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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL I. E. A. CONFERENCE.

APRIL 27 - 29, 2007

Preliminary Announcement

There will be a call for papers early November 2006, when the conference venue has been finalised. Meanwhile intending participants should note the dates (April 27 - 29) which have been fixed. There will also be two plenary sessions with invited guest lecturers, as well as invited papers on special topics to be announced. Financial support will be available for a limited number of graduate students whose papers are accepted for presentation. Further details will be available soon in the definitive call for papers, which will be posted on the IEA Website (www.iea.ie). The deadline will be mid-January, 2007 and submitted papers in pdf or word/rtf format should be e-mailed to john.sheehan@ucd.ie.

IEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MILLRACE HOTEL, BUNCLODY, CO. WEXFORD: 30TH APRIL, 2006

Extracts from the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports:

The secretary reported on conference organisation and other tasks during the year. Following a steep decline in the number of submitted papers in 2005 compared with the previous five years, there has been a significant recovery in 2006: 71 submissions (52 in 2005). The increased tendency of foreign contributors to withdraw, having had their papers accepted, was noted. The work done by DCU for the 2005 conference local organisation was noted, as were the preparations made by the ESRI for 2006.

The Treasurer reported on the Association's Income and Expenditure for 2005 as follows ():

Income		Expenditure	
Subscription Income	4,174	Printing, Postage, Website	582
Interest Income	907	Council Expenses	1,434
Annual Conference Surplus	970	International Subscriptions	500
		Bank Charges	74
		ESR IEA Issue	1,720
		Conference Students	1,600
Total Revenue	6,051	Total Expenditure	5,910
<i>(Deficit)</i>			<i>(141)</i>

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, PROMOTIONS, Autumn 2006.

Professor Frances Ruane is leaving the Economics Department at TCD on December 1st 2006 to become Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute

Professor Jim Bergin (Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario) has been appointed Professor of Economics at UCD.

Professor James Markusen and Professor Ann Carlos (University of Colorado, Boulder) will join UCD School of Economics in January, 2008.

Dr Paul Devereux has been appointed Professor of Economics at UCD.

Promotions at UCD: Cormac O Grada (from Associate to full Professor); Dr David Madden (to Associate Professor); Dr Frank Barry (to Associate Professor).

Dr. Paul Walsh has been appointed Associate Professor at TCD

Dr. Eoghan Garvey has been promoted to Lecturer (above the bar) in the Department of Economics, NUI Galway.

Dr Olivier Bargain (formerly at IZA, Bonn) joined the UCD School of Economics as Lecturer, from September 2006.

Chirantan Ganguly (formerly Univ of Birmingham), Emiliya Lzarova (formerly Tilburg) and Galindev Ragchaasuren (formerly Univ of Essex) have been appointed lecturers in Economics at QUB.

Bernard Kennedy has joined Monetary Policy & Financial Stability Department of the CBFSAI as economist.

Brenda Gannon (brenda.gannon@nuigalway.ie) has left the ESRI and joined the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology at NUI Galway as a Senior Researcher.

New Statistician appointments at the CSO: Brian McCann, Regional Accounts; Gerard Doolan, National Employment Survey; Mary Brew, National Accounts; Shaun McLaughlin, Census of Population; Hilary Cadogan, Stephen McDonagh, Balance of Payments; Brian Costello, Data Linkage Integration; Hilda McCarthy, Agricultural Accounts; Sheona Gilsenan, Tourism; Edward Lambe, IT; Patrick Foley, Retail Sales; Fiona O'Callaghan, Agriculture Surveys.

Gillian Golden has taken up an appointment as Statistician at the Department of Education and Science

Colm McCarthy and Joe Durkan have been appointed to lectureships at UCD for the Academic year 2006-07

One-year contract appointments at TCD 2006-07: Martin Paredes (from the University of New York), Yuji Tamura (from the University of Warwick).

Dr. Mary Silles (mary.silles@nuigalway.ie) and David Duffy (david.duffy@nuigalway.ie) have been appointed to fixed-term lectureships in Economics at NUIG.

Mr Stephen Kinsella has been appointed as a Junior Lecturer at the UL Department of Economics.

Ms Lucia Morales and Mr John Hill have joined the UL Economics Department as Teaching Assistants.

Professor Todd Watkins (Lehigh University) will be a visiting scholar at the Department of Economics, NUI Galway, January to August 2007.

Dr Donal Donovan, International Monetary Fund, Washington is visiting the UL Economics Department in Autumn 2006 and Spring 2007.

Professor Peter Neary has left UCD and had been appointed to a Professorship of Economics at Merton College, Oxford.

Prof Gerry Boyle, has resigned from the Economics Department in NUI Maynooth, and joined the Economics Department at UL as Adjunct Professor for a three year period starting September 2006.

Professor John O'Hagan (TCD) has been appointed Chair of the National Social Forum Research Group on Cultural Inclusion.

Professor P.J. Drudy has been appointed Director of Business, Economic and Social Studies (BESS) at TCD.

Dr Frank Bohn (UCD) has been appointed to a lectureship in Economics at the University of Nijmegen.

Dr. Chris Minns has left TCD for the LSE; Dr. Jacco Thijssen is leaving TCD in January 2007 for the University of York.

Dr Sarah Parlane is on leave of absence from UCD at Arizona State University for the academic year 2006-07.

Professor Morgan Kelly has returned to the UCD School of Economics from Sabbatical leave.

Edward O'Brien is on leave of absence from the CBFSAI for two years in the ECB.

Leave of Absence, TCD: Carol Newman is on one-year sabbatical; Alan Matthews is on a 6 month sabbatical.

Leave of Absence, NUIG: Terry McDonough and Tom van Rensburg are on Sabbatical leave for the academic year 2006-07; Cian Twomey is on Sabbatical leave until December 31st 2006; Aidan Kane will be on Sabbatical leave in Spring 2007.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS.

UCD CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

WP06/04: David Madden: "Sample Selection Versus Two-Part Models Revisited: The Case of Female Smoking and Drinking", April 2006.
 WP06/05: Frank Bohn: "Greed, Impatience and Exchange Rate Determination", May 2006.
 WP06/06: Paul J Devereux: "Small Sample Bias in Synthetic Cohort Models of Labor Supply", May 2006.
 WP06/07: Kevin Denny and Orla Doyle: "Does Voting History Matter? - Analysing Persistence in Turnout", May 2006.
 WP06/08: Carsten Eckel and J Peter Neary: "Multi-Product Firms and Flexible Manufacturing in the Global Economy" May 2006
 Working Papers represent preliminary reports on research in progress and should not be cited without permission from the authors. Papers may be downloaded from the School of Economics website:
<http://www.ucd.ie/economics/research.htm>

TRINITY ECONOMIC PAPERS

2006/3: Kevin H.O'Rourke and Jeffrey G. Williamson: "Did Vasco da Gama Matter for European Markets? Testing Frederick Lane's Hypotheses Fifty Years Later"
 2006/4: Kevin H.O'Rourke: "War and Welfare: Britain, France and the United States 1807-14".
 2006/5: J. Thijssen: "On General Equilibrium Effects and Contingent Claim Valuation of Financial Assets".
 2006/6: J. Thijssen: "Optimal and Strategic Terms of Mergers under Two-Source Uncertainty".
 2006/7: J. Hutchinson, J. Konings and P.P. Walsh: "Company Size, Industry and Product Diversification: Evidence from the UK and Belgium".
 2006/8: D. Sutherland and P. Guest: "How has China's 'National Team' of Enterprise Groups Performed? An Evaluation Using Aggregate and Firm-level Data."
 2006/9: S. Lyons: "Measuring the Benefits of Mobile Number Portability".
 2006/10: D. Sutherland: "Outward Migration and HIV in China".
 2006/11: L.Delaney, C. Newman and B. Nolan: "Reference Dependent Financial Satisfaction over the Course of the Celtic Tiger: A Panel Analysis Utilising Living in Ireland Survey 1994-2001".
 2006/12: P.P.Walsh, F. Mariuzzo: "Deterministic Demand Cycles in Cartel Price Data: The Joint Executive Committee (1880-1886)".

2006/13: W. Wiepke and R. Dellink: "A G.E. Analysis of the Impact of a Carbon Energy Tax on the Irish Economy".

2006/14: M. Collins: "The Welfare Effects of Housing Environments and Living Conditions: Evidence from Northern Ireland".

CENTRAL BANK TECHNICAL PAPERS

All technical papers, as well as Quarterly Bulletins and Annual Reports, are available on www.centralbank.ie
 Recent Technical Papers:

1/RT/06 Martina Lawless "Geography and Firm Exports: New Evidence on the Nature of Sunk Costs"/RT/06 Derek Bond/Michael J. Harrison/Edward J. O'Brien "Testing for Long Memory and Nonlinear Time Series: A Demand for Money Study"

/RT/06 Derek Bond/Michael J. Harrison/Niall Hession/Edward J. O'Brien "Some Empirical Observations on the Forward Exchange Rate Anomaly"

4/RT/06 Karl Whelan "Consumption and Expected Asset Returns Without Assumptions About Unobservables"

5/RT/06 Antonello D'Agostino/Domenico Giannone/Paolo Surico "(Un) Predictability and Macroeconomic Stability"

6/RT/06 Frank Browne/Mary Everett "The Real Interest Rate Spread as a Monetary Policy Indicator"

7/RT/06 Kieran McQuinn/Karl Whelan "Conditional Convergence Revisited: Taking Solow Very Seriously"

8/RT/06 Antonello D'Agostino/Roberta Serafini/Melanie Ward "Sectoral Explanations of Employment in Europe: The Role of Services".

9/RT/06 Peter Dunne/Michael J. Moore/Richard Portes "An Empirical Analysis of Transparency-Related Characteristics of European and US Sovereign Bond Markets"

COMBAT POVERTY RESEARCH WORKING PAPERS

Paper 06/01: *Food, Nutrition and Poverty among Asylum Seekers in North Western Ireland*
 M Manandhar, M Share, S Friel, O Walsh and F Hardy
 Research Working Papers may be downloaded from:
<http://www.cpa.ie/publications/workingpapers.htm>

ECONOMICS WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

DUBLIN ECONOMIC WORKSHOP/ NUI MAYNOOTH.

Friday seminars are part of the Dublin Economic Workshop series. Departmental seminars from November 20th onwards will be held on Mondays. Details from Tuvana Pastine

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All seminars start at 4 pm and are held in the Edgeworth Room in the Economics Department.

Friday September 29th, Tuvana Pastine (NUIM) “Politician Preferences and caps on Political Lobbying”.

Friday October 6th: Mardi Dungey (Univ of Cambridge) “Sampling Properties of Contagion Tests”.

Friday October 13th: Emanuel Kohlscheen (Univ of Warwick) “Why are there Serial Defaulters? Evidence from Constitutions”

Friday October 20th: Steve Machin (UCL). TBA

Friday October 27th: Cesare Robitti (Atlanta Federal Reserve) TBA

Friday November 10th: John Kennan (Univ of Wisconsin) TBA

UCD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS SEMINARS.

Seminars are held weekly from 1pm to 2pm in Room G214, Arts Building. For full details contact the organiser, Frank Walsh (frank.walsh@ucd.ie). The following seminars feature outside guest speakers

Monday October 9th: Richard Carson, University of California (San Diego) and Susana Ferreira (UCD)

Monday November 20th: John Kennan, University of Wisconsin.

Monday November 27th: Brice Campbell, Queen’s University Belfast

QUB: ECONOMICS AND FINANCE SEMINARS.

Staff seminars on Tuesdays at 1pm and visitor seminars on Fridays at 3.30pm. A full list of all seminars scheduled up to the end of December 2006 can be obtained at the following link:

<http://www.qub-efrg.com/seminars/?sT=1159452109>

NUI, GALWAY SEMINARS.

10 October, 2006: Jeff Frieden (Harvard) “Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century”.

20 October, 2006: Richard Layte (ESRI) “Ageing and Labour”.

27 October, 2006: Brendan Kennelly and Eoghan Garvey (NUI Galway): “The Socio-Economic Determinants of Suicide Rates in the OECD, 1960-2000”.

10 November, John Considine (UCC) “Olsonian Explanations of Irish Economic Growth”

17 November, 2006: Kevin O’Rourke (TCD)

“History of Globalization”.

24 November, 2006: Ashley Piggins (NUI Galway) “Choice Theory”.

COMBAT POVERTY RESEARCH SEMINARS

Tuesday 26th September: Breda McCabe (IRCHSS Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Sociology, UCD): “Economic Implications of Non-standard Employment”

Thursday 5th October: Martina Prunty, (Research Intern, Combat Poverty Agency): “Older People in Poverty”

Tuesday 24th October: Richard Layte, Anne Nolan and Prof Brian Nolan, (ESRI): “Poverty, Health Status and Access to GPs and Related Services in Ireland”. Study commissioned by Combat Poverty Agency

Tuesday 7th November: Tim Callan (ESRI): “Child Poverty and the Structure of Child Income Support”.

Wednesday 6th December: Deirdre O’Loughlin, (Department of Management & Marketing, UL): “An Investigation into the Nature & Incidence of Consumer Debt in Ireland: Developing an Intervention Strategy for Low Income Customers”. Study funded under the Poverty Research Initiative

For further information on the Research Seminar Series contact Joanne Mulholland at (01) 602 66 33 or email research@combatpoverty.ie or see www.combatpoverty.ie/research/seminars

CONFERENCES

3 November 2006. One-day conference: “Growth and Crises: Social Structures of Accumulation”, Department of Economics, NUI Galway. Contact Terry McDonough (terrence.mcdonough@nuigalway.ie) for further details.

22 November, 2006: One-day Conference: “Poor Today, Poor Tomorrow: Understanding the Impact of Child Poverty”. Combat Poverty in conjunction with the Children’s Research Centre, TCD is hosting the conference in Croke Park, Dublin. Further details on the conference, including conference brochure and booking form, will be circulated closer to the event

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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