

DSA Ireland Conference 2013

In partnership with
Irish Forum for Global Health & Gender ARC

Health and gender equity in
a period of global crisis

Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway, Ireland.
28-29 November 2013

Programme Outline

Day 1

11:00 – 13:30	Arrival/Registration
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14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break/Poster Session
15:00 – 15:30	Opening Address
15:30 – 17:30	Opening Round Table “Development 2.0”
17:30 – 18:00	Poster Session
18:00 – 19:30	Annual Fr. Michael Kelly World AIDS Day Event 2013 – “Gender, Sexuality & HIV”
19:30 – 21:00	Cocktail Reception

Day 2

08:30 – 09:30	Arrival/Registration
09:30 – 10:30	Plenary Session “Gender Equity and Global Crisis”
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break/Poster Session
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Sessions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Plenary Session “Health Equity and Global Crisis”
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break/Poster Session
15:00 – 16:30	Parallel Sessions
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap up Discussion

Opening Address

Date and time: 28th Nov, 15:00-15:30. **Venue:** Ballyvaughan Suite

Speakers: Deputy Olivia Mitchell, TD; Prof. Lokesh Joshi, Vice-President for Research National University of Ireland, Galway

Day 1 Opening Plenary: Development 2.0

28th Nov, 15:30-17:30. Venue: Ballyvaughan Suite

We need to critically interrogate how the development agenda is being transformed by the unprecedented economic turmoil since the banking crisis of 2008-9 and its subsequent effects North and South. The end of the current phase of the millennium development goals also opens up a new scenario post 2015. In brief, we pose the need for a rethinking of development paradigms and the articulation of new ways of understanding development in all its complexity. The end of neoliberal globalisation and the rise of the newly emerging Southern economies pose serious challenges to accepted development paradigms in the North. New issues are also emerging which need to be debated by the development community in Ireland. One is workers' rights and the need for the Decent Work programme to be included in any democratic development agenda post 2015. The other is international migration now being seen by some major agencies as a major contributor to development through migrant economic remittances. This is just the start of a debate that DSAI intends to develop in the period to come.

Speakers:

Sally Anne Kinehan (Deputy General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions) “*Workers Rights and Democratic Development: The Decent Work Agenda and the MDGs*”.

Dr. C Rammanohar Reddy (editor of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) “*Development, Poverty and Democracy in Contemporary India*”

Sue Branford (editor at Latin America Bureau) “*Brazil: from dependency to what?*”

Prof. Ronaldo Munck (Head of Civic Engagement, Dublin City University) “*Migration and Development: Blessing or Curse?*”

Chair: Dr. Su-ming Khoo
(National University of Ireland, Galway)

Irish Aid Father Michael Kelly World AIDS Day Event 2013 - ‘Gender, sexuality and HIV’

Date and time: 28th Nov, 18:00 – 19:30

Venue: Ballyvaughan Suite

Being held on the eve of Day 1, the theme of this year's World AIDS Day event: “Gender, sexuality and HIV” will explore the vulnerability and equality dimensions of HIV as well as make some observations about the ways forward.

- Introduction: Brendan Rogers, Director General, Irish Aid
- Keynote speaker: Professor Fr Michael Kelly
- Keynote speaker: Robin Gorna
- Launch of Trocaire's ‘Four Faces of women's vulnerability to HIV’ photo exhibition

Day 2 Session 1 - Gender Equity and Global Crisis

29th Nov, 09:30-10:30. Venue: Ballyvaughan Suite

The ongoing economic crisis from 2007 onwards is a significant challenge to women and men across the globe, and more so in the Global South as it came on top of concurrent food and fuel crises. This 'triple crisis' has important ramifications for gender equality in southern economies reinforcing pre-existing disadvantage, deepening poverty, and accelerating other crises such as the HIV epidemic.

The three key themes of this session are:

Gender Economic Empowerment – What are the gendered impacts of recession and austerity budgets? Is the care economy emerging as an alternative informal economy in a context of high unemployment and intensification of reproductive work with austerity? How have women's land rights, sustainable livelihoods and climate justice been affected?

Gender, Epidemics and Recession – How has the global crisis affected gender relations within relationships,

particularly in terms of autonomy and sexuality? What are the impacts on HIV risk and violence against women? Are gender sensitive prevention efforts to address HIV, GBV and malnutrition being promoted and prioritized?

Leadership, Participation and Rights – What are rights based and gender sensitive macro-economic policies for recovery? Is gender budgeting emerging as a tool for gender focused assessment and monitoring of policies?

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Diane Elson

(Department of Sociology, University of Essex)

Dr. Simel Esim

(Chief and Senior Specialist, Cooperative Branch, International Labour Organization)

Dr. Una Murray

(part-time Lecturer and an International Development Consultant)

Day 2 Session 2 - Health Equity and Global Crisis

29th Nov, 13:30-14:30. Venue: Ballyvaughan Suite

Poverty and poor health are directly related. The global economic crisis and accompanying austerity measures threaten the gains made in population health, and weaken public services including health systems. The public health effects of the crisis are clearly visible and evidence is emerging that health inequities between and within countries are widening. Worsening poverty and declining services have a synergistic effect.

WHO has described how the crisis is increasing vulnerability and depleting the coping capabilities of individuals and communities. New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), has identified actions needed to protect health and healthcare stressing that 'the urgent need for health systems strengthening and dealing with the human resources for health crisis remains, while achievements are at risk and progress needed is jeopardized.

The keynote speakers and discussion will focus on protecting equitable initiatives, addressing the differential impacts on the most vulnerable, and policy responses

that mitigate risks and promote resilience.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. David McCoy (Centre for International Health and Development at University College London)

Finola Finnan (Head of Programmes, Trocaire)

Wrap-up discussion

Date and time: 29th Nov, 16:30-17:30

Venue: Ballyvaughan Suite

The objective of this final session is to build a broad synthesis of the various themes discussed and especially the intersectional dimension. The emphasis will be on what remains to be done and the practical tasks ahead in terms of delivering on the conference agenda. The discussion will be guided by Connell Foley (Director of Strategy, Advocacy and Learning, Concern Worldwide) with a view to taking away key lessons learned and a clear mandate for building capacity in Irish development research and practice.

Keynote speakers

Deputy Olivia Mitchell, TD was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 1997 and re-elected in 2002, 2007, and 2011 and received the highest vote of any female candidate in the 2011 General Election. She was a member of the Fine Gael Front Bench from 2001 to 2010 where she served as party spokesperson on various issues including Health & Children, Transport and Arts, Sport and Tourism. Deputy Mitchell is currently a member of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs. She is also Chair of the Oireachtas Women's All-Party Interest Group on Development and Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights. She has been a long-term member of this group which is the Irish section of the European Parliamentary Forum (EPF) on Population and Development. She is also a long time member of AWEPA – European Parliamentarians with Africa, and is currently a Vice President of the AWEPA executive committee.

Prof. Lokesh Joshi is the Vice President for Research at National University of Ireland Galway. The Office of the Vice President for Research provides strategic and operational leadership through the Research Office and the Technology Transfer Office. He is also the Director of Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funded Strategic Research Cluster, Alimentary Glycoscience Research Cluster (AGRC.ie) and is the co-ordinator of an EU-FP7-Health project called GlycoHIT (GlycoHIT.eu). He is SFI supported Stokes Professor of Glycosciences at NUI Galway. Prof. Joshi was the Associate Director of IDA Ireland and Bristol Myers Squibb funded Centre for BioAnalytical Sciences located in Dublin City University and NUI Galway focusing on developing new technologies for biopharmaceutical processes. He was an Associate Professor in the Department of Bioengineering and Director of Center for Glycoscience and Technologies in the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University, USA. He completed Post-Doctoral and Research Associate training at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York and received a PhD from Bath University, UK. He received his Masters and Bachelor education in Jaipur, India. Prof. Joshi's research focus is on the role of sugars (glycans) in health and diseases and for industrial bioprocessing. Carbohydrates are the most abundant molecules on this planet but their roles are not well understood and Prof. Joshi's team is developing new technologies and methods for carbohydrate analysis as well as their applications for therapeutics, biomarkers, glycobiomaterials, cellular engineering, drug targets as well as nutraceuticals and healthcare.

Sally Anne Kinehan is currently the Assistant General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the confederation body of the trade union movement in Ireland/Northern Ireland. Within her role at Congress, Ms. Kinehan leads the policy, communications and campaigning functions and has responsibility for general organisation and a number of designated priority projects. She has worked with Congress in this role since 2003. Ms Kinehan is a member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) as a trade union nominee, and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). She is a non-executive director of TASC, an independent think-tank dedicated to combating Ireland's high level of economic inequality and ensuring that public policy has equality at its core. She is also a non-executive director of a number of not-for-profit social organisations. Prior to joining Congress, Sally Anne was Marketing Director with Ireland's largest development NGO, Concern Worldwide, for five years. She has also worked as director of development with Stewarts Hospital, Dublin, and as Head of Oxfam in Ireland.

Dr. C. Rammanohar Reddy is the editor of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), a leading weekly magazine that is at the frontier of intellectual and policy debates on important socio-economic issues in India. Prior to becoming editor of EPW, Dr. Reddy was a leading economic and business journalist at The Hindu, a leading national daily. Dr. Reddy is widely recognized as a leading commentator on the complexities of India's economic development for the last 20 years. He received his PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Sue Branford has worked and reported on Brazil for many years. She is co-author of Cutting the Wire: The Story of the Landless Movement in Brazil (2002) and Lula and the Workers Party in Brazil (2005). In the 1970s and 1980s she worked as Foreign Correspondent on Latin America for the Guardian and the Financial Times. On returning to the UK she became an editor and programme maker on Latin America for the BBC World Service. She is currently editor of Latin American Bureau in London.

Prof. Ronaldo Munck is Head of Civic Engagement at Dublin City University and visiting professor of development at the University of Liverpool and at St. Mary's University, Nova Scotia. He has written widely on international labour issues from The New International Labour Studies (1988) to Globalisation and Labour: The new 'Great Transformation' (2002) which brings together the insights of Karl Marx and Karl Polanyi. He is also known for his global development perspective on Latin America which includes Contemporary Latin America (2012) and Rethinking Latin America: Development, Hegemony and Social Transformation (2013).

Brendan Rogers currently serves as the Director General of Development Cooperation Directorate (Irish Aid) and the Deputy Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Holding degrees from University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin

and Boston University, he has served in the US and Ireland in a number of different capacities as well as holding the posts of Head of Mission in the Irish Embassy in both Zambia and Uganda.

Professor Father Michael Kelly studied at University College Dublin and was awarded an MA in Maths and Mathematical Physics in 1952, with first class honours. He went on to receive a licentiate in philosophy in 1955. He moved to Zambia and has lived and worked there for 50 years, becoming a Zambian citizen. He worked for many years as headmaster of Canisius College in Chisekesi in Zambia. He completed his PhD studies in the area of child and educational psychology in 1974 and subsequently became a senior lecturer and Dean of the School of Education in the University of Zambia (UNZA), in 1975. He served as pro-vice chancellor and deputy vice chancellor and became professor in 1989. He has received honorary degrees from University College Dublin, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the University of the West Indies. In November 2012, he received the Irish Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad in the field of peace, reconciliation and development.

Robin Gorna Gorna has worked in the response to AIDS since 1986. She has lived and worked in Africa, Europe and Asia-Pacific with community organisations, donors and international agencies. She is now the Director of ASAP (AIDS Strategy, Advocacy and Policy) - a community-based consultancy that she founded in 2010. She has a strong commitment to achieving radical change in the response to AIDS and using learning from AIDS to contribute to broader health and development efforts. Her work is highly strategic and action oriented, grounded in the lived experiences of communities, with a firm focus on tackling inequality and keeping the needs of women and girls at the centre.

Prof. Diane Elson came to Essex in 2000 from a Chair in Development Studies at Manchester University, via two years in New York working for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Her current research and teaching interests are in global social change and the realisation of human rights with a particular focus on gender inequality and economic and social rights. Prof. Elson is a member of the Human Rights Centre. In 2006 she was named as one of the fifty key thinkers on development world-wide in D. Simm (ed) Fifty Key Thinkers in Development, Routledge.

Dr. Simel Esim is Chief of the Cooperative Branch at the International Labour Organization in Geneva. From 2004 to 2012, she was a Senior Regional Technical Specialist in the ILO Regional Office for Arab States, based in Beirut, Lebanon. Prior to the ILO, she worked in the International Center for Research on Women, Development Alternatives, Inc. and the World Bank. She has also worked on informal employment, women's economic empowerment, cooperative and enterprise development, labour migration, and financing for gender equality (including gender responsive budgets).

Dr. Una Murray is a part-time Lecturer and an International Development Consultant. Since 1995, Dr. Murray has been providing consultancy services for a range of international development agencies, particularly amongst the specialised agencies of the United Nations (e.g. ILO, FAO, UNICEF etc) and well as Irish Aid and Irish development NGOs. In addition to NUI Galway, Dr. Murray also lectures on international development in UCC, NUI Maynooth, MIC Limerick and lectures for UCC in two universities in Ethiopia.

Dr. David McCoy is a public health physician. He spent his first fifteen years working in clinical medicine and health systems development, mostly in South Africa. Since then he has been based in London, working on various aspects of 'global health' as an academic and as an NHS physician during which time he was DPH in Hammersmith and Fulham. He was co-Managing Editor of the first two alternative world health reports (Global Health Watch) and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Peoples Health Movement. He is now based at Queen Mary's University London, and with London-based charity Medact.

Finola Finnan is the Head of Programmes in Trócaire. She has worked for over twenty years in international development specialising in Gender Equality, HIV and Health and holds a Masters Degree in Community Health from Trinity College Dublin. She has chaired a number of NGO networks including the Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence and the Catholic HIV and AIDS Network. In her current position, she has an oversight role for programme-related research in Trócaire, including studies on women's participation in decision-making spaces in Nicaragua and DRC and women's vulnerability to HIV in Malawi.

Connell Foley is the Director of Strategy, Advocacy and Learning at the international humanitarian organization Concern Worldwide, where he is responsible for learning and innovation, program quality, technical support, organizational policy and strategy, and global advocacy. He has been with Concern since 1998 and has provided technical support on capacity building, partnerships, and development strategy in more than 20 developing countries.

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