



IRISH SOCIAL POLICY ASSOCIATION

**POSTGRADUATE &
EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER CONFERENCE**

Friday, 27 July 2018

Join us at the Irish Social Policy Association's biennial research conference on Friday, 27 July 2018.

Location: Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2 ([map](#))

Registration: The conference is *free* to attend. Lunch will be provided. Confirm your attendance at:

<https://ispaconf2018.eventbrite.ie>

Questions: Contact ISPA Postgraduate Officer, Megan Curran, at events@ispa.ie.

About ISPA:

The Irish Social Policy Association (ISPA) was founded in 1997 to provide a forum for the analysis, discussion and development of social policy in Ireland, North and South. We endeavour 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, including: 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.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, 27 July 2018

8:00-8:45am	Registration
8:45-9:00am	WELCOME
9:00-9:25am	‘Thesis in 3’ Summary Presentations
9:30-10:30am	Plenary: “Research into Practice” <i>with Bernie McNally, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Children and Youth Affairs</i>
10:30am-11:00am	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11:00am-12:15pm	Breakout Sessions I & II <i>I. Contemporary Family Forms</i> <i>II. Supporting Children and Families</i>
12:15-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00-2:15pm	Breakout Sessions III & IV <i>III. Experiences of Exclusion</i> <i>IV. Gender, Health, and Violence</i>
2:15-3:15pm	Social Policy Research Roundtable Panel: <i>Postgraduate Supports & Future Careers</i> <i>(with tea/coffee refreshments)</i>
3:15-4:30pm	Breakout Sessions V & VI <i>V. Social Policy in Practice: The Perspective of Practitioners</i> <i>VI. Social Policy Systems Frameworks: Rights, Regulations, and Resources</i>
4:30-4:45pm	CLOSING

‘THESIS IN 3’ SUMMARY PRESENTATIONS

(9:00-9:25am)

“Youth cafes in Ireland: performance of masculinities and gendered inequalities”

Robert Bolton, University College Cork

"Technology for Well being: Internet Use and e-Mental Health : A Qualitative study of Staff Views within a Mental Health Hospital in the East of Ireland"

Niamh Chambers

"Creative Ireland? The narrative construction of creativity as an object of higher education policy in Ireland"

Eileen Gillen, NUI Galway

"Examining the implications of adopting Universal Basic Income in Ireland"

David Kerley, Dublin City University

“Making Food Education an Educational Priority: Exploring children’s experiences of food to influence the development of criteria for a holistic Irish Food Literacy Well-Being programme that gives children the foundation to build their future food culture”

Caroline McGowan, DIT

“Global and national governance of the practice of traditional medicine with particular reference to Kenya”

Ciara Smyth, Trinity College Dublin

SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE: POSTGRADUATE SUPPORTS & FUTURE CAREERS

(2:15pm-3:15pm)

Featuring:

Madhav Bhargav, Trinity College Dublin Postgraduate Students’ Union

- on postgraduate student stress/mental health and supports

Dr. Lorna Roe, Trinity College Dublin Centre for Health Policy and Management

- on moving from postgraduate policy study into academia

Dr. Patricia Keilthy, Society of St Vincent DePaul

- on moving from postgraduate policy study into policy and advocacy

DRAFT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Breakout Sessions I & II (11:00am-12:15pm)

I. Contemporary Family Forms

Chair: TBA

- “Decision-making regarding motherhood – changing family formations in Ireland”
Margaret O’Connor, University of Limerick
- “The Aspirational Shortcomings of Irish Legislation in Assisted Human Reproduction”
Claire O’Connell, University College Cork
- “Miscarriage Within the Irish Maternity System: Equal Among Women or Discrimination Continued”
Pauline Gannon, NUI Galway
- “New Family Forms: The Re-Positioning of Adoption within the Irish Care System”
Angela Palmer, University College Dublin

II. Supporting Children and Families

Chair: TBA

- “Parenting in Ireland: Polish perspectives on child rearing and help seeking in a culturally diverse neighbourhood”
Carmen Kealy, NUI Galway
- “Large Family, Poor Family? A Comparative Profile of Children’s Material Resources in the Modern Large Family and Implications for Social Policy”
Megan Curran, University College Dublin
- “An Examination of Factors Influencing Emotional and Social Wellbeing in Irish Junior-Cycle Students”
David Byrne, IT Blanchardstown
- “Different Doors, Different Responses: Child Protection Mediation”
Rebecca Murphy, NUI Maynooth

Breakout Sessions III & IV (1:00pm-2:15pm)

III. Experiences of Exclusion

Chair: Dr. Nessa Winston, University College Dublin

- “Unemployment and Health During the Great Recession: A longitudinal panel study of Irish mothers 2001-2013”
Jonathan Briody, University College Dublin
- “Solidarity or Stigma? An exploration of the lived experiences of working age welfare recipients in Ireland: a discussion of preliminary findings”
Joseph Whelan, University College Cork
- “Food Poverty: The Re-Emergence of Hunger in Ireland?”
Michael Drew, University College Dublin
- “Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Prisoners in Ireland. Lives, Experiences, and Policy: A Qualitative Exploration”
Danielle O’Sullivan, Trinity College Dublin

IV. Gender, Health, and Violence

Chair: Dr. Niamh Flanagan, NUI Maynooth

- “Non-heterosexual women’s experiences of intimate partner abuse from their female partners: an Irish qualitative study”
Lynne Cahill, Trinity College Dublin
- “Domestic Violence and Pregnancy in Ireland: Implications for health and other social services arising from preliminary findings of a qualitative research study”
Siobán O’Brien Green, Trinity College Dublin
- “Evaluation of a Pilot, Bystander Intervention Programme for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence”
Siobhán O’Neill, University College Cork

Breakout Sessions V & VI (3:15pm-4:30pm)

V. Social Policy in Practice: The Perspective of Practitioners

Chair: Nuala Doherty, Centre for Effective Services

- “Resigned Indifference: Where is the Second National Intercultural Health Strategy?”
Kathleen Markey, University of Limerick
- “Trade Unionisation of Ireland’s Early Years Workforce”
Colette Saunders, IT Sligo
- "Meeting Gender Targets: Gender in the Early Childhood Workforce"
Joanne McHale, IT Blanchardstown
- “Evidence-Based Parenting Programmes, What Happens in the Real World?”
Lorraine O’Donovan, University College Cork

V. Social Policy Systems Frameworks: Rights, Regulations, and Resources

Chair: Eithne Fitzgerald, ISPA

- “Regulatory Policy and Protecting Consumers After the Financial Crisis: An analysis of recent financial services and consumer protection regulatory policy formation in Ireland”
Conor Cashman, University College Cork
- “Ireland’s Urban Renewal Scheme and American Empowerment Zones – A Comparative Perspective”
Joel Arnold, University College Dublin
- “What’s Atlantic’s Role Represented to Be? A critical analysis of the role of philanthropy in Ireland”
Naomi Feely, University College Cork
- “Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights for People with Disabilities: A Case for Enforcement?”
Maura Twomey, University College Cork