

The Trinity International Development Initiative



Trinity Development Research Week

Tuesday 31st October – Friday 3rd November 2017

TIDI presents a week of events to promote
international development research

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Tuesday 31st October 2017

TIDI/DSAI Seminar on Adaptive Programming

Time: 12:00 – 14:30

Venue: The Knowledge Exchange, TBSI

Description: The Development Studies Association of Ireland and the Trinity International Development Initiative are pleased to host a seminar on Adaptive Programming.

Development challenges are complex and interventions often do not follow a linear path. The results of development interventions are therefore rarely predictable. In a complex environment influenced by history, politics, geography, conflict, social norms and behaviours, adaptive programming offers a way of ‘doing development differently’.

This seminar, as part of TIDI’s Development Research Week presents and discusses adaptive approaches to development programming. Researchers and practitioners with experience of an adaptive approach will explore ongoing work and current debates in this area, including through case studies. What do we understand by adaptive programming and adaptive management? What is the current international discourse and how is it relevant to our work? What are the issues that have arisen within programme management and how might a system of adaptive management better respond to these challenges?

The seminar is building on the work of a newly established study group within DSAI that aims to: facilitate discussion, debate and ongoing learning among the development community in Ireland on adaptive programming; strengthen the dissemination of knowledge, research and learning on adaptive programming in Ireland; contribute to the wider international debate; and stimulate new research initiatives on adaptive programming in Ireland in order to improve development programming funded by and implemented by Irish organisations. It will be followed by a session at the DSAI Annual Conference 23-24 November, which will build on the discussion and outcomes.

Speakers:

Oliver Haas, GIZ (The German government’s development agency)

Craig Valters, Overseas Development Institute

Gráinne Kilcullen, Christian Aid Ireland

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Designing Posters

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Venue: Room B236, Basement 2, Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute

Description: Being able to communicate one’s research visually and orally are two fundamental parts of a researcher’s life. Conferences offer critical opportunities to share one’s research and network with established peers, but can also be daunting spaces.

This two-hour session will consider the core components of designing effective posters and presenting one’s research with clarity, confidence and conciseness.

The session will be interactive, offering a safe, informal space to explore and practise, but no pressure to do so either. There will also be time included for a poster “clinic” and students are welcome to email in advance draft posters for (confidential) feedback.

Women’s Rights and FGM in Kenya, in collaboration with the TCD Global Development Society and TCD Afro-Caribbean Society

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

Venue: The Global Room

Description: In this seminar, Dr. Caroline Munyi explores the process of improving women’s rights with a focus on FGM. Drawing on her work with Action Aid, in Ireland, Kenya and Liberia, Dr. Munyi will consider the Freirean methodology of ‘REFLECT action.’ This participative methodology has been employed to successfully combat practices of FGM in Kenya and Liberia, where communities are changing and abandoning the practice. ‘REFLECT action’ is now being translated for work with migrant communities living in Ireland. Dr. Munyi, who has extensively researched this practice in collaboration with Actionaid, will explore the way in which the methodology of ‘REFLECT action’ works to combat FGM in Ireland and globally.

Speaker:

Dr. Caroline Munyi, Trinity College Dublin and Actionaid



Thursday 3rd November

Aidlink: the Hidden Crises: A Case of Kenyan Policy and Practice in Education Sector

Time: 16:00 – 18:00

Venue: TRISS Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Arts Building

Description: This seminar will examine the interaction between policy and practice in the Kenyan Education Sector. Education is widely seen as one of the most promising paths for individuals to realize better, more productive lives and as one of the primary drivers of national economic development.

The citizens and the government of Kenya have invested heavily in improving both access and quality of education, in an effort to realize the promises of education. The promulgation of the country's constitution in 2010 can be viewed as one of the greatest achievements in the country's quest for holistic reforms which has seen the enactment of laws in line with the achievement of quality education and equity in almost all sectors of the country.

The various initiatives aimed at addressing the country's educational concerns in the new constitution are also asserted in the country's economic growth plan Vision 2030 and the Government of Kenya's policies as well as Presidential directives. Gender Parity in Education has improved; increased enrolment, retention, transition, and completion is being witnessed, progressively; duty bearers are taking their respectful roles as provided for in the policies, improved accountability and community participation on matters of education as well as improved capacity of children to hold the state to account. However, challenges remain, in particular in the area of policy implementation and enforcement.

The GCN will share its experience of driving policy and legislative reforms in the education sector and point to the key priorities areas in need of further reform.

Speakers:

Mercy Musomi, Executive Director of the Girl Child Network (GCN).

Peris Kandie Mootian, Programme Coordinator for the KEEP – Kenya Equity in Primary Education Programme at the Girl Child Network (GCN).

Willimena Asekon Lokalei, Livelihoods and Agriculture coordinator for Caritas Lodwar

Chair: Dr. Susan Murphy

Friday 3rd November

Seminar with Mary Fitzgerald, researcher specialising in the Euro-Mediterranean region

Time: 13:00 – 14:00

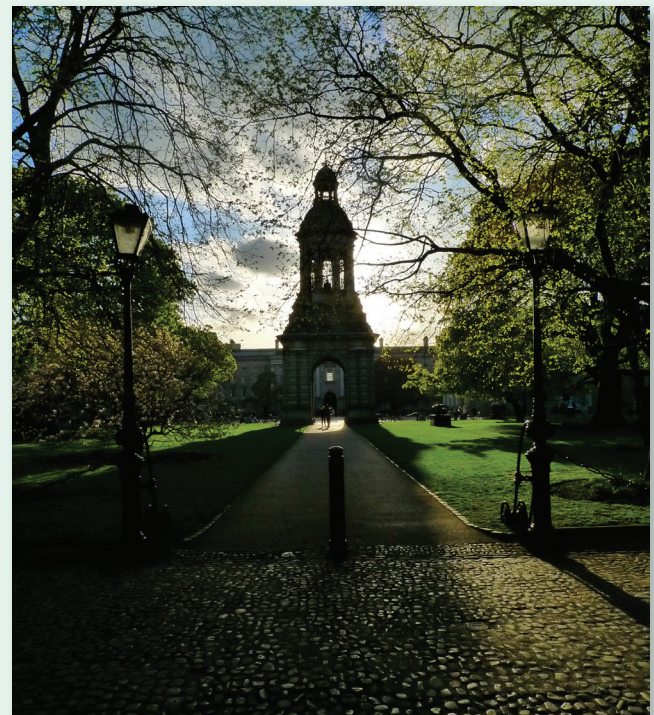
Venue: Irish School of Ecumenics

Description: Six years after the series of revolutions and uprisings some labelled The Arab Spring, the political, economic and social challenges that sparked those events in the Middle East and North Africa remain.

While Tunisia's fragile experiment in democracy continues, other countries like Egypt, Libya and Syria have either fallen back into authoritarianism or are torn apart by war. Are the ingredients present for another series of uprisings? And if so, what would they look like second time round?

Speaker: Mary Fitzgerald

Chair: Dr. Gillian Wylie



Masters in Development Practice Fieldwork Showcase

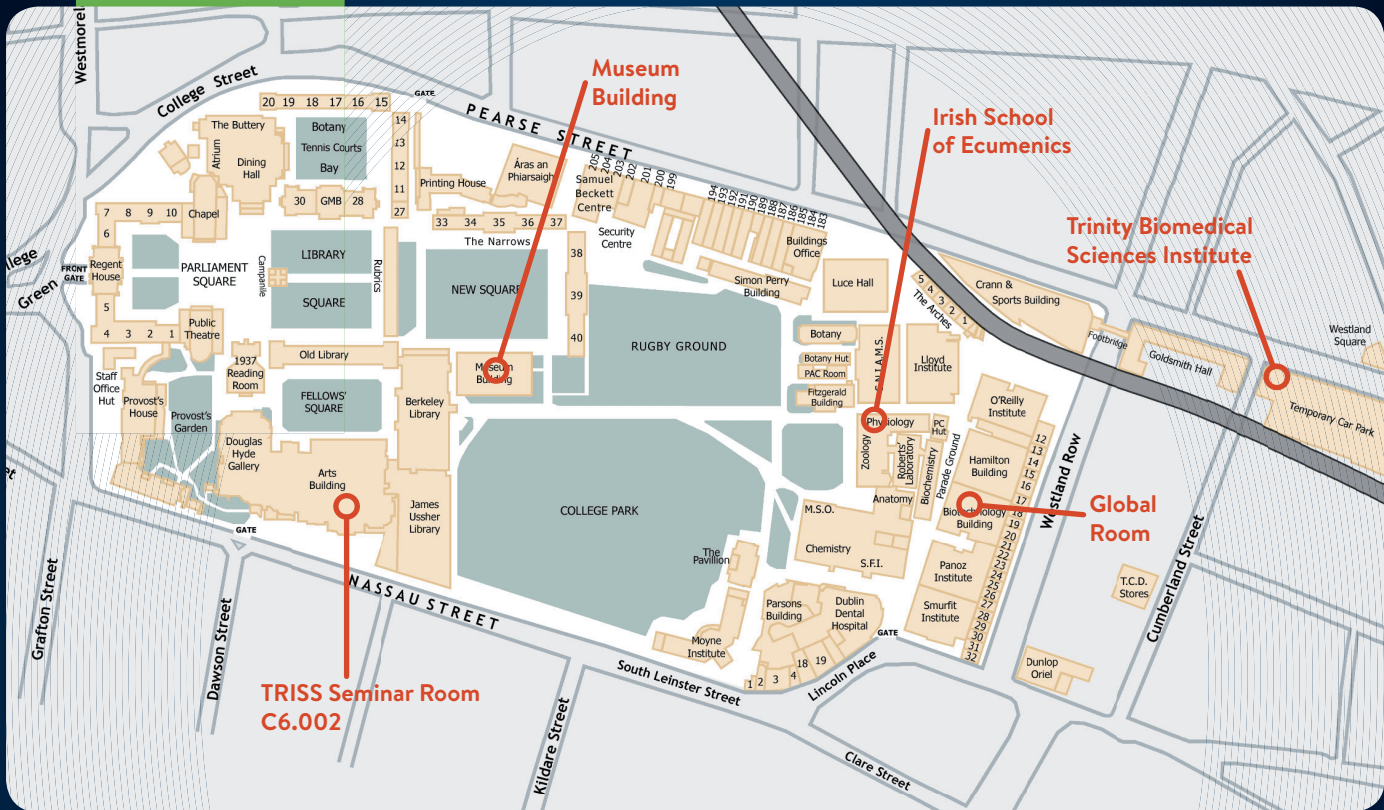
Time: : 14:00 – 18:00

Venue: Museum Building

Description: Each year, students of Trinity's Masters in Development Practice's (MDP) undertake fieldwork in a developing country setting, conducting research on a number of interdisciplinary topics.

This seminar will highlight several student's research experiences and findings with topics spanning across all pillars of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), including sustainable agriculture, food security, natural resource development, gender equality and female empowerment.

Venue locations



The Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI) is a college-wide initiative, involving three faculties and multiple disciplines. TIDI coordinates and promotes Trinity College Dublin's expanded engagement with research and education on international development.

Trinity's engagement with International Development Research is formally recognised by the University as a priority research area with capacity and scale and is clustered around the three themes; Health, Technology and Social Protection and Justice. The seminars and events for Development Research Week this year reflect the research being carried out in college around these themes.

TIDI would like to thank all the partners, presenters and students who took part in Trinity Development Research Week.