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Director's Message

Our annual report for 2013 reflects the continued growth and development of the Whitaker Institute. Our research output continues to be significant ranging from peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, published reports, conference publications and conference contributions. Our commitment to sharing our knowledge and expertise is reflected in the cross media coverage of our research activities. This is further reflected in 90 events that we supported ranging from national and international conferences to workshops. We had academics from all continents participating and contributing to these events. The focus of our international seminar series this year was to encourage new multidiscipline collaborations for joint research initiatives.

Funding under the Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions (PRTLI4) as part of the Irish Social Sciences Platform continued to have a transformative impact. The funding supported the establishment of the Measurement Instrument Databank for the Social Sciences (MIDSS) that was officially launched. It is a unique open access repository of shareable assessment instruments used to collect data from across the social sciences. It has had a global reach across the USA, UK, Canada, India and the Philippines as well as Ireland. We also formally launched the Social Sciences Hub in March that provides an integrated data repository, computing infrastructure for business and social sciences repositories. This opens up new multidisciplinary research opportunities and collaborations, provides new insights and informs public policy.

One of the objectives of the Whitaker Institute in 2013 was to further enhance the developmental supports available to our research community. We ran a pilot academic editorial support service to support high calibre journal paper submissions. The Writers' Development Programme from previous years has had a significant impact on academic writing outputs. In April, we ran a programme for doctoral students in their 3rd or final year, which was a great success and facilitated by Dr. Patricia McNamara of University of Limerick.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the ongoing support during 2013 of our research community, our associate directors, cluster leaders and our research support staff in growing the Whitaker Institute.

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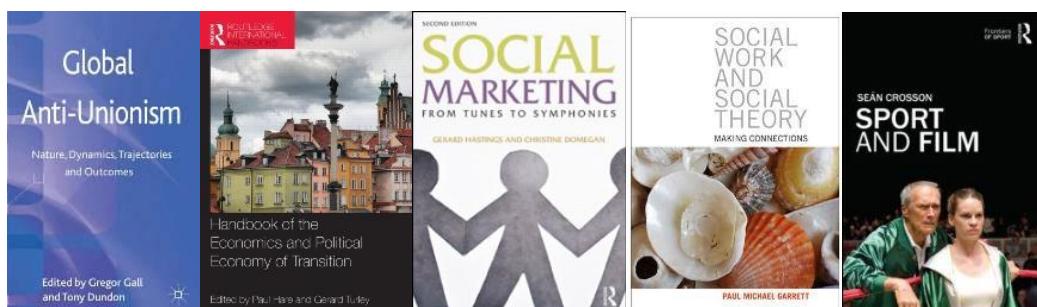
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "James" on the left and "Cunningham" on the right, connected by a flourish.

James Cunningham
Director

Scholarly Outputs

Table 1: 2013 Whitaker Institute Publication Counts taken from NUI Galway's Institutional Research Information System

Publication Type	Total for 2013
Peer-reviewed journal articles	192
Books	9
Edited books	6
Book chapters	61
Published reports	17
Conference publications	100
Conference contributions (paper, poster etc.)	106
Working papers and non-published reports	14
Other publications	46
Total Publications	543



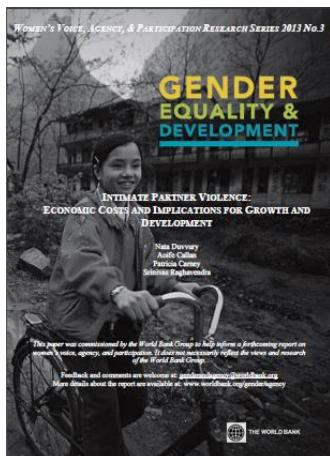
Media Coverage and Selected News Items

Media Coverage

In 2013, the Institute received approximately 86 media hits in a broad range of media sources including national and local print media, broadcast media, and on-line news websites, including the Irish Times, Irish Independent, Sunday Business Post, Galway Bay FM and Newstalk Radio.

Some Selected News about the Institute

New Report on Intimate Partner Violence commissioned by the World Bank Group



Violence against women, recognized globally as a fundamental human rights violation, is widely prevalent across high-, middle-, and low-income countries. This results not only in psychological and personal costs, but also significant economic costs in terms of spending on service provision, lost earnings for women and their families, decreased productivity, and negative impacts on future human capital formation. This paper reviews costing methodologies and identifies costs that could be estimated given different degrees of data availability. It argues for a focus on estimating impacts on productivity and calls for committed action by national governments and the World Bank Group to study violence against women and girls and dedicate resources to tackling it.

Intimate partner violence: Economic costs and implications for growth and development by Nata Duvvury, Aoife Callan, Patricia Carney and Srinivas Raghavendra

ISSP Conference: People, Policy, Places and the Economy - Advancing Ireland through Research and Outreach



Minister Sean Sherlock, TD, opening the ISSP Conference in September 2013

The world's best universities provide excellence in education and research that serves the current and future needs of the cities, regions and nations in which they are based. This conference highlighted examples of NUI Galway's research and community outreach efforts and contemporary social and business debates that have been enabled through funding from the Programme for Research in Third- Level Institutions Cycle 4 (PRTLI 4) as part of the Irish Social Science Platform. The PRLTI research programme has played a transformative role in developing a credible research and outreach capacity in Ireland and contributed to Ireland's significant rise in scientific international rankings. The focus of this conference was largely on NUI Galway's contribution under the three pillars of the Irish Social Sciences Platform: Knowledge Society, Sustaining Communities and Balanced Regional and Rural Development. The conference featured examples of this research and outreach undertaken by The Whitaker Institute, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, the Child and Family Research Centre, the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, the Centre for Research on Occupational and Life Stress, and the Irish Centre for Rural Transformation and Sustainability.

Well-Being in Ireland Conference



Internationally, there is increasing interest in, and analysis of, human well-being and the economic, social, environmental and psychological factors that contribute to it. Current thinking suggests that to measure social progress and national well-being we need something more than GDP. On 6th June 2013, the Health and Well-being research cluster at the Whitaker Institute, NUI Galway in collaboration with TASC hosted a very successful conference focused on well-being measurement and the design of a national well-being index for Ireland. The conference featured keynote lectures from the directors of the Canadian, UK, Scottish and Japanese well-being indices, short presentations highlighting key perspectives on well-being, a collective intelligence design session focused on the design of a new Irish index of well-being, a poster session and an address by the Minister of State for Primary Care at the Department of Health, Alex White. Additionally, there was an essay competition with prizes for the most innovative, critical, and integrative perspectives on the measurement of well-being at a national level.

Dr. Mike Hogan, joint leader of the Health and Well-Being research cluster, speaking with Minister Alex White, Minister of State for Primary Care at the Department of Health.

Special symposium marking the fifteenth anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement



Dr Eamonn Hughes (QUB), Prof Jonathan Tonge (Liverpool), Kathleen Cavanaugh (NUI Galway)

The University of Ulster hosted speakers from across Britain and Ireland on Friday 19th April to debate the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement / Belfast Agreement. The all-day symposium was a joint event of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences (IRiSS) at the University of Ulster, the Whitaker Institute and the Peace and Conflict specialist group of the Political Studies Association of Ireland. It brought together some of the academics who played crucial roles as special advisors and negotiators to reflect on the negotiations that produced the Agreement, including Professor Lord Bew (advisor to David Trimble), Professor Monica McWilliams (founding member of the Women's Coalition), and Dr Martin Mansergh (advisor to the Irish government). Speakers debated a number of issues including the changing political dynamics that set the scene for the talks process, the implementation of the Agreement, and the unresolved past.

Study concludes cardiovascular patients are less than charmed with how sexual issues are addressed by Irish health services



Dr Molly Byrne, Principal Investigator, School of Psychology and Health and member of the Well-Being research cluster at the Whitaker Institute, NUI Galway

The CHARMS (Cardiac Health and Assessment of Relationships Management and Sexuality) Study is a recently completed, Health Research Board funded three year study. The study was completed at the School of Psychology and the Department of General Practice at NUI Galway, in collaboration with researchers in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Linköping University, Sweden. The CHARMS Study aimed to explore the sexual wellbeing and problems of people with heart disease in Ireland and seek the views of service users and providers about how sexual issues are addressed in health services.

Sexual problems are commonly reported by people with cardiovascular disease and sexual activity has a significant impact on quality of life for those with cardiovascular disease. Sex and sexuality are core dimensions of the human experience and important determinants of well-being. Sexual problems can adversely affect mood, quality of life and interpersonal relationships. However we knew little about the experience of Irish patients in relation to this aspect of their disease and how sexuality is addressed within health services. The CHARMS Study identifies high levels of sexual problems among people with cardiovascular disease which are not being addressed adequately in health services.

Institutional Events

Table 2: 2013 Events Summary

Event Type	Total for 2013
National and International Conferences	9
International Speakers and Public Lectures	43
Seminars	18
Workshops (Academic and Professional Development)	17
PhD Modules	1
Project Launches	2
Total Events	90

Selected Events During 2013

National and International Conferences

- NUIG / DIT Inaugural All Ireland Subsidiary Management Research Symposium (Conference Organiser: Dr Josephine Igoe)
- The Agreement, 15 Years On: A Symposium (Conference Organiser: Dr Niall O'Dochartaigh)
- Well-Being in Ireland Conference: Designing Measures and Implementing Policies (Conference Organiser: Dr Mike Hogan)
- Principal Investigator Symposium (Conference Organiser: Dr James Cunningham)
- Entrepreneurial Universities, Technology and Knowledge Transfer (Conference Organiser: Dr James Cunningham)
- 5th NUIG Social Marketing Conference (Conference Organiser: Dr Christine Domegan)
- ISSP Conference: People, Policy, Places and the Economy (Conference Organiser: Dr James Cunningham)
- Health and Gender Equity in a Period of Global Crisis (Gender and Public Policy cluster)
- Lean Enterprise Software and Systems Conference (Drs Kieran Conboy and Lorraine Morgan)
- How Creative Industries Contribute to and Shape Peripheral Region Societies and Economies (Conference Organiser: Dr Patrick Collins)

Selected National and International Guest Speakers

- Professor Gerard George, Imperial College London
- Professor Stephanie D. Short, University of Sydney, Australia
- Selma James, Global Women's Strike Co-ordinator and Founder of the International Wages for Housework Campaign

- Niall Wall, Symantec, Silicon Valley
- Daniel Sokatch, New Israel Fund
- Prof. Ulf Andersson, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Professor Bradley C. Karkkainen, University of Minnesota School of Law, USA
- Professor Dimitris Kugiumtzis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Professor Rebekah Russell-Bennett, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Dr. Patricia McNamara, University of Limerick
- Professor Chris Brewster, University of Reading, UK

Whitaker Institute Seminar Series

The seminar series included a diverse range of invited speakers from across Ireland and the UK. The impetus for the series was to encourage the formation of new collaborations for joint research initiatives. Speakers were invited by each of the research clusters and the series was of broad multi-disciplinary interest.

Name of Speaker	Seminar Title	Cluster	
	Professor Ann Stewart School of Law, University of Warwick, UK	Gender, Law and Justice in a Global Market	Gender and Public Policy
	Dr. Gonneke Stevens University of Utrecht, The Netherlands	Mental Health Concerns Among Migrant Children	Population and Migration
	Professor Robert Scapens Manchester Business School, UK	Governing Product Development Projects: The role of minimal structures	Performance Management
	Professor Roger MacGinty Department of Politics, University of Manchester, UK	Stray dogs and painted shop fronts: Alternative measures of peace	Conflict, Rights and Security
	Dr. Peter Dwyer Ruskin College, Oxford, UK	The Marikana Mine Massacre: Implications for South African labour and social movements	Work, Society and Governance

	Professor Liam Delaney University of Stirling, UK	The usefulness of a national wellbeing index for Public Policy	Health and Well-Being
	Professor Jill Rubrey University of Manchester, UK	Women and Austerity: some reflections on the impact of austerity on the prospects for gender equality	Gender and Public Policy
	Professor Gerry Kearns NUI Maynooth	The Geographer's Revenge: Geopolitics and Geographical Fate	Conflict, Rights and Security
	Dr. Samantha Dockray University College Cork	It's not all in the mind: psychobiological correlates and consequences of positive wellbeing	Health and Well-Being
	Professor Peter Turnbull Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University	Occupying and Organising 'Spaces of Exception' : Mobile Transport Workers in the European Union	Work, Society and Governance
	Dr. Frances Hodgson University of Leeds	Travel: New Communication technologies, social exchange and social sustainability	Environment, Development and Sustainability

Competitive Funding Awards

Table 3: Some Selected Details of Funding Awards during 2013

Funding Body	Title of Project	Principal Investigator	Amount awarded
Enterprise Ireland			Total €5,000
Enterprise Ireland Innovation Voucher	Irish Communications and Computer Museum	Dr. James Cunningham	€5,000
Irish Research Council			Total €241,048
Irish Research Council RPG 2013 - RPG2013-5 (HSE Crisis Pregnancy Programme Research Projects)	Adherence and uptake of hormonal and long acting reversible contraceptives in Ireland: Barriers and facilitators	Dr. Gerry Molloy	€95,423
Irish Research Council RPG 2013 - RPG 2013-6, Assessing the Impact of Publically-Funded Research, Development and Innovation (RDI)	Identifying and Implementing Best Practice Crowdsourcing and Crowdfunding Strategies for Public Funded Research	Dr. Kieran Conboy	€145,625
Other			Total €7,500
Galway County Council	Working with Galway County Council on a UNESCO bid seeking city of film funding. This work has involved the co-ordination of a number of representatives of the audio visual sector in Galway city and county. Work carried out in preparing the bid has taken the form of secondary analysis, looking at the city's filmography, and number of other resources in telling the history of film in Galway. A	Dr. Patrick Collins	€2,500

	significant part of the work has also been involved in the collection of primary material through the process of interviews with key stakeholders as well as a survey of production of film in the county.		
Westbic	Economic Impact Report for Westbic Galway	Dr. James Cunningham	€5,000

Major Research Projects

Irish Social Sciences Platform

The Irish Social Sciences Platform (ISSP 2008 - 2013) was an all-island platform of integrated social science research and graduate training, focusing on the social, cultural and economic transformation shaping Ireland in the 21st century. Expertise was gathered from 19 disciplines in eight institutions across the island of Ireland – NUI Maynooth, NUI Galway, University of Limerick, Dublin City University, IT Sligo, University College Cork, Mary Immaculate College and Queens University Belfast. Three aims are at the core of the project: the building of a knowledge society/economy, supporting sustainable communities, and promoting balanced regional and rural development and competitiveness. With a total of €16.5 million awarded through the Programme for Research in Third Level Institutions, Cycle 4 (PRTLI4), the formation of the ISSP represents the largest single grant ever awarded in Ireland for social science research.

Six research Centres at NUI Galway played their part in contributing to the national platform. Through ISSP PRTLI4 support the Whitaker Institute, along with the Child and Family Research Centre, Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, the Centre for Research on Occupational and Life Stress and the Irish Centre for Rural Transformation and Sustainability, have been able to maintain valuable research projects in a variety of areas. In the six-year period the Centres have jointly amassed over 1000 research and conference papers and secured tens of millions of euro in additional competitive funding from numerous funding bodies and organisations. Their research and findings go well beyond the academic journal and frequently become the basis for public policy in each respective field.

NUI Galway received funding of €5.8million for this project which enabled us to recruit:

Category of Researchers	Number
Senior Researchers	2
Postdoctoral Fellows	7
PhD Students	24
Total	33

Scholarly Outputs	2007- Sept 2013
Peer-reviewed journal articles	430
Non Peer-reviewed	107
Conference Papers	758
Other publications	80
Total	1,375

Additional Funding Awards Received	Amount €
International	18.2 million
National	8.5 million
Total Additional Funding	26.7 million

Summary of ISSP Events

Seminars	Symposiums	Workshops	Summer Schools	Colloquiums	Public Lectures	Other Events	Total Events
227	18	10	4	4	4	19	286

Four structured PhD modules were developed as part of the Irish Social Science Platform. Each module is worth 5 ECTS.

ISSP Structured PhD Modules

- Professional Development: Publishing Research and Preparing for the Academic Job Market
- Innovation and Public Policy
- Communicating Research to Non-Specialists
- Evaluation for Public Policy



A short video highlighting NUI Galway's contribution to the ISSP project

Creative Edge - supporting the sustainable growth of the peripheral creative economy

The Creative Edge project brought together 5 international partners from universities, development agencies and industry bodies from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Finland and Sweden to identify the current breadth and future scope of the creative economy in peripheral regions. The project sought to put in place a number of measures to promote creative industries in peripheral regions. This €1.1 million project was funded by the Northern Periphery Programme under Interreg 4C.



Creative Edge project outputs

Fulbright Scholar, Susan Monagan, Ithaca College, New York

A Fulbright grant gave Susan Monagan, from Ithaca College, New York the opportunity to visit the Whitaker Institute from August 2013 to January 2014 to work with the Creative Edge project team. Susan conducted in-depth interviews with more than 25 artist-entrepreneurs, living and working in the west of Ireland and engaged in a variety of fields. These conversations have revealed innovative strategies for pursuing and producing cultural projects, products, events and services. Questions have probed interviewee's values and priorities, and sought to understand the way a rural location has presented each with obstacles and opportunities as well as unique approaches to networking.



Since 2005, Susan has been the Manager of Audience Development in the Department of Theatre Arts at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. She mentors Theatre Arts Management students as they gain practical experience running front of house operations and promotional activities for the Theatre's main stage productions. She teaches courses in Promotion & Publicity and the Creative Economy.

Since 2003, she has been engaged in scholarship that has broadened her understanding that inspired people, quality of place, and innovation are central to economic development and has led her to focus on projects that position cultural resources as key elements in development strategies. Susan has been a team member of Cornell's New York Creative Economy research project that explores the potential of creative economy initiatives in upstate New York, particularly those with colleges and universities as strategic partners.

While visiting the Whitaker Institute, Susan presented at the Creative Edge Conference and delivered a seminar at NUI Galway in December 2013. She also presented on her research to the Fulbright Commission in Dublin.

Research Infrastructure

Social Sciences Computing Hub

The Social Sciences Computing Hub was officially launched in March 2013. The Hub seeks to provide an integrated data repository, computing infrastructure, cluster computing power, application and server hosting, and complimentary on-site computer labs. The Hub is managed by Dr. Srinivas Raghavendra, Associate Director for Multidisciplinary Research, and will also offer wide ranging cross-disciplinary workshops to generate a multidisciplinary perspective in addressing global and regional Public Policy issues.



The launch of the Social Sciences Computing Hub on 25th March

Mission

To establish NUI Galway at the forefront of global Business and Social Science research with scientific rigor to inform public policy.

The Hub aims

- To create a unique and inclusive data repository and computing infrastructure for business and social sciences analytics.
- To connect academics across the five priority Research Areas in NUI Galway for public policy research.
- To establish regional, national and international academic and industry collaborations to deepen the multidisciplinary research agenda to inform public policy.
- To facilitate academic colleagues to advance their interdisciplinary research programs through insight and advanced analytics.
- To engage and challenge undergraduate and post-graduate students to enrich their educational experience at NUI Galway.

Uniqueness

- The Hub seeks to provide an integrated data repository, computing infrastructure, cluster computing power, application and server hosting, and complimentary on-site computer labs.
- The Hub will also offer wide ranging cross disciplinary workshops to generate a multidisciplinary perspective in addressing global and regional Public Policy issues. Integration of advanced scientific computational approaches in Business Analytics and Social Science research utilising and adapting the frontier research methodologies from Natural and Physical Sciences.

Measurement Instrument Database for the Social Sciences



The Measurement Instrument Databank for the Social Sciences (MIDSS) was officially launched in 2013. It is an open access repository of shareable assessment instruments used to collect data from across the social sciences, and researchers worldwide have submitted their measurement instruments to the database. By the end of 2013, there were in excess of 530 instruments available in the database, and the site was receiving an average of +10,000 visits, and +4,000 instrument downloads per month. The global impact of MIDSS is also evident with the majority of visitors based outside of Ireland - USA: 40%, UK: 10%, Canada: 6%, India: 4% and Philippines: 4%.



Professor Pat Dolan, Dr James Cunningham, Orlagh Reynolds, Alan Burke (Annertech), Dr Paul O'Connor, Professor Chris Curtin, and Professor Brian Hughes at the launch of MIDSS, 30th May.

Effective Research Supports

A broad range of Institutional supports designed to build capabilities within the Institute and aimed at advancing both the research agenda and academic career of our research members continued to be rolled out in 2013.

Academic Editorial Supports and Editorial Offices

Academic Editorial Support

The Institute established an Academic Editorial Support Service in 2012 for Institute members to assist them achieve publication in high-ranking international journals. During 2013, a further 6 high-calibre journal papers were supported. Feedback provided by those who availed of the service shows that most believe it improved the overall quality of the paper and would use the service again.

Writers' Development Programme and Retreat

The Writers' Development Programme aims to support Institute members with increasing their academic writing output. Following the success of the Programme in previous years, the Institute ran a further retreat with Dr. Patricia McNamara of University of Limerick in over two days in April 2013. The 2013 programme was run specifically for PhD students in 3rd or final year, and 17 students attended the programme.

Human Resource Management Journal

The Whitaker Institute hosts the Editorial Office of the Human Resource Management Journal (HRMJ), one of the leading international HRM journals. In 2012 the HRMJ was listed by ISI and received an impressive debut impact factor of 1.388 by Thomson Reuters in the 2012 Journal Citation Reports. In 2013 there was a substantial improvement of the debut impact factor and the Journal now boasts an impact factor of 1.558. This places HRMJ above most of its American and European competitor journals as 4th in the 'Industrial and labour relations' category in the world, and in the second quartile of all management journals.



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