



# IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

## Social Policy in Recession and Recovery July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

### Conference Schedule - at a glance

9:00	Registration			
9:30-10:30	Plenary 'Social Policy in Recession and Recovery'			
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea			
11:00-12:20	<b>Sessions 1-4</b>			
	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Room 2</b>	<b>Room 3</b>	<b>Room 4</b>
	Housing I	Health I	Low Pay & Precarious Work	One-Parent Families
12:20-13:00	Lunch			
13:00-14:20	<b>Sessions 5-8</b>			
	Housing II	Health II	Poverty & Income Adequacy	Mothers, Children & Young People
14:20-14:40	Coffee/Tea			
14:40-16:00	<b>Sessions 9-12</b>			
	Health III	Politics & Political Participation	Basic Income	Research with Vulnerable Groups
16:00-16:10	Short Break			
16:10-17:30	<b>Sessions 13-16</b>			
	Health IV	Policy & Public Services	Labour Market Issues	Social Change in Contemp. Society
17:30	Informal post-conference gathering – Swan Bar Aungier Street			

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## Welcome

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) research conference.

A core objective of the ISPA is to provide a forum for the analysis, discussion and development of social policy in Ireland – and I believe that today's conference will do exactly that. Throughout the day a total of 50 research papers will be presented across 16 sessions. They cover topics including housing, health, low pay, poverty, one-parent families, basic income, labour market issues and public services. Collectively they showcase the breadth of research being undertaken in Irish social policy. The conference is also timely, a point highlighted by our theme of '*Social Policy in Recession and Recovery*'.

Today's event is the product of many months of work by the ISPA committee, all of whom have contributed in various ways to its emergence (see list on page 3). In particular thanks go to Eamon Murphy (conference secretary), Eoin Carroll (ISPA secretary) and Michelle Murphy (ISPA treasurer) with whom I have had the pleasure of working closely as we planned and developed this conference. Thanks also to Noelle Cotter and colleagues at the SRA and Mo Flynn and colleagues at the IGS.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the day, engage with the research and interact with fellow researchers, advocates and policy makers. I also hope you keep in contact with the ISPA as we enter our 20<sup>th</sup> year.

**Dr Micheál Collins**  
**Chairman**  
**ISPA**

### About the ISPA

The Irish Social Policy Association, which was established in 1997, aims to provide a forum for the analysis, discussion and development of social policy in Ireland, North and South. The inspiration to form a cross border Association dedicated to social policy in Ireland came from Dr Patricia Kennedy and Dr Nessa Winston from the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University College Dublin.

The Association endeavours to broaden the debate on social policy by providing a forum for discussion that embraces the views and opinion of a wide range of relevant actors. ISPA brings together professionals and non-professionals with an interest in social policy, academics, policy makers, officials in the civil service and public service bodies, employer and trade union organisations as well as organisations and groups in the not-for-profit sector. Through the Association, discussions and debates have been stimulated on a variety of contemporary social policy issues.

Further details are available on the ISPA website [www.ispa.ie](http://www.ispa.ie)

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### 9:30 – 10:30 Welcome, Opening Plenary (Room 1)

#### WELCOME ADDRESS from ISPA Chairman Micheál Collins

#### PLENARY: SOCIAL POLICY IN RECESSION AND RECOVERY

The last decade has been one of dramatic change for Ireland. Through boom, bust, austerity and recovery, Irish society has experienced challenges, opportunities, successes and failures. Throughout the period, the impact of these experiences has been felt differently by people in different sectors, regions, age groups and socio-economic categories. Given the dramatic nature of these changes, questions arise for all areas of policy, including social policy, as we look back and look forward.

Speakers in this session consider the conference theme before discussion is opened to the floor.

#### Speakers:

**Professor Séan Ó Riain**

**Department of Sociology, Maynooth University**

**Dr Michelle Norris**

**School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin**

#### Current ISPA committee

Micheál Collins (Chair), Lorna Roe (Vice-Chair), Eoin Carroll (Secretary), Michelle Murphy (Treasurer), Ann Stokes (Newsletter), Marcella McGovern (Post Grad Officer), Eamon Murphy (Website), Vivienne Byers, Geoffrey Cook, Sarah Craig, Claude Delaney, Catherine-Anne Field, Eithne Fitzgerald, Tony McCashin, Frank Mills, Nat O'Connor, Ciaran O'Donnell, Pdraig Rehill, Justyna Szewczyk.

## 11:00 – 12:20 Parallel sessions 1-4

### Session 1: Housing I (Room 1)

**Session Chair:** *Michelle Norris (UCD)*

PJ Drudy (TCD)	<i>The Housing Problem and the Case for Rent Regulation in the Private Rented Sector</i>
Jenny Andersson (All Hallows/Threshold)	<i>Rent regulation - Could it be part of a long term solution?</i>
Daragh McCarthy (Housing Agency)	<i>Measuring housing cost affordability—implications for households and public policy.</i>

### Session 2: Health I: Access & Taxes (Room 2)

**Session organised with the Social Research Association (SRA)**

**Session Chair:** *Naomi Feely (SRA)*

Stephen Thomas, Conor Foley, Bridget Kane, Brenda Lynch, Orla Healy, John Browne (TCD, UCC)	<i>Equity of Resource Allocation in Urgent and Emergency Care Systems in Ireland</i>
Michelle Murphy (Social Justice Ireland)	<i>Reducing obesity and future health costs – a proposal for health-related taxes</i>
Noelle Cotter (SRA and the Institute of Public Health in Ireland)	<i>Sugar Sweetened Drinks Taxes: A targeted measure or a policy scapegoat?</i>

### Session 3: Low Pay & Precarious Work (Room 3)

**Session Chair:** *Ann Stokes (ISPA)*

Micheál Collins (NERI)	<i>Women and Low Pay: an empirical assessment</i>
Alicja Bobek (presenting) & James Wickham (TASC)	<i>Irish hospitality sector: low pay and flexible work</i>
Niamh Holton (NERI)	<i>Modelling the impact of an increase in Low Pay in the Republic Of Ireland</i>

### Session 4: One-Parent Families (Room 4)

**Session Chair:** *David Begg (TASC)*

Amy Greer Murphy (Durham University)	<i>Who's recovery: austerity, lone mothers and social protection</i>
Caroline Fahey (SVP)	<i>Impact of the reforms to the One Parent Family Payment: Stories from Parents</i>
Louise Bayliss (SPARK)	<i>Child maintenance - a key to reducing poverty among lone parent families?</i>

## 13:00 – 14:20 Parallel sessions 5-8

### Session 5: Housing II (Room 1)

**Session Chair:** *Nat O'Connor (Ulster University / ISPA)*

Rory Hearne (TASC)	Deepening housing crisis in Ireland: analysis of causes and potential solutions
Stuart Stamp (Maynooth University)	Mortgage Arrears in Co. Mayo: A Spatial Dimension to a National Problem?
Kate Doyle (ALONE)	Housing and Homelessness among Older People: planning for the accommodation needs of our ageing population.

### Session 6: Health II (Room 2)

**Session Chair:** *Tom McDonnell (NERI)*

Vivienne Byers (DIT)	Health Care for all in Ireland? The Consequences of Politics for Health Policy.
Niraj Singh (DIT)	Is obesity suffering from 'inequality syndrome' in Irish policy?
Lola Odewumi (DIT)	Implementation of Integrated Care Policy: A Comparative Study
Des Williams and Stephen Thomas (HSE and TCD)	The Impact of austerity on the health workforce and the achievement of human resources for health (HRH) policies in Ireland (2008-2014)

### Session 7: Poverty and Income Adequacy (Room 3)

**Session organised with the Association of Community Welfare Officers (ACWO)**

**Session Chair:** *Padraig Rehill (ACWO / ISPA)*

Dorothy Watson (ESRI)	Who suffered most in the great recession? A cautionary tale
Susan Marie Martin (UCC)	'Best Intentions' and the Urban Poor: Regulation of Public Space and Market Rights Under Austerity
Robert Thornton (VPSJ)	Low Hour Work and Income Adequacy

### Session 8: Mothers, Children & Young People (Room 4)

**Session Chair:** *Geoffrey Cook (ISPA)*

Evelyn Mahon (TCD)	Irish Mammies: Reconciling Work and Family Life
Karen Smith (UCD)	Beyond the Discourse of Investment: Policy for Children in Ireland
Ann Stokes (Maynooth University)	Investigating the effectiveness of new wraparound models of care in the community for children and families
Eoin Carroll (Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice) & Cathy Kelleher	Transforming Prison for Young Adults (aged 18-24): from penal expansion to the impact of recession and recovery

## 14:40 – 16:00 Parallel sessions 9-12

### Session 9: Health III – Healthcare Finance (Room 1)

Session organised with the Irish Gerontological Society (IGS)

**Session Chair:** *Lorna Roe (IGS / ISPA)*

Paul Goldrick Kelly (NERI)	The Fiscal Implications of Demographic Change in the Health Sector
Charles Normand (TCD)	Population growth, ageing and universal health care (UHC) in Ireland
Maev-Ann Wren (ESRI) (presenting), Sheelah Connolly, Nathan Cunningham (TCD)	The Potential Costs of Universal Health Insurance in Ireland

### Session 10: Politics & Political Participation (Room 2)

**Session Chair:** *Frank Mills (ISPA)*

Michelle Maher (Maynooth University)	The Politics of Pensions
Ciara Murphy (All Hallows)	Education to Increase Voters Participation among Young People
Ciaran Hughes, Markus Ketola (Ulster University, IRiSS)	Finding a new story to tell: neoliberalism, competition and challenges to voluntary action in Northern Ireland

### Session 11: Basic Income (Room 3)

**Session Chair:** *Anne Ryan (Basic Income Ireland)*

Sean Healy (Social Justice Ireland)	Basic Income - Context, Costings and Critique
Michael Taft (Unite the Union)	Realising a Modest Basic Income
Eamon Murphy (Social Justice Ireland)	Universal Pension - towards a Basic Income

### Session 12: Research with Vulnerable Groups (Room 4)

Session organised with the Social Research Association (SRA)

**Session Chair:** *Noelle Cotter (SRA)*

Sandra Roe	Key issues in conducting research with children and young people
Fiona Daly (EPIC)	'It's about Me': Young people's experiences of participating in their Child in Care Reviews
Ruth Elliffe (School of Social Work and Social Policy, TCD)	Challenges faced in seeking ethical approval to conduct research with children on a sensitive topic

## 16:10 – 17:30 Parallel sessions 13-16

### Session 13: Health IV – Healthcare & Older People (Room 1)

**Session organised with the Irish Gerontological Society (IGS)**

**Session Chair: Vivienne Byers (DIT / ISPA)**

Lorna Roe (TCD)	Examining variation in healthcare service-use among frail older people who live at home: Implications for Irish health policy
Mary Ann O'Donovan (UCD & TCD)	Relocation or reshuffle: an examination of where older people with an intellectual disability are moving
Sarah Donnelly (UCD)	"I'd prefer to stay at home but I don't have a choice." Meeting Older People's Preference for Care: Policy, but what about practice?

### Session 14: Policy & Public Services (Room 2)

**Session Chair: Eoin Carroll (JCF&J / ISPA)**

Nat O'Connor (Ulster University)	Commissioning Public Services Using a Public Value Creation Framework
Mary P. Murphy (Maynooth University)	Policy proofing, learning from the past, informing the future
Derek Rafferty (Dept of Transport Tourism & Sport)	Safety Cameras in Ireland – public service or golden goose?

### Session 15: Labour Market Issues (Room 3)

**Session Chair: Philip O'Connell (UCD Geary Institute)**

Nuala Whelan (Maynooth University)	Well-being and employability: putting the job seeker first
Kasey Treadwell Shine (Department of Social Protection)	It's not just 'what works': The evolution of the Pathways to Work Evaluation Programme
David Joyce (ICTU) and David Cichon (TCD)	Global Labour Rights under the Sustainable Development Agenda

### Session 16: Social Change in Contemporary Society (Room 4)

**Session Chair: Tony McCashin (TCD / ISPA)**

Elena Moore (University of Cape Town)	Recession and Divorce in Ireland: Coming back for another bite of the cherry
Pablo Rojas Coppari (Migrant Rights Centre)	Is Ireland home; what are the implications of irregular status in the development of social policy?
Stephan Köppe (UCD)	Resilience in times of crisis. Upper middle class households coping strategies in England and Scotland.

The Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) is delighted to host today's conference in association with the Social Research Association (SRA) and with the support of a number of other organisations and institutions.

***Alongside providing some financial support for the conference, conference sessions 2 and 12 have been organised with the SRA.***



**The Social Research Association (SRA)** is a UK and Ireland organisation. SRA is a professional membership body; led by social researchers, for social researchers. Promoting high quality standards of social research, we seek to represent, support, connect and inform our members and the wider social research community. SRA (Ireland) seeks to build capacity and connect social research and researchers through our training events and seminars throughout the year. Please see the Ireland homepage for further information: <http://the-sra.org.uk/home/sra-ireland/>

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The IGS is one of the oldest societies in the world devoted to the study of ageing. Its core purposes are (i) education and research in the study of ageing; and (ii) promoting a better understanding by the general public of ageing and related issues. The IGS is a national, multidisciplinary professional society with membership available to: health and social-care professionals; academics involved in the study of ageing; and those concerned with advocacy for older people. Our activities include an annual scientific meeting which is held each September, the hosting of a series of seminars and study days, and the publication of newsletters. Please see [www.irishgerontology.com](http://www.irishgerontology.com) for further details.

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## Membership

Registration for this conference includes membership of the ISPA until AGM 2017. The normal membership rates for the association are:

- Individual members: €30 per year
- Student/unwaged: €10 per year
- NGO: €60 per year
- Corporate membership: €100 per year
- Life member: Once off fee of €350

For more information see [www.ispa.ie/membership](http://www.ispa.ie/membership)



## Recent Events

We have recently revamped the ISPA website and it now includes details of the various Social Policy seminar and conference that we have hosted over the past few years.

For more information see [www.ispa.ie/past-seminars](http://www.ispa.ie/past-seminars)



## Newsletter

The ISPA circulates a newsletter four times a year. The newsletter contains details of upcoming policy-related events and social policy publications. It also features advertisements for jobs in the field and requests for tenders. Recent editions are available on the ISPA website: [www.ispa.ie/newsletters](http://www.ispa.ie/newsletters) If you would like to be added to the mailing list please email [newsletter@ispa.ie](mailto:newsletter@ispa.ie)

## OTHER CONFERENCE DETAILS

### Conference Rooms

**Room 1:** Brandsma Hall (plenary room) – ground floor.

**Room 2:** Garden Room – ground floor

**Room 3:** St Therese Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Room 4:** Resource Room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

### Abstracts & Presentations

Abstracts for all conference papers are available on the ISPA website.

We will upload all those conference presentations which authors/presenters allow us to. These will be available in mid-July on the ISPA website [www.ispa.ie](http://www.ispa.ie)

### Conference Wifi

Wifi is available throughout the building. The details are:

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