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TAOISEACH DELIVERS ANNUAL MONAHAN LECTURE



The visit of An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD, on Friday 31 January was an historic one for the Department of Government. As well as delivering the 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, the Taoiseach presented student awards [see more coverage inside].

Editorial Page



Enjoy the *Government Times* Picture Special

Wow, it has been a really busy time since our last issue, starting with the visit of Enda Kenny on Friday 31 January and ending with the annual Government Ball on Thursday 6 February. In between, there was also a lecture by the society's new Honorary President, a 'Media and Politics' workshop and a typically entertaining but controversial Government Cup. We've barely had a chance to draw breath! All of these events – which combined into a highly successful Politics Week – are covered in this issue of ***Government Times*** which is jammed with some glorious pictures from a variety of sources. The pictures of the Taoiseach's visit were taken by UCC's Tomas Tyner and he deserves great credit for capturing the day so well.

As mentioned above, the Government and Politics Society appointed a new Honorary President in Joanne O'Riordan (see picture below) and this was an inspired choice. A special showing of Joanne's documentary, *No Limbs, No Limits* was presented last Wednesday night and it is clear that we can all learn a lot from the way in which this courageous young woman is dealing with her disabilities.



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Pictures from 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



Picture Summary: The Taoiseach was greeted on a wet morning by the President of UCC, Dr Michael Murphy; In the President's Office, he viewed the famous Boolean Papers; the Taoiseach shared a light moment with the Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Catherine Clancy; the well-dressed committee members of the Government and Politics Society were a great help.

Pictures from 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



Picture Summary: The Taoiseach presented student awards to Pádraig Mac Consaidín (Patrick O'Sullivan Perpetual Shield); Jack Corbett (Thomas Whalen Student of the Year) and John Kenny (Richard Haslam Graduate of the Year); after the lecture, he also found them to take some selfies with students and conducted television and radio interviews with the national and local media.

Pictures from 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



Picture Summary: The Taoiseach clearly enjoyed reading *The Freedom of Cork: A Chronicle of Honour*; he presented flowers to Una Webster (grand-daughter of Philip Monahan) and met with members of Young Fine Gael; he also took more selfies and met with local politicians such as Colm Burke, Dara Murphy, Deirdre Clune and Jerry Buttimer.

New Book by Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen



UCC's Department of Government is pleased to announce the publication of new book, *The Uyghur Lobby*, written by **Dr Julie Yu-Wen Chen**. An upsurge in violence between Uyghur and Han in China's far western region of Xinjiang has gained increased media and academic attention in recent years as was evidenced in the July 2009 riots. Numbering over eight million, the Uyghur are China's fifth-largest minority nationality, and their mounting aspiration for obtaining more autonomy has contributed to the recent ethnic conflicts in the region.

This book looks at those who are seeking to preserve the Uyghur identity, and support the secession of Xinjiang from China in order to create their own independent state by exploring the global operations and sister groups of the Uyghur Diaspora umbrella organization, the World Uyghur Congress (WUC). This unique and timely study reveals how an issue concerning a Chinese minority has been catapulted onto the wider global political stage, and as such, it will be of great interest to students and scholars working on Chinese politics, the Uyghur issue, and minority and ethnic politics, social movements, human rights, and international politics more broadly.

For more information, please visit <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415709644/>.

WELL DONE TO POLITICS II ON WINNING GOVERNMENT CUP 2014

Congratulations to the Government and Politics Society for organising a fantastic Government Cup on 5 February 2014. The tournament was played in great spirit despite difficult weather conditions. The organisation was excellent and immense credit is due to the referees on the day – even Chris Boyle!

Ultimately the Politics II class prevailed and it was a case of ‘what might have been’ for the four BSc Government teams, each of whom could legitimately have won the cup. The first BSc Government team to fall was the second years who were controversially denied a last gasp winner in their final group match which would have seen them qualify for the semi-finals [all queries about the disallowed goal can be sent by postcard to Chris Boyle c/o FAI Referees’ Association].

The semi-finals were played out between Government IV and Government I and Politics II versus Government III. Both matches were tense and finished all square after extra-time. Dramatic penalty shoot-outs saw Government IV and Politics II move forward to the grand final, in a repeat of last year’s decider.

The showdown had a sensational start when Politics II netted after 30 seconds after a swift breakaway. For the remainder of the match, Government IV, the defending champions, had the upper hand but could not find a way past an inspired goalkeeper.

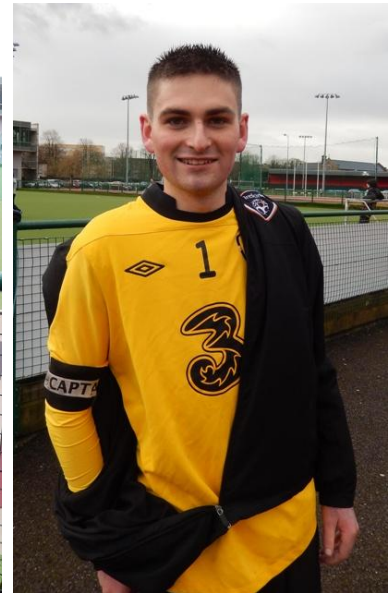
The referee’s whistle brought great scenes of joy for the deserving winners.



Above Left: Government and Politics Society committee member, Dona, presents the Government Cup 2014 to the victorious Politics II team.

Above Right: The unfortunate Government II class (with special guest) which bowed out dramatically at the group stage.

GOVERNMENT CUP 2014



Above Left: Shane O'Brien, captain of the Government II team, didn't get to fulfill his dream of lifting the Government Cup for real; **Above Middle:** Auditor of the Government and Politics Society, Lisa-Marie Sheehy, clings to the recently purchased Government Cup; **Above Right:** Michael McCarthy had a great tournament in goal for the Government I class.



Above Left: Sweeping accurate passes from the back were a feature of the play by Government II; **Above Right:** Cole Porter rifled home a decisive penalty to help Government IV into the final.



Supporters braved the weather and offered vocal support for their heroes.



**FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF OUR GRADUATES ON LINKEDIN:
THE UCC GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY ALUMNI GROUP**



Colm Bergin, Cian Barrett, Kerrie O'Callaghan and Margaret Kelly

Colm Bergin (2010 BSc) – Management Associate at Bank of Ireland

Cian Barrett (2011 BSc Gov) – Social selling at LinkedIn

Diarmuid Angland (2007 BSc Gov) – Bank Executive at Central Bank of Ireland

Paddy Stapleton (2004 BSc Gov) – Tax Manager at Ernst and Young

Kerrie O'Callaghan (2008 BSc Gov) – Account Manager at Click PR in Sydney, Australia

Brian Curtin (2010 BSc Gov) – Corporate Affairs and Strategy at AIB

Kevin Hiney (2011 BSc Gov) – Officer at Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Katie Hamilton (2010 MBS Gov) – Manager at Chicago Chamber of Commerce, USA

Brid Murphy (2009 BSc Gov) – Regional Manager for Fine Gael

Margaret Kelly (2005 BSc Gov) – Communications Manager at CSR Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Sean O'Leary (2006 BSc Gov) – Executive Director at the Irish Planning Institute

Mark Mellett (2002 MComm Gov) – Deputy Chief of Staff at Defence Forces Ireland

Kate Shine (2009 BSc Gov) – Marketing Executive at Partnership, London, United Kingdom

Andrea Merrigan (2009 BSc Gov) – Project Manager at Future Leaders International, Singapore

Ian Foley (2010 BSc Gov) – Marketing Executive, North America and Europe at Seabrook Group, Boston, USA

Morgan Theze (2013 BSc Gov) – Programme Director at Camp North Star, Boston, USA

DR LIAM WEEKS ADDRESSES PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday 23rd January 7.30pm
Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain Street, Cork

The People must win the coming Elections!

guest speakers include:

Luke 'Ming' Flanagan TD

Dr. Liam Weeks, Dept. of Government, UCC
and speakers from The People's Convention

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The Department of Government's **Dr Liam Weeks** addressed a large crowd in the Metropole Hotel on 23 January and presented his thoughts on the topic that 'The people must win the coming elections'. Liam has conducted a lot of research on Independent candidates and minor parties and so his insights were especially relevant.

Liam was joined on the podium by the colourful Independent TD, Luke 'Ming' Flanagan and speakers from the People's Convention.

Amongst those in attendance was **Caroline Hofman** of BSc Government III (see picture below).



STRONG DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRESENCE AT LATEST MEETING OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The Department of Government was well represented at the latest meeting of the Constitutional Convention which took place in Dublin on the weekend of 1 and 2 February. **Dr Clodagh Harris** was there in her role as an appointed member of the convention's Academic and Legal Group. **Dr Mary Murphy** made a presentation entitled 'Reform of Dáil Éireann: The Choices and the Consequences' and the department's Graduate of the Year, **John Kenny**, was present as a member of the convention. There was also a presentation by Dr Jane Suiter, formerly of the Department of Government (now based in DCU).

Details of the meeting, including the PowerPoint presentations, can be downloaded at the following address: <https://www.constitution.ie/convention.aspx>.



There will be a Europa Society House Debate tomorrow night (Tuesday 11 February) at 7:00pm in Kane G02. The topic under discussion is – THIS HOUSE BELIEVES IN A FEDERAL EUROPE.

ALL WELCOME

Open Lecture on Wednesday 12 February, 4.00-5.30pm

‘Peace-keeping, Peace-building and Election-Monitoring: Experiences from the Field’

By Michael Verling

Former Army Officer, UN Peacekeeper and UN Peace Administrator

Venue: Aras na Laoi, G19

Michael J. Verling, a former senior Army Officer, served for two years in Croatia as an official and a human rights monitor for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Following Croatia he was offered a UN post in Kosovo/a with UNMIK as a Municipal Administrator for the Self Government of Kosovo/a. He was in the Army for 40 years, serving in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Lebanon. Following retirement as Commanding Officer of the 1st Field Artillery Regiment he completed his MA at University of Limerick and immediately started to work in Croatia. He has lectured at UCC for the Department of Government on the Middle East, the Balkan conflict and democratisation. He has also served as an international election monitor in a number of countries, including Ukraine. The lecture will focus on lessons from Michael’s experiences in the field.



Hosted by MBS International Public Policy and Diplomacy



GOVERNMENT BALL 2014

(Thanks to Lisa Keohane for pics – more in next issue)

