

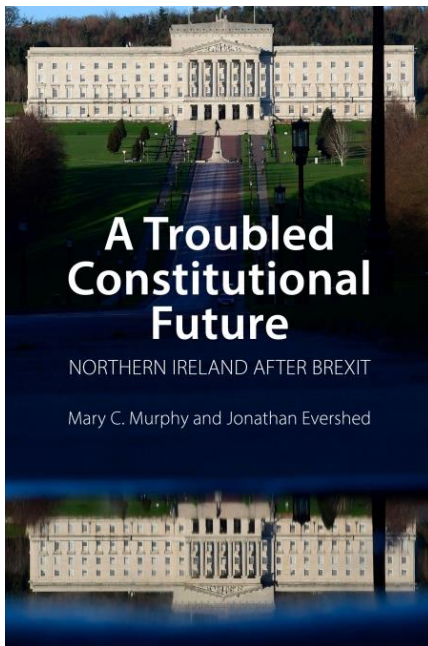


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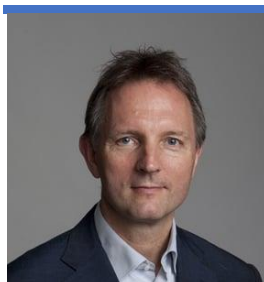
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GOVERNMENT TIMES

Major Book Award for Mary C. Murphy and Jonathan Evershed



UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) awards an annual Best Book Prize for the book that has made the most substantial and original contribution to knowledge in the area of contemporary European Studies. The 2023 Best Book Prize was awarded to Dr. Mary C. Murphy (above right) and Jonathan Evershed (above left) for *A Troubled Constitutional Future: Northern Ireland after Brexit*. Congratulations Mary and Jonathan!



‘Murphy and Evershed have done a wonderful and valuable job in drawing together the strands of a complex story, still unfolding, which has led Northern Ireland, perhaps even the United Kingdom, to a critical, constitutional moment’ – **Tony Connelly, RTÉ Europe Editor.**

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It's great to be back!

After a four-year absence *Government Times* is back and I hope you enjoy Issue 79. We are delighted to share departmental success stories with you – including a prestigious award for Mary C. Murphy and Jonathan Evershed (cover story), a PhD dexcellence scholarship for Rojin Mukriyan (page 4), book publications by Matt York (page 4) and Aodh Quinlivan (page 13), a distinguishad intern award for Danny Sheehy (page 5), PhD success for Rachel Gregory (page 17) and much, much more!

The activities of two units within the Department of Government and Politics are also highlighted. The Centre for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG) will host its 8th Annual Public Lecture Series on Thursday 9 November and a great night of local government discussion is guaranteed (page 7). The Hub in Active European Citizenship has been especially busy and in May it successfully ran Ireland's first-ever Europe Day Festival (pages 9-11). The second Europe Day Festival is scheduled for Sunday 5 May 2024.

As this is the first issue in a while, the focus is on staff-related activities but the idea behind *Government Times* is that it is a *joint collaboration* between students and staff. Therefore we encourage students of the Department of Government and Politics to get actively involved. If you would like to become a student editor of the newsletter, please e-mail me by Friday 20 October with any ideas you might have.

We hope to publish Issue 80 before the end of term and produce at least two more issues in the second semester. Until then, get reading!

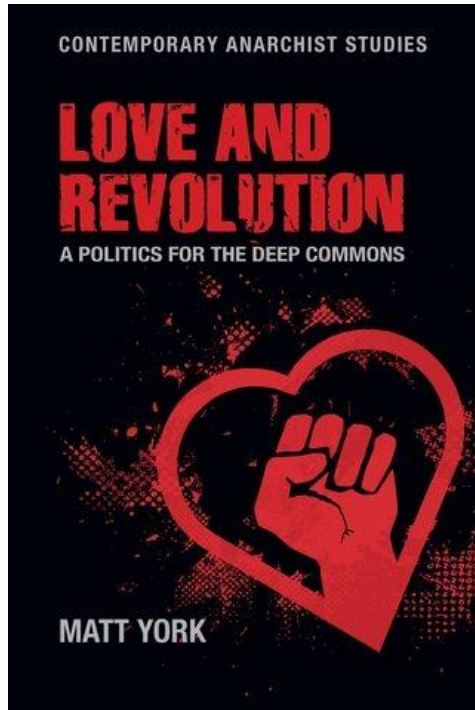
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LOVE AND REVOLUTION: MATT YORK



Congratulations to former UCC PhD Government and Politics student **Matt York**. His book, *Love and Revolution: A Politics for the Deep Commons* (based on his award-winning doctoral dissertation) was published by Manchester University Press earlier this year.

Link: <https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526164339/love-and-revolution/>.

Recently Matt has received the good news that a Turkish translation is forthcoming by the Livera Publishing House, as part of their forthcoming Anarchy series.

PHD EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ROJIN



Congratulations to **Rojin Mukriyan** on receiving the CACSSS PhD Excellence Scholarship. Rojin (Fatemeh Mostafavi) is a PhD candidate in the Department of Government and Politics. She has obtained a BA and MSc from UCC after fleeing from Iran in 2014. For her BA, she double majored in Philosophy and Politics. She then obtained an MSc in Government and Politics from UCC with a thesis on the application of classical republican conceptions of domination and political liberty to the Kurds of Rojava (West Kurdistan). Presently, she is doing a PhD focused on a detailed analysis of jailed Kurdish political theorist, Abdullah Öcalan, and his conceptions of democratic confederalism and democratic civilization.



DISTINGUISHED DANNY



We are immensely proud of **Danny Sheehy** (BSc Government and Political Science IV), seen here receiving his 'Distinguished Intern Award' from Assembly member Chris Burdick of the New York State Assembly. Danny is one of the five BSc Government and Political Science students who travelled to the US this Spring to complete a prestigious five-month internship in the New York Assembly, working in the office of Assembly member Burdick. The Department of Government and Politics has a long-standing relationship with the New York State Assembly and, to date, over one hundred students from our undergraduate programme have successfully completed internships there, developing both their political and professional acumen in an international setting (see also pages 15-16).

China and Europe: Reconnecting in an Era of Competition and Rivalry?

CHERN – the **China in Europe Research Network** gathered in Amsterdam on 7 and 8 September, hosted by Vrije Universiteit. The programme, entitled **China-Europe: Reconnecting in an Era of Competition and Rivalry?** consisted of a series of roundtables, keynotes and intensive workshops.

Co-leader **Dr. Niall Duggan** (University College Cork), and **Ágnes Szunomár** (Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB)) organised a workshop, together with Mark Poustie (University College Cork Law School), on Chinese investment in Europe and the environmental cost of investment. The workshop focused on how international investment law is shaping EU-China relations and the environmental cost of cooperation. Papers were delivered by Kim Vender (Edinburgh University), Wen Xiang (University of Copenhagen) and Louise Curran (TBS Education).



CHERN



‘In Defence of Councillors’

8th. Annual CLRG Public Lecture Series



The eighth annual public lecture series of the Centre for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG) takes place in UCC on the night of **Thursday 9 November**, under the theme of ‘In Defence of Councillors’. Opening remarks will be made by the Lord Mayor of Cork, **Councillor Kieran McCarthy** and the evening will be chaired by the Head of the Department of Government and Politics, **Dr. Mary C. Murphy**. The three keynote lectures will be delivered by **Dr. Bríd Quinn** (formerly of the University of Limerick), **Councillor Emma Blain** (Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council) and Professor **Colin Copus** (Ghent University).

JANE DOWDALL UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

2017	Lewis O'Shea
2018	Diarmaid Hanley
2019	Aisling O'Leary
2020	Sinéad McMahon
2021	Conor Ruth
2022	Conor Brennan
2023	????

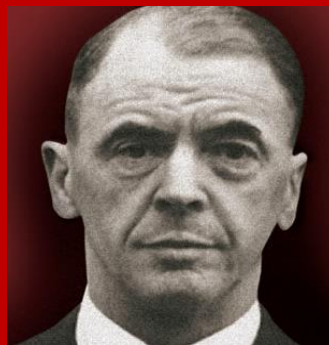


The first woman to be elected
Lord Mayor of Cork.

CLRG ANNUAL AWARDS

PHILIP MONAHAN RECOGNITION AWARD

2017	Pat Ruane
2018	Long Pham & Liam Ronayne
2019	Richard Kelly & Pat Ledwidge
2020	Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan
2021	John Ger O'Riordan
2022	Cllr. Mary Roche
2023	????



Commissioner in Cork from 1924 to 1929,
then City Manager until 1959.

WHO WILL WIN THE AWARDS AT CLRG23 ON 9 NOVEMBER?



<https://www.ucc.ie/en/hub-in-active-european-citizenship/>

IRELAND'S FIRST EUROPE DAY FESTIVAL

On 7 May 2023, the Hub in Active European Citizenship organised Ireland's first Europe Day Festival to celebrate the EU club. It was a family fun day for every member of the family and ran in partnership with Cork City Council.



While the event was primarily hosted in City Hall, activities spread across the city with 27 teams of four answering 27 EU-based clues in a citywide treasure hunt. Back in Cork City Concert and Millennium Halls, there were EU games, face painting, multilingual singing and reading, quizzes, arts and craft, puppet making, collaborative art, debates, rap singing, and much more. We even had 40 children from Brittany making pancakes on the day. Six primary and secondary schools performed songs they had written on the theme of EU values. It was the perfect day to celebrate in an engaging way 50 years of Ireland in the European Union, highlighting the diversity of Cork City with people from 12 nationalities taking part.



We are looking forward to Ireland's second Europe Day festival which will take place on **Sunday 5 May 2024** in Cork City Hall. There will be lots of prizes and some surprises so stay tuned!





Headline Indicators



Attendees

715



Nationalities

12



Activity Outputs

717



Activities

21



Competitions

5



KMs Walked

282



Interactions

1775



Prize-winners

49



Sponsors

12



Schools

20



Stage Performers

240



Staffing

66



Languages

5



Other comp. entrants

205



Treasure Hunt participants

150



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HUB ON TOUR ...

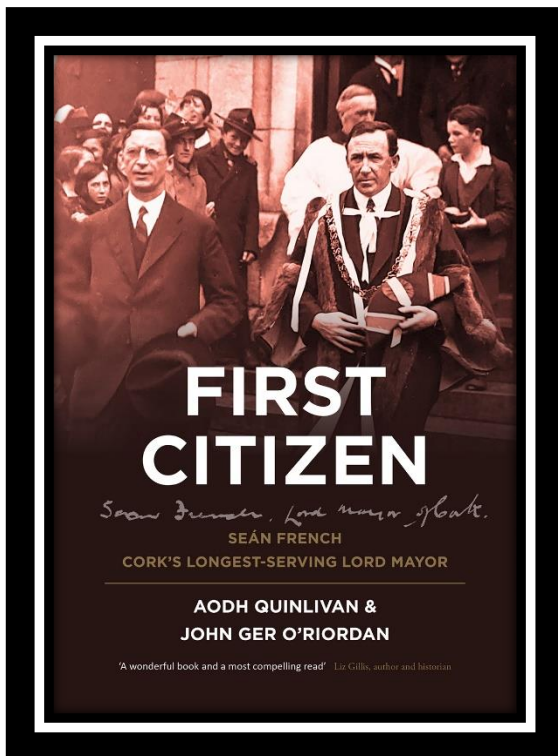


The Hub in Active European Citizenship travelled to Queens University Belfast in September for the 53rd Annual UACES Conference. UACES is the University Association for Contemporary European Studies. With 103 panels and over 300 presentations, the conference was informative and inspiring on various aspects of contemporary European studies.

The Hub hosted a workshop on '*Toolkits for Teaching and Learning European Integration from Childhood to Adulthood*'. Dr. Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan and Trish Collier (co-founders of BFGtoEU) opened with interactive demonstrations of the BFGtoEU programme for primary students. Philip followed with participative activities from the DABtheEU programme for post-primary students. With scholars from Germany, Netherlands, Cyprus, United Kingdom and Italy attending, the workshop provided great interaction on teaching European politics, and particularly the European Union, in engaging ways.



LAUNCH OF *FIRST CITIZEN*



'The authors have shone a light on a man who, first and foremost, put the interests of his beloved Cork city before everything else. Seán French was indeed a true first citizen'

Liz Gillis, historian and author

'This is a towering work ... Scholarly, well researched and very readable. [It adds] to our understanding of the developmental stories of Cork and Ireland, remembering a forgotten figure, Seán French, who played a major role in Ireland's fight for freedom and successfully coming out of a devastating civil war by democratic political service'

Tadhg Coakley, author

In this detailed and insightful study of Seán French, Cork's twelve-term Lord Mayor, the authors expertly tell the story of an outstanding public figure who excelled in Cork City Hall and in Dáil Éireann. French came to prominence during a period of revolutionary change and turmoil, earning a deserved reputation as an eloquent, intelligent and passionate man who possessed an unyielding fidelity to principle. His extraordinary political life unfolded against a backdrop of the War of Independence, the Burning of Cork, the Civil War and the dissolution of Cork Corporation. This timely publication is a welcome addition in renewing a forgotten narrative from Cork's past and it paints a compelling picture of local and national politics within the emerging Irish State of the 1920s and 1930s.

Launch Details

- WHEN?** Tuesday 14 November, 6.00 p.m.
- WHERE?** Council Chamber, Cork City Hall
- WHO?** *First Citizen* will be officially launched by Lord Mayor, Councillor Kieran McCarthy.

If you are interested in attending, contact Aodh Quinlivan at

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70th Anniversary Issue of *Administration*



On 25 September, Minister Paschal Donohoe launched the 70th anniversary issue of the journal *Administration*. *Administration* is the peer-reviewed journal of the Institute of Public Administration of Ireland. It has been published quarterly since 1953. As the principal journal concerned with Irish public administration and its development, it seeks to combine original scholarship on public administration from a variety of disciplines with the insights and experiences of practitioners. In addition to research articles, which are double blind peer reviewed, the journal welcomes comments on articles, opinion pieces, letters, notices, reports and reviews. The journal is part of Elsevier's Scopus database, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature. Since 2015 (Volume 63), *Administration* has been hosted by Sciendo. All editions, and also instructions for authors can be found on the journal's web page - <https://www.ipa.ie/publications-categories/administration-journal.2884.html>.

Over the years, many staff of the Department of Government and Politics have published articles in *Administration* and Dr. Aodh Quinlivan is a member of the journal's Editorial Advisory Board.

Picture from left: **Joanna O'Riordan** (Journal Editor), **George Burke** (Chairperson of the IPA Board), **Paschal Donohue TD** (Minister for Public Expenditure), **John O'Neill** (Director of Research and Publishing) and **Helen Brophy** (Director General of the IPA).

Visit of the American Irish Legislators' Society of New York

UCC was delighted to welcome a delegation from the American-Irish Legislators' Society of New York to its campus on Monday 2 October. Founded in 1973, this bipartisan organisation of members of the New York State Legislature is committed to promoting awareness of Irish culture, ties between Ireland and New York. The purpose of the delegation's visit to Ireland is to meet with government officials, business leaders, community organisations, educational and cultural institutions to learn about what is happening in Ireland and the country's relationship with New York.



Professor Ursula Kilkelly, Vice President Global Engagement, formally welcomed the group on campus, noting that UCC has a strong links to New York State. One specific example being a partnership between the Department of Government and Politics and the New York State Assembly (NYSA) based in Albany, NY.

Since 2002, six students each year of the BSc Government and Political Science Programme have travelled to intern in the Assembly for a five-month period.

Working directly for Assembly members, this highly sought-after internship programme allows the students to participate in state government and the legislative process through a well-structured practical learning experience.

To date, almost 100 BSc Government and Political Science students have successfully completed internships at the New York State Assembly and are regularly commended for their contribution both by their assigned offices and their academic supervisors. UCC, and the Department of Government and Politics, are extremely honoured to have developed such an important link with New York State. UCC is committed to prepare its students to be global citizens and future change-makers and this link with New York state is ideally placed to support this initiative.



In attendance during the visit to UCC's campus were:

- Members of the American Irish Legislators' Society of New York, staff and family members
- Professor Ursula Kilkelly, Vice President Global Engagement
- Professor Chris William, Head of CACSSS
- Professor Don Ross, Head of School of Society, Politics and Ethics
- Dr Mary C. Murphy, Head of Dept of Government and Politics
- Department of Government and Politics Staff
- Former NYSA Interns, future NYSA 2024 Interns

Further information see:

<https://www.americanirishlegislators.org/>

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck122/>

<https://nyassembly.gov/internship/>

LEINSTER HOUSE PRESENTATION BY DR. FIONA BUCKLEY



In September, **Dr. Fiona Buckley** addressed a meeting of the **Task Force on Safe Participation in Political Life** in Leinster House. At the meeting, Fiona and her colleague, Dr. Lisa Keenan of Trinity College Dublin, presented results from a survey conducted in Ireland as part of ‘The Cost of Doing Politics: Gender Aspects of Political Violence’ project.

The *Cost of Doing Politics* project brings together an international research team to undertake a comprehensive, multi-method examination of if and how gender shapes political violence targeting politicians. The project investigates gender differences in the extent and type of political violence experienced by men and women, and the gendered consequences of violence against political actors in Norway, Ireland, Ghana and Uganda. The project is hosted by the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) in Bergen, Norway and is funded by the Research Council of Norway. Dr. Vibeke Wang of CMI Bergen is project Principal Investigator (PI). Fiona is a Co-Principal Investigator on the project.

WELL DONE, DR. RACHEL GREGORY



Huge congratulations to PhD student **Rachel Gregory** who passed her viva voce on Thursday 28 September 2023. The title of Rachel's PhD was: *The Impact of Gender Quotas on Progressive Ambition for Cabinet*. It is a great moment for any discipline/department when a PhD student completes their PhD journey – the Department of Government and Politics is very proud to add Rachel's name to our list of accomplished and successful PhD graduates. Congratulations also to Rachel's supervisors Dr. Fiona Buckley, Dr. Liam Weeks and Professor Yvonne Galligan (TU Dublin). Dr. Theresa Reidy was internal examiner and the external examiner was Professor Peter Allen of the University of Bath. The viva voce was chaired by Dr David Fitzgerald (School of History). We wish Rachel every success as she pursues what will no doubt be a wonderful future career.



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Dublin's historic Mansion House was the location for a talk by **Dr. Aodh Quinlivan** on 27 September as part of the Dublin Festival of History. Aodh discussed his 2021 book, *Vindicating Dublin*, based on the (in)famous dissolution of Dublin Corporation in 1924.

Robert Cox @RobertCox · 29 Sept
Replying to @FourCourtsPress
Yes, you read my mind. @AodhQuinlivan gave a terrific lecture on events that transpired in the very (Oak) room he spoke in at @MansionHouseDub.

Issue 80 of *Government Times* will be published before the end of the semester.

If you would like to contribute to it, please e-mail Dr. Aodh Quinlivan at

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