



Ireland Through a Social Sciences Lens One day conference celebrating four years of the Irish Social Sciences Platform

9.45am-4.30pm, Monday, 5th September 2011
Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre, Iontas Building, NUI Maynooth

Over the past four years academics from across the Irish Social Sciences Platform (ISSP) have been researching the social and economic landscape of Ireland, undertaking a broad range of analysis centred on three themes: balanced development; knowledge economy and sustaining communities, and developing two national research infrastructures, the Irish Qualitative Data Archive and the All-Island Research Observatory. *Ireland Through A Social Sciences Lens* provides a showcase of research across the ISSP and the three themes, including talks and a poster display.

Towards Balanced Development

Prof. Rob Kitchin (NIRSA, NUI Maynooth) Planning, the property collapse and unfinished estates
Prof. Des McCafferty (MIC, Limerick) Regeneration in Limerick
Dr. Karen Keavney (QUB) 'Housing' to Homes: Planning & Housing on the Island of Ireland
Discussant: Prof. Mary Hickman (London Metropolitan University)

Research Infrastructures: IQDA and AIRO

Building a Knowledge Economy

Prof. Paschal Preston (DCU): Towards a 'Smart(er)' Knowledge Economy Strategy?
Dr. James Cunningham (NUIG) Innovation in a Smart Economy
Dr. Breda Gray (UL) Gender, Technology and Mobile Work in the Knowledge Economy
Discussant: Prof. Bjorn Asheim (CIRCLE, Lund University)

Sustaining Communities

Dr. Perry Share (Sligo) Practitioner Research, the Social Professions and Sustainable Community
Prof. Chris Whelan (UCD): Economic Vulnerability and Debt Problems
Prof. Fred Powell (UCC) Big Society, Smaller Government and Sustainable Communities
Discussant: Prof. Simin Davoudi (Newcastle University)

All Welcome

Free Event. Registration essential. RSVP: Friday, 19th August to issplatform@nuim.ie