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Well done to the BSc Government Class of 2013!



Congratulations to the 45-strong BSc Government class of 2013 which graduated in style on Tuesday 29 October. This is the 11th BSc Government graduation group since the commencement of our programme in 1999. The top picture shows Amy Horgan with Dr Andrew Cottey (Head of Department) and Dr Aodh Quinlivan (Director of Programme); the bottom left picture has Liam de Barra; Lauren Traynor and Liam McCarthy. On the bottom right we have Dr Andrew Cottey, Gavin Long and Peter Kiernan McCarthy.

Editorial Page



GRADUATION DAY

Graduation day is always a special one in the university calendar. Of course, first and foremost, it is special for the students who have toiled for four years to receive their degree qualification and parchment from the President of UCC. It is also a very special occasion for parents, family members and partners who have supported the student in her/his studies. Finally, it is a day of great celebration and pride also for the staff.

In the Department of Government we are exceedingly proud of the 45 students who comprised the BSc Government graduation class of 2013. We wish you all well for the future.

We ask that you stay in touch with us and continue to be ambassadors for our programme and for UCC generally. We have different avenues of communication for our graduates such as special graduate e-mail list and a BSc Government Alumni LinkedIn page. We are hoping to develop these further in the coming months so watch this space!

Congratulations again.

Aodh Quinlivan

Director BSc Government
Co-editor of *Government Times*

Lisa-Marie Sheehy

Auditor Government and Politics Society
Co-editor of *Government Times*



Colin Bradley, BA Politics and History graduate, and current **MSc** Government student, pictured at his conferring ceremony with his mother Gretta, and the President of UCC, Dr. Michael Murphy



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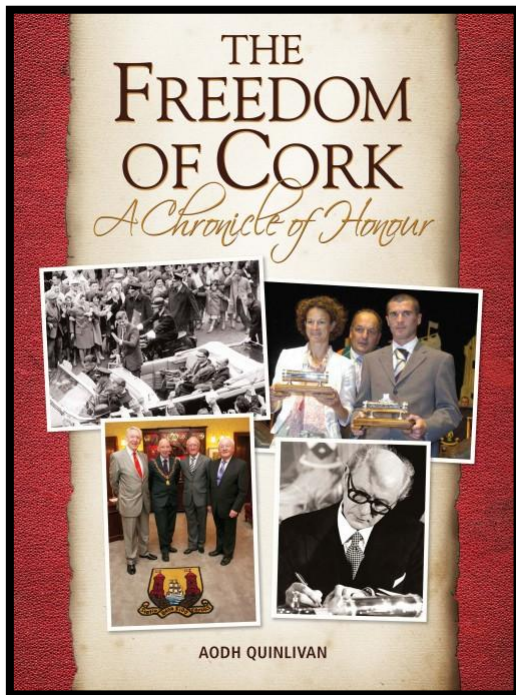


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- ◆ @diplomacy_ucc is the Twitter account of the MBS International Public Policy and Diplomacy

FREEDOM OF CORK BOOK

By Dr Aodh Quinlivan
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(BSc Government IV)

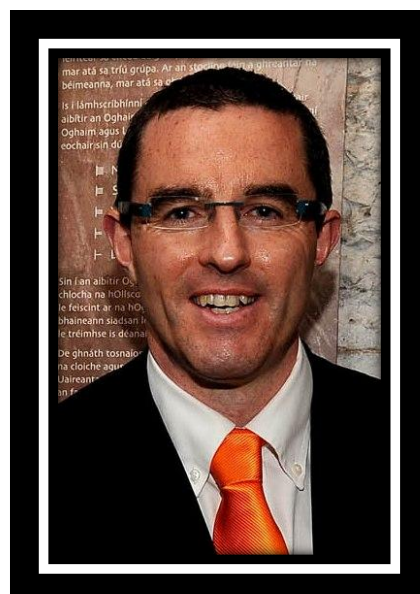


Book Launch by the Lord Mayor,
Councillor Catherine Clancy, in
Cork City Hall on Thursday 21
November at 6:00pm

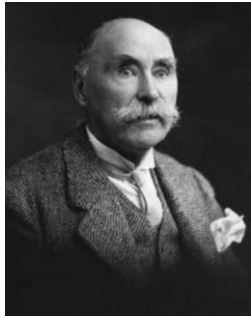
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PUBLIC LECTURE IN MACROOM

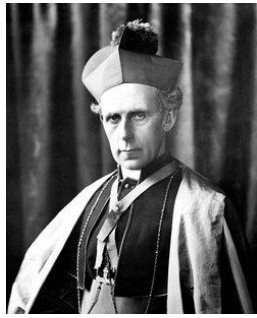
On Monday 4 November, **Dr Aodh Quinlivan** delivered a public lecture in the Castle Hotel, Macroom before a crowd of approximately 120 people. Amongst those in attendance were the mayors of Macroom, Clonakilty, Bandon and Bantry as well as local TD, Michael Creed. Aodh argued against the abolition of town councils and criticised many aspects of the ***Putting People First*** policy document and the Local Government Bill 2013. The event was jointly organised by the Lee Valley Enterprise Board and Macroom Town Council.



Freemen of Cork Competition



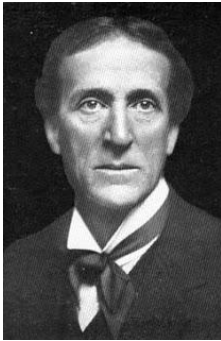
Douglas Hyde



Monsignor Daniel Mannix



Kuno Meyer



Frank Benson



Isaac Butt



Aloys Fleischmann

The two winners are DECLAN KEATING and SHANE MORRIS (both BSc Government IV) and they have each received €20 National Book Tokens. Congratulations!

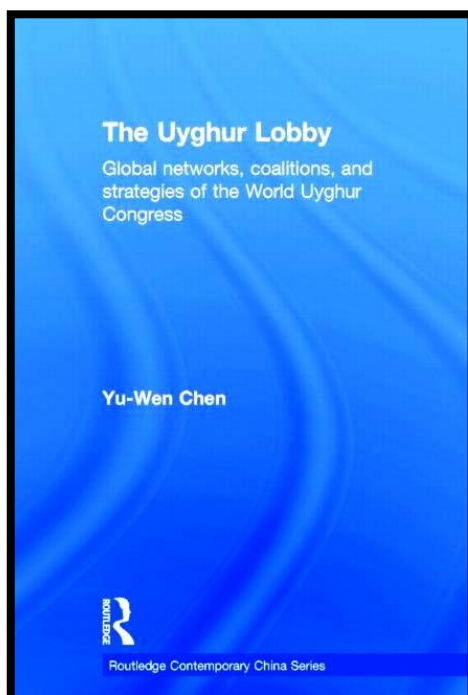


Guest Lecture by Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen in Nottingham

With the support of the Erasmus mobility grant, Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen recently visited the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Nottingham. In a China Seminar, she shared her new cross-disciplinary research on aviation industries in Greater China. She also joined Professor Steve Tsang, Dr Jonathan Sullivan, Michael Thim and Dr Chun-Yi-Lee of Nottingham's Taiwan's Studies Programme in a Double Ten Taiwan Roundtable Discussion.



In the picture: Dr Chun-Yi Lee (right) welcomed Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen in the China Seminar at the University of Nottingham.



Congratulations also to Julie who this week received the cover of her latest book, *The Uyghur Lobby* (published by Routledge). We look forward to reading more about this publication in future issues of *Government Times*.

When the West meets the East

Students of Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen who take the module 'Asia in Comparative Perspective' had a wonderful gathering recently in a Chinese restaurant to talk about the exoticisation of both the East and the West in various commercialised cultural products and representations.



THE INTERNET AT 40



On Friday 1 November, **Dr Theresa Reidy** took part in a very interesting symposium in UCC on 'The Internet at 40'. It followed two lectures by Professor John Naughton (above left) which he had given the previous day on the topic. John's lectures developed themes from earlier lectures such as this one from March on 'Our Networked Future.' He also drew on his recent book *From Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: What You Really Need to Know About the Internet*.

The symposium was chaired by Professor Cormac Sreenan, and panellists were Karlin Lillington, Theresa Reidy, Alfred Moore and Darius Whelan. There were really insightful contributions from the audience as well. It was organised by Ionad Bairre and Bettie Higgs, the Interim Vice President for Teaching and Learning.

In her contribution, Theresa argued that social media has had a transformative effect on politics, but we need more research on its effects. Can it be a force for citizen engagement? Can it challenge the dominance of elites? Twitter, she claimed, has transformed the dynamic of politics, with the possibility of public two-way conversations between politicians and voters.



Alumni Corner



2013 Graduate, Katie Barry, Employed as Legislative Aide in Massachusetts (Following on from her work placement there)



<http://senatorandwolf.com/>

Congratulations to Katie Barry of the BSc Government class of 2013 who has joined the staff of Senator Dan Wolf in Massachusetts as a Legislative Aide. As a fluent Irish speaker, Katie represented her constituency at Dail na nÓg, the National Youth Parliament of Ireland, giving her testimony through the Gaelic language. Katie continued her involvement in political activities throughout her time in university, managing a campaign for Student Union elections. Katie worked as an intern for State Representative Cleon Turner (D- First Barnstable district), where she developed a keen interest in the political landscape of Massachusetts and so is thrilled to have relocated to Boston and to be back in the State House.

We wish Katie all the best for the future.



UCC International Relations Society: National Model United Nations 2013

The UCC International Relations Society will host the National Model United Nations Conference in November. Under the auspices of Convenor **Jack Corbett (BSc Government II)**, the conference will see second-level students competing over a weekend as 'countries' on United Nations style committees, including the Security Council and DISEC. The event also encompasses an International Criminal Court simulation.

Last year's event attracted over 200 delegates from across Ireland. In a major coup for the Society, NatMUN this year will be opened and closed by two high-profile guest speakers, who will address public lectures which UCC staff and students are invited to attend.

The Conference will be opened on Friday 8 November by Professor Brian Burdekin. Advisor to three United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights and a world authority on Human Rights Institutions, Professor Burdekin is currently the advisor to a number of National Human Rights Institutions across Africa, the Asia-Pacific, Europe and Latin America. His presentation will take place in the Western Gateway Building G05 at 16:00.

Lieutenant General Pat Nash, recently retired, has over 40 years experience of service with the Irish Defence Forces both at home and abroad. He was recently awarded France's prestigious *Légion d'Honneur* in recognition of his achievement as Operational Commander for the successful EU peacekeeping mission to Chad and the Central African Republic. Prior to this, he has had a wide range of overseas experience with United Nations Forces in Cyprus, the Lebanon, and the Western Balkans. He will close NatMUN in Boole 3 at 15:00 on Sunday 10 November.



The world renowned Professor Brian Burdekin will open the National Model United Nations 2013 with a talk on Friday 8 November. **The previous afternoon, Thursday 7 November, Professor Burdekin will deliver a public lecture entitled 'National Human Rights Commissions: Giving Teeth to International Treaties' at 3:00pm in Western Gateway Room 3:04. This lecture is jointly hosted by the Department of Government and the Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (Law Faculty). ALL WELCOME.**