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An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD, to deliver 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture



The 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture will be delivered by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD, on Friday 31 January in UCC's Aula Maxima. The organiser of the prestigious lecture series, Dr Aodh Quinlivan, commented, 'We have been fortunate over the years to attract high profile speakers such as John Hume, Mary McAleese and John Bercow and we are honoured that the current Taoiseach can now be added to the list. This is a tremendous coup for the Department of Government and we are all looking forward to the event.'

The title of An Taoiseach's lecture is 'Towards a Renewed Public Service' which is very topical in light of recent reform proposals published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. Spaces for the lecture are limited and only people on the official guest list will be permitted to enter. The annual Department of Government student awards will also be presented as part of the event.

***For more information on the Philip Monahan Memorial
Lecture, see pages 4-9**

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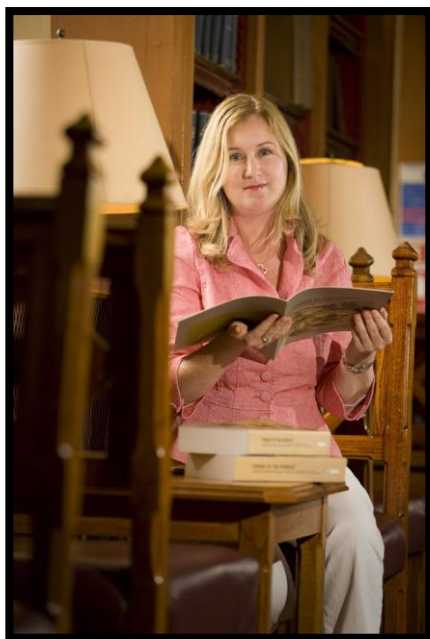
Gearing up for an exciting second semester

Given that this is the first *Government Times* of 2014, it is appropriate to wish you all a 'Happy New Year'. We have an exciting second semester in store and the next big event on the horizon is the 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, to be delivered by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD. This will be an historic event and will be the first occasion as Taoiseach that Enda Kenny has visited the UCC campus. As well as delivering his lecture on public service renewal, An Taoiseach will also be presenting the Department of Government students awards, always a high-point on our calendar.

'Politics Week' takes place the week after the visit of An Taoiseach and a brilliant programme of events has been organised, including traditional favourites like the Government Ball and the Government Cup. The Ball takes place on Thursday 6 February in the Imperial Hotel with the theme of the 'Roaring 20s'. Don't miss out on one of the events of the year.

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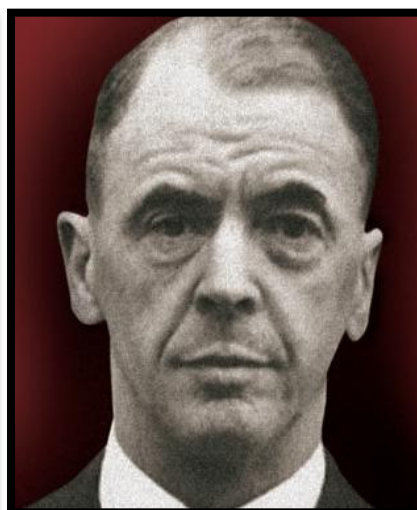


Congratulations to **Dr Clodagh Harris** whose hard work over many years in the Department of Government has been rewarded with her promotion to 'Senior Lecturer'. Well done.



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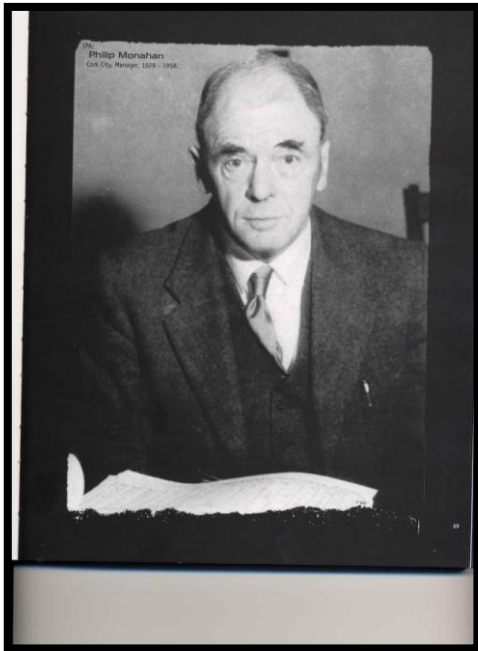


PHILIP MONAHAN LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES TO GROW

Each year the Department of Government at University College Cork hosts a prestigious public lecture to celebrate the memory of Philip Monahan. Monahan was Ireland's first local authority manager and he served as City Commissioner and then City Manager in Cork from 1924-1959. Monahan set the highest standards of probity and integrity in public administration and he defined the role of City Manager and the practice of public management in Ireland. The lecture series was inaugurated in 1997 and, as can be seen from the list below, has attracted some very distinguished speakers.

1. **Professor Tom Garvin**, Department of Politics, University College Dublin (1997)
2. **Dr. John Hume**, Nobel Peace Prize Winner (1998)
3. **Francesco Rutelli**, Mayor of Rome (1999)
4. **John Dennehy**, Secretary General, Department of Education and Science (2000)
5. **Professor Robert Putnam**, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University (2002)
6. **Dr. Mary McAleese**, President of Ireland (2003)
7. **David Begg**, General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions (2005)
8. **David Norris**, member of Seanad Éireann (2006)
9. **Robert Faucher**, Deputy US Ambassador to Ireland (2007)
10. **Dermot McCarthy**, Secretary General to the Irish Government (2008)
11. **Ivana Bacik**, member of Seanad Éireann (2009)
12. **Charlie Bird**, RTÉ broadcaster (2010)
13. **Emily O'Reilly**, Ombudsman and Information Commissioner (2011)
14. **John Bercow MP**, Speaker of House of Commons (2012) *Lecture took place in February 2013

Who was Philip Monahan?



Philip Monahan 1893-1983

Philip Monahan's life was interwoven with significant figures and events in Irish political and cultural history. Heavily involved in the Irish Volunteers and Sinn Féin, Monahan was imprisoned by the British authorities on three occasions. During his third incarceration he shared a cell with Éamon de Valera in Lincoln Jail and assisted in his escape. Following his release Monahan served as an elected representative on Drogheda Borough Corporation, where he was elected as Mayor, and on Louth County Council. He took the pro-Treaty side in the Civil War and was shot in the neck in 1922.

After recovering, he was sent to Kerry as Commissioner in 1923 by Minister Ernest Blythe to replace the dissolved county council and to administer Republican Kerry on behalf of the Irish Free State government. His final move was to Cork, where he managed the city for thirty-five years. His greatest achievements were the initiation of the Corporation's new housing programme, the eradication of the slums and the creation of the differential rent system. As Commissioner and subsequently City Manager, Monahan set high standards of probity and integrity in public administration – *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re* – flexible in method, constant in principle. He defined the role of the City Manager and the practice of public management in Ireland.

Quinlivan, Aodh (2006), *Philip Monahan – A Man Apart: The Life and Times of Ireland's First Local Authority Manager*, Dublin: Institute of Public Administration

WHO WILL WIN THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT STUDENT AWARDS 2013/2014?

On the occasion of the 15th Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture, three Department of Government student awards will be presented – Student of Year; Graduate of Year; Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Winner. Whose names will be added to these prestigious lists?

THOMAS WHALEN STUDENT OF YEAR AWARD



2000	Holly Hardwicke
2001	Elizabeth Harrington
2002	Peter Ryan
2003	Hannah Lane
2004	Ann-Marie Tierney
2005	Denis Twomey
2006	Andrea Merrigan
2007	Darragh Mehigan
2008	Patrick Higgins
2009	Tracey O’Rourke
2010	John Kenny
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaidín
2012	Louis O’Keeffe
2013	



The 2012 Student of the Year, Louis O’Keeffe (currently on placement in the New York State Assembly) with Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor John Buttimer.

**RICHARD HASLAM GRADUATE OF
YEAR AWARD**



2003	Holly Hardwicke
2004	Elizabeth Harrington
2005	Jeremiah O'Sullivan
2006	Brenda Keating
2007	Tim McCarthy
2008	Matthew Ryan
2009	Colm Diamond
2010	Neepa Sodhi
2011	Laura Murphy
2012	Tracey O'Rourke
2013	



The 2008 Graduate of the Year, Matthew Ryan, with Dermot McCarthy, former Secretary General to the Government

**PATRICK O’SULLIVAN
ESSAY WINNER**

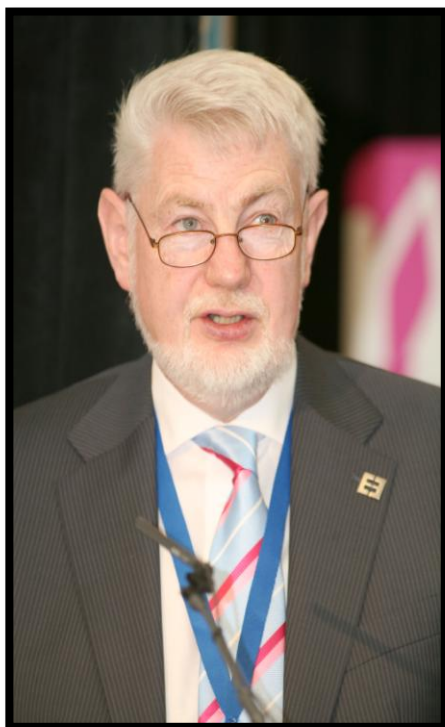


2002	Andrew O’Leary
2003	Donal Holohan
2004	John O’Sullivan
2005	John O’Sullivan
2006	Cormac Cahill
2007	Ian Mawe
2008	Niall Duggan
2009	Andrew Aherne
2010	Declan Keating
2011	Pádraig Mac Consaidín
2012	John Somers
2013	



The 2010 Patrick O’Sullivan Essay Winner, Declan Keating, with the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Catherine Clancy

MEMORIES FROM PREVIOUS MONAHAN LECTURES



Top Row: Charlie Bird with the President of UCC and Dr Aodh Quinlivan in 2010; John Bercow MP with student helpers in 2013; **Middle Row:** Francesco Rutelli in 1999 and Senator David Norris in 2006; **Bottom Row:** David Begg in 2005 and Robert Faucher in 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EVENTS

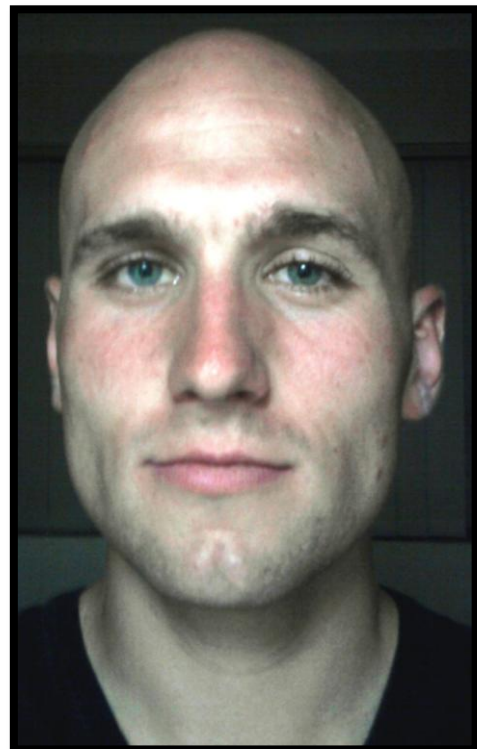


On Friday 10 January, Art O'Leary, Secretary to the Convention on the Constitution delivered an engaging, entertaining and thought provoking presentation on '*Parliament and the People: Build a bridge – and get over it*' as part of the MBS Government seminar series.

On Wednesday 18 December, the Department of Government's Democracy and Governance research cluster in partnership with the Centre for Adult Continuing Education hosted a seminar on *Basic Income, Community Development and Good Culture* by Dr Matthew Johnson, Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Lancaster University.

For more information on the research cluster see:

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/research/democracyandgovernance/>



A Tribute to Professor Neil Collins from Declan Keating, BSc Government IV (who met him briefly over the Christmas break)

The Prof'

No eggs for the Sunday scramble,
A quick dash to the shop.
Who should I encounter, none other than the Prof'.
Jetted home for an over nighter,
Jetting straight back out again.
Settling in nicely to his new post in Kazakhstan.

God it's great to see you, we miss you now you're gone
The sun never sets on the career, of this UCC Don.
How long before Aodh's invitation,
To lecture in honour, of Philip Monahan?

We parted as we met, pleasant but abrupt.
Busy lives no time to stop.
Journeys to be taken, shopping to be shopped
Flashback to a lecture hall, attendees comfortable, ensconced,
'till a border-line inappropriate question, designed to illicit a response.
All awake and engaged now 'neath the Prof's canny scone.

How long before a segue
From the lecture of the day
To somewhere like N. Carolina
Birthplace of two Presidents of the U.S. of A

What takes this man from our midst, off to this far flung land?
The truth once known, not hard to comprehend.
The chance to make a difference.
Academic challenge and opportunity so great
Will trump time and time again,
Economic necessity and budgetary restraint.

Adieu and farewell,
To this genial, jovial gent
Provocative sometimes, no offence ever meant.
May the sun shine upon your face,
Where 'ere you pitch your tent

Once more adieu and farewell.
To this stalwart of research.
Proof if proof was needed
Academia can lead you, to anywhere on Earth



GOVERNMENT BALL
6 FEBRUARY 2014
IMPERIAL HOTEL,
CORK
'ROARING 20s' THEME

The Government Ball takes place on 6 February 2014 in the Imperial Hotel, South Mall. We are very excited to announce the theme this year is 'Roaring 1920s' so get your top hats, feathers and pearls out and join in the fun. Full tickets are €35 and 'Afters' tickets are €15. Tickets will be sold outside the Boole Library from 11:00am-2:00pm each Monday and Tuesday until the Ball. If these times do not suit, email the account politics@uccsocieties.ie and we can arrange another method individually.



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