

**Social Science Matters: Innovation, Co-production and Social  
Transformation Symposium  
Nov 26th 2024, Aula Maxima, UCC**

9.00. Welcome (Teas & Coffees)

**Theme 1. Innovation.** *How can we best take account of and understand rapidly changing societal complexities in understandable and meaningful ways? What new and/or renewed theories and methodologies matter at this time of social turbulence constituted by the ‘polycrisis’*

**9.15-10.45. Panel 1. Innovation, New Materialisms and Social Pathologies.**

Chair: To be confirmed

- Dr Evelien Geerts. **Why Memes (Analyses) Matter: Critical New Materialisms for Troubled Times.**
- Prof Kieran Keohane. **Social Pathologies of Contemporary Civilization: from diagnosis towards metanoia.**
- Dr Dan McCarthy. **Shifting the Burden: Corporate / Indigenous Relations in Canadian Contexts and How They Often Go Wrong.**
- Bob Grumiau. **‘nos hemos escondido: we have hidden ourselves.’**

**Comfort break**

**11.00 -12.00. Panel 2. Climate Justice, the ‘polycrisis’ and Innovative methods.**

Chair: To be confirmed

- Dr Catherine Forde, Dr Fiona Dukelow, Edith Busteed. **Intersectional climate justice, climate policy and the Irish welfare state: elusive connections.**
- Dr Elena Kavanagh. **Weaving a Web of Resilience: Indigenous Knowledge and Global Risk Governance.**
- Dr Monica O’Mullane. **Using a Stop & Share Action Research Reflective Method in Doing and Researching Health Impact Assessment: The Case of the HIA on the Cork City Development Plan (2022-2028).** Pecha Kucha.

**Theme 2. Co-Production.** *How can our research methods and research practices be reimagined in ways that foster interdisciplinarity, are socially engaged, and creative, mutually beneficial and not extractive?*

**12.00-1.30. Panel 3. *Re-imagining and enacting socially engaged research.***

Chair: Dr Ger Mullally, Department of Sociology & Criminology.

- Dr Conor Cashman and Dr Siobhan O'Sullivan. **The Policy and Practice Impact of Engaged Research with Offshore Island Communities.**
- Zara Harnett, Dr Laura Linehan and Prof Keelin O'Donoghue. **Enhancing pregnancy loss and fertility awareness and knowledge amongst young people within school settings.**
- Dr Gill Harold. **Mind the Gap! Challenging poor access provision for deaf sign language users in public healthcare systems.**
- Dr Claire Dorrity. **Navigating the Integration Process: The participation of migrants in shaping better understandings of exclusion.**

**1.30-2.15. Light lunch.**

**2.15- 3.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Prof. Linda Connolly, Professor of Sociology and Director, Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute

***Undeservedly Forgotten: Gender-based violence, impunity, documents and testimony.***

**Theme 3. Social Transformation** - *How can democracy and collective engagement, university and community partnerships supported by theoretical and methodological innovations be re-envisioned to achieve action-oriented interventions as well as social, spatial and ecologically sustainable transformations.*

**3.00-4.00. Panel 4. *Employment Transformations***

Chair: Dr Caitríona Ni Laoire, Applied Social Studies.

- Dr Tom Boland. **Employment Transformations: Career Guidance as the handmaiden of capitalism or empowering?**
- Dr Nicola Ingram. **The re(making) of elites in education and employment transitions: embodied cultural capital and symbolic closure.**
- Dr Lauren Bari. **The cost of flexibility: glass ceilings, the pressures of parenthood and the transition to solo self-employment.**

**Comfort Break**

**4.15-5.30. Panel 5. *Populism and the rise of far-right* (Round Table).**

Chair: Dr Amin Sharifi Isaloo, Department of Sociology & Criminology.

Dr Vittoria Bufacchi, Dr Piaras MacEinri, Gertrude Cotter, Dr Yasmine Ahmed and Jody Ponce will each talk and then open the room to dialogue and discussion.

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