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THE IRISH ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2002 APRIL 12-14, 2002: BLOOMFIELD HOUSE HOTEL MULLINGAR CO. WESTMEATH

The annual meeting of the Irish Economic Association will be held from 12-14 April 2002 in Bloomfield House Hotel and Conference Center, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. For further details on the hotel see its website at www.bloomfieldhouse.com. The Dublin Economic Workshop/Economic & Social Review Plenary Lecture will this year be delivered by Professor Canice Prendergast, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago. Professor Prendergast is an expert on applied agency theory.

A formal call for papers will issue in mid November - please see the website (www.iea.ie) for further details at that time. The conference invites papers in all areas of economics, which will be delivered in plenary, parallel and poster sessions. Sessions will begin at lunchtime on Friday 12 April and end at lunchtime on Sunday 14 April.

The conference also encourages advanced postgraduate students to submit papers, which will be reviewed on the same basis as all others. In this context, a limited number of postgraduate scholarships for masters/doctoral students presenting papers at the conference will be made available, details of which will be contained in the formal call for papers.

NEW IEA WEBSITE: WWW.IEA.IE

The association's new Website is under construction and will be up and running in October. From January 2001 onwards, the Newsletter will be on-line. The IEA is anxious that maximum use is made of links, and that we have material for regular up-dating. See the contact information on the Website.

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, PROMOTIONS, Autumn 2001.

Gerry Boyle has been appointed Head of Department at NUI Maynooth. Paddy Geary remains in the department; in addition to his teaching commitments, he is responsible for devising a plan for the introduction of Business Studies to NUI Maynooth. Jim O'Leary has joined the department from Davy Stockbrokers on a contract basis, Siobhán McCarthy has also been appointed to a contract position from TCD.

New appointments at TCD: Jaideep Roy (e-mail: royj@tcd.ie), formerly at the Institute of Economics, University of

Copenhagen; Jan Fidrmuc (e-mail: firdmucj@tcd.ie), formerly at the Centre for European Integration Studies at the University of Bonn; Constantin Gurdgiev (e-mail: gurdgic@tcd.ie).

Professor Alan Matthews has been appointed a Berkeley Fellow at TCD for the academic year 2001/2002; Mr Peter Sutherland has been appointed an adjunct Professor of Economics at TCD; Professor Patrick Honohan has been appointed a research associate at TCD.

The Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin was greatly saddened by the death of Dr Douglas S McLernon, Lecturer Emeritus, in July.

Dr Stephen Pavelin has been appointed assistant lecturer in Economics in UCD: 2001-2002.

Appointment to Teaching Assistant in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Limerick 2001-2002: Sarah O' Callaghan

ESRI: Promotion: James Williams to Research Professor; from 1/1/01. Leave of absence: ESRI Alan Barrett is going to Dept of Finance, from 1/10/01

CSO Promotions: Joe Treacy to Director (Business Statistics and Administration). The following promotions have been made to Senior Statistician: Padraig Dalton (Quarterly National Household Survey); Ger Healy (Wages and Earnings); Elaine Lucey (E-Government and Business Support); Stephen McFeely (Services); Gerry Walker (Demography). New CSO Appointments (statistician): Marina Doyle (Balance of Payments); Donal Kelly (Quarterly National Household Survey); John Milne (Balance of Payments); Susan O'Connor (Annual Services); Kieran Walsh (Wholesale Prices).

Tony Simpson has moved from the Department of Finance and Personnel (Northern Ireland) to Pricewaterhouse and Richard Ramsey has both moved from DFPNI to DETI.

Appointments at the Competition Authority: Paul Gorecki has been appointed a Member of the Competition Authority; Senior Economists with the Competition Authority: Dermot Nolan and Patrick Kenny; other economists who have been appointed to the Competition Authority are Vivienne Ryan, Colette Hegarty, John Evans, Tressan McCambridge and Carol Boate.

Professor Helen O'Neill and Dr Desmond O'Halloran have retired from the Department of Economics, UCD.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS.

UCD CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

WP01/04: Frank Barry, Holger Görg and Eric Strobl: "Foreign Direct Investment, Agglomerations and Demonstration Effects: An Empirical Investigation" March 2001

WP01/05: Frank Barry: "Openness, the Phillips Curve and the Cost of Relinquishing the Currency" March 2001

WP01/06: Cormac Ó Gráda: "Farming High and Low, 1850-1914" March 2001

WP01/07: Dermot Leahy and Stephen Pavelin: "Follow-my-leader FDI and Collusion" March 2001

WP01/08: Frank Barry, Holger Görg and Andrew McDowell: "Outward FDI and the Investment Development Path of a Late-Industrialising Economy: Evidence from Ireland" April 2001

WP01/09; Timothy W Guinnane and Cormac Ó Gráda: "Mortality in the North Dublin Union during the Great Famine" May 2001

WP01/10: Rodney Thom and Brendan Walsh: "The Effect of a Common Currency on Trade: Ireland before and after the Sterling Link" May 2001

WP01/11: Frank Barry: "Regional Characteristics, Monetary Union and Regional Income Volatility" May 2001

WP01/12: Kevin J Denny: "The Effect of Payroll Taxes in the Monopoly Union Model: Four Lemmas and a Corollary" May 2001

WP01/13: Patrick Paul Walsh and Ciara Whelan: "The Role of Taste Niches in Modelling Market Structure: An Application to Carbonated Soft Drinks" June 2001

WP01/14: Eric Strobl and Frank Walsh: "Minimum Wages and Compliance: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago" June 2001

WP01/15: Cormac Ó Gráda: "Should the Munster Bank have been saved?" July 2001

WP01/16: Colm Harmon, Vincent Hogan and Ian Walker: "Dispersion in the Economic Return to Schooling" August 2001

WP01/17: Cormac Ó Gráda: "An Institutional Import: Irish Savings Banks c. 1820-1860" August 2001

WP01/18: Frank Walsh: "Minimum Wages for Ronald McDonald Monopsonies: A Theory of Monopsonistic Competition" by V Bhaskar and Ted To - A Comment' September 2001

WP01/19: Desmond Norton: 'On "Lord Palmerston and the Irish Famine Emigration" by Tyler Anbinder' September 2001

WP01/20: Desmond Norton: "Viscount Frankfort, Sir Charles Burton and County Carlow in the 1840s" September 2001

WP01/21: Desmond Norton: "Where was Denis Mahon shot?" September 2001

WP01/22: Desmond Norton: "Stratford's Robertstown Estate during the 1840s" September 2001

Working Papers represent preliminary reports on research in progress and should not be cited without permission from the authors. Recent papers may be downloaded from the Department website:
<http://www.ucd.ie/~economic/workingpapers/workingpapers.htm>

TRINITY ECONOMIC PAPERS.

available from
http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/economic_papers.htm

Matthews, A. *The position of the developing countries in the WTO negotiations on agricultural trade liberalisation.*

Lane, P. and Milesi-Ferretti, G. M. *The External Wealth of Nations: Measures of Foreign Assets and Liabilities For Industrial and Developing Countries*

Lane, P. and Burke, D. *The Empirics of Foreign Reserves*

O'Rourke, K. H. and Williamson, J. G. *After Columbus: Explaining the Global Trade Boom 1500-1800*

Lane, P. *The National Pensions Reserve Fund: Pitfalls and Opportunities*

Barrett, S. D. *Bus Deregulation in Ireland*

O'Rourke, K. H. *Globalization and Inequality: Historical Trends*

O'Rourke, K. H. and Sinnott, R. *The Determinants of Individual Trade Policy Preferences: International Survey Evidence*

Devereux, M. B. and Lane, P. *Exchange Rates and Monetary Policy in Emerging Market Economies*

Lane, P. and Milesi-Ferretti, G. M. *Long-Term Capital Movements*

MAYNOOTH WORKING PAPERS.

N105/02/01 Dewit, G., Leahy, D., "Rivalry in Uncertain Export Markets: Commitment Versus Flexibility", February 2001.

N106/02/01 Dewit, G., Leahy, D., "Fighting Over Uncertain Demand: Investment Commitment Versus Flexibility", February 2001.

N107/02/01 Roche, M.J., "Fads Versus Fundamentals in Farmland Prices: Comment", March 2001.

N102/08/00 Flavin, T.J., Wickens, M.R., "Macroeconomic Influences on Optimal Asset Allocation", March 2001.

Working papers may be downloaded from www.may.ie/academic/economics/

ESRI PUBLICATIONS.

Books and Monographs:

No. 164: *Critique of Shaping a Healthier Future: A Strategy for Effective Healthcare in the 1990's*, (September 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0202 8) M.M. Wiley IR£12.00*

No. 163: *Perceptions of the Quality of Health Care in the Public and Private Sectors in Ireland: Report to the Centre for Insurance Studies, Graduate School of Business, University College Dublin* (August 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0201 X): D. Watson, J. Williams, with a Foreword by R. Kinsella. IR£12.00*

No. 162: *National Survey of Vacancies in the Private Non-*

Agricultural Sector 1999/2000, A Report Prepared for FÁS and Forfás, (June 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0195 1): J. Williams, S. Blackwell, G. Hughes. IR£8.00*

No. 161: *Analysis of the Economic, Employment and Social Profile of the Greater Dublin Region*: (May 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0198 6): E.L.W. Morgenroth. IR£50.00*

Policy Research Series:

No. 41: *Monitoring Poverty Trends and Exploring Poverty Dynamics in Ireland*, (July 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0199 4): R. Layte, B. Maitre, B. Nolan, D. Watson, C.T. Whelan, J. Williams and B. Casey. IR£12.00*

No. 40: "Employability" and its Relevance for the Management of the Live Register (May 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0197 8): A. Barrett, C.T. Whelan, J.J. Sexton. IR£12.00*

No.39: *Non-Cash Benefits and Poverty in Ireland*, (April 2001) (ISBN No. 0 7070 0194 3): B. Nolan, H. Russell. IR£12.00*.

Working Papers (IR£2.00 per copy)*

No. 139: *The Cost and Distribution of Tax Expenditure on Occupational Pensions in Ireland* (April 2001). G. Hughes.

No. 138: *The Use of Location Variables in a Mix-Adjusted Index for Dublin House Prices*, (March 2001). D. Duffy.

No. 137: *Some Important Changes in the Structure of Irish Society. A Review of Past Developments and a Perspective on the Future*. (February 2001). J.J. Sexton.

Quarterly Economic Commentary

(ISSN No. 0376-7191), IR£40.00*, March 2001, July 2001: D. McCoy, D. Duffy, J. Hore, C. MacCoille

Geary Lecture Series: no 31 (2001): *Economic Problems of Ireland in Europe*: Martin Feldstein, incorporating *The Cost and Distribution of Tax Expenditure on Occupational Pensions in Ireland*: G Hughes, and *The National Pensions Reserve Fund: Pitfalls and Opportunities*, P.R. Lane: (ISBN 0 7070 0200 1) (ISSN 1396-6204) IR£10.00

(Publications available from the Institute are denoted by *. Other publications and current prices are available direct from the publishers)

ECONOMICS WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

DUBLIN ECONOMIC WORKSHOP:

The first 6 seminars will be held in NUI Maynooth this semester, commencing Friday, September 28. Seminars will take place in Room 30, Rhetoric House at 4.30pm. Further

details are available at the following web address:
<http://www.may.ie/academic/economics/dew/index.html>

September 28: Simon Broome, NUI Maynooth; *Limited Reserves and the Optimal Width of an Exchange Rate Target Zone*. Homepage:
<http://www.may.ie/academic/economics/staff.html>

October 5: John Sutton, LSE: *Rich Trades, Scarce Capabilities: Industrial Organisation Revisited*. Homepage:
<http://econ.lse.ac.uk/staff/jsutton/>

October 19: Christoph Thoenissen, Bank of England: *An Equilibrium Real Exchange Rate Model*.

October 26: Peter Smith, University of York: *Macroeconomic Sources of FOREX Risk*. Homepage:
<http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/econ/res/indiv/smithpn.htm>

November 2: Denis Conniffe, ESRI: *A New System of Consumer Demand Equations*. Homepage:
<http://www.esri.ie/Staff/Conniffe.htm>

November 9: Ana Mafalda Cadete Xavier, University of Leuven: *Performance assessment in health care: a comparison of Waiting time and Waiting list as a performance measure*.

Seminars from November 16 2001 to mid-February 2002 will be held in UCD. Location: E113, Arts Block, Belfield. Time: Friday 4.30-6.00 pm. Further information form Dr Frank Barry Dept of Economics UCD: e-mail frank.barry@ucd.ie

November 16, 2001: Rosalia Vazquez-Alvarez, UCD

November 23, 2001: Vincent Hogan, UCD

November 30, 2001: Frank Windmeijer, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London

December 7, 2001: Michal Kejak, CERGE-EI, Charles Univesity, Prague

January 11, 2002: Karolina Ekholm, Stockholm School of Economics

January 18, 2002: Arnaud Chevalier, UCD

January 25, 2002: Catia Montagna, Dundee

February 1, 2002: Arthur Van Soest, Tilburg

February 8, 2002: Kristof Dascher, Frankfurt-Oder

February 15, 2002: Ari Kokko, Stockholm School of Economics

ESRI SEMINARS

The ESRI Thursday seminars will recommence in October and will be held in

the lecture theatre, ESRI, 4 Burlington Road at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome.

18 October: Edgar Morgenroth, ESRI: *Commuting in Ireland*.

25 October: Christopher T. Whelan, Richard Layte and Bertrand Maitre, ESRI: *Persistent Deprivation in the European Union*.

1 November: John Bradley, ESRI: *Industrial Strategy and Business Planning in Ireland*.

8 November: Denis Conniffe, Philip O'Connell, ESRI: *Are they Really Working? Re-evaluating Market Orientation and Labour Market Programme Effectiveness in Ireland with Propensity Score Matching*.

15 November: Richard O'Leary, QUB: *Choosing for the children: The affiliation of the children of minority-majority group intermarriages in Finland and in Ireland*.

22 November: Brendan Halpin, University of Limerick: *Routes into Employment: The service sector in Great Britain and Germany*.

29 November: Robert Millar, QUB: *Using Social Mobility Analyses to Assess Discrimination in Northern Ireland*.

6 December: Helen Russell, ESRI: *Women Returning to the Labour Market*.

13 December: Richard Layte, ESRI: *Unemployment, Welfare Benefits and the Financial Incentive to Work*.

31 January 2002: Prof Arthur van Soest (University of Tilburg): *Language proficiency and employment of immigrants in Germany: a panel data analysis*.

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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