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Launch of 'Democratic Revolution?' by Theresa Reidy and Fiona Buckley



At the launch of 'Democratic Revolution? Evaluating the political and administrative reform landscape after the economic crisis' were Dr Theresa Reidy (Department of Government & Politics), Dr Marian O'Sullivan (Director General, Institute of Public Administration), Brendan Howlin TD (Leader of Labour Party) and Dr Fiona Buckley (Department of Government & Politics) – see story on page 4.



Best wishes for the new academic year from the Department of Government and Politics

Since our last issue of *Government Times* our department has had a title change and we are now **Government and Politics** within the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences. At a day-to-day level, there is no practical change for students and our primary undergraduate degree will continue as the BSc Government with the same mixture of subjects, including Business and Law. As you will see in this issue, we have been very busy in recent months and there is much to look forward to in the coming weeks. The BSc Government class of 2017 will be conferred on Wednesday 18 October. My book, *Dissolved: The remarkable story of how Cork lost its Corporation in 1924* is being launched in City Hall on Thursday 26 October. On 9 November, we are delighted to welcome Carol Monaghan MP to deliver the 20th Anniversary Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture. It promises to be a very special occasion.

Our staff continue to research actively and present their work across the world. Dr Mary C. Murphy (below, left) spoke recently at two events in Poland – the 47th UACES Annual Conference and the 27th Economic Forum. Mary is also part of a successful ESRC project examining Brexit from the perspective of the regions of the UK, including Northern Ireland. The European Union is also to the fore in the work of Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (see page 20) who has received research funding from the European Commission to construct a programme of teaching about Ireland and the EU at primary school level. The European Commission is also funding Dr Theresa Reidy (below, right) for her project **Elections Go!** in partnership with the University of Helsinki and Modern Democracy. The research project will build an online voter registration and participation portal focused on young voters.



On Friday, I welcome the recently retired US Ambassador to Ireland, Kevin O'Malley (above, centre), to address my Executive MBA class and Kevin will also be speaking at a Department of Government seminar next Monday. I hope you enjoy this issue of *Government Times*. We will shortly be bringing a student co-editor on board who will be in place for Issue 73.

Stodh Quinlivan

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COVER STORY: LAUNCH OF SPECIAL ISSUE OF *ADMINISTRATION*



At the launch in the IPA were (from left to right): Mary Brennan (UCD), David Farrell (UCD), Fiona Buckley (UCC), Brendan Howlin TD, Marian O'Sullivan (IPA), Kevin Rafter (DCU), Theresa Reidy (UCC), and Aodh Quinlivan (UCC).

Brendan Howlin TD launched a special issue of the journal *Administration* on 20 September 2017 at the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin. The special issue 'Democratic Revolution? Evaluating the political and administrative reform landscape after the economic crisis' was co-edited by **Dr Theresa Reidy** and **Dr Fiona Buckley** from the Department of Government and Politics at UCC and was focused on the political reform programme of the 2011-2016 coalition government of Fine Gael and Labour.

The special issue included articles from colleagues in the Department of Government and Politics including **Dr Fiona Buckley**, **Dr Aodh Quinlivan** and **Dr Theresa Reidy** as well as from colleagues in politics departments across Ireland.

All the articles in the special issue is available online at

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/admin.2017.65.issue-2/issue-files/admin.2017.65.issue-2.xml>

The special issue arose from a conference hosted in UCC in April 2014. The conference was designed to be a mid-term evaluation of the political reform programme of the Fine Gael-Labour coalition government and it evolved into the *Administration* special issue. The initial project was funded by a grant from Ionad Bairre in UCC.

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The Banking Inquiry is evaluated by Kevin Rafter in the special issue.



GRADUATE PROFILE: ALISON DONNELLY

BSc Government graduate, Ali Donnelly is heavily involved in rugby as a coach and advocate and runs the award winning women's rugby website www.ScrumQueens.com. She is the Deputy Spokesperson to the British Prime Minister, Theresa May and runs the Downing Street Press Office. She began her career as a journalist for the Evening Echo in Cork, and has also worked for the BBC and HM Treasury.

Best memory of UCC

I grew up in Cork and so I was incredibly proud to be a UCC student. Where I grew up, hardly anybody went to college and so getting my UCC ID card on the first day is something I have never forgotten. It really meant something. Undoubtedly though, my fondest memories relate to the fantastic friends I made - especially in the rugby and soccer team. I captained and later coached the UCC women's rugby team and made friends for life. It has been fantastic to see some of my former teammates go on and play for Ireland - including at the ongoing World Cup. I was also very lucky to live overseas for part of my third year. I desperately wanted to go and play rugby in New Zealand and managed to persuade the powers that be that although it was a slightly odd choice for my internship (Brussels, London and New York were much more the norm), that it would be good for me and it was. Moving to the other side of the world at 19 was an eye opener, especially as I lived at home for much of my studies. It was a fantastic experience to be thrown into the world of work and fend for myself, although it was harsh enough on Fiona Buckley, who had to check in with my employers probably at ridiculous hours given the time difference! I've gone back to New Zealand numerous times since as a tourist, having made some wonderful friends there during my time as an intern. It's a stunning place.



Ali is passionate about rugby and she is seen here with the legendary Jonny Wilkinson.

How has your time at UCC helped you to get to where you are now?

My course, and what it taught me, certainly made me much more confident and gave me a lot of belief about my own abilities - even if I probably didn't take it as seriously as I should have (I was very busy having fun!) My degree subject is also exactly the right base for the job I am doing now and the grounding it gave me in how government policy is formed in particular has been hugely helpful. It also sparked a much stronger interest for me in international politics and I know that when applying for roles in government in the UK; my degree choice has definitely been a factor in my success.

What is your advice to current UCC students?

Get as involved in areas you think might be relevant to your future career. While I was heavily involved in sports clubs in my four years at UCC, I do regret not considering the fantastic societies that the college has to offer. As a spokesperson I have to speak to the media most days on the record, and while it something I have grown in confidence with, if I had my time back, I would certainly look to start honing those skills earlier within the relevant societies at UCC. I would also encourage students not to become too consumed by college. Continue to follow your own passions! I started writing about women's rugby while I was a student and am still doing it to this day through my voluntary website. Its great fun and a great release. College is fantastic but it can be a bubble - don't put everything else on hold for four years.

What person/people at UCC had the most positive influence on you?

On the studying side, despite myself, I became quite interested in local government and admired the passion that Aodh Quinlivan brought to the topic throughout my time as student. In my government career since, I have thoroughly enjoyed working on local government policy, especially around devolution, and I have Aodh to thank for my grounding in this area. I also made some great friends at UCC and one in particular who has gone on to have a huge influence in my life. Martha Halbert and I played rugby together while she was studying Law and we have remained the best of friends since. Her decision to move to London for her MA ten years ago inspired me to follow in her footsteps and though she has since moved home, I wouldn't be here without her and so I have a lot to thank her for. We still speak most days.

Were you involved in any Clubs or Societies?

Rugby and soccer as mentioned above, were hugely important parts of my four years at UCC!

Favourite UCC legend or superstition

I am not a big believer in superstition so yes I was one of those people who walked across the Quad...!



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Welcome to our two new Adjunct Professors



The Department of Government and Politics has recently appointed two new Adjunct Professors. **Will Roche** (left) is the former Head of Strategy and Regulation at Bord Gais Éireann. **Kieran Coughlan** (right) has worked at senior levels in the Irish public service as Clerk of the Dáil and Secretary General of the Houses of the Oireachtas Service and Chief Executive to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission. We wish them both well for their time with us!

..... And an equally warm welcome to our new administrative staff



There has been a bit of restructuring in the Department of Government and Politics and our departmental office is now based in ORB 2:50. **Stefanie Wojtek** (right), who previously worked in the department, has returned as our Senior Executive Assistant. She will be supported by our new Executive Assistant, **Emmakate Forde** (left). Good luck to both!

Department of Government & Politics lecturer addresses Fine Gael party think-in on the topic of populism



Fine Gael TDs, senators and ministers gathered for a two-day 'think-in' in Clonmel in mid-September, ahead of the new Dáil term. They were addressed by **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** from UCC's Department of Government and Politics. Emmanuelle spoke about populism in Europe in the wake of recent election and referendum results. She is seen here with Leo Varadkar TD, Taoiseach.

20th Anniversary Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture 1997-2017

**Thursday 9 November
2017**

6:30pm in Boole 2



**The 20th Anniversary
Lecture will be
delivered by a relative
of Philip Monahan,**

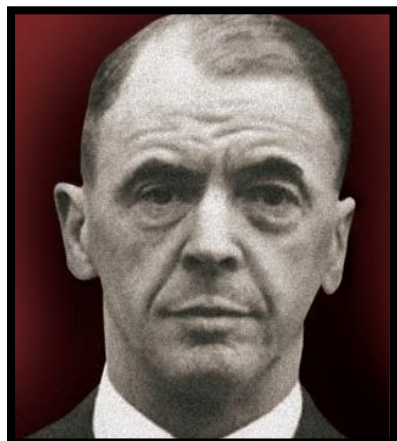
**CAROL
MONAGHAN MP**

‘Scotland: From Brexit to Independence? Parallels with Ireland’



**CAROL MONAGHAN is a member of parliament for
Glasgow North West; she is the Scottish National
Party’s Shadow Spokesperson on Education.**

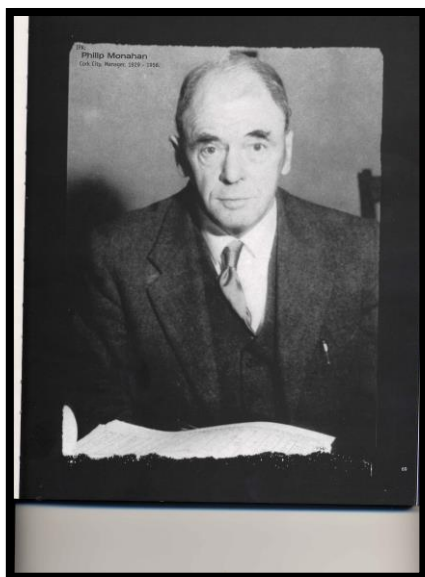
Philip Monahan Lecture Series



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
16. **Professor Brigid Laffan** (2014), Director of Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Florence
17. **Colm O'Gorman** (2015), Amnesty International Ireland
18. **Vice Admiral Mark Mellett** (2016), Chief of Staff of Irish Defence Forces

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 Ireland.

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 lecture – Vice Admiral Mark Mellett



- The Thomas Whalen Student of the Year award was presented to **Anja Tossenberger** (BSc Government II).
- The Patrick O'Sullivan Shield was presented to **Emily O'Regan** (BSc Government II).
- The Richard Haslam Graduate of the Year award was presented to Mary Claire Quill on behalf of her brother, **Eoin**.
- At the end of the proceedings, the Auditor of the Government and Politics Society, **Robert Cassidy**, made a presentation to our guest speaker.

Who will win our student awards?

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, the 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	Michael Lyons
2015	Richard Creedon
2016	Anja Tossenberger

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	Pádraig Mac Consaidín
2015	Jack Barry
2016	Eoin Quill



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 Consaidín
2012	John Somers
2013	Pádraig Mac Consaidín
2014	Don O'Neill
2015	Luke Foley
2016	Emily O'Regan



The 2010 Patrick O'Sullivan Essay Winner, Declan Keating, with the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Catherine Clancy

2017 Patrick O'Sullivan Essay Writing Competition



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.

**'Don't let the door hit EU on the way out'.
Discuss the likely implications of Brexit.**



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

DEADLINE: - Friday 27 October 2017

The writer of the winning essay will receive the Patrick O' Sullivan Perpetual Shield at the Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture on **Thursday 9 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.

CLRG NEWS



The Director of the CLRG, **Dr Aodh Quinlivan**, was the keynote speaker at two recent events. The first was the plenary session of the Cork City Public Participation Network (PPN) and Aodh spoke on the theme 'Knowing me, knowing you: A perspective on local government in Ireland today'.

The second talk was at the annual seminar of the Irish Library Association and the title of Aodh's presentation was 'Empowering local communities'.





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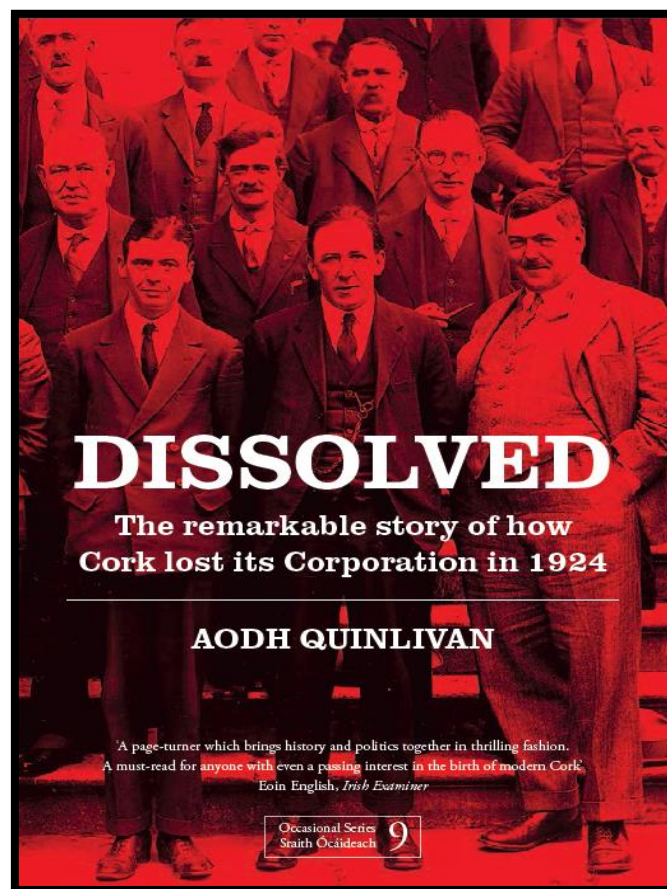
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BOOK LAUNCH

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017, 6:30pm,
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CORK CITY HALL**



Dissolved will be launched by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Tony Fitzgerald, and by the President of UCC, Professor Patrick O'Shea.

Funding for European Commission Jean Monnet project – My Big Friendly Guide to the European Union

Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (Department of Government and Politics) was recently awarded research funding under Erasmus + for a Jean Monnet project entitled 'My Big Friendly Guide to the European Union'. The project is about constructing a programme of teaching about Ireland and the European Union at primary school level. It aims to develop awareness, knowledge and debate at primary school level on the place of Ireland within the European Union and the role of the EU. This project started on 1 September 2017 and will run until 31 August 2019. Cork City and Cork County primary schools will be taken as pilots for the next two years. This programme focuses on a children and teacher friendly approach grounded in critical pedagogy allowing the pupils to understand but also question the European Union, therefore empowering them to potentially change the way things work. It does not try 'to sell' the European Union. The programme aims to guide pupils and teachers to their own reflection and ownership of the European Union.



The methodology to develop the programme will be based on qualitative work carried out with two classes (1st and 5th) in three different schools in order to test ideas and methods and gather data from pupils and teachers which will be discussed in-depth at a Summer Course in July 2018 with 100 teachers.



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