



# Political Studies Association of Ireland

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Postgraduate conference, Dublin City University

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014

DCU Business School Lobby - Registration - 9.30am - 10am

Welcome – Q217- 10am - 10.15am

Session 1 - 10.15am - 11.45am

Q217: Policy-making – Dr Eoin O’Malley (chair)

- Thomas Keating
- Title: Evaluating the role of agents in foreign policy decision-making: Considering the role of people, information gathering and perception in foreign policy-making"
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- Florian.Steinmueller
- Title: European Welfare States in Times of Crisis. The Role of Actor Constellations in Changing Social Policy Provisions in Germany.
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- Michelle Maher
- Title: Power and Policy Making. A Theoretical Framework for Understanding Power Relations in Pensions Policy Making in Ireland

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- **Name: Mr. Cathal FitzGerald**
- **Title: Detecting Behavioural Biases in national leadership in the European economic crisis**
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#### **Q158: Conflict -Eamonn Mc Connon (Chair)**

- **Mike Mecham**
- **Title: 'The wisdom of serpents': Belfast labourism revisited**
- **Affiliation: St Mary's University College (Centre for Irish Studies), Twickenham, UK**
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- **Ronan Kennedy**
- **Title: The memory of failure: Planning for the future of Cyprus**
- **Affiliation: UCD SPIRE**
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- **Giada Lagana**
- **Title: The Roman Observer: The Voice of the Holy See on Northern Ireland, 1969 -1998.**
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- **Michael McLoughlin**
- **The Responsibility to Protect and the “Martens Clause”**
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**Session 2 - 11.45am - 1.15pm**

**Q217: Political Economy - Dr Michael Breen (Chair)**

- Achin Bansal
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- Guilherme Mello
- Title: "U.S. foreign policy energy investment in the Caspian region: the aegis of cooperative dispute between Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan"
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- David Hallinan
- Title; 'Normative Power & Economic Interests: The EU-China Partnership beyond the crisis.'
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- Cagdas Dedeoglu
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**Q158: Political representation and political parties – Dr Dawn Walsh**

- Stephen Erskine
- Title: Assessing the Impact of Societal Change on Governmental Representation
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- **Laura Schwirz**
- **Title of paper: Investigating the causal relationship between party and leader evaluations using panel data**
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- **Yvonne Murphy**
- **"Electoral Impact of Incumbency in Multiparty Multimember Contexts: Is Party Membership a Factor?"**
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**LUNCH – 1.15pm - 2.15pm**

**Session 3 - 2.15pm-3.45pm**

**Q217: Civil Society – Dr Walt Kilroy (Chair)**

- **Jessica Leigh Doyle**
- **Title: State-led civil society and problems of democracy**
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- **Yaser Alashqar**
- **Title: Secular and Nationalist Civil Society in Gaza: Critical Challenges in Promoting Human Rights and Conflict Transformation**
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- **Diana O'Dwyer**

- Cluster Munitions: The role of the Irish government and NGO
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#### Q158: Gender – Dr Theresa Reidy

- Michelle O'Donnell Keating
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- Title: Democracy, Europe and Gender: A conceptual challenge to the democracy debates
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- Jennifer Wilson
- Title: Strategic approaches to the protection of gender and sexual identity in the activist networks of Bangalore.
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#### Session 4 - 4pm-5.30pm

#### Q217: EU – Ronan Kennedy (Chair)

- Mario Thomas Vassallo
- Title: The Europeanisation of Interest Groups: A comparative analysis between Ireland and Malta
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- Ciaran O'Driscoll
- Title: Untangling the Knots: The EU'S Common Fisheries Policy and Ireland - the complexities between the local and the national

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- **Graham Butler**
- **Title: The Interparliamentary Conference on the CFSP/CSDP - still finding its feet?"**
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**Final discussion - 5.30pm – 6pm**

- **Q217 Group discussion on learning or future contacts from the conference**