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DSAI Annual Conference
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**Development in the Interregnum:
Past, Present, and Future(s)**

Dates: 15th & 16th January 2026

Venue: Trinity College Dublin

Development in the Interregnum: Past, Present, and Future(s)

International development is at an inflection point with the current conjuncture defined by a conflation of interacting destructive forces, disruptions, uncertainties, and opportunities for change. Geopolitical tectonic plates are shifting with new actors and institutions now influencing the postwar development cooperation regime.

Multilateralism and the liberal international order are crumbling, while the rise of China and South-South development cooperation is influencing a profound shift in development thinking. This coincides with a renewed role for the state, state interventionism and the increasing influence of state capitalism in development cooperation. Political convulsions in some of the longest-standing democracies are birthing discourses that actively undermine fundamental democratic principles, commitments to global cooperation and universal values, instead seeing a rise of isolationism and withdrawal from international institutions. As the impacts of climate change unfold, a series of sharp intersecting inequalities fueled by uneven and combined development continues to accelerate. These interacting, intersecting events and transformations hold profound implications for international development cooperation, governance and practices.

This conference examines how, why, and in what ways the contemporary conjuncture can be understood, and what possibilities and future pathways exist for development cooperation. It explores discursive framings, structural features, and agent-based possibilities and mechanisms embedded within the current order that could shift the focus from conflict, crisis, and competition toward cooperation, consensus, and community.

Thursday Programme Outline

Thursday, 15th January
9:15 – 19:00

Robert Emmet Theatre – Room 2037, Arts Building

09:15

REGISTRATION

09:30-13:30

TRANSDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION FOR IMPACT

with Máire Brophy Consulting

- 9.30 **Welcome** - Assoc. Prof Susan Murphy, Chair DSAI
- 9.40 – 10.30 **Research Funding Landscape Presentation**
Emmet Theatre (room 2037)
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Presentations from NGOs**
Chair: Maire Brophy
Presentations: Adèle Fox, Concern; Caroline Murphy, Comhlamh; and Gillian Ivory, Dochas
Questions for NGOs in attendance
- 11.00 - 11.15 **Tea/Coffee** (move to workshop spaces)
- 11.15 – 12.15 **Breakout Sessions on NGOs Needs**
(rooms 3025, 3051, 3071, 3106)
- 12.15 – 12.30 **Break** (move back to lecture theatre space –
Emmet Theatre (room 2037)
- 12.30 – 12.45 **Report from Breakout Sessions** -
Emmet Theatre (room 2037)
- 12.45 – 1.30 **Research Funder Presentations** -
Emmet Theatre (room 2037)
Allison Stephens, Research Ireland; Patrick Lansley,
National Contact Point, Horizon Europe; Irish Aid TBC

14:00 - 15:30

WELCOME ADDRESS & CONFERENCE OPENING PLENARY

WELCOME

Kate O'Donnell, Irish Aid, Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade
Assoc. Prof. Susan Murphy, Chair, DSAI

OPENING PLENARY

Prof. Alfredo Saad Filho
Queen's University Belfast
'Neoliberal Fascism'

Prof. Owen Worth
University of Limerick
'Development in the Interregnum: Tragedy or Farce?'

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Susan Murphy

15:30 - 16:00

TEA/COFFEE

Thursday Programme Outline Contd.

16:00 - 17:30

AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. **Business & Development Study Group – Room 3025**
Chair: Dr. David Nyaluke
2. **Education Study Group – Room 3051**
Chair: Prof. Gerard McCann
3. **Geopolitics – Room 3071**
Chair: Dr. Kelsey Rhude
4. **Linking Development Studies with the Humanities – Room Emmet Theatre 2037**
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Susan Murphy
5. **The Politics of Food Crises: Challenges and Opportunities – Room 3106**
Chair: Abdulkadir Mohameds

17:30 - 18:00

MEET THE AUTHORS

Prof. Padraig Carmody, Trinity College Dublin

Book Title: 'Transforming Education for Sustainable Development: Global Perspectives from Classroom to Practice'

Dr. Sinead Walsh, Principal Research Fellow at ODI Global

Book Title: '10 Lessons in Localisation: Making Aid Work for Communities'

Reception Venue: The Atrium, Dining Hall

18:00 - 19:00

WINE RECEPTION & CANAPÉS

Friday Programme Outline

Friday, 16th January
9:15 – 17:30

Robert Emmet Theatre – Room 2037, Arts Building

09:15

ARRIVAL & WELCOME

09:30-10:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Assoc. Prof. Divine Fuh
University of Cape Town
'Prosecuting Development: Towards a Decolonial Imperative for Transformative Global Cohabitation'

Moderator: Dr. Sheila Long

10:30 - 11:00

TEA/COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

11:00 - 12:30

MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS

- 1. Climate 1 Study Group – Room 3025**
Chairs: Judith Randel and Tony German
- 2. Gender Study Group – Room 3051**
Chair: Dr. Nita Mishra
- 3. Reimagining Development – Room 3071**
Chair: Dr. Eilish Dillon
- 4. Civilian Targeting – Room 3106**
Chair: Dr. Maksym Skrypyk
- 5. Contested Futures of Agriculture: Gender, Digital Technologies and Inequality – Room Emmet Theatre 2037**
Chair: Dr. Tara Bedi

12:30 - 14:00

LUNCH & TEA/COFFEE

13:15 – 14:00

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Friday Programme Outline Contd.

14:00 - 15:30

AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSIONS

- 1. Civil Society Study Group – Room 3051**
Chair: Dr. Sheila Long
- 2. Climate 2 Study Group – Room 3025**
Chairs: Judith Randel and Tony German
- 3. Humanitarian Action Study Group – Room 3027**
Chair: Dr. Kelsey Rhude
- 4. ICT4D Study Group – Room 3071**
Chairs: Dr. PJ Wall and Dr. Elizabeth Resor
- 5. New and Emerging Directions for Gender Based Violence: Methods, Findings and Applications – Room 3106**
Chair: Dr. Carol Ballantine
- 6. Disassembling and Reassembling Development: Tracing the Reconfiguration of Governance and Practice in the Current Conjuncture – Emmet Theatre Room 2037**
Chair: Maeve McGandy

15:30 – 15:45

TEA/COFFEE

15:45-16:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Prof. Su-ming Khoo
University of Galway; Nelson Mandela University
'Reframing the Anthropocene Educationally - From SDG4 to Human Capabilities to Share the Planet'

Moderator: Dr. Nita Mishra

16:30 – 17:30

CLOSING PLENARY / REFLECTIONS

17:30

CONFERENCE CLOSE

Thursday, 15th January 14:00 - 15:30



Keynote Speaker

PROF. ALFREDO SAAD FILHO
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

PRESENTATION TITLE:
'Neoliberal Fascism'

Prof. Alfredo Saad Filho, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast. Alfredo Saad Filho is Professor of International Political Economy at Queen's University Belfast, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg (South Africa), Visiting Professor at LUT University (Finland), Visiting Professor at Università degli Studi della Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli' (Italy), Senior Associate Researcher at the University of Brasília (Brazil) and Professorial Research Associate at SOAS University of London (UK). He was Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in Geneva. He has taught in universities and research institutions in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mozambique, South Africa, Switzerland and the UK. His publications include 18 books, 80 journal articles, 60 book chapters, and 30 reports for UN and other international agencies. His most recent books include *The Age of Crisis: Neoliberalism, the Collapse of Democracy, and the Pandemic* (London: PalgraveMacmillan, 2022) and *Progressive Policies for Economic Development: Economic Diversification and Social Inclusion after Climate Change* (London: Routledge, 2022).

Thursday, 15th January 14:00 - 15:30



Keynote Speaker

PROF. OWEN WORTH
UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

PRESENTATION TITLE:
**'Development in the Interregnum:
Tragedy or Farce?'**

Prof. Owen Worth, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick. He works, teaches and publishes in the wide areas of International Political Economy, Global Politics and has published on class, hegemony, resistance, political movement from both the right and left and on International Relations (IR) and Development theory. He is course leader for the long running MA International Studies and teaches the Graduate Seminar in IR for post-graduate students within the department as well as a number of interchangeable IR/IPE/Politics undergraduate and postgraduate modules. He is the author of 4 books, a co-editor of a number of collections and has published in several journals throughout his career. He has also been a visiting academic at a number of universities across Europe and North America and has sat and continues to sit on the board of a number of networks and academic committees. He is the Managing Editor of the long-standing journal *Capital & Class*, which is published by Sage.

Thursday, 15th January 16:00 – 17:30

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

1. Business & Development Study Group

Room 3025

Chair: Dr. David Nyaluke (University College Cork; DSAI Business & Development Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***‘Domestic Politics, States and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Insights from Indonesia’***
Prof. Andrew Rosser, Professor of Southeast Asian Studies and Director, Asia Institute
Faculty of Arts, The University of Melbourne
- ***‘The Effectiveness of Corporate Geoeconomic Tools: An Analysis of the Interaction Among Government, Enterprise, and Target State’***
Yujie Zhao, PhD student, Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin
- ***‘The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid: Reforms or Resources?’***
Marina Mikitchuk, Research fellow at the Central Economic Mathematical
Institute of the RAS

2. Education Study Group

Room 3051

Chair: Prof. Gerard McCann (St. Mary’s University College Belfast; DSAI Education Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***‘Unlearning Development Research Practices: Researching Better with the Subalterns’***
Dr. Owasim Akram, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Political Science,
Örebro University, Sweden
- ***‘Climate Change Education for a More Sustainable, Just and Gender Equal World’***
Melanie Larose, Plan International
- ***‘The Multisystemic Factors that Enable Resilience to Extreme Weather Events Among Academy-Attending Mauritian Adolescents’***
Shannon Wakefield, PhD candidate, University of Pretoria; Educational Psychologist

Thursday, 15th January 16:00 – 17:30

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

3. Geopolitics

Room 3071

Chair: Dr. Kelsey Rhude (University of Limerick)

Presentations:

- ***'Emerging Geographies of a New Cold War in Africa'***
Prof. Pádraig Carmody, Lectures in Geography at TCD and Senior Research Associate at the University of Johannesburg.
- ***'Development and the Second Cold War'***
Dr. Jack Taggart, Queen's University Belfast

4. Linking Development Studies with the Humanities

Room Emmet Theatre 2037

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Susan Murphy (Trinity College Dublin; DSAI Chair)

Presentations:

- ***'What can the Humanities offer Development Studies?'***
Prof. David Lewis, London School of Economics & Political Science
- ***'Poetry and Protest in Kakuma Refugee Camp: Re-storying Development through the Humanities'***
Charlotte Brown, PhD student, London School of Economics & Political Science
- ***'Unusual Sources of Qualitative "Data": Poetry'***
Dr. Nita Mishra, Dept. of Politics & Public Administration, University of Limerick

5. The Politics of Food Crises: Challenges and Opportunities

Room 3106

Chair: Abdulkadir Mohamed (University College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ***'"The UN is Now Your Husband": Food Aid and the Remaking of Masculinities in South Sudan'***
Dr. Caitriona Dowd, University College Dublin
- ***'Whose Aid, Whose Rules? The Shifting Determinants of International Food Aid from the Gulf Donors'***
Heba Elsahn, PhD Researcher, University College Dublin
- ***'Functions of Food Weaponization in Ukraine by Russia'***
Dr. Maksym Skrypnyk, Postdoctoral Researcher, School of Politics & International Relations, University College Dublin

Meet the Authors

Thursday, 15th January 17:30 - 18:00

PROF. PÁDRAIG CARMODY

PROFESSOR IN GEOGRAPHY, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN AND UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

Pádraig Carmody is Professor in Geography at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin where he did his undergraduate and masters work and is a Senior Research Associate at the University of Johannesburg. His Ph.D. is from the University of Minnesota in the US, where after graduation he also taught at the University of Vermont. At TCD he directs the Masters in Development Practice and is a former director of CHARM-EU. His research centers on the political economy of globalisation in Africa



Book Title: Transforming Education for Sustainable Development: Global Perspectives from Classroom to Practice

Transforming Education for Sustainable Development documents and disseminates learning around education for sustainable development and associated pedagogical approaches, techniques, and experiences that have been generated across the Master of Development Practice (MDP) Global Association over the past 12 years. It integrates the participation and perspectives of a diverse group of faculty, alumni, students, and partners. The book applies a critical, analytical lens to discuss experiences across 35 prestigious universities to provide an invaluable synthesis of key findings with a summary of forward-looking implications for global education for sustainable development.

DR. SINEAD WALSH

PRINCIPAL RESEARCH FELLOW AT ODI GLOBALG.



Sinead Walsh is Principal Research Fellow on climate at ODI Global and a freelance consultant and author. Before joining ODI Global, Sinead Walsh spent five years as Climate Director in Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs. Prior to this she served as the EU Ambassador to South Sudan and Ambassador of Ireland to Sierra Leone and Liberia and the Head of Irish Aid in the two countries. Before joining the government, Sinead spent ten years in the NGO sector in India, Pakistan, Rwanda and South Sudan, mostly working with Concern Worldwide. She has a PhD in Social Policy from the LSE. She is the author of the 2025 book *10 Lessons in Localisation: Making Aid Work for Communities* and the co-author of *Getting to Zero: A Doctor and A Diplomat on the Ebola Frontline*. She is a member of the Board of the Sanctuary Runners, a solidarity-through-sport initiative which brings together asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and all Irish residents.

Book Title: 10 Lessons in Localisation: Making Aid Work for Communities

Many international NGOs claim to support localisation but often struggle to implement it in practice. Drawing on 25 years of experience across development, humanitarian, and climate sectors, this book presents ten evidence-based lessons grounded in fieldwork, donor experience, and original research. Through accessible writing and real-world case studies, it exposes structural barriers that hinder localisation efforts. The book challenges entrenched assumptions and offers practical recommendations for NGOs to work more effectively with the communities they aim to serve.

Keynote Speaker

Friday, 16th January

9.30 – 10.30

ASSOC. PROF. DIVINE FUH

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

TITLE:

**'PROSECUTING DEVELOPMENT:
TOWARDS A DECOLONIAL
IMPERATIVE FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE
GLOBAL COHABITATION'**



Assoc. Prof. Divine Fuh, Director of the Institute for Humanities Africa (HUMA) at the University of Cape Town where he is also Head of Discipline for and associate professor of social anthropology. His research focuses on the politics of suffering and smiling, particularly on how people seek ways of smiling in the midst of their suffering. He is currently interested in the life of ideas, the political economy of African knowledge production, and centring African epistemologies. He has done work in Cameroon, Botswana, Senegal and South Africa.

Friday, 16th January

10.30 – 11:00

Poster Presentations

- **'One Size Fits All? Rethinking Traditional Project Management for Not-For Profit and Global Development Projects'**
Ivan Baptista, University of the West of Scotland, London Campus
- **'People, Peat, and Power: Envisioning a Just Transition in the Blanket Bog Ecosystems of Ireland'**
Jill Cass, M.Sc. Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin
- **'United Nations Global Surgery Learning Hub (SURGhub): An Analysis of Usage Patterns'**
Méabh Hennelly, Education Programme Officer, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI, School of Population Health, Dublin
- **'In the Hope of One's Own Home – Middlemen, Patronage, and the Politics of Welfare Delivery in India'**
Moubani Maitra, PhD student, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich
- **'Girls Empowerment through Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) in China'**
Deirdre Murray, Plan International
- **'Cape Town Train Stories: Multimodal Discourses of (Im)Mobility and Place in a Social Media Archive, 2010-2022'**
Dr. Marion Walton, Centre for Film & Media Studies, University of Cape Town
- **'An Evaluation of Contemporary Accounting Data and Sustainable Progress'**
Orla Watson, Postgraduate research student and Assistant Lecturer, Dept. of Business and Financial Services, TUS Midwest

Friday, 16th January

11:00 – 12:30

Morning Parallel Sessions

1. Climate No.1 Study Group

Room 3025

Chairs: Judith Randell & Tony German (Public Good; DSAI Climate & Development Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***‘Gender Mainstreaming and ESG in Renewable Energy: Rethinking Development Cooperation in the Green Transition’***
Yingqi Katherine Wang, Master’s candidate, Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin
- ***‘Reimagining Development through Indigenous Perspectives from the Global South: Cartography, Governance, and Alternative Futures in India’s Indigenous Regions’***
Dr. Aashish Xaxa, IIT Gandhinagar
- ***‘Beyond Aid: Sustaining Locally-Led Climate Resilience Pathways in Southern Africa – The Case of Zimbabwe’***
Brighton Musevenzo, Women’s University in Africa

2. Gender Study Group

Room Emmet Theatre 3051

Chair: Dr. Nita Mishra (University of Limerick; DSAI Gender Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***‘From Credit to Coercion: Financialisation, SHGs, and Local Politics in Rural India’***
Genevieve England, Research Assistant and Doctoral Candidate, University of Zurich
- ***‘Digital Coloniality and Climate Adaptation: Epistemic Violence, Material Dispossession, and Vernacular Politics in Bihar’s Agricultural Sector’***
Dr. Vidya Sagar Pancholi, Senior Research Associate, Lancaster University
- ***‘Using the Comprehensive School Safety Framework to Address Climate Change and Girls’ Education in Cameroon’s Far North Region’***
Situ Shrestha, MSc in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin

Friday, 16th January

11:00 – 12:30

Morning Parallel Sessions

3. Reimagining Development

Room 3071

Chair: Dr. Eilish Dillon (Maynooth University; DSAI Steering Committee)

Presentations:

- ***'The Revival of Dependency Theory'***
Endriady Abidin, PhD candidate, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Limerick
- ***'Ontological and Epistemological Drift in the Rules-Based Order: China, India and the Contestation of Global Governance'***
Kofi Amegashie, Senior Lecturer & Course Lead, Business Management, St. Mary's University, Twickenham
- ***'Lessons from the Research Ireland Challenge Grant Program on Creating New Development Partnerships'***
Eleanor Mancusi-Ungaro, Masters of Science in Energy Science
- ***'Reclaiming Knowledge: Epistemological and Ontological Challenges to Western-Centric Development Paradigms in African Contexts'***
Lilian Njeri Mbuthi, Pan-Africanist and Afro-feminist researcher and practitioner based in Nairobi, Kenya. MA Political Science, Stanford University
- ***'Development Brut – A New Concept to Understand and Appreciate Outsider Development'***
Dr. Stephen Thompson, PhD MSc BSc PGCHE FHEA Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

4. Civilian Targeting

Room 3106

Chair: Dr. Maksym Skrypnik (University College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ***'The Targeting of Refugees and Contested Understandings of Humanitarian Protection: The Case of Salvadoran Refugees' Campaign against Forced Relocation in 1980s Honduras'***
Dr. Maria Cullen, School of History, University College Dublin
- ***'Understanding Connections between Modalities of Violence against Civilians in Civil Conflict: The Role of Competition between Armed Groups in South Sudan'***
Angela Garvey, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University
- ***'Humanitarian Exit, Civilian Targeting, and the Right to Health in Fragile Systems'***
Dr. Molly Gilmour, Cardiff University
- ***'Attacks on Healthcare, Humanitarian Archives, Oral History Methodology, Humanitarian History'***
Dr. Courtney Stickland, Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute University of Manchester

Friday, 16th January

11:00 – 12:30

Morning Parallel Sessions

5. Contested Futures of Agriculture: Gender, Digital Technologies and Inequality

Room Emmet Theatre 2037

Chair: Dr. Tara Bedi (Trinity College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ***'Designing for Inclusion: Women Farmers' Preferences for Digital Agriculture Technologies'***
Loveness Msofi, University College Dublin 'Land, Phones, and Power: Kinship and Women Farmers' Access to Digital Agriculture in Malawi'
- ***'Land, Phones, and Power: Kinship and Women Farmers' Access to Digital Agriculture in Malawi'***
Lily Chavez, Trinity College Dublin
- ***'Gendered Constraints in Adaptive Capacity Development: A Case Study of Women Smallholder Farmers in Mchinji and Mzimba, Malawi'***
Róisín O'Brien, Trinity College Dublin
- ***'The impact of digital agricultural extension service: Experimental evidence from rice farmers in India'***
Tomoko Harigaya, Precision Development

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday, 16th January

1:15 – 14:00

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.

Agenda:

1. Welcome (DSAI Chair)
2. Minutes of previous AGM (Chair)
3. Annual Report (Chair)
4. Overview of Financial Accounts (Treasurer, Brian Friel)
5. Elections to the DSA Ireland Steering Committee (Secretary, Ciara O'Halloran)
6. AOB (Chair)

Close

Friday, 16th January

14:00 – 15:30

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

1. Civil Society Study Group

Room 3051

Chair: Dr. Sheila Long (South East Technological University; DSAI Steering Committee)

Presentations:

- ***'Exploring the Resistance of the Coastal Farmer Union (PPLP) in the Context of the Sand Iron Mining Plan Conflict in Kulon Progo, Indonesia'***
Eka Zuni Lusi Astuti, PhD candidate, Dept. of Politics & Public Administration, University of Limerick
- ***'The Interregnum as a Catalyst to Reimagining INGO/Supporter Relations'***
Dr. Robert Bowden, Lead practitioner & Co-Director, Lifeworlds / Visiting Scholar at Northumbria University (Centre for Global Development)
- ***'Between Resilience and Resistance: The Role of Civil Society Organisations Working for Peace in Contexts of Criminality. A Methodological Framework to Analyse their Practices and Discourses'***
David Morales Castano, PhD candidate, University of Liege
- ***'State of Play: Autocratic States Research. How Local Civil Society is Responding to Repressive Regimes: Lessons from Burundi, Zimbabwe, and Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory'***
Róisín Devale, Christian Aid & Christian Aid Ireland
- ***'Politically Smart Advocacy Playbook'***
Róisín Devale, Christian Aid & Christian Aid Ireland

2. Climate No. 2 Study Group

Room 3025

Chairs: Judith Randel & Tony German (Public Good; DSAI Climate & Development Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***'Green Extraction, Old Exploitations? Critical Minerals and the Future of Africa's Rural Communities?'***
Cecy Balogun, Centre for the Study of Race, Gender and Class, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- ***'Evaluating the Effectiveness and Adaptability of Community-Based Renewable Energy Projects in Zambia: Lessons from International Models'***
Maaz Khan, Masters in Energy Science, Trinity College Dublin; Eleanor Mancusi-Ungaro, Master of Science in Energy Science

Friday, 16th January

14:00 – 15:30

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

3. Humanitarian Study Group

Room 3027

Chair: Dr. Kelsey Rhude (University of Limerick)

Presentations:

- ***'Bridging the Gap: Developing a Cost-Effectiveness Framework for Humanitarian Programme Design in GOAL'***
Dr. Suleyman Alterkavi, University College Dublin
- ***'The Role of Social Capital in Resilience in Urban Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts: Evidence from Haiti and Somalia'***
Dr. Caitriona Dowd, University College Dublin

4. Information & Communications Technology for Development (ICT4D) Study Group

Room 3071

Chairs: Dr. PJ Wall (Trinity College Dublin; DSAI ICT4D Study Group) & Dr. Elizabeth Resor (DSAI ICT4D Study Group)

Presentations:

- ***'Framing Electronic Waste: A Decade of Irish Newspaper Coverage'***
Dickson Boateng, Dublin City University
- ***'Decentralising Development: Participatory Financing, Technology and Innovation Beyond the Donor Paradigm'***
Jorge González Da Riba, early career researcher;
Nelli Amanda Piehl, transdisciplinary sustainability researcher from Finland
- ***'African Agency and the Geopolitical Contest Over AI Governance'***
Dr. Thompson Gyedu Kwarkye, School of Law, University of Galway
- ***'Democracy 2.0 Meets Network Diplomacy: Practical Guardrails and a Civic Tech Field Guide Demo'***
Paul Murphy, Founder of Vitalism Civic Innovation and an Advisor to the Civic Tech Field Guide
- ***'Digital Global Solidarity Movement: Responses to Wars and Conflict in Sudan, Palestine and South Sudan'***
Dr. Ibrahim Natil, DCU Conflict Institute. Research Fellow, Dublin City University. Visiting Lecturer, The University of Law, Business School

Friday, 16th January

14:00 – 15:30

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

5. New and Emerging Directions for Gender Based Violence: Methods, Findings and Applications

Room 3106

Chair: Dr. Carol Ballantine (University of Limerick) & Dr. Tara Bedi (Trinity College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ***‘Research Relationality: Developing Methods for Recruiting Participants to Highly Sensitive Research Interviews about GBV’***
Dr. Carol Ballantine, University of Limerick
- ***‘Cash Plus Interventions and Intimate Partner Violence: A Mixed Method Investigation into the Channels of Change in Mauritania’***
Dr. Tara Bedi, Trinity College Dublin
- ***‘Alone or Aligned: The Role of Individual and Community Dimensions of Social Norms, Women’s Employment and Divorce on Intimate Partner Violence in Mauritania’***
Julien Giorgi, Consultant at the World Bank
- ***‘Testing Survivor-Centred Approaches to IPV Data Collection Survey Instrument’***
Asst. Prof. Alejandra Ramos, Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin

6. Disassembling and Reassembling Development: Tracing the Reconfiguration of Governance and Practice in the Current Conjuncture

Room Emmet Theatre 2037

Chair: Maeve McGandy (Trinity College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ***‘Navigating Global Aid Shifts: The Assemblage of NGOs and Climate Adaptation in Costa Rica’s Pacific Region’***
Ivonne López Arce, MSc in Development Practice, Trinity College Dublin
- ***‘South-South Hybrid Governance: Development and Energy Infrastructure in a Post-Aid Era’***
M Towsif Hasan, University of Melbourne
- ***‘Unpacking Localisation: Assemblage Thinking and Methodological Reflection in Development Studies’***
Maeve McGandy, researcher, Trinity College Dublin
- ***‘Practices, Possibilities, and Pitfalls in the Pursuit of Just Development Governance: Exploring Assemblages of Transnational CSO Partnership Practices in Ukraine’***
Assoc. Prof. Susan Murphy, Trinity College Dublin; DSAI Chair
- ***‘Assemblages of Aid: Pilot Study Insights on the Intersection of State Influence and Civil Society Voice in Tanzanian Aid Effectiveness’***
Ruby Paterson, PhD candidate, Trinity College Dublin

Keynote Speaker

Friday, 16th January

15:45 – 16:30



PROF. SU-MING KHOO

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY;
NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

TITLE:

'REFRAMING THE
ANTHROPOCENE
EDUCATIONALLY -
FROM SDG4 TO HUMAN
CAPABILITIES TO SHARE
THE PLANET'

Prof. Su-ming Khoo, Sociology at the School of Political Science and Sociology, and Chair of the Socio-Economic Impact Research Cluster at the Ryan Institute, at the University of Galway, Ireland. She is Joint Editor-in-Chief (with Sophie Woodward & Harriet Shortt) of the Journal of Creative Research Methods and Visiting Professor (2022-2027) in Critical Studies in Higher Education and Transformation (CriSHET) at Nelson Mandela University, South Africa.



Venue Information



Robert Emmet Theatre – Room 2037, Arts Building

Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's oldest and most prestigious university, founded in 1592. It sits right in the heart of Dublin city centre, surrounded by vibrant shops, cafés, museums, and historical landmarks. Link-
Arts building



From Busáras (Central Bus Station)

Walking: It's only about 15–20 minutes. Walk along Talbot Street → O'Connell Street → cross O'Connell Bridge → Trinity College is on your right.

Bus: Several Dublin Bus routes, including 7, 9, 14, 16, 46A, and 145, stop near College Green or Nassau Street beside the campus.

LUAS: Take the LUAS Red Line from Busáras to Abbey Street, then walk.

By Private Car or Taxi

From Dublin Airport:

Taxis are available for use.

Bus: Air coach (Route 700) or Dublin Express (782/784) both stop very close to Trinity on Nassau Street or O'Connell Street.

Parking:

Trinity's campus parking is limited to staff and permit holders.

Public car parks nearby: Setanta Car Park (Molesworth Street), Park Rite Dawson Street, or Fleet Street Car Park - all within a 5-minute walk.

From Dublin's Main Stations

From Connolly Station (closest – about 15 minutes' walk)

Walking: Exit onto Amiens Street → walk toward Talbot Street → continue to O'Connell Street → cross O'Connell Bridge → Trinity College will be straight ahead on College Green.

Bus: Routes 4, 7, 7A, 46A, 145 from Connolly or nearby stops all pass near Trinity.

Taxis are also available for use

From Heuston Station (around 3.5 km / 10–15 minutes by taxi)

LUAS (Tram): Take the LUAS Red Line from Heuston toward Connolly and get off at Abbey Street. Then walk 10 minutes to Trinity via O'Connell Bridge.

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