

Whitaker Institute Research Day, Thursday April 6th 2017, Lee Lecture Theatre, Alice Perry Engineering Building, NUI Galway

8:30 – 9:00am	Registration and Tea/Coffee in main foyer
9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome - Professor Alan Ahearne Opening address - Professor John McHale
Session 1.	Sustainable and Inclusive Societies—‘A Sense of Place’ (Chair: Dr Elaine Wallace)
9:15 – 10:35	Dr Stephen Hynes (SEMRU) ‘Remembering we are ‘An Island Nation’: The Contribution of the Marine to Irish Society’
	Dr Easkey Britton, Dr Caitriona Carlin and Dr Gesche Kindermann (Social Innovation Participation and Processes) ‘A sense of place: barriers and bridges connecting outdoor spaces and nature to health and wellbeing’
	Dr Aisling Murtagh (Creative, Liveable and Sustainable Communities) ‘Peripheral regional development and creative entrepreneurship in the European Northern Periphery’
	Dr Mike Hynes (Social Sciences Research Centre) ‘At a Crossroads: Transport and liveability futures for Galway’
10:35 – 10:50	Q & A Session
10.50 – 11.10 Tea/Coffee and Poster Presentations	
Session 2.	Public Sector Innovation and Reform—‘Addressing the Backlash’ (Chair: Prof Alan Ahearne)
11:10 – 12:10	Dr Ashley Piggins (Group Decision Making) ‘How Should We Elect Our Leaders?’
	Dr Áine Ní Léime (Gender and Public Policy) ‘Extended Working Life Policies a comparative study of US and Ireland’
	Dr Deirdre Curran (Work, Society and Governance) ‘Mediation as a form of Conflict Resolution: Shaping the Agenda’
12:10 – 12:20	Q & A Session

12.20 – 1.00 Light Lunch and Poster Presentations

Session 3.	Plenary (Chair: Prof Alan Ahearne)
1:00 – 1:45	Professor Liam Delaney, AIB Chair of Behavioural Economics, UCD and Visiting Professor of Economics at Stirling University ‘Back to Hume: Economics, the Behavioural Sciences, and Public Policy’
Session 4.	Business, Innovation and Economic Development—‘Understanding Behaviour’ (Chair: Elaine Wallace)
1:45 – 2:45	Dr Emer Curtis (Performance Management) ‘Numerical Representation, Pragmatism and Action’
	Dr Aidan Kane (Macroeconomics and Finance) ‘Historical Shipping Data and Machine Learning’
	Dr Rachel Hilliard (Innovation and Structural Change) ‘Understanding the Innovative Capacity of Organisations’
2:45 – 2:55	Q & A Session

2:55– 3:15 Tea/Coffee and Student Poster Prize Giving

Session 5.	Sustainable and Inclusive Societies—‘Place and Inclusivity’ (Chair: Dr Stephen Hynes)
3:15 – 4:55	Dr John Cullinan (Population and Migration) ‘Economic Insights on Higher Education Policy in Ireland’
	Dr Su Ming Khoo (Environment, Development and Sustainability) ‘Sustainable Knowledge Transformation in and through Higher Education’
	Dr Nata Duvvury and Dr Stacey Scriver (Conflict, Humanitarianism and Security) ‘Dynamics of Public and Private Violence: Situating Domestic Violence within Conflict Discourse’
	Dr Heike Felzmann (Technology and Governance) ‘How (not) to care with care robots’
	Mr Chris Noone (Health and Wellbeing) ‘Collective Intelligence and National Wellbeing – Designing Wellbeing Measures and Policies’
4:55 – 5:15	Q & A Session
	Closing Remarks