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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE IRISH ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION: RADISSON BLU HOTEL LIMERICK 14 -16 APRIL, 2011

Booking for the conference will open shortly. The booking form will be available for download from the IEA Website: www.iea.ie Those who have submitted papers will be contacted by the Programme Committee before the end of February.

There will be two plenary guest lecture sessions :

The Edgeworth Lecture (sponsored by the Central Bank of Ireland): Professor Tim Besley (LSE): *Independent Agencies and Economic Policy*.

The DEW/ESR Lecture: Professor Paul De Grauwe (K U Leuven). *The Sovereign Debt Crisis and the future of the Euro*

Full details of the conference programme will be posted on the IEA Website (www.iea.ie) as they become available.

Notice of AGM: The annual general meeting of the IEA will be held on Saturday April 16th at 1230pm.(provisional time), in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick. Further details, including the agenda will be available at the conference prior to the meeting. Communications, queries to the Secretary, before Friday, March 13th .

Nominating Committee: This year there are no Council members whose terms of office are due to expire, therefore the Nominating Committee (President, Vice-President and Past President) is not being convened.

DENIS CONNIFFE R.I.P.

Members of the Irish Economic Association were saddened to learn that former president Professor Denis Conniffe passed away on 20 January 2011. Denis was one of Ireland's most distinguished economists and statisticians. His papers appeared in journals such as *Econometrica*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The Journal of Econometrics*, *Biometrika*, *The Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* and *The*

Statistician. He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy and had also been the president of the Irish Statistical Association. In addition to his many important papers, Denis will also be remembered as having been an enormously helpful colleague and a great supporter of the IEA and of the *Economic and Social Review*.

APPOINTMENTS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, PROMOTIONS

Valeria di Cosmo has joined the ESRI on the 1st of December as an energy economist.

Dr. John Cullinan has been appointed as a lecturer in economics at NUI Galway.

Dr. Simone Salotti has been appointed as a lecturer in economics (fixed-term) at NUI Galway.

From February 1st, Joe Durkan (UCD) will join the Quarterly Economic Commentary Team at the Institute, working with Ide Kearney and Cormac O'Sullivan.

Under the auspices of the Strategic Alliance between the ESRI and TCD, Alan Barrett is being seconded from the Institute to become Project Director of TILDA, the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing, for two years from March 1st.

Thomas Conefrey (Research Analyst at the ESRI) has moved the Central Bank in January 2011.

Kevin Denny has returned to UCD from leave of absence at the University of Kentucky.

Tom Boylan and Michael Keane have retired from NUI Galway.

RECENT PhD AWARDS.

Institutions are asked to send details for future issues as PhD programmes are now assuming greater importance

NUI Galway.

Yosr Abid: *Population Ageing, Political Economy and Demand for Redistribution through the Irish State Pensions system*

Darragh Flannery: *Essays on the Economics of Tertiary Education in Ireland*

Jason Loughrey: *The Welfare Impact of Macro-Economic changes on Agriculture and other markets in Ireland 1987-2005*

Elisa Baroni: *Micro-Based Simulation of the Individual Life-Cycle for Economic and Social Policy Analysis*

RECENT WORKING PAPERS.

UCD CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH.

Papers may be downloaded from the School of Economics website: <http://www.ucd.ie/economics/research/papers/>

WP10/35: Brendan Walsh and Dermot Walsh: "Suicide in Ireland: The Influence of Alcohol and Unemployment" October 2010.

WP10/36: Kevin Denny: "Height and well-being amongst older Europeans" October 2010 WP10/37: Alan

Fernihough: "Malthusian Dynamics in a Diverging Europe: Northern Italy 1650-1881" November 2010

WP10/38: Cormac Ó Gráda: "The Last Major Irish Bank Failure: Lessons for Today?" November 2010

WP10/39: Kevin Denny and Veruska Oppedisano: "Class Size Effects: Evidence Using a New Estimation Technique" December 2010

WP10/40: Robert Gillanders and Karl Whelan: "Open For Business? Institutions, Business Environment and Economic Development" December 2010

WP10/41: Karl Whelan: "EU Economic Governance: Less Might Work Better Than More" December 2010

WP11/01: Svetlana Batrakova: "Flip Side of the Pollution Haven: Do Export Destinations Matter?" January 2011

WP11/02: Olivier Bargain, Mathias Dolls, Dirk Neumann, Andreas Peichl and Sebastian Sieglöckh: "Tax-Benefit Systems in Europe and the US: Between Equity and Efficiency" January 2011

WP11/03: Cormac Ó Gráda: "Great Leap into Famine" January 2011

WP11/04: Alpaslan Akay, Olivier Bargain, and Klaus F Zimmermann: "Relative Concerns of Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China" January 2011

WP11/05: Matthew T Cole: "Distorted Trade Barriers" February 2011

ESRI WORKING PAPERS

No 350, 1st Sept, Regulating Knowledge Monopolies: The Case of the IPCC, Richard S.J. Tol.

No 351, 3rd Sept, Civil War, Climate Change and Development: A Scenario Study for Sub-Saharan Africa, Conor Devitt and Richard S.J. Tol.

No 352, 9th Sept, Designing a property tax without property values: Analysis in the case of Ireland, Karen Mayor, Seán Lyons and Richard S.J. Tol.

No 353, 16th Sept, Market Regulation and Competition; Law in Conflict: A View from Ireland, Implications of the Panda Judgment, Philip Andrews and Paul K Gorecki.

No 354, 24th Sept, Research and Policy Making, Frances Ruane.

No 355, 29th Sept, The Impact of Ireland's Recession on the Labour Market Outcomes of its Immigrants, Alan Barrett and Elish Kelly.

No 356, 1st Oct, Public Policy Towards the Sale of State Assets in Troubled Times: Lessons from the Irish Experience, Paul K Gorecki, Sean Lyons and Richard S. J. Tol.

No 357, 6th Oct, An Estimate of the Value of Lost Load for Ireland, Eimear Leahy and Richard S.J. Tol.

No 358, 15th Oct, Towards a better and sustainable health care system – resource allocation and financing issues for Ireland, Frances Ruane.

No 359, 20th Oct, From Data to Policy Analysis: Tax-Benefit Modelling using SILC 2008, Tim Callan, Claire Keane, John R. Walsh and Marguerita Lane

No 360, Nov, Determinants of Vegetarianism and Partial Vegetarianism in the United Kingdom, Eimear Leahy, Seán Lyons and Richard S.J. Tol.

No 361, 12th Nov, Timing and Determinants of Local Residential Broadband Adoption: Evidence from Ireland, Seán Lyons.

No 362, Dec, Too much of a good thing? Gender, 'Concerted cultivation' and unequal achievement in primary education, Selina McCoy, Delma Byrne, Joanne Banks.

TCD/IIIS DISCUSSION PAPERS

Although the IIIS is a multi-disciplinary research institute, a high proportion of its output is contributed by economists. The Director of the IIIS is currently Professor Alan Matthews. Details of seminars, workshops and conferences can be found on the IIIS website www.tcd.ie/iiis Recent Discussion Papers include:

No 348: *Does reinforcing spouses' land rights improve children's outcomes? Evidence from a quasi-natural experiment in rural Vietnam*: Julia Anna Matz, IIIS and Department of Economics, Gaia Narciso, IIIS/TCD.

No 347: *Trade and development aspects of the Commission's November 2010 Communication on the CAP after 2013*: Alan Matthews, IIIS/TCD

No 346: *The Dynamics of Portfolio Holdings in Emerging Europe*: Vahagn Galstyan, IIIS/TCD and Philip R. Lane, IIIS/TCD/CEPR

No 345: *Gender Inequality and Job Quality in Europe*: Peter Mühlau

No 344: *Low expectations or different evaluations -- What explains immigrants' high levels of trust in host country institutions?*: Antje Röder and Peter Mühlau

No 343: *International Risk Sharing and the Irish Economy*: Agustín S. Bénétrix

No.342: *Are Composers Different? Historical Evidence on Conflict-induced Migration (1816-1997)*: Karol Jan Borowiecki, Trinity College Dublin

No. 341: *Transforming Institutions: The Politics of Debt Relief in Kenya*: Andrea Rigon, IIIS/Dept of Sociology TCD and Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi.

No. 340: *Rescaling climate justice: sub-national issues and innovations for low carbon futures* (Climate Justice Series): Anna Davies, and Niamh Kirwan, Geography, School of Natural Sciences, TCD

No 339: *Estimating Government Discretion in Fiscal Policy Making*: Slava Mikhaylov, LSE/IIIS/TCD, Alexander Herzog, New York University

No. 338: *A new Database of Parliamentary Debates in Ireland, 1922--2008*: Slava Mikhaylov, LSE/IIIS/TCD, Alexander Herzog, New York University

NUI GALWAY WORKING PAPERS

No. 167, December 2010. "Personal versus Societal Preferences in Contingent Valuation Assessments." Peter Howley, Stephen Hynes and Cathal O'Donoghue.

No. 166 December 2010. "A Simulating Annealing Approach to Non-Market Environmental Benefit Aggregation." Stephen Hynes, Nick Hanley, Cathal O'Donoghue.

No. 165 December 2010. "Sustainable fishing in Irish waters: Assessment of current practices, policies and alternative approach." Niall Farrell, Ben Breen, Michael Cuddy and Stephen Hynes.

No. 164 December 2010. "A Geographical Information System Approach to Defining Economic Coastal Zones in Ireland." Stephen Hynes and Niall Farrelly.

No. 163 December 2010. "The Spatial Relationship between Economic Activity and River Water Quality." Cathal O'Donoghue, Peter Howley, Stephen Hynes, Reamonn M. Fealy, Aksana Chyzheuskaya, Stuart Green, David Meredith, Karyn Morrissey.

No. 162 December 2010. "Modelling Access to the Irish Coastline: A Contingent Behavioural Approach." Luke Barry, Tom van Rensburg, Stephen Hynes.

ECONOMICS WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

While seminar speakers and times may be scheduled several weeks or months in advance, details of topics and paper titles tend to be announced at relatively short notice.

UCD: Seminars are normally on Fridays at 3.30 pm in Room G214, Arts Building, Belfield. The organiser for 2008-09 is Professor Ron Davies (ronald.davies@ucd.ie). Seminar schedule is on the UCD website at:
<http://www.ucd.ie/economics/semweb/Sem%200809/Seminar%20Schedule%200809%20Sem%20II.htm>

TCD SEMINARS

Seminars are held from 1 to 2 pm in IIS Seminar Room, unless otherwise indicated
<http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/Seminars/>

NUI MAYNOOTH.

Seminars are normally held in The Edgeworth Room, Department of Economics:
Visiting, Fridays at 3.30pm
Internal: Mondays 1pm.
<http://economics.nuim.ie/seminars/>

NUI, GALWAY SEMINARS.

<http://www.economics.nuig.ie/whatsnew/newslist.php>
Seminars are normally held on Fridays at 2pm in Lecture Hall 1, St. Anthony's, Cairnes Building.

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK SEMINARS

All seminars will take place from 2pm to 3pm in room E1 017 in UL.

ESRI SEMINARS

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Budget Perspectives Conference, October 2011.

The Budget Perspectives conference, organised by the ESRI and the Foundation for Fiscal Studies, will take place in mid-October 2011 (date to be finalized shortly). Papers will present research findings and their implications for policy, particularly budgetary policy. Papers with a direct relevance to Budget 2012 as well as those which have a longer-term focus on

public finance issues are welcome. The attendance typically includes representatives of the social partners, high-level officials from government departments and others involved in debate on policy issues. The event also attracts substantial media coverage.

If you are interested in contributing a paper please send a one-page abstract to Tim Callan (tim.callan@esri.ie) Deadline for abstracts: 18th February and will be reviewed by an editorial committee. Full drafts of papers accepted on the basis of the abstract will be due by 31 May. Papers will be reviewed by two external referees. Following any required revisions, a final version will be due by end-July. These deadlines are needed to ensure that the proceedings volume can be published on the day of the conference. Editorial committee: Frances Ruane (Director, ESRI), Donal de Buitléir (FFS Projects Committee), Colm Kelly (Chair, FFS Projects Committee), Tim Callan (Editor, Budget Perspectives).

The VIII International Colloquium; 26-28 May 2011:

this will be held at the J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics of National University of Ireland, Galway in Galway from the 26th of May to the 28th May 2011. The theme of the conference is Economic Growth, Structural Change and Institutions. Further information is available at <http://conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=113> and from the local organizer, Dr. Srinivas Raghavendra: s.raghav@nuigalway.ie

NUIG Workshop: October 13th - 14th, 2011: *Self Organisation, Non-Linearity and Emergence: from Biology to Economics.* For further information contact Dr. Srinivas Raghavendra: s.raghav@nuigalway.ie

INFORMATION FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

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