

# Territories of Technology, Innovation and Development

*Interrogating the Promises and Premises of  
Technology and Innovation in Contexts of  
Development*



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## ***St Patrick's Campus, Dublin City University, Drumcondra Road Upper, Drumcondra, Dublin 9***

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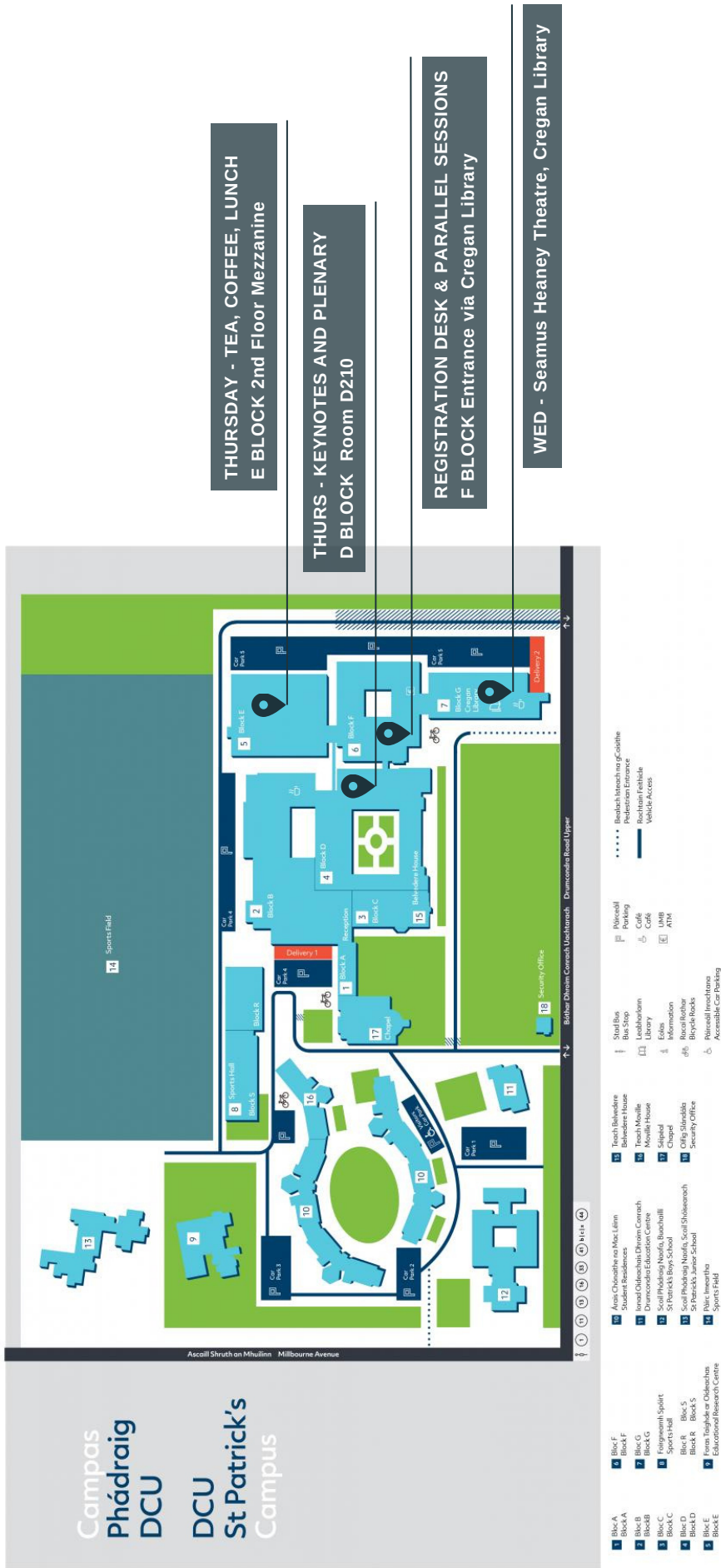
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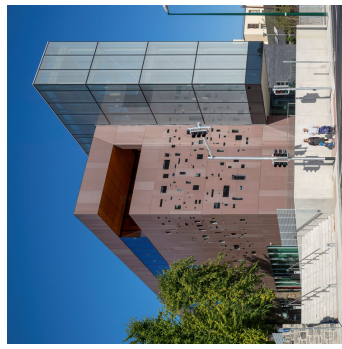
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WED - Registration at F Block Entrance via Cregan Library  
 - Proceedings in Seamus Heaney Theatre

THURS  
 - Registration at F Block Entrance via Cregan Library  
 - Opening, Keynotes and Plenary in adjacent D Block Room D210  
 - Parallel Breakout Sessions in F Block Ground Floor Rooms  
 - Tea, Coffee & Lunch Breaks in E Block 2nd Floor Mezzanine



# Territories of Technology, Innovation and Development

## ***Interrogating the Promises and Premises of Technology and Innovation in Contexts of Development***

The introduction of information and communication technology (ICT) has changed our world, the way we live, work, do business, learn, bank, interact and socialize. In the past two decades, ICT has been embraced by many in the Global South (Ojo 2018); we have entrepreneurs in Kenya to thank for mobile banking (Burns 2018) and open-source mapping (Herfort et al 2021), while India is emerging as the world's largest technology and services hub (EY 2023). Despite this, the positive benefits of ICT have varied from country to country; with nations in the Global South often benefitting less than nations in the Global North. Moreover, a significant 'digital divide' exists within all nations, with those who are younger, more educated, urban and male more likely to benefit from Internet access than those who are less educated, rural, older and female (Arora 2019).

Governments in particular have a role to play in addressing this divide and creating opportunities for all citizens; the World Bank's 2016 'Digital Dividends' report argued that the "information and communications transformation will not be realized unless countries continue to improve their business climate, invest in people's education and health, and promote good governance. In countries where these fundamentals are weak, digital technologies have not boosted productivity or reduced inequality" (2016, xiii).

International development practitioners have embraced ICT, often hoping to support and streamline processes within sectors that could benefit from better record keeping, record and information sharing, and the instant transfer of data for disease surveillance, and election monitoring. Indeed, it is claimed that technology has the ability to address many of the SDGs (Bailur and Masiero 2018).

The ubiquity of mobile phones across the planet has enabled this move towards technology. The many mobile apps that are now pervasive (mHealth, e-learning, fintech, agri-info) have proven to work for certain sections of society, but the question remains as to whether they reach those further

behind and do they promote greater, more equitable access to services and opportunities. The sector receives ever more funding from big tech-connected philanthropists, and it is tempting to roll out yet another small app-based pilot project that may never be interoperable with other projects or systems, or become scalable or sustainable.

After adopting a mainly positive, technocentric view of 'ICT for global development' (Kondowe and Chigona 2019), awareness regarding the negative impacts of ICT in the Global South is growing. Concerns include questionable ownership of data generated by a few private companies (Taylor and Broeders 2015), and national government introducing biometric and other tech-based solutions thereby excluding sections of their population. Additionally, Governments seem to be incapable of leveraging such technology for protecting their citizens from an increase in smuggling, people trafficking, child sexual abuse for online pornography websites. This is closely related to ICT being used by repressive governments to spy on their own citizens, to whip up anti-refugee, anti-minority or anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment to distract from bad governance, or the influencing of election outcomes using external actors who use sophisticated social media campaigns. Thus, the early techno-optimistic view of the ability of technology to address many of the problems in the Global South has turned to techno-pessimism for many. This is evidenced as we witness a reduction in democratically run nations, increased autocracy, an undermining of freedoms, closure of civil society space and dictatorial leaders creating alliances with other undemocratic regimes (Gruzd et al 2022) that can provide troll factories and spyware.

**This brings us to an important question: does ICT have the potential to address the SDGs, or is technology prohibiting many aspects of Global Development and achieving the SDGs?**



# Networking Event

## ***Research, Policy and Practice – Knowledge Partnerships for Development***

We welcome speakers from Irish Aid, Dóchas, NGOs, Science Foundation Ireland, Irish Research Council, Irish Universities Association Marie Skłodowska-Curie Office and Campus Engage to this pre-conference panel discussion and networking event.

The Global Goals can only be met if we work together” is the opening statement of the Goal 17 of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development ‘Partnerships for the Goals. Across the board there is increasing recognition that partnerships and cooperation are essential to tackle the so-called wicked challenges and realise the type of systemic changes needed for more sustainable and equitable global futures. Better enabling cross sectoral partnerships, linking research, policy and practice for societal benefit is fast becoming central to the future higher research and education policy and landscape in Ireland and Europe. Correspondingly nationally and internationally, research funding bodies are increasingly supporting and requiring research that works in partnership with society. For those working and researching in international development, partnerships and collaborative approaches in local and international contexts is often at the heart of what they do, yet sectoral silos in the development and sharing of knowledge between Irish NGOs and Researchers remain. This session aims to explore the diverse ways that research, policy and practice partnerships can be and are being successfully delivered, asks what more can be done and invites NGOs and researchers to network to build knowledge partnerships and collaborations. Jointly supported by DSAI Adaptive Programming Study Group and Postgraduate Network.



# Networking Event

**Wednesday 25 October**



**14.00 - 17.30 | Wed 25 October**

**Seamus Heaney Theatre, Ground Floor, Cregan Library**

**13:45 Arrival, Tea & Coffee**

**14:00 Welcome and Introductions**

- Dr. Pieterella Pieterse, Chair, Development Studies Association Ireland
- Prof. Derek Hand, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, DCU

**14:15 Panel Discussion: The Funding and Policy Landscape**

- Dr. Grainne Walsh, Assistant Director, Irish Research Council
- Dr. Maysoun Mustafa, Programme Manager, Science Foundation Ireland
- Dr. Jane Carrigan, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, IUA
- Kate Morris, Head of Campus Engage, IUA
- Jane-Ann McKenna, Chief Executive Officer, Dóchas

**15:15 Tea, Coffee & Refreshments**

**15:45 The NGO Experience: Case Examples**

- David Martyn, Plan International
- Gretta Fitzgerald, Concern Worldwide
- Tejaswy Kovuri, COALESCE Case Example
- Dr Pat Gibbons, Building Resilience Through Education Consortium

**16:15 Speed dating for researchers, funders and development practitioners**

**17:30 ENDS**



# Conference Opening and Reception

**Wednesday 25 October**

**17:00 - 20:00 | Wed 25 October**



**Seamus Heaney Theatre, Ground Floor, Cregan Library**

**17:00 Conference Opens - Arrival and Registration**

**17:45 Conference Opening and Welcome**

*- Dr. Pieterella Pieterse, Chair, DSAI*

*- Prof. Derek Hand, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, DCU*

**18:00 Panel Discussion: Territories of Technology, Innovation and Development**

*- Dr Silvia Masiero, Assoc. Prof. Information Systems, University of Oslo*

*- Bernard Kirk, CEO, Camden Education Trust and Innovate Communities*

*- Dr Caroline Williamson Sinalo, Lecturer, World Languages, UCC*

*- Dr P.J. Wall, ADAPT Centre Trinity and Lecturer at TUD*

**19:15 Reception and Canapés**

**20:00 Close**

# Conference Keynotes and Parallel Breakout Sessions

**Thursday 26 October - Morning**

**08:45 - 14:30 | Thurs 26 Oct**



**Registration at F Block. Keynote Sessions at Block D, Room D210**  
**See over for Breakout Session Programmes**

**08:45 Registration & Refreshments**

**09:30 Conference Opening & Keynote**

*Dr. Pieterella Pieterse, Chair, DSA Ireland*

**09:50 Keynote - 'Unfair ID: Digital Identity from Injustice to Resistance'**

*Dr Silvia Masiero, Associate Professor of Information Systems, University of Oslo*

**10:20 Facilitated Discussion**

**10:45 Tea, Coffee, Refreshments**

**11:00 Morning Study Group Parallel Sessions**

- Adaptive Programming – Room FG-08
- Business and Development – Room FG-17
- Civil Society – Room FG-09
- Climate and Development – Room FG-03
- ICT4D – Room FG-10

**12:30 - 13:15 AGM**

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch**

# Conference Keynotes and Parallel Breakout Sessions

**Thursday 26 October - Afternoon**

**14:00 - 17:30 | Thurs 26 Oct**



Registration at F Block. Keynote Sessions at Block D, Room D210  
See over for Breakout Session Programmes

**14:00 Keynote Welcome**

*Dr. Pieterella Pieterse, Chair, DSA Ireland*

**14:10 Keynote: Disinformation State: Russia's Weaponization of Narratives in Africa**

*Dr Samuel Ramani, Associate Fellow at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)*

**14:40 Facilitated Discussion**

**15:00 Tea, Coffee, Refreshments**

**15:15 Afternoon Study Group Parallel Sessions**

- Education – Room FG-03
- Gender – Room FG-17
- Humanitarian – Room FG-09
- ICT4D – Room FG-10
- Nutrition and Health - Room FG-08

**16:45 Closing Plenary**

**17:30 Conference Close**

## Keynote: 'Unfair ID: Digital Identity from Injustice to Resistance'



**DR SILVIA  
MASIERO**

Dr Silvia Masiero is an Associate Professor of Information Systems at the University of Oslo. She has authored over 30 peer-reviewed works in the domain of Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D), and has a long-standing interest in the role of digital platforms in socio-economic development processes. She has conducted extensive work on the computerisation of India's main food security programme, the Public Distribution System (PDS), and on the adoption of ICTs in core aspects of the Indian public sphere including elections, rural employment guarantees and programmes of social protection. She is Secretary and Chair Elect of the IFIP Working Group 9.4 on the Implications of Information and Digital Technologies for Development, a Senior Editor at the Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries, and an Associate Editor at Information Technology for Development.

Her keynote is titled "Unfair ID: Digital Identity from Injustice to Resistance". In this talk, Silvia will explore different ways in which digital identity systems, aimed at converting human identities into digital data, result into harmful outcomes for their users. After having discussed the notion of "fairness" in relation to digital identity, the talk will explore legal, informational and design-related forms of injustice induced by digital ID, drawing on instantiations from countries and settings characterised by socio-economic vulnerability. Having done so, we will move into forms of resistance to digital ID-induced injustice, reviewing the work of civil society and solidarity-making organisations working with people affected by the harmful outcomes in point. In this way, the talk will propose a journey "from injustice to resistance" in the digital identity space.

## Morning Parallel Sessions

11:00 - 12:30 - Room FG08



### Adaptive Programming Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Gráinne Kilcullen, Head of Programmes, ActionAid Ireland

#### **Localisation; decolonisation: What do donors really want and what are the implications for INGOs?**

The Adaptive Programming Study Group is hosting a workshop based on TCD research and analysis of the key regulatory, policy, and position landscape of OECD DAC member states in relation to localisation and decolonisation. It will look at key positions, conceptions, and objectives, highlighting areas of congruence and points of tension between institutional donors and then examine the implications of these findings for INGOs. The research will draw upon publicly available information and recent research within the Irish INGO sector, and examine the extent to which this complex policy landscape strengthens or inhibits transnational civil society collaborations to achieve their visions of locally-led development. This will be followed by input and responses from a range of Irish International NGOs on their journeys with locally led development and/or decolonisation outlining how their thinking and practice has evolved, how learning is informing new approaches, and what are the barriers in genuinely shifting power and decision making. The Study Group intend for an open and engaging discussion with the audience.

#### SPEAKERS:

- *Dr Susan P. Murphy, Associate Professor in Development Practice, Geography, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*
- *Ruchi Junnarkar, Partnership and Localisation Advisor, Trócaire*
- *Fay Ballard, Head of Technical Team at GOAL Global*

## Morning Parallel Sessions

11:00 - 12:30 - Room FG17



### Business & Development Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Dr. David Nyaluke, UCD Proudly Made in Africa Fellow

- **'The political ecology of agricultural burning in Thailand.'**  
*Danny Marks, Assistant Professor School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.*
- **'Economic resilience in the COVID-19 pandemic: A case city of cities and provinces in Vietnam.'**  
*Minh Vu-Khanh Nguyen, PhD Fellow at Dublin City University.*
- **'Income inequality and informal economy in Bangladesh: A causal analysis.'**  
*Ahmad Shafie Raouf, MSc in Development Practice (MDP) Graduate, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*
- **'The resilience of small enterprises in the garment industry to crisis.'**  
*Mary Rose Byrne, PhD candidate, Geography, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*
- **'Advancing social parity through the Universal Basic Income Grant: Lessons for South Africa.'**  
*Dr. Nomazulu Sibanda, University of Pretoria and Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, South Africa.*
- **'Policy imperatives for accelerating entrepreneurship and innovation landscapes in African universities.'**  
*Eyob Esatu, Organization For Innovation and Sustainable Development Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.*
- **'How can international development projects learn from international project management standards to improve their performance? A systematic literature review of project management of international development projects.'**  
*Ivan Baptista, Lecturer in Project Management, University of the West of Scotland.*

## Morning Parallel Sessions

11:00 - 12:30 - Room FG09



### Civil Society Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Dr. Paul Keating, Lecturer, Social and Community Studies, Limerick School of Art & Design, Technological University of The Shannon

- **‘Reconceptualising AI futures, justice and ethics through a biographical lens: Sociology, knowledge cultures and the complexity of everyday life.’**  
*Dr PJ Wall, Technological University Dublin; Dr Lisa Moran, Technological University of The Shannon; Dr Zeta Dooly South East Technological University, Waterford.*
- **‘Going digital to strengthen accountability to communities.’**  
*Philip Farrell, Accountability & Learning Advisor, GOAL.*
- **‘Digital technology innovations: CSOs’ operations, public engagement and development practice.’**  
*Ibrahim Natil, Research Fellow, Institute for International Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction (IICRR), Dublin City University.*
- **‘How the missionary approach to development relates to reaching the furthest behind first – and implications for evolving practice.’**  
*Éamonn Casey, Project Officer, Human Rights & Policy, Mísean Cara*
- **‘Exploring the resistance of coastal farmer union involved in the context of the Sand Iron Mining Plan conflict in Kulon Progo, Indonesia.’**  
*Lusi Eka Astuti, PhD student, University of Limerick.*

## Morning Parallel Sessions

11:00 - 12:30 - Room FG03



### Climate and Development Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Judith Randel, Co-Director of Ideas and Action for Public Good. This workshop style session will begin with a roundtable where all participants can introduce themselves to the group.

##### Part One - Political and Justice Issues

- **‘Rethinking and determining responsibility for deterritorialisation in the context of climate change and post-colonial development.’**  
*Danielle Mc Clashie, PhD student, University of Limerick.*
- **‘The price of achieving progress on Loss and Damage.’**  
*Conor O’Neill, Head of Policy & Advocacy, Christian Aid Ireland.*

##### Part Two - Cross Sectoral Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation

- **‘Exploring off-grid renewable energy solutions, in the Lake Victoria Basin, as a cross-sectoral climate change adaptation strategy using the water-food-energy nexus (Case Study: Tanzania).’**  
*Abhilasha Mohanram, School of natural sciences, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*

##### Part Three - What’s going on!

- **‘An All-Island Approach to Advancing Multi-Stakeholder through Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Ireland.’**  
*Dr. John Barimo, Manager of SDSN Ireland on behalf of network’s Executive Committee and Co-Chairs.*
- **‘Mapping of climate initiatives in research, policy and activism.’**  
*Tony German and Judith Randel, Public Good*



## Morning Parallel Sessions

11:00 - 12:30 - Room FG10



### ICT4D Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Prof Tim Savage, Assistant Professor School of Computer Science and Statistics, Lloyd Institute, Trinity College Dublin.

- **‘Digital provide or product consumption diffusion cycle? Understanding the developmental potential of digital technologies in the Global South.’**  
*Dr Pdraig Carmody, Professor in Geography, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*
- **‘Global diversity and inclusion in Artificial Intelligence (AI) ethics: An intersectional approach.’**  
*Catherine Roche, Science Foundation Ireland, CRT-AI, Trinity College, University of Dublin; P. J. Wall, ADAPT Centre, Technological University Dublin; Dave Lewis, ADAPT Centre, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*
- **‘Transforming adolescent mental health: A user-centered mobile app development for low-income youth communities in Sri Lanka.’**  
*Menusha Gunasekara, University of Sri Lanka,*
- **‘Banking on technology – tech optimism or tech pessimism for the LDCs.’**  
*Dr Helen Hawthorne, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law and Social Sciences, Middlesex University.*

12:30 - 13:15 A.G.M.



## Annual General Meeting DSA Ireland

*DSAI is an independent all-Ireland association of researchers, scholars, policymakers and practitioners working in the area of international development. It is a membership-based and membership-driven association, including individual members, institutional members, honorary members and subscribing members.*

*The Annual General Meeting of DSA Ireland is the sovereign body of the Association. It elects a Steering Committee, comprising of up to 10 members, who in turn elect the officers of the Association, namely a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.*

### **AGM Agenda - MC DSAI Secretary, Dr. Rosarii Griffin**

- 1. Welcome from the Chair, Dr Pieterella Pieterse*
- 2. Draft minutes of previous meeting 2022 AGM*
- 3. Annual report (Chair, Dr. Pieterella Pieterse)*
- 4. Overview of financial accounts by DSAI Treasurer*
- 5. Elections to the DSA Ireland Steering Committee, overseen by DSAI Secretary, Dr. Rosarii Griffin*

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<https://www.dsaireland.org/about/background-to-dsai/>*

# Keynote: 'Disinformation State: Russia's Weaponization of Narratives in Africa'



**DR SAMUEL  
RAMANI**

Dr. Samuel Ramani is an associate fellow at RUSI (Royal United Services Institute). He is a geo-political commentator, who regularly contributes to media publications such as Foreign Policy, the Washington Post, Newsweek, and Al-Monitor, as well as think-tanks, such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Middle East Institute. He regularly appears on broadcast media outlets, such as Al Jazeera English, the BBC World Service, France 24, and CNN International. Since receiving his DPhil in International Relations at Oxford in 2021, Samuel has written two books: "Russia in Africa: Resurgent Great Power or Bellicose Pretender" and "Putin's War on Ukraine: Russia's Campaign for Global Counter-Revolution" which were published by Hurst and Oxford University Press in 2023.

His keynote is titled "Disinformation State: Russia's Weaponization of Narratives in Africa". In this talk, Samuel will explore the pernicious impact of Russia's disinformation in Africa and use of big tech to spread these narratives.

## Afternoon Parallel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 - Room FG03



### Education Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Dr. Gerard McCann, Senior Lecturer Head of International Programmes, St Mary's University College, Queen's University Belfast.

- **'The potential of frameworks in enabling digital technology to further SDGS: the Digital Competence Framework for Botswana.'**  
*Dr. Clare Thornley; Ms. Agang K. Ditlhogo; Mr. Ganyani Khosa, Stantec Ltd for EU delegation, Botswana.*
- **'Student loans in financing engineering education: Some new evidence from India.'**  
*Pradeep Kumar Choudhury, Research Fellow, South Asia Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA; Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi, India.*
- **'Transforming India through new education policy: Blend of traditional knowledge and technological innovation as critical game changer.'**  
*Prof. Nachiketa Singh [Ph. D] Associate Professor, Department of Political Science SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, India.*
- **'Stay and Play sessions as a quality early years programme for children of international protection applicants in Ireland.'**  
*Helen Nana Awhinawhi, Early Childhood Education and Care lecturer at the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS); Muriel Martin Flynn, Manager, Westmeath County Childcare Committee (WCCC), Ireland.*
- **'Challenge based learning for addressing development studies competencies: An exploratory analysis.'**  
*Dr Silvia Gallagher, CHARM-EU, Trinity College, University of Dublin; Prof Tim Savage, Department of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College, University of Dublin.*

## Afternoon Parallel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 - Room FG17



### Gender Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Dr Nita Mishra, Lecturer, Development Studies, Social Justice & Public Administration, Dept of Politics & Public Administration, University of Limerick.

- **‘Conversations in decolonial feminism: walking beside one another (and hoping for different mistakes).’**  
*Dr. Su-ming Khoo, Associate Professor, University of Galway.*
- **‘Becoming political: young Ghanaian men and women’s collective action and commitment to challenge gender discrimination and stereotypes to bridge the digital gender divide.’**  
*Fauzia Issaka, Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.*
- **‘Sextortion and Female Entrepreneurship.’**  
*Doris Aja-Eke, Robert Gillanders, Roisin Lyons, Eugenie Maiga, Idrissa Ouedraogo, Anti-Corruption Research Centre, Dublin City University.*
- **‘Gender and subject choice in engineering education in India: Analysing the role of household resources.’**  
*Pradeep Kumar Choudhury, Research Fellow, South Asia Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge; Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi, India.*
- **‘Sustainable development goals and women: Role of critical intervention of technology and innovations in governance.’**  
*Dr Sangita Dhal, Department of Political Science, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, India.*
- **‘Inclusion in the Irish Defence Forces: A Feminist Perspective.’**  
*Eimear Stuart, PhD student, University of Limerick.*

## Afternoon Parallel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 - Room FG09



### Humanitarian Action Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Safiye Ergun, PhD researcher in Politics at University of Limerick.

- **‘Beyond barriers: Overcoming funding and humanitarian resource obstacles to achieve a localized humanitarian response.’**  
*Mark Johnson, Senior Technical Adviser – Localisation, Concern Worldwide.*
- **‘Migration Effects on hosts societies in Rwanda and Uganda.’**  
*Joy Uwanziga, PhD student, French Department, University College of Cork.*
- **‘Automating insights: Understanding violence against civilians through robotic process automation and conflict event data analysis.’**  
*Angela Garvey, PhD Student, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.*
- **‘An NGO’s journey to cloud; first steps with Monitoring, Evaluation, Analysis, and Learning (MEAL) data on Azure Synapse.’**  
*Emmanuel O. Adekola, Global Analytics and Training Officer, GOAL Global, Dublin.*
- **‘Cash transfers and the dynamics of urban poverty amid the COVID-19 pandemic in Mutare Urban Area, Zimbabwe.’**  
*Cephas Mandirahwe, Lecturer at Midlands State University, Zvishavani, Zimbabwe.*

## Afternoon Parallel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 - Room FG10



### ICT4D Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Dr PJ Wall, Lecturer, Department of Business & Management SETU Carlow & Adjunct Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin.

- **'Digital transformation through village level entrepreneurs: navigating rural entrepreneurship within India's gig economy.'**  
*Prof. Supriya Garikipati, Centre for Sustainable Development, University College Dublin; Chandra Kant Upadhyay.*
- **'E-government initiatives and public service delivery: Perspectives from northern region of Sri Lanka.'**  
*Dr. Malini Balamayuran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, University of Sri Lanka.*
- **'Making strategic decisions from programme results.'**  
*Mala Ram, Information Systems & Knowledge Manager GOAL Global, Dublin.*
- **'Overcoming data justice latency with contextualisation: a case study in the 'smart-city' of Banjul, The Gambia.'**  
*Peter Whelan, University of Amsterdam.*
- **'The role of sustainable technology and innovation in advancing rural development.'**  
Baingana Mohsin

## Afternoon Parallel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 - Room FG08



### Nutrition & Health Study Group

#### PRESENTATIONS

Chaired by Jacinta Greene, Children's Health Ireland at Tallaght Hospital.

- **'Medical and Media Narratives of the Covid 19 Pandemic in Africa: The Case of Burundi.'**  
*Caroline Williamson Sinalo, Department of French, University College Cork.*
- **'The implications of the unsalaried status of healthcare workers on maternal and under-5 health in Sierra Leone.'**  
*Federico Saracini, Dublin City University, Irish Research Council, Science Foundation Ireland.*
- **'An empirical analysis on smallholder diets in Ethiopia: examining the influence of farm production diversity and market access.'**  
*Tsegay Balcha, University College Cork.*
- **'Towards Food Security in the Global South – The Role of Technology and Innovation.'**  
*Dr Barbara Doyle Prestwich, School of Biological Earth and Environmental Science and the Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork.*



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### ROBERT CHAMBERS AWARDS

To celebrate the contribution of Professor Robert Chambers to innovation and research for empowerment and sustainable development in the field of development studies, DSA Ireland established the Robert Chambers Award. The award with a value of €300 is given annually to the most innovative paper demonstrating potential to make a significant contribution to strengthening just and sustainable development for the world's poor. Submissions should be between 5,000 -10,000 words. Authors who wish their papers to be considered for the award must submit their full paper by 12noon on Friday 22nd December 2023.



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The DSAI are committed to recognising the work of outstanding student researchers. Each year the association makes a Best Student Paper Award. The prize for Best Student Paper Award is awarded on the basis of a written paper (between 3,000 - 5,000 words excluding tables, figures and references). This prize will be to the value of €300 and two faculty members, drawn from the DSA Ireland membership or steering committee, can give the student who authored the winning paper feedback as peer reviewers, with a view to have it published as a DSAI Working Paper. Submission by 12noon on Friday 22nd December 2023.

# Challenge Opinion Pieces

DSAI publish Opinion Pieces submitted to us in response to our Challenge-focused Open Call. Authors are invited to provide short opinion pieces, responses or propositions, submissions can be between 500-1000 words in length.



## **NEW CALL**

### **CONFLICT, CLIMATE AND MIGRATION**

Reflections on the changes and challenges in international development assistance.

There are thought to be around 110 million displaced people globally (UNHCR). According to the UN, “Displacement today is characterized by the sheer scale of people displaced by protracted wars and conflicts, by political instability prompting coups d’états, by competition for scarce water and food resources, and by the deadly impact of climate change, all exacerbated by inflation, inequality, environmental disasters, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, leading to yet more displacements.”\*

The displacement of people on a scale never seen before has significant implications for how the community that responds to people in crisis across the world. Overall funding is increasingly stretched, as the number of crises to respond to increases; the sheer number of people on the move challenges our perceptions of what can be done, and how people can be assisted. Disinformation undermines the efforts of those migrating and those aiming to provide support.

In the midst of this enormous, multi-faceted challenge, we are in need of stories of change, narratives not heard enough, ideas that bring hope and propositions that make us think again.

DSAI Challenge Opinion Pieces invites your submission on the topic of **CONFLICT, CLIMATE AND MIGRATION**.



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