

Connected Environments: Integration and Rebellion

Welcome to the 2026 Conference of Irish Geographers (CIG) in University College Cork. Under the theme of *Connected Environments: Integration and Rebellion*, our conference invites you to engage, collaborate, and rethink how geographical knowledge is produced and shared.

At its core, CIG 2026 is built around geography's defining strength, its ability to engage with environmental, social, and spatial change in connected ways. By creating space over these 3 days for physical, human and environmental geographers to think alongside one another, the conference seeks to reflect on the complexity of the systems we study, and the urgency of the challenges societies now face. Integration is central to the conference. To strengthen connections across sub-disciplines, while also encouraging conversations that link landscapes and climate with communities, governance and place. At its heart, CIG 2026 is about moving beyond silos to support geographical research that is connected and responsive to real-world challenges. Rebellion signals a willingness to think differently, to question assumptions, and embrace innovation. To also rethink teaching and engagement practices and explore new directions for geography as a discipline.

As you join us within Cork City, CIG 2026 offers a platform to generate momentum that extends beyond the event itself. We hope that across our sessions and plenaries you will engage with presentations and ideas that stimulate discussion, forge new connections, and demonstrate how integrative, forward-looking geographical thinking can help shape more resilient environments, stronger communities, and sustainable futures.

We are thrilled to be welcoming you to UCC Geography and hope you enjoy your CIG experience with us.

Best Wishes,

Shauna Creane, William Durkan, Kieran Hickey, Andrew McCartan, Michelle McKeown

The CIG 2026 Organising Committee

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The Schedule at a Glance:

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10.30	Registration	Parallel Sessions 4	Parallel Sessions 8
10.30-11		Coffee	Coffee
11-12.30	Parallel Sessions 1	Parallel Sessions 5	Parallel Sessions 9
12.30-2	Lunch	Lunch/PECN AGM	Lunch/GSI AGM
2-3.30	Parallel Sessions 2	Parallel Sessions 6	Field Trips
3.30-4	Coffee	Coffee	
4-5.30	Parallel Sessions 3	Parallel Sessions 7	
6pm	Keynote 1	Keynote 2	
Evening	7pm: Opening Reception, The Aula Maxima	8pm: Conference Dinner	
	7pm Onwards: PECN Social, Tom Barry's		

Wednesday at a Glance:

	Geography Library	West Wing Room 6	Aula Maxima	Geography Lecture Theatre	West Wing Room 9
10.00-	Registration desk open [North Wing Corridor, outside Aula Maxima]				
11-12.30	Sea level changes, storm surges and coastal management: a critical time for action	Geographies of Environmental and Social Transformation in Ireland	Critical Geographies of Housing Crises and Resistances	Towards Healthy and Sustainable Urban Societies and Economies	Panel: Broadening and deepening the scope of social reproduction theory in geography
12.30-2	Lunch [Aula Maxima]				
2-3.30	Advancing Blue Economies and Marine Geographies	Queer Geographies	Gender Equality, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Exploring Pathways in Rural Areas and Farming	Revisiting Radical Approaches to Irish Geography: Dependency and Uneven Development in Irish Political Economy 1	PECN: Navigating your PhD and early career
3.30-4	Coffee [Aula Maxima]				
4-5.30	Evolving methods in changing environments	Geographies of Connection, Integration and Rebellion	Cultivating Change – Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture	Panel: Revisiting Radical Approaches to Irish Geography: Dependency and Uneven Development in Irish Political Economy 2	Panel: Geography Matters: Evolving Curriculum and Strengthening Its Place in Education
6pm	Keynote 1: David Storey - Connecting places: National allegiance and sporting citizenship in international football [Geography Lecture Theatre]				
7pm	Welcome Reception [Aula Maxima]				
	PECN Social, Tom Barry's Pub				

Thursday at a Glance:

	Dora Allman (The Hub)	West Wing Room 6	West Wing Room 9	Geography Lecture Theatre	Aula Maxima	Geography Library
Registration desk open [North Wing Corridor, outside Aula Maxima]						
9-10.30	CIG Poster Presentations	Geographies of Solidarity (1): Building and Navigating Connections	Participatory and Just Energy Transitions (1)	Arts-based and experimental methods in geographical investigation (1)	Workshop: Commoning in Irish land, housing, and environmental justice: Radical geographies and infrastructures of resistance	Quiet/ Preparation Space Available
10.30-11	Coffee [Aula Maxima]					
11-12.30	Critical Perspectives on Academia: AI, EDI and Just Institutions	Geographies of Solidarity (2): Social reproduction in/against the state	Participatory and Just Energy Transitions (2)	Arts-based and experimental methods in geographical investigation (2)	Livable Cities: Inclusive and Creative Urbanisms	Quiet/ Preparation Space Available
12.30-2	Lunch [Aula Maxima]					PECN AGM
2-3.30	Political Geographies of electoral processes and outcomes	Climate Action, Governance and Communities (1)	SUV City	Geographers in the policy arena: Building bridges between academia and evidence-based policymaking	Historical geographies of connection, integration and resilience (1)	Quiet/ Preparation Space Available
3.30-4	Coffee [Aula Maxima]					
4-5.30	GIS, Society, and the Challenge of Sustainable Development	Climate Action, Governance and Communities (2)	Panel: Teaching Migration in the contemporary world	GSI Doctoral Awards Session	Historical geographies of connection, integration and resilience (2)	Quiet/ Preparation Space Available
6pm	Keynote 2: Alice Milner - Connected Peatlands: Integrating process, place and policy [Geography Lecture Theatre]					
8pm	Conference Dinner, The River Lee Hotel					

Friday at a Glance:

	Dora Allman (The Hub)	West Wing Room 6	West Wing Room 9	Geography Lecture Theatre	Geography Library
Registration desk open [West Wing Corridor]					
9-10.30	Connected ecologies: Land governance and resilience	Methodological approaches to critical land justice research	Panel: Generative AI, Assessments and Peer Reviewed syllabi	GeoAI and Earth Observation for Climate Risk and Urban Resilience	Rethinking the production and integration of knowledge systems: the contribution of the indigenous
10.30-11	Coffee [West Wing Corridor]				
11-12.30	Just Transition, Climate Action and Adaptation in Rural Ireland	Sustainable & Scalable GIS Solutions	Contemporary Mobilities: Geographies of Migration and Tourism	Urban Climate Neutrality: Experimentation, Integration, and Resilience	Public geographies in the 21st century
12.30-2	Lunch [West Wing Corridor]				GSI AGM
2-5pm	Field Trips				

Keynote 1: Wednesday 6.00pm [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Connecting places: National allegiance and sporting citizenship in international football

Sport provides a useful lens through which the complexities of national identity and citizenship can be explored. Competitors don the national colours, salute the anthem and face the flag, becoming the embodiment of the wider imagined community. Traditionally, those who compete for countries have usually been born and raised there or have lived there for most of their lives. However, in recent years the selection of competitors born in other countries has become more common. A combination of national citizenship requirements, residency qualifications and the shifting regulations of sporting bodies has seen an increasing number of 'transfers' of national allegiance. In football, many national teams now draw heavily on players born elsewhere but often with familial links to the country, a long-standing practice for the Republic of Ireland men's team. These scenarios serve to draw attention to the often complex, multi-layered and contingent nature of national identity and an apparent divergence between national identity and sporting citizenship. A player's identity space may be one that connects them to more than one country, pointing to a need to explore the ways in which individual identities may be entwined with multiple places transcending the confines of the bounded nation-state.



Professor David Storey

Honorary Professor of Human Geography
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University of Worcester

David Storey is a prolific human geographer with an eclectic collection of research interests that coalesce around understanding how space asserts, maintains and resists power. His contributions to Geography include many publications exploring the relationship between place and identity, including the recent third edition of *Territories: The Claiming of Space*. For this keynote, David draws on his longstanding investigation into sport, place and identity.

Keynote 2: Thursday 6.00pm [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Connected Peatlands: Integrating process, place and policy

Peatlands sit at the centre of some of today's most urgent environmental challenges, linking carbon and hydrology with biodiversity, land use, governance and community priorities. In this talk, I reflect on how peatland research can move beyond disciplinary silos to produce knowledge that is both scientifically robust and useable in real decision-making. Drawing on examples from long-term field observatories, evidence synthesis and international community-led agenda setting, I explore what it means to build integrated and connected environments in practice: connecting scales (from sites to national strategies), connecting methods (measurement, synthesis and modelling), and connecting people (researchers, practitioners and policymakers) to reshape what we study, how we collaborate and how evidence travels into policy and practice.

Associate Professor Alice Milner

Associate Professor in Physical Geography
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Alice Milner is a physical geographer who investigates peatland carbon dynamics with a focus on forested peatlands (wet woodlands) and their role in climate mitigation and adaptation. She founded the Wet Woodland Research Network, bringing together researchers, government agencies and practitioners to establish wet woodlands as a research and policy priority; she led PeatQuest, the first global research prioritisation for peatland science; and she spent seven years seconded to the UK Government developing approaches to strengthen how evidence is used in policy decisions. For this key note, Alice draws on experience working with stakeholders across academia, conservation, and land management.



Parallel Sessions: Wednesday 6 May

Parallel Session 1: 11.00-12.30am

Sea level changes, storm surges and coastal management: A time for critical reflection [Geography Library]

Chair: Robert Devoy, UCC

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1. Observed beach-profile and sediment change across Dublin Bay (2020–2023) and development of a MIKE 21 HD/SW modelling framework - *Niamh O'Donoghue*
2. 100 years of sea level change in Ireland - *Patrick McLoughlin, Ashly Kalayil Uthaman, Gerard McCarthy*
3. Sea level changes, storms, coastal floods and issues of coastal policy and management in Ireland - *Robert Devoy, Karen Wiltshire, Iris Möller*

Geographies of Environmental and Social Transformation in Ireland [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Soli Levi, UCC

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1. Intel's water governance impact: perspective from Ireland - *Laure de Tymowski*
2. Adaptive Heritage on Offshore Islands - *Aislinn Kelly*
3. There is no Such Thing as "Water", or, How to Theorize the Waterbody - *Jesse Peterson*
4. Knowing 'Living Seawalls': a discourse analysis of knowledge production practices surrounding multispecies nature-based solutions - *Soli Levi*
5. From small talk to big action: hair stylists as community influencers supporting social transformation - *Catriona Iulia Reid, Aoife Deane, Dr Marica Cassarino, Dr Maria Kirrane*

Critical Geographies of Housing Crises and Resistances [Aula Maxima]

Chair: Tommy Gavin, TCD

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1. Conflicts between the financialisation and decarbonisation of housing: a case study of the corporate landlord sector in Ireland - *Fiadh Tubridy, Juliana Sassi, Patrick Bresnihan*
2. Re-examining Informal Housing in the Global North - *Alexia O'Brien*
3. Counter-knowledges of urban vacancy via occupations and eviction resistance in Ireland - *Tommy Gavin*
4. Is 'renoviction' real? A causal analysis of the impact of retrofitting activity on subsequent eviction rates at the neighbourhood level in Ireland - *Kevin Credit, Tom Murphy, Fiadh Tubridy, Patrick Bresnihan*

Towards Healthy and Sustainable Urban Societies and Economies [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Florence Silalahi, UCD

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1. Reaching a sustainable transport consensus in Clondalkin - *Liam Mannix*
2. Operationalizing Urban Health: Policy, Indicators, and Spatial Evidence from Jakarta, Indonesia - *Florence Elfriede Sinthauli Silalahi, Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo, Christine Bonnin*
3. Gambling Promoting Environments: An exploration of National Lottery advertising in Ireland - *Dr Frank Houghton, Prof. Ann Campbell, Mia Daly, Daisy Houghton*
4. Creating Ireland's first county scale SME strategy - *Liam Mannix*

Broadening and Deepening the Scope of Social Reproduction Theory in Geography [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Emma Petersen, UCD

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- Panellists: Klara Trane, Emma Petersen, Geoff Boyce, Wagner Alves da Silva (University College Dublin)

Parallel Session 2: 2.00-3.30pm

Gender Equality, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Exploring Pathways in Rural Areas and Farming [Aula Maxima]

Chair: Maura Farrell, NUIG

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1. Hidden Stewards of the Land: Rural Women and Land Use - *Maura Farrell, Aisling Murtagh, Louise Weir*
2. Breaking the Pattern: Why Women Rarely Own Irish Farms. Gender Equality and Farm Ownership in Rural Ireland - *Dr Mary Curtin*
3. Dissolving the barriers to gender equality in Irish agriculture – Lessons from HER-SELF - *Martina Roche, Noirin MacNamara, Mary Anne Hurley, Áine Macken-Walsh*
4. Fallacy or robust process? Exploring the case of benchmarking European policies supporting women-led rural innovation - *Aisling Murtagh, Maura Farrell, Louise Weir*

Queer Geographies [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Meiyun Meng, UCC

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1. Stretching Normativity: Middle-Class Lesbian Bodies and Embodied Placemaking in Shenzhen and Tokyo - *Meiyun Meng*
2. Rebellious belonging in STEM after LGBTQ+ equality: Hacking progressive campus climates - *Dr Andrew McCartan*
3. *Beyond Landscapes of Allonormativity: Locating Ace Liveabilities in Ireland - Rachel Bayer*
4. Asexual Geographies of Home in Ireland - *Wenmei Bai*

Advancing Blue Economies and Marine Geographies [Geography Library]

Chair: Shauna Creane, UCC

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1. “Into the blue”: Directions for coastal prosperity beyond the sustainability triple-bottom-line - *John Morrissey, Noelle King, Stephen Sodoke, Emma Gleeson, Donna Weiner, Wonder Kofi Adzigbli, Julian Bloomer, C. Patrick Heidkamp, Celine Germond-Duret*
2. Business Models for Sustainable Aquaculture: Insights from European Firms - *Noelle King*
3. Towards a rethinking and remaking of the blue economy in Ireland - *Chelsea Beardsley*

Revisiting Radical Approaches to Irish Geography: Dependency and Uneven Development in Irish Political Economy (1) [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Kathleen Stokes, DCU

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1. The structure of neo-colonialism revisited: Ireland’s role in global transnational networks today and its developmental implications - *Proinnsias Breathnach*
2. ‘Geography No Longer Protects Us’: Dependency, Militarisation, and Comprador Geopolitics - *Dr Rory Rowan*
3. Transformative eco-social policy: An analytical framework for building post-growth foundations within a growth-dependent Ireland - *Lúcas Rohan*
4. The Geopolitical Ecology of AI - *Patrick Brodie*
5. Geopolitics in Ireland: Territory, capabilities, and neutrality - *Gerry O’Reilly, Nuno Morgado*

PECN: Navigating your PhD and early career

Chair: Niamh Donnelly, GSI PECN

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- Panel Convenor(s): Niamh Donnelly / Geographical Society of Ireland Postgraduate and Early Career Network (Criostoir King, Laure De Tymowski, Richard Scriven, and Niamh Donnelly)

Parallel Session 3: 4.00-5.30pm

Cultivating Change – Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture [Aula Maxima]

Chair: Marie Taylor

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1. Unruly Sediment - *Alex Arnall*
2. Cultivating Connected Environments: Embedding Regenerative Agriculture through Education and Practice - *Dr. Marie Taylor, Yvonne Doyle*
3. Regeneration as a specific approach to rural development: An exploratory theory-based framework - *Aisling Murtagh, Maura Farrell, Louise Weir*
4. Farmer-herder conflicts in Ghana: Linkages between climate change, resource competition and food security in rural communities - *Evans Amoako Amoah*

Food Geographies of Connection, Integration and Rebellion [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Dean Phelan

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1. Performing the Nation: Nationalism, Gendered Assimilation, and the Feminist Urban Geopolitics of Hui Food Cultures in Beijing - *Dean Phelan*
2. From Tea to Techno: Food Spaces, Social Infrastructure and Queer Solidarity at Dublin's Hirschfeld Centre, 1979-1987 - *Páraic Kerrigan, Maria Pramaggiore*
3. Galway residents perceive local food, connection, and less plastic and food waste as priorities for sustainable food systems - *Nicole Olweean & Anne Mullen*
4. Allotments and the commons in south Wales: from the Parliamentary enclosures to the new enclosures - *Owain Hanmer*

Evolving methods in changing environments [Geography Library]

Chair: William Durkan, UCC

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1. Remote Sensing Application for monitoring vegetation phenology and climatic impact in the Nigerian Sahel and Sudan Savanna between 2000 and 2025 - *Oladimeji Agbolade Sofoluwe, Prof. Paul Aplin, Prof. Mayowa Fasona*
2. Can we replace field-based biodiversity assessments with Remote Sensing? Opportunities and Challenges for Agri-Environmental Monitoring - *Alex Maingi, Prof. Ainhoa González Del Campo, Dr. John Finn, Dr. Stuart Green*
3. Post-glacial recolonisation of *Globorotalia truncatulinoides* in response to hydrographic changes in the western and central Mediterranean Sea - *Angela Cloke-Hayes, Giulia Margaritelli, Fabrizio Lirer, Teresa Broggy*
4. Bridging Soil Health and Socio-Economic Outcomes: A Mixed-Methods Framework from the SOILCRATES Living Labs - *Dr Shane O'Sullivan, Dr Lena Madden, Sam Whittlesey, Dr Fivos Papadimitriou*

Panel: Revisiting Radical Approaches to Irish Geography: Dependency and Uneven Development in Irish Political Economy (2) [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Patrick Bresnihan, MU

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- Panellists: Criostóir King, Juliana Sassi, Jack S. Edmunds-Bergin, Conor McCabe, Proinsias Breathnach and Conchúr Ó Maonaigh

Panel: Geography Matters: Evolving Curriculum and Strengthening Its Place in Education [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Michelle McKeown

1. Charting Young Worlds: The Vital Role of Geography in the redeveloped Irish Primary Curriculum - *Dr. Anne Dolan*
- Panellists: James Lenihan, Judith Shorthall and Elspeth Sinclair

Parallel Sessions: Thursday 7 May

Parallel Session 4: 9.00-10.30am

CIG Poster Presentations [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

- Holding Ground: Bogland, Belonging, and Ireland's Energy Transition - *Dr Rachel Gough, Dr Breffní Lennon & Dr Niall Dunphy*
- "Mediating Migration in Ireland: Interactions Between Policy, Media Representations, and Public Attitudes Toward Refugees and Asylum Seekers" - *Philip Keegan*
- Dublin's Cultural Audit: Mapping Dublin's Cultural Life - *Claire Duggan*
- Transcending the Paradigm: Applying a 'Worldview' approach to Irish Climate Politics - *Elaine Harris*
- Sediment archives as Long-term records of antimicrobial and metal resistance in a human-impacted lake system - *Julie O Donovan, Aaron Potito, Jean O Dwyer, Michelle McKeown*
- What's up, DOC? A review of dissolved organic carbon concentration and export patterns in temperate and boreal river catchments - *Annette Cotter, Michelle McKeown, Jean O'Dwyer, Simon Harrison, John Weatherill*

Geographies of Solidarity (1): Building and Navigating Connections [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Mary Gilmartin, MU

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1. Sanctuary: A Space of Exception between Solidarity and Love? - *Gerry Kearns*
2. Visualising and Mapping Care: Participatory Approaches to Understanding Solidarity - *Jayita Kundu*
3. Autonomy, Solidarity, and The Technicity of Trust: A Story of Radicle Git - *Liz Calhoun*
4. Digital Spaces of Solidarity and the Turkish Diaspora in Ireland - *Eray Canlar*

5. On Solidarity as Intimate Struggle: Transnational and Anticolonial Solidarities in 20th Century India - *Sneha Krishnan*

Workshop: Commoning in Irish land, housing, and environmental justice: Radical geographies and infrastructures of resistance [Aula Maxima]

Chairs: Rebecca Vining and Jack Edmunds Bergin, MU

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- Panelists: Rebecca Vining, Jack Edmunds-Bergin, Emma McKeever, Daniel Connor, Mair Kelly

Arts-based and experimental methods in geographical investigation (1) [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Carla Maria Kayanan, MU

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1. A Co-Dialogue Exchange on Narrative Approaches to Geographical Investigation - *Dr Rosa Rogers, Dr Caroline Millar*
2. *Corporeal cartographies: Constructing participatory visual narratives of women's respiratory health experiences in the Cambodian garment sector - Gráinne Fay, Dr. Stephanie Coen, Dr. Sabina Lawreniuk*
3. Making Carbon: Visualising Soil Carbon Offsets and the Rise of "Restoration Economies" on Grasslands - *Linda Pappagallo*
4. Risky Cities toolkit: arts-based, participatory geographies for flood resilience - *Kate Smith, Briony McDonagh, Ed Brookes*

Participatory and Just Energy Transitions (1) [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Frances Fahy, NUIG

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1. Local social experiments and the multiscalar governance of EU energy policy - *Emily K. Gray*
2. Ireland's Biogas Boom: A New Frontier for Green Extractivism? - *Niamh Donnelly*

3. No Energy Citizenship on Crusoe's Island: A Relational–Institutional Approach with Evidence from Ireland and Switzerland - *Benjamin Schmid, Frances Fahy*
4. Reflections on Participatory and Just Energy Transitions in Ireland - *Frances Fahy*

Parallel Session 5: 11.00-12.30pm

Critical Perspectives on Academia: AI, EDI and Just Institutions [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

Chair: Andrew McCartan
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1. Beyond the Paywall & APCs: Diamond Ireland & the Academic Publishing Landscape in Ireland - *Dr Frank Houghton, Dr Johanna Archbold, Jane Buggie, Niamh Brennan*
2. The University's New Clothes: How the Adoption of AI Exposes the University as a Fabrication of an Institute of Higher Education and its Demise - *Jeremy Auerbach*
3. Opportunities and Challenges to Supporting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education in Ireland - *Amy Duley*
4. Rethinking Space in Inclusive Assessment: Neurodivergence, Spatial Experience and the Limits of Conventional Assessment Environments - *Blanca Escudero Fontan, Dr Therese Kenna, Dr Linda Murphy*
5. Belonging to place: Fieldwork as a tool for enabling a sense of belonging among undergraduate students - *Sara Hannafin, Catherine Porter*

Geographies of Solidarity (2): Social reproduction in/against the state [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Liz Calhoun, MU
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1. The right to independent living: rights-based approaches to solidarity with disabled people - *Richard Scriven*

2. Assemblages of Aid: The emergence, functioning, and governance dynamics of rights based CSOs in Tanzania - *Ruby Paterson*
3. Solidarity, Care and Migration - *Zoë O'Reilly, Mary Gilmartin, Nataliia Boiko*

Slot 3: Livable Cities: Inclusive and Creative Urbanisms [Aula Maxima]

Chairs: Therese Kenna and Victor Guevara, UCC

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1. (Re)Thinking Urban Encounter and Sociality Through Neurodivergence - *Therese Kenna*
2. Planning Exclusion in Brasilia: Neurodiversity, Race, and Colonial Legacies through Documental and Spatial Analysis, with Implications for Empirical Research - *Victor Guevara, Therese Kenna, Eileen Pfeiffer-Flores*
3. Dublin's Cultural Audit: Mapping Dublin's Cultural Life - *Claire Duggan*
4. Urban Regulation and the Everyday Governance of Street Performance in Dublin - *Ruodi Yang, Niamh Moore-Cherry, Caterina Villani*

Arts-based and experimental methods in geographical investigation (2) [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Carla Maria Kayanan, MU

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1. Mental Mapping for Interpreting an Urban Study Area as an Outsider Researcher - *Aya Badawy*
2. Logistical aesthetics, artistic interventions and a substantive geography of the doorstep - *Samuel Mutter*
3. Valuing the Unmeasurable: Dinnseanchas and Arts-Based Methods in Community-Led Urban Practice - *Darren O'Connor*
4. Beyond participation: Postqualitative and posthumanist participatory methodology for queer migration research - *Jessie Sutphin*

Participatory and Just Energy Transitions (2) [West Wing Room 9]7

Chair: Emily Gray, NUIG

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1. Democratising energy citizenship - *Niall Dunphy & Breffní Lennon, Sustainability Institute*
2. Niche developments in a misaligned regulatory context: An multi-level perspective of Ireland's sustainable energy communities - *Jeanne Magnetti*
3. The Dangers of Performative Public Participation: The case of Ireland - *Emanuela Ferrari*
4. Optimising Public Engagement in Energy Transitions: Recommendations to Strengthen Impact Evaluation - *Aoife Deane, Alexandra Revez, Brian Ó Gallachóir, Clodagh Harris, Evan Boyle*

Parallel Session 6: 2.00-3.30pm

Political Geographies of electoral processes and outcomes [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

Chair: Caoilfhionn D'Arcy, QUB

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1. INFORMER: Improved engagement for marginalized groups - *William Durkan*
2. Is 'living at home' linked to differences in electoral participation? - *James Clarke, Anthony Trindle, Ciara O'Riordan*
3. Women's representation following General Election 2024 in the Republic of Ireland - *Dr. Caoilfhionn D'Arcy*
4. Plus ça change? The changing/unchanging geographies of electoral participation in the Republic of Ireland - *Adrian Kavanagh*

Historical geographies of connection, integration and resilience (1) [Aula Maxima]

Chairs: Arlene Crampsie, Ruth McManus, Jonathan Cherry

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1. Bench Marks of Change: Reading Ireland's Landscape through Micro Heritage - *Catherine Porter*
2. Capturing a Therapeutic Trace: Assembling a Relational Geography of the St. Ann's Hill Hydro - *Ronan Foley*
3. Unwanted resilience – landlords, landscape 'improvement' and the micro-geographies of population change during the Great Irish Famine - *Arlene Crampsie*
4. 'Essential to her very existence in the country': connections and resilience in maintaining Church of Ireland glebe landscapes after disestablishment (1869) - *Jonathan Cherry*

Geographers in the policy arena: Building bridges between academia and evidence-based policymaking [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Juliette Davret, MU

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1. If only we could make better sense of the problem, we could fix it: The (false) promises of evidence-based planning - *Rob Kitchin, Juliette Davret, Carla Maria Kayanan*
2. Post-crisis Municipal Housing Strategy in Dublin: Navigation, Narratives and Nonsense - *Dr Dáithí Downey, Justin Gleeson*
3. Conditional Place-Based Policy: Key Town Designation and the Limits of Evidence-Based Spatial Planning in Ireland - *Zikang Ji, Moore-Cherry, N., Kogler, D.F.*
4. Rewriting the Urban Impossible: Centering Hope and Co-Creation of More Just Urban Futures - *David J. Roberts*
5. Policy Designers, Planners, and People in Data Wonderland: Evidence From Dublin Satellite Images, Census, and Google POI Data - *Maryam Kazemi, Rob Kitchin, Chris Brunsdon*

Climate Action, Governance and Communities (1) [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Kieran Hickey, UCC

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1. Perceptions of Climate Coloniality in International Climate Governance: Engaging with Scholars at COP30 - *Rafaela Graça Scheiffer, Jennie C. Stephens*
2. Understanding public worldviews to increase climate action and engagement in Ireland - *Anne Pender, Dr. Chelsea Beardsley, Miguel Trejo Rangel, Cara Augustenborg, Kevin Cunningham*
3. An examination of climate service actors in Belfast and Cork - *Sadhbh Gaston, Niall Dunphy, Alexandra Revez*

SUV City [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Denis Linehan, UCC

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1. Electrifying the SUV City: Tracing the Evolution of EV Technologies in Ireland - *Conchúr Ó Maonaigh*
2. Ghosts of the 'inner tangent': tracing the production of dereliction through infrastructural failure in Dublin - *Cian O'Callaghan, Maedhbh Nic Lochlainn, Kathleen Stokes*
3. Growing compact: The uneven erosion of minimum housing standards in post-crash Irish cities - *Maedhbh Nic Lochlainn*
4. Dunkettle Mon Amour: Ninty nine words for SUV (and one for Alethia) - *Denis Linehan*

Parallel Session 7: 4.00-5.30pm

GIS, Society, and the Challenge of Sustainable Development [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

Chair: William Durkan, UCC

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1. The lifecycle of renewable energy projects: a geographical and geospatial perspective - *Jack Bousfield*
2. A GIS-Based Four-Dimensional Approach to Cumulative Activity in Marine Spatial Planning - *Virginia Morejón, Ainhoa González Del Campo*
3. Where Should Ireland's Next Train Stations Be? A GIS-LISA Approach to Demand-Led Rail Network Expansion Benchmarked Against EU Modal Shift Targets - *Fabiola Iasi de Barros Costa*

Historical geographies of connection, integration and resilience (2) [Aula Maxima]

Chairs: Arlene Crampsie, Ruth McManus, Jonathan Cherry

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1. Connection, integration and resilience – Drumcondra’s evolving institutional landscapes from the 19th century to the present - *Ruth McManus*
2. Building New Homes – The Thomond Artisan Dwelling Company Limerick 1902 – 1968 - *Helene Bradley Davies*
3. Counter-Archive as Infrastructure of Resilience in the Irish Community Action Tenants Union - *Tommy Gavin*
4. Aid, Authority, and Development Politics in Liberia’s Customary Land Governance - *Keegan Covey*

GSI Doctoral Awards Session [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Prof. Karen Keaveney, UCD

Adjudication Panel: Prof. Karen Keaveney, Associate Prof. Alice Milner, Prof. David Storey

- Julianna Sassi - From Crisis to Corporate Capture: Housing Financialisation after the Global Financial Crisis in Ireland, Tenants’ Experiences, and the Potential for De-financialisation [Supervised by Prof. Mary Gilmartin]
- Alexia O'Brien - The Production, Governance, and Consumption of Informal Housing in Dublin, Ireland [Supervised by Dr. Cian O’Callaghan]

- Amy Duley - Generational Renewal and Long-Term Care: The role and organisation of home care in Ireland's farm households [Supervised by Prof. Julien Mercille]

Climate Action, Governance and Communities (2) [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Kieran Hickey, UCC

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1. A Wasted Transition? Managing the end-of-life of Ireland's renewable energy infrastructure - *Kathleen Stokes, Pdraig Flynn*
2. Establishing acceptability: wind energy and community in the energy transition - *Breffní Lennon*
3. Group Water Schemes in rural Ireland as an example of community management of natural resources- exploring the potential of Group Water Schemes communities for climate action initiatives.
Armelle Leclercq, John Gallagher, Susan Murphy, Cian Donovan, Harun Siljak
4. Unlocking the Potential for Climate Action Leadership by Community-owned Water Services in Rural Ireland through a Local Government Lens - *Cian Donovan, Armelle Leclercq-Spooner, Harun Siljak, Julie Clarke, John Gallagher*

Panel: Teaching Migration in the contemporary world [West Wing Room 9]

Chairs: Malene H. Jacobsen and Mary Gilmartin

- Panelists: Caitriona Ni Laoire, Kathy Reilly, Sara Hannafin, Jonathan Harris, Emma Petersen

Parallel Sessions: Friday 8 May

Parallel Session 8: 9.00-10.30am

Connected ecologies: Land governance and resilience [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

Chair: Yawen Kang

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1. Pastoral Ecologies - *Romina Totaro*
2. A Structural Ecological Risk Diagnosis of Inner Mongolia's Agro-Pastoral System: Integrating Ecosystem Services and Land-Use Constraints - Yawen Kang & Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo
3. Mediation: A Mechanism for Strengthening Resilience in Rural Ireland - *Ms. Mary Flanagan, Dr. Catriona Murphy, Dr. Geraldine Maughan*
4. Defining the problem-space of Kenya's rising Rift Valley lakes - *Peter McGowran, Molly Gilmour, Faith Taylor, Joel Gill*

Methodological approaches to critical land justice research [West Wing Room 6]7

Chair: Louise Fitzgerald, DCU

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1. Methods and methodology of a semi-ethnographic participatory research project on afforestation in Co. Leitrim - *Oscar Mooney*
2. Composite methods for tracing ownership, control, and land use change in Irish forestry - *Sara Benceković*
3. Predicting floods to protect property regimes: the case of flood modelling in the river Poddle catchment in Dublin, Ireland - *Laure de Tymowski, Elliot Hurst*
4. Valuation as Logistics? Tracing housing assetisation and urban displacement through critical accounting methods - *Richard Goulding*

Rethinking the production and integration of knowledge systems: the contribution of the indigenous [Geography Library]

Chair: Karen Keaveney, UCD

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1. Multiple Stressors and Biocultural Diversity Based Livelihood Resilience: Insights for Policy and Practice - *Yaru Sun, Xiaoxuan Wu, Tong Li, Ranjay K. Singh, Yuantong Jia, Jinran Wu, Christine Bonnin*
2. Looking backward to find a path forward for the sustainable flow of suitable potato varieties to Eritrean potato farmers - *Fitsumberhan Ghebreagziabiher, Monica Gorman, Denis Griffin, Paul C. Struik, John Burke*
3. Bridging Indigenous and Scientific Knowledge in Agricultural Climate Adaptation: Evidence from Gokwe South, Zimbabwe - *David A. Chikwaza*
4. Integrating indigenous knowledge and climate smart agricultural technologies – critical reflections on the impact of collaboration in rural Malawi - *Adwoa Ofori, Karen Keaveney, Miriam Kalanda Joshua*
5. Interwoven Futures: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation and Socio-Economic Resilience in High-Nature-Value Landscapes - *Caroline Crowley, Brendan O'Keeffe, Karen Keaveney*

Panel: Generative AI, Assessments and Peer Reviewed syllabi [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Carla Maria Kayanan

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- Panelists: Jennie Stephens, Stephan Hügel, Alma Clavin, Jeremy Auerbach, Ruth McManus, Maedhbh Nic Lochlainn

GeoAI and Earth Observation for Climate Risk and Urban Resilience [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Payam Sajadi

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1. GeoAI for timely monitoring of Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) to support climate risk management and landscape resilience in cocoa-growing regions - *Isaac Obour Mensah, Brian Barrett, Conor Cahalane*
2. An Open-Access App for Shallow Water Bathymetry Monitoring along the Irish Coast - *Margarida Victor, Xavier Monteys, Isaac Obour Mensah, Gema Casal, Conor Cahalane*
3. The creation and use of an Irish flash flood chronology - *David Archer, Rory Moore*
4. From Satellite to Neighbourhood: Operational GeoAI for Flood Risk and Urban Resilience in Ireland - *Payam Sajadi, Salman Khan, Mehdi Gholam Nia, Gerald Mills, Francesco Pilla*

Parallel Session 9: 11.00-12.30pm

Contemporary Mobilities: Geographies of Migration and Tourism [West Wing Room 9]

Chair: Valerie Ledwith, NUIG

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1. Sitting with the Trouble: Reflexive Engagements for More Ethical Segregation Research - *Valerie Ledwith*
2. Rural migration through a place-based mobilities lens – challenging sedentarism - *Dr Caitriona Ni Laoire*
3. Moving out, moving up? Socio-spatial mobility as capital in the European space - *Niall Cunningham*
4. A training needs analysis for a sustainable tourism destination management programme: A practitioner's perspective - *Dr. Shane O'Sullivan, Dr. Catriona Murphy, Dr. Nicola Orio, Dr. Ilaria Doimo*
5. The Changing Geography of Domestic Tourism in Ireland During COVID-19 - *Dr Barraí Hennebry*

Just Transition, Climate Action and Adaptation in Rural Ireland [Dora Allman Room, The Hub]

Chair: Niamh Donnelly, TCD

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1. Centering Community Voices in Biogas Development: A ‘Just Transition’ Case Study from the West of Ireland - *Niamh Donnelly*
2. Rural Ireland in the Uneven Geographies of “Green” Capitalist Development: The Case of County Clare’s Countryside - *Criostóir King*
3. Examining the relationship between the climate-ecological crisis, carbon markets, afforestation, and the emerging ‘Land Rush’ in Ireland - *Oscar Mooney, Susan Murphy*
4. Just resilience? Interrogating the space between rhetoric and reality in Irish adaptation planning - *Maeve McGandy*

Sustainable & Scalable GIS Solutions [West Wing Room 6]

Chair: Paul Holloway, UCC

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1. Assessing the Future Climate Impact on the Breeding Distribution of Ground-Nesting Birds - *Paul Holloway, Wayne Greene-Salm, Parvaneh Nowbakht, Paraic Ryan*
2. The Ireland BioClim dataset for observational and future climate projections - *Parvaneh Nowbakht, Paraic C Ryan, Jingyu Wang, Jenny Harmon O’Driscoll, Rosa Rogers, Mark Stewart, Enda O’Brien, Basanta Samal, Paul Nolan, Paul Holloway*
3. Investigating potential capacity to expand high-protein crop growth across the EU and Ireland under Social, Environmental and Economic contexts - *Talia Huffe Lilian O’Sullivan, Paul Holloway*
4. Towards Voluntary Local Reviews of SDGs in Ireland. Examining Locally Disaggregated SDG Indicator Data in Cork City and County - *Daniel Carr, Dr Paul Holloway, Dr William Durkan*

Public geographies in the 21st century [Geography Library]

Chair: Carla Kayanan

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1. Pedagogies of Connection: Doing public geography with and for communities in the West of Ireland - *Dr. Alma Clavin, Dr Ann O'Brien, Dr Gesche Kinderman, Dr Nessa Cronin, Dr Sinead Mitchell, Steve Dolan, Dr Anne Cassidy, Sharon Horkan, Justin Salmon, Dr Sinead Duane*
2. Making public geographies: a mapping support collaboration - *Zoë O'Reilly, Mary Gilmartin*
3. Democratising Policy for Urban Just Transitions - *Dr Dean Phelan, Professor Niamh Moore-Cherry*

Urban Climate Neutrality: Experimentation, Integration, and Resilience [Geography Lecture Theatre]

Chair: Ankur Prabhat Sati

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1. A meso-scale integrated modeling framework for CO2 fluxes assessment in Ireland - *Gerald Mills, Xinyue Dong, Ankur Prabhat Satia, Kazeem Ishola, Rowan Fealy*
2. Spatial Variations in Residential Building Emissions: A Neighbourhood Classification Framework - *Ankur Prabhat Sati, Gerald Mills, Rowan Fealy*
3. Agent-based modelling to link activities and emissions in a city - *Dipyaman Sinha, Gerald Mills, Rowan Fealy, Ankur Prabhat Sati*

Fieldtrip 1: Harper's Island Wetlands

Fieldtrip Date: Friday 8 May

Meeting Point: At the Car Park to the Wetlands Nature Reserve & Bird Sanctuary, it's just off & signposted from the old main road (L3004) from Cork - Carrigtwohill – Middleton, 8 minutes walk from Glounthaune train station.

Meeting Time: 2.00pm (Please arrive promptly as tour will begin at 2.15pm)

End Time: c. 4.30pm

Cost: FREE, but guests will need to pay for own transport

Fieldtrip Leaders: Prof. Robert Devoy & Dr Jim Wilson.

The Harper's Island Wetlands field afternoon will look at different aspects of the ecological and community importance of these wetlands under the impacts of climate change, including issues of the use of Nature-based techniques in their management. The afternoon will begin with a brief overview and introduction to the historic buildings, 18-19thC reclamation of the site and of how the linked embanking work in this area of the Harbour might fit with future management options under rising sea levels. The tour will also include a coring demonstration of the wetland's sediments, with linked discussion of the postglacial paleoenvironmental and sea-level changes recorded by the site's stratigraphy & radiocarbon dating.

Tour of site will include: bird watching facilities; lime kiln & other historic buildings; coring demonstration of sedimentary sequences & practice; discussion of the site and the future management options.



Fieldtrip 2: Cork Harbour Cruise

Fieldtrip Date: Friday 8 May

Departure & Drop-off location: Custom House Quay, Cork City

Departure time: 2 pm (Please arrive at least 15 mins before departure)

Return: 4.30 pm

Refreshments: The bar will be open for guests to purchase their own drinks. Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks on board.

Cost: €20.00 per person

Places are limited to 70 guests



For our second fieldtrip offering we are delighted to invite you to join us on a boat trip with Cork Harbour Cruises.

Cork Harbour, at the mouth of the River Lee, is the second-largest natural harbour in the world. As a passing point for many thousands of Irish emigrants during the Great Famine and the last location where the RMS Titanic dropped her anchor before sinking four days later, Cork Harbour has borne witness to some momentous historical events.

This cruise is the ideal way for Human and Physical geographers to learn all about the area's connected environments, while soaking in some of the spectacular scenery that has generated the city's rebellious spirit.

This two and a half hour cruise will be a perfect blend of fascinating geography, breath-taking scenery and historical landmarks, and promises to end your CIG 2026 experience in style.

