



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Dear all,

Welcome to the third ISWE newsletter. 2023 has been a busy year so far with lots of events taking place.

Following a vote at the Irish Economic Association's AGM in May, ISWE became a standing committee of the IEA. This important step will help to ensure the longevity of ISWE as an organisation, enabling us to sustain our progress, fully integrate with existing IEA structures, and optimise our own resources.

As part of the process, over the past year we have developed our internal governance structures and put into place policies on how

decisions are made. Going forward, ISWE will have a representative on the IEA board, and our Secretary Tara McIndoe Calder is the first to take up this role. We also negotiated an annual budget from the IEA, giving us scope to further expand our influence and reach. We would like to thank IEA President Orla Doyle and the IEA board members for facilitating and supporting us towards this change.

Emma Howard
Chair of ISWE

ISWE is a platform seeking to inspire, empower and increase women's visibility in economics in Ireland to ensure that the role of economists in public debates, policy decisions, and education is more representative of Irish society.

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CENTRAL BANK MEETING

Members of the leadership team of the Irish Society for Women in Economics were invited to the Central Bank of Ireland to meet with Deputy Governor Vasileios Madouros and his Senior Advisor Patrick Haran.

We discussed the under representation of women in economics, the work ISWE are doing to both inspire and empower women, and how the Central Bank of Ireland can continue to support us.

ISWE'S MEDIA TRAINING

What happened?

Following on from four Media Training Workshops held in February, the final training sessions on our HEA Gender Equality Enhancement funded project to increase the voices of women economists in the media took place in March, April and June.

Who provided the training?

The training was provided by Clear Eye – a leadership and communications consultancy that has been working with women professionals in economics, academia, science, engineering, politics, culture



Patrick Haran, Barra Rowntree, Yota Deli, Bróna Ní Chobhthaigh (Deputy Chair), Emma Howard (Chair), Therese McDonnell (Treasurer), Tara McIndoe Calder (Secretary and IEA representative), Vasileios Madouros (Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland)

and the media since 2006. The sessions were facilitated by Margaret E. Ward, founder of Women on Air.

Where did the training take place and what did it cover?

As part of this project, ISWE provided training to professional economists. The workshops covered topics such as identifying the right audience, understanding media channels, and moving from an expert space into broadly accessible communications. In March and April, further in studio training sessions were provided to 12 economists who had attended the workshops in February. Two sessions were held in a recording studio in

Dublin and one in Cork. The sessions de-mystified live radio interviews for participants who took part in panel discussions and one on one interviews. These were recorded and clips were circulated to attendees for use on their women on air profiles. The final training session of the project was an online zoom session with Margaret on how to build a Women on Air profile. The training covered how to identify keywords to communicate research interests and expertise to the media and how to build an online presence to ensure journalists can easily find you.

IRISH ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The IEA annual conference took place in Athlone on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May. The busy two day conference included two international plenary sessions alongside numerous parallel thematic sessions. Further details can be found here:

<https://www.iea.ie/iea-annual-conference/>

Congratulations to Martina Zanella (TCD) for winning the ISWE Prize for Best Paper by a Woman Economist for her paper titled *Stereotypical Selection*. Further information can be found on her website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/martina-zanella/research>



ISWE hosted a well-attended drinks reception on Thursday evening. Emma Howard updated the group on ISWE's current work programme and future plans. It also provided an opportunity for attendees to mingle and chat ahead of the conference dinner.

For the early risers, a morning run/walk took place on Friday morning. Thanks to all those who attended the ISWE events throughout the conference.

PUBLIC REGISTRY

A public registry of women economists is available on our website. This is a helpful resource to highlight the breadth of work and experience of women economists in Ireland. If you would like to update your details or to join the registry please contact us.

Spotlight On - Dr. Tara McIndoe Calder Central Bank of Ireland

Could you tell us a little bit about yourself?

I grew up in Zimbabwe, an incredible place to call home. I have lived in Ireland for the last number of years and currently work at the Central Bank of Ireland. As well as researching the impacts of inflation on households and the labour market I am also a member of an ECB research network, an adjunct lecturer at Trinity College Dublin and a member of the Irish Society for Women in Economics (ISWE). My young children are teaching me the rules of GAA and some Irish words. I enjoy living in a wet, moderate climate: it is rewarding for my gardening efforts!



Why did you choose Economics?

I chose economics because it allows me to tell stories about the real world. Applying an economic lens generates useful insights for policy makers, and in that way provides powerful evidence-based decision making. Being raised in Zimbabwe taught me that the absence of macroeconomic stability could be harmful for families, workers and business owners in very real ways. As an undergraduate at Trinity College Dublin I learnt that economics is about using maths and statistics to tell stories about the world. And that sometimes those stories can shine new lights on old problems, or accepted stereotypes.

Could you tell us about your research?

I have done a variety of macro and micro applied empirical work over the last 10 years. Some of my areas of focus have included thinking about hyperinflation, migration, firm indebtedness, labour market outcomes, and the distribution of income, spending and wealth. My current focus is on the effects of the current high inflation in the euro area on wages and household resilience.

Could you tell us about a piece of research that has inspired you?

“[Why nations fail](#)” by Acemoglu and Robinson (2013) brings together a large body of empirical research across many countries to conclusively show the importance of man-made political institutions for the prosperity, or poverty, of countries everywhere.