenge and be a positive force for change.