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18th – 20th October 2024

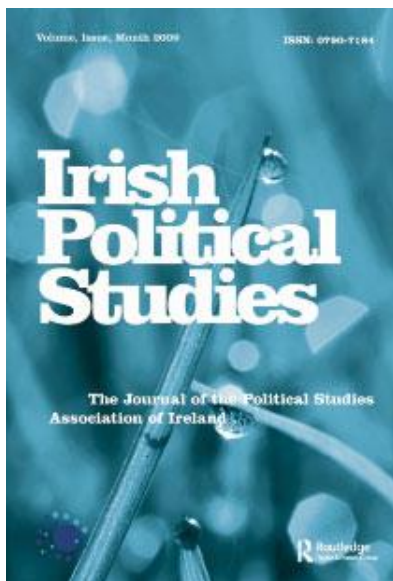


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CONFERENCE VENUES | Friday 18th – Sunday 20th October



Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane

Friday 18th-Sunday 20th October

This venue will host all panels across the three days of the conference, as well as the AGM on the evening of Saturday 19th October. Find out more about the conference hotel [here](#).

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Trinity College Dublin

Friday 18th October

The Peter Mair Lecture will take place in the **JM Syngé Theatre** (2039) in Trinity College Dublin's Arts Building.

The Welcome Reception for delegates will be held in Trinity College Dublin's **Atrium**. Trinity's eighteenth century Dining Hall was designed by the architect Hugh Darley. It was almost destroyed by fire in 1984 and the subsequent restoration project included the construction of this oak-clad structure.

A map of Trinity's campus can be found [here](#). It is 12 minutes' walk from the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.



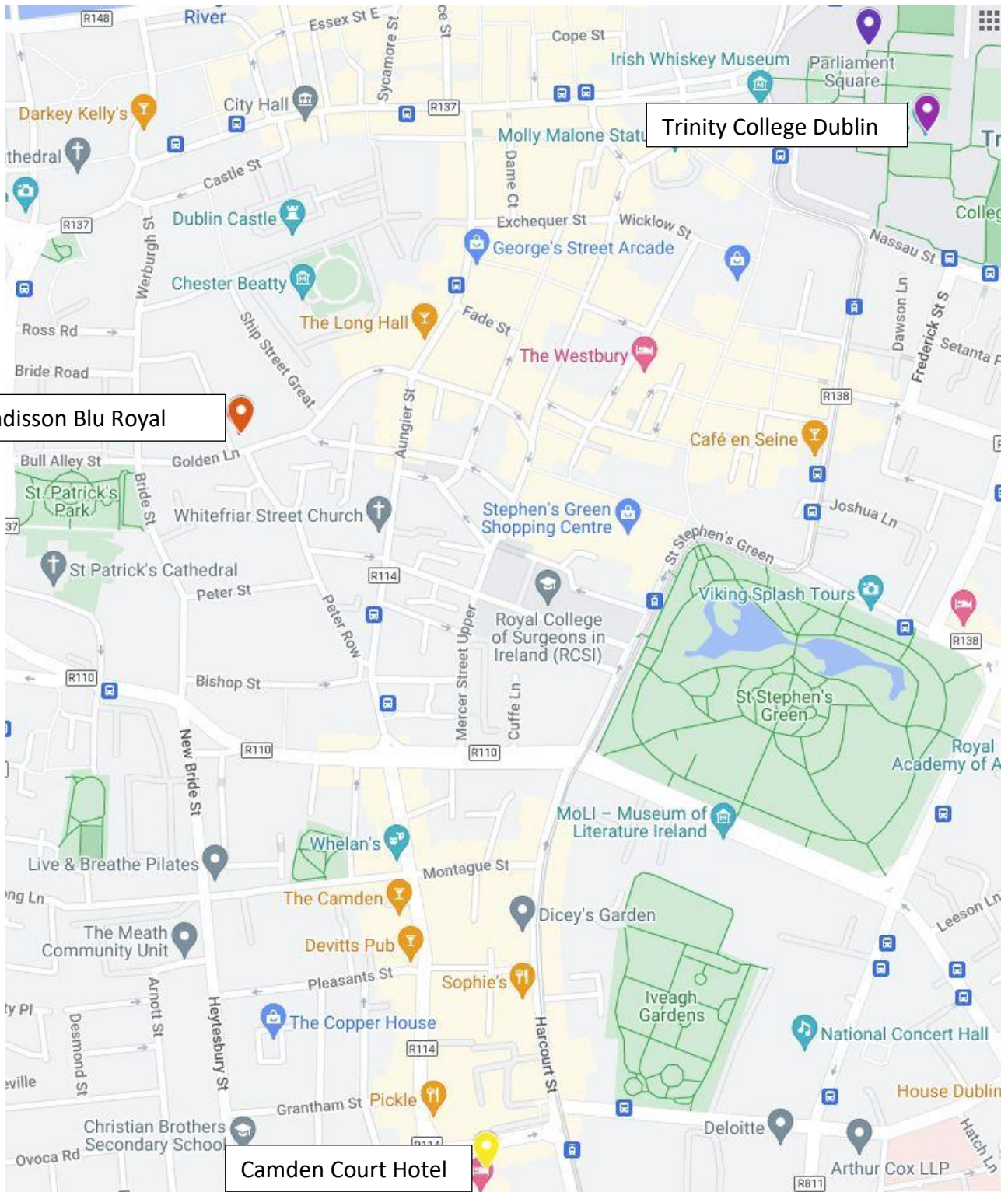
Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street Lower

Saturday 19th October

This venue will host the conference dinner and prize-giving ceremony. It is just 13 minutes' walk away from the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.

Find out more about this venue [here](#).





Schedule at a Glance | Friday 18th October 2024

10:00-11:30	PSAI Executive Committee Meeting Secretary's Conference Room, 6 th Floor, College Green, Trinity College Dublin	
11:30-12:30	Irish Political Studies Editorial Board Meeting Secretary's Conference Room, 6 th Floor, College Green, Trinity College Dublin	
12:30-	Registration opens Refreshments served Goldsmith pre-function area	
14:00-15:30	Panel session 1	1A Computational Methods SG – Panel 4: Quantitative Analysis of Political Institutions Goldsmith Hall 1
		1B Northern Ireland in Comparative Perspective Goldsmith Hall 2
		1C Voters, Parties & Elections SG – Panel 1: Parties and Party Competition Goldsmith Hall 3
		1D Elections, Campaigns, and Political Communication Swift Suite 1
		1E Gender & Politics SG – Women in the public sphere Swift Suite 2
		1F Environmental Politics SG – Sustainability Transitions and Transformations: Towards a Politics of Environmental Stewardship Field Suite 1
		1G International Relations & Area Studies SG – Panel 1: Area Studies Field Suite 2
15:30-16:00	Refreshments	
16:00-17:30	Panel session 2	2A Computational Methods SG – Panel 2: Computational Analysis of Political Speech and Discourse Goldsmith Hall 1
		2B Contemporary Politics in the Republic of Ireland Goldsmith Hall 2
		2C Public Policy SG – Problems, Influence and Mechanisms of Control in Policymaking: Perspectives on Elites and Institutions Goldsmith Hall 3
		2D European Politics SG – Judicial Politics in Europe Swift Suite 1
		2E Environmental Politics SG – Sustainability Transitions and Transformations: Towards a Politics of Participation Swift Suite 2
		2F Workshop: Understanding The Meta Ad Library and Political Advertising: What Can it Tell Us, and Can We Trust It? Field Suite 1
		2G International Relations and Area Studies SG – Panel 3: Ireland's Security Challenges in a Changing World Field Suite 2
18:00-19:00	Peter Mair Lecture Prof Paul Webb (University of Sussex): Ruling The Void, A Decade On: Reflections on Peter Mair's Legacy. JM Synge Theatre (2039), Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin	
19:15-	Welcome Reception The Atrium, Trinity College Dublin	

Schedule at a Glance | Saturday 19th October 2024

09:00-10:30	Panel session 3	3A Computational Methods SG – Panel 3: Machine Learning and AI in Political Analysis Goldsmith Hall 1
		3B Contemporary Politics in Northern Ireland Goldsmith Hall 2
		3C Voters, Parties and Elections SG – Panel 2: The National Election and Democracy Study Goldsmith Hall 3
		3D Politics of the Environment Swift Suite 1
		3E Political Theory SG – Panel 1: Political Theory Responses to the Challenges facing Our Democracy Swift Suite 2
		3F The Politics of Regulation and Administration Field Suite 1
		3G Regulating Politics Online and in Person: What is the Future? Field Suite 2
10:30-10:45	Refreshments	
10:45-12:15	Panel session 4	4A Peace and Conflict SG – Panel 2: Themes and Debates in the Northern Ireland Conflict and Peace Process Goldsmith Hall 1
		4B Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES): EU Policies and Politics at a Time of Crisis Goldsmith Hall 2
		4C Roundtable: An Coimisiún Toghcháin’s Research and Analysis Goldsmith Hall 3
		4D Political Theory SG – Panel 2: Political Theory Responses to Current Political Challenges Swift Suite 1
		4E Power-sharing Panel: External Promotion of Power-Sharing Democracy Swift Suite 2
		4F Launch of the Postgraduate Specialist Group Field Suite 1
		4G International Relations & Area Studies SG – Panel 2: International Relations Field Suite 2
12:15-13:30	Lunch	
12:30-13:30	Specialist Group meetings <i>(For room bookings, see detailed programme. Specialist Groups without bookings will organise their own meetings during this time slot. The Teaching and Learning Specialist Group will meet on Sunday 20th at 11:30 in Swift Suite 1)</i>	

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13:30-15:00	Panel session 5	5A Computational Methods SG – Panel 1: Analyzing Persuasion and Disinformation in Politics Goldsmith Hall 1
		5B The Peace Process and its Legacy Goldsmith Hall 2
		5C Roundtable: Communicating Politics Goldsmith Hall 3
		5D Peace and Conflict SG – The Politics of Humanitarian Crises Swift Suite 1
		5E The Gendered Realities of Irish Electoral Politics Swift Suite 2
		5F European Policy: at Home and Abroad Field Suite 1
		5G Political Theory SG – Author meets critics: The Government of Chance: Sortition and Democracy from Athens to the Present by Yves Sintomer Field Suite 2
15:00-15:15		Refreshments
15:15-16:45	Panel session 6	6A Computational Methods SG – Panel 5: Social Media and Political Communication Goldsmith Hall 1
		6B The Union on the Brink? Goldsmith Hall 2
		6C Voters, Parties and Elections SG – Panel 3: Information, Voting and Turnout in Ireland Goldsmith Hall 3
		6D Policy and Authoritarianism Swift Suite 1
		6E Politics of Social Movements Swift Suite 2
		6F Debating Democracy Field Suite 1
17:00-18:30		PSAI Annual General Meeting <i>(With vote on amendment of the constitution of the PSAI)</i> Goldsmith Hall 3
19:00-		Conference Dinner <i>(With PSAI prize-giving)</i> Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street Lower

Schedule at a Glance | Sunday 20th October 2024

09:30-10:30	Refreshments (Served Goldsmith pre-function area)	
10:00-11:30	Panel session 7	7A Comparative Politics A Goldsmith Hall 1
		7B Comparative Politics B Goldsmith Hall 2
		7C Computational Methods SG – Panel 6: Visual and Multi-modal Political Communication Analysis Goldsmith Hall 3
		7D Teaching and Learning in Politics SG – Principles, Aptitudes, and Resources: Issues in the Teaching and Learning of Politics Swift Suite 1
		7E Postgraduate SG – Panel 2: the Publishing Journey Swift Suite 2
11:30-12:00	Specialist Group meeting – Teaching and Learning SG Swift Suite 1	

Key	
Comparative Politics	Politics in Europe
Environmental Politics	Politics in the Republic of Ireland
International Relations	Politics of Northern Ireland
Methods	(Post-)conflict
Political Theory	The Profession

FULL PANEL DETAILS | Friday 18th October

1A Computational Methods SG – Panel 4: Quantitative Analysis of Political Institutions

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith
Hall 1

Chair: Sarah King (UCD)

Parties' Group-based Appeals Across
Time and Space: A new text-based
dataset.

Alona O. Dolinsky (VU Amsterdam) P, Lena Maria Huber (University of Mannheim) & Will Horne (Georgia State University/Clemson University)

Expert or Delegate? How Member
States influence deliberations at the
IMF Executive Board.

Michael Breen (DCU)

Is Alliance Credibility Interdependent?

Joshua Alley (UCD) P & Brian Blankenship (University of Miami)

From Campus to Congress: Analyzing
the impact of legislator and
constituency attributes on higher
education policy discourse.

Sarah King (UCD)

1B Northern Ireland in Comparative Perspective

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith
Hall 2

Chair: Thomas Leahy (Cardiff
University)

“Prisoners of War” and the Problem of
Irreconcilability: Comparing Northern
Ireland and Bosnia.

C. K. Martin Chung (Hong Kong Baptist University/QUB) P & Marija Todorova (HKBU)

Northern Ireland and Quebec in the
1960s: Two societies at a crossroads.

André Poulin (Université de Sherbrooke/Université du Québec à Trois-rivières)

The Politics of Abstentionism:
Comparing Sinn Féin’s Westminster
abstentionism to left-wing Basque
nationalists EH Bildu engagement with
the Spanish parliament.

Thomas Leahy (Cardiff University) P & Iker Erdocia (DCU)

Political and Ideological Self-
Representation of the Irish Republican
Movement (1969-1986).

Lucia Piani (Ulster University)

1C Voters, Parties & Elections SG – Panel 1: Parties and Party Competition

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith
Hall 3

Chair: Rory Costello (UL)

District Magnitude and Changing Inter-
Party Relations: 2014–2024.

Michael Gallagher (TCD)

Coalition Preferences and Party
systems.

Conor Little (UL)

Emotive Communication during Election Campaigns: Comparing party-specific preferences in different countries.

Luke Field (University of Iceland)

The Political Representation of Muslims in Northern and Western European Countries.

Memoona Nadir (UL)

1D Elections, campaigns, and political communication

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: Sarah Wagner (QUB)

Norms Among Citizens in Election Campaigns.

Samuel T. A. Johnston (UCD) P, Joseph Lacey (UCD), Leonardo Puleo (UCD) & Jan Fabian Dollbaum (UCD)

Empowering Democratic Participation with Resilient and Innovative Tech Solutions.

Valesca Lima (DCU)

Online Political Advertising in Ireland 2024: A record-breaking, non-compliant year.

Matthew Fenlon (TPSA CLG) P, Jennifer Waters (UCD/TPSA) P & Michael Mitchell (TCD/TPSA)

Vote Share Thresholds as a Double-edged Sword: A regression discontinuity design.

Samuel T. A. Johnston (UCD) P & Audrey Plan (UCD)

1E Gender & Politics SG – Women in the Public Sphere

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Lisa Keenan (TCD)

Gender Stereotypes: The impact of women's integration into the military.
Markéta Odlová (TCD)

Response Strategies to Political Violence in Ireland.

Lisa Keenan (TCD) P & Fiona Buckley (UCC)

Sextortion and Female

Entrepreneurship: Trapped in the web of corrupt informal networks.

Doris Aja-Eke (DCU) P, Robert Gillanders (DCU), Roisin Lyons (UL), Idrissa Ouedraogo (Université Norbert Zongo), Eugenie Maiga (Université Norbert Zongo) & Zelissa Wanga (Université Norbert Zongo)

Safety and the City: (Re)imagining the politics of public safety in Limerick City.
Emma Dolan (UL)

A New 'Witch-Hunt' from Women?: Popular misogyny, gender politics and (good) citizenship in Chinese digital sphere.

Shujie Feng (Zhejiang University of Technology)

1F Environmental Politics SG – Sustainability Transitions and Transformations: Towards a Politics of Environmental Stewardship

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: John Morrissey (MIC)

Adaptation isn't for us: Narratives around climate adaptation in Irish agriculture.

Alice Brawley-Chesworth (DCU) P, Darren Clarke (DCU) & Danny Marks (DCU)

Stewardship Justice and the Blue Economy.

John Morrissey (MIC)

The Nature Restoration Law: A new dawn for ecocentric agriculture?

Seán Shanagher (DCU/Ballyfermot College of Further Education)

1G: International Relations & Area Studies SG – Panel 1: Area Studies

Friday 14:00-15:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 2

Chair: Markus Pauli (DCU)

Artificial Intelligence and National Security: Examining the European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act, 2024.

Christian Kaunert (DCU) & Siddhardha Kollabathini (Woxsen University, Hyderabad, India) P

Tourism, BRI and Discourse Power in China: Propaganda and Colonial Gaze in 'Xinjiang'.

David O'Brien (Jagellonian University Krakow) P & Melissa Shani Brown (Jagellonian University Krakow)

India and 'The West': using relationality as a lens of analysis for foreign policy.

Jivanta Schottli (DCU)

2A Computational Methods SG – Panel 2: Computational Analysis of Political Speech and Discourse

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Jeanette Garcia Kola (Griffith College)

Set in Stone? Exploring the role of precision and vagueness in intergovernmental deliberations in the council of ministers of the European Union.

James P. Cross (UCD) P & Martijn Schoonvelde (UCD)

Taking the Green Pill: Moral language, psychological distance and the climate crisis in the European Parliament.

Lorcan McLaren (UCD)

Forward Guidance in Retraileospect: Analysing temporal speech divides within ECB communication.

Jeanette Garcia Kola (Griffith College)

AI device for Deradicalization Process. *Andrea Russo (Sorbonne University) P & Alessandro Caliendo (Università degli Studi di Pavia)*

2B Contemporary politics in the Republic of Ireland

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 2

Chair: Samuel T. A. Johnston (UCD)

Hot to Trot: explaining radical left electoral success in Ireland.

Jonathan Arlow (University of Liverpool)

Determinants of Incumbent Electoral Success: Evidence from 30 years of Irish elections.

Paul Redmond (ESRI/TCD) P, Vincent Munley (Lehigh UniversityPA) & Abian Garcia-Rodriguez (European Commission, Joint Research Center (JRC) Seville)

Explaining Irish Attitudes to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

Liam Kneafsey (TCD) P & Miceal Canavan (Aarhus University)

The Rise of the Influencer: How private members' bills impact on legislation in the Irish parliament.

Liam Weeks (UCC) P & Catherine Lynch (Parliamentary Library and Research Service, Houses of the Oireachtas)

2C Public Policy SG – Problems, Influence and Mechanisms of Control in Policymaking - Perspectives on Elites and Institutions

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 3

Chairs: Iain McMenamin (DCU) & Michele Crepaz (QUB)

Time Well Spent? A population study of corporate access to the executive in the United Kingdom.

Kevin Fahey (University of Nottingham) & Iain McMenamin (DCU) P

Money, Money, Money ... in the Sick Man's World: The public funding of interest groups during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Michele Crepaz (QUB)

Supranationalisation through Implementation? Delegation dynamics and the role of public support for EU action.

Anastasia Ershova (QUB)

Overburdened Administrations? How leaving citizens in administrative limbo can generate vicious performance failure cycles.

Bjorn Kleizen (University of Antwerp) & Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB) P

Pushing the Revolving Door? Insights into the career pathways of Irish ministerial advisers.

Bernadette Connaughton (UL)

2D European Politics SG – Judicial Politics in Europe

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: William Phelan (TCD)

Decision-Making on the Court of Appeal in Ireland.

Jolly A. Emrey (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) P, Monica E. Lineberger (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) & Wendy L. Martinek (Binghamton University, NY)

The Far-Right against Jurists? The case of Nazi-Germany.

Clémence Pellissier (TCD)

Taking Law Seriously: the challenges of law as research data.

Audrey Plan (UCD)

Supranationalism and Safeguard Mechanisms: The contribution of the EEC's system of safeguards to the design of the European commission

and the constitutional development of European law.

William Phelan (TCD)

2E Environmental Politics SG – Sustainability Transitions and Transformations: Towards a Politics of Participation

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Gizem Arikan (TCD)

Deliberative Democracy and Participatory Budgeting for Climate Action: complementary approaches?

Claire Dupont (Ghent University)

Integrating Equity and Fairness into the Climate + Biodiversity + Water Co-Centre.

Alice Brawley-Chesworth (DCU) P & Diarmuid Torney (DCU)

Children and Young People's Assemblies against the Backdrop of the European Green Deal: Opportunities for consolidating and extending a sustainable and democratic transition.

Benjamin Mallon (DCU), Diarmuid Torney (DCU) P, Valery Molay (DCU), Katie Reid (UCC) & Clodagh Harris (UCC)

2F Workshop: Understanding The Meta Ad Library and Political Advertising: What Can it Tell Us, and Can We Trust It?

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: Jennifer Waters (UCD/TPSA)

Matthew Fenlon (TPSA)

Jennifer Waters (UCD/TPSA)

Michael Mitchell (TCD/TPSA)

2G International Relations and Area Studies SG – Panel 3: Ireland's Security Challenges in a Changing World

Friday 16:00-17:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 2

Chair: Ken McDonagh (DCU)

Ben Tonra (UCD)

Maura Conway (DCU)

TBC (Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland)

TBC (Defence Forces, Ireland)

FULL PANEL DETAILS | Saturday 19th October

3A Computational Methods SG – Panel 3: Machine Learning and AI in Political Analysis

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Salsabil M. Abdalbaki (UCD)

A Comparison of Automatic Frame Detection using Supervised, Semi-supervised, and Transformer-based Models.

Salsabil M. Abdalbaki (UCD) P & Johan A. Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD)

Comparing Performance across Large Language Models: Estimating Agreement in the Council of the European Union.

James Cross (UCD), Robin Rauner (UCD) P & Zuzanna Krakowska (UCD) P

Computational Narrative Analysis of Conflict News: A Narrative Map of Israel-Palestine.

Jan Elfes (UCD)

3B Contemporary Politics in Northern Ireland

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 2

Chair: C. K. Martin Chung (Hong Kong Baptist University/QUB)

Conceptualising Northern Ireland's centre-ground: The ideological and contextual shapers of constitutional thinking for those within the 'constitutionally-neutral' space.

Louisa Barry (DCU)

The ethno-national effect: Explaining voter abstention in Northern Ireland.
Jamie Pow (QUB)

The 2024 general election in Northern Ireland: What happened and why?
Jon Tonge (University of Liverpool)

"How Would You Describe Your Nationality?": Northern Irish Identity in the 21st Century.
Sydney Holt (QUB)

3C Voters, Parties and Elections SG – Panel 2: The National Election and Democracy Study

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 3

Chair: David Farrell (UCD)

Introduction to the National Election and Democracy Study and the Irish Elections data archive.

Adam Whittle (Electoral Commission) P & Kevin Saudé (UL) P

Objective and Subjective Grounds for the Vote Choice in the Family and Care Referendums.

Johan A. Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD) P, Rory Costello (UL), Georg Lutz (University of Lausanne), Gail McElroy (TCD), Theresa Reidy (UCC) & Jane Suiter (DCU)

Booming Economy to the Rescue: Government party performance at the 2024 European Parliament Elections.
Theresa Reidy (UCC) P, Rory Costello (UL), Johan A. Dornschneider-Elkink

(UCD), Georg Lutz (University of Lausanne), Gail McElroy (TCD) & Jane Suiter (DCU)

Voting Behaviour in Ireland's First Mayoral Election.

Rory Costello (UL) **P**, Johan A. Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD), Gail McElroy (TCD), Georg Lutz (University of Lausanne), Theresa Reidy (UCC) & Jane Suiter (DCU)

3D Politics of the Environment

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: Gizem Arikan (TCD)

Farmer-herder Conflicts in Ghana: Linkages between climate change, resource competition and food security in rural communities.

Evans Amoako Amoah (MIC)

Cost, Risk, and Threat: The material and contextual factors driving climate policy preferences.

Max Bradley (EUI)

Environmental Peacebuilding: Lessons from Ireland-UK cooperation for North and South Korea.

Junhyoung Lee (University of Ulsan, South Korea)

Different Shades of Green: The party politics of the Lough Neagh ecological crisis.

*Timofey Agarin (QUB), Laurence Cooley (University of Birmingham) & Elliott Hill (University of Birmingham) **P***

3E Political Theory SG – Panel 1: Political Theory Responses to the Challenges facing Our Democracy

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Alexa Zellentin (UCD)

Humour as Political Resistance: Perspectives from democratic theory.
Ross Carroll (DCU)

The Future of Democracy: Direct, open, or Irish?

Peter Stone (TCD)

If There is a Human Right to Democracy, What is it a Right to?
Daniel Weinstock (McGill University)

3F The Politics of Regulation and Administration

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: Anastasia Ershova (QUB)

Party Finance Regulation and Transparency Rules in Northern Ireland.

Elodie Fabre (QUB)

Interpreting the Hierarchical Arrangement of Policy Arrangement of Policy Areas in Government Ministries: A deck of cards?

Frank Fitzgerald (UL)

Revolving Door Lobbyists: Evidence from the UK.

*Tom Paskhalis (TCD) **P** & Benjamin Egerod (Copenhagen Business School)*

3G Regulating Politics Online and In-Person: What is the Future?

Saturday 09:00-10:30 | **Room:** Field Suite 2

Chair: Joe MacDonagh (TUD)

“I’ll believe it when I see it”: Regulating political discourse online.
Jennifer Kavanagh (SETU)

Democratic Institutions and the Regulation of Political Finance.
William C. R. Horncastle (University of Bedfordshire) & Iain McMenamin (DCU) P

Political Ethics Regulation and Governance: What is the Promised Land?
Joe MacDonagh (TUD)

4A Peace and Conflict SG – Panel 2: Themes and Debates in the Northern Ireland Conflict and Peace Process

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Thomas Leahy

Revisiting the Decommissioning of Irish Republican Army (IRA) weapons in Northern Ireland Part 1: August 1994 to October 2001.
Thomas Leahy (Cardiff University)

Withdrawal on the Table? British policy on constitutional change in Northern Ireland.

Niall Ó Dochartaigh (University of Galway) P & Thomas Leahy (Cardiff University)

Southern 'Dissident' Republicans: Activists beyond well-known figures.
Marisa McGlinchey (Coventry University)

‘Not one of us’: The ‘othering’ of Republican combatants in graphic narratives set in Northern Ireland vs contemporary Gothic tropes.
Aodhán Morris (University of Galway)

4B Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES): EU Policies and Politics at a Time of Crisis

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 2

Chair: Federica Fazio (DCU)

Mainstreaming Populist Unpolitics through the EU Decision-Making Process: The unruly end of the European Green Deal.
Viviane Gravey (QUB)

State Capacity and Addressing Wicked Problems: A qualitative comparative analysis of COVID-19 pandemic responses in Europe.
Shamsoddin Shariati (Maynooth University)

Straw, Sticks and Bricks, Strengthening the EU Health Architecture: The collective securitisation of COVID-19.
Ricardo Pereira (DCU)

Collective Defence in the EU: A law-in-context analysis of articles 42.7 TEU and 222 TFEU.

Federica Fazio (DCU)

EU Fiscal Capacity after the War: Towards legal integration and more support for Ukraine?

Davide Genini (DCU)

4C Roundtable: An Coimisiún Toghcháin's Research and Analysis

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 3

Chair: Art O'Leary (Chief Executive)

National Election and Democracy Study – Progress to Date.

Mary-Clare O'Sullivan (Head of Electoral Integrity and Research)

Report on the Referendums on Family and Care.

Tim Carey (Head of Electoral Operations and Education)

March Post-Electoral Event Review and Lessons Learnt.

Eunice Delaney (Electoral Integrity) & Anthony Trindle (Electoral Integrity)

4D Political Theory SG – Panel 2: Political Theory Responses to Current Political Challenges

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: Ross Carroll (DCU)

Landlords, Tenants and the Republic of Housing.

Michael Coleman (UCD)

Examining the Moral Permissibility of using AI for Climate Change.

Eva West (UCD)

Old Lessons from the New Liberals: Economic social unions and political community.

Caleb Althorpe (TCD)

Democracy and Climate Crisis.

Alexa Zellentin (DCU)

4E Powersharing Panel: External Promotion of Powersharing Democracy

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Laurence Cooley (University of Birmingham)

The Perils of External Mediation in Post-Cold War Political Settlements.

Jon Fraenkel (Victoria University of Wellington)

International Involvement in Powersharing Peace Processes: Lessons from Northern Ireland and beyond.

Dawn Walsh (UCD) P & Stefan Wolff (University of Birmingham)

Delusions of Liberal Consociationalism? Searching for answers in the Western Balkans.

Aleksandra Zdeb (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow)

4F Launch of the Postgraduate Specialist Group

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: Sarah King

4G International Relations & Area Studies SG – Panel 2: International Relations

Saturday 10:45-12:15 | **Room:** Field Suite 2

Chair: Maura Conway (DCU)

Who on Earth Wants A World Government, What Kind, and Why? An international survey experiment.

Farsan Ghassim (University of Oxford) & Markus Pauli (DCU) P

Navigating the New Global Order: US foreign policy in a multipolar era.

Gina Bou Serhal (Strategic Studies Department, Dubai) P & Abdulla AlKhaja (Trends Research & Advisory, Dubai) P

Cuspness in Türkiye's Regional Policies.

Safiye Ergun Kaya (UL)

Political and Diplomatic Shifts: Sweden and Ireland's recognition of the Palestinian state.

Ibrahim Natil (DCU)

SPECIALIST GROUP MEETINGS

Saturday 12:30-13:30*

Computational Methods Specialist Group

Room: Goldsmith Hall 3

Peace and Conflict Specialist Group

Room: Goldsmith Hall 2

Public Policy Specialist Group

Room: Swift Suite 2

Voters, Parties and Elections Specialist Group

Room: Goldsmith Hall 1

International Relations and Area Studies Specialist Group

Room: Swift Suite 1

**Teaching and Learning Specialist Group will meet on Sunday 20th at 11:30 in Swift Suite 1.*

5A Computational Methods SG – Panel 1: Analyzing Persuasion and Disinformation in Politics

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Stefan Müller (UCD)

Selecting and Validating Classifiers for Multilingual and Cross-Domain Stance Detection.

Yen-Chieh Liao (University of Birmingham) & Stefan Mueller (UCD) P

A Change is Gonna Come: Predicting anti-government protest onsets in autocracies by issue area with Wikipedia page changes.

Christian Oswald (UCD)

Investigating 'Futurewashing' in Sustainability Reporting with LLMs.
Robin Rauner (UCD)

The Rhetorical Tactics of Disinformation: A study of foreign election interference.
Zaur Gouliev (UCD) P & Brendan Spillane (UCD)

5B The Peace Process and its Legacy

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 2
Chair: Niall Ó Dochartaigh (University of Galway)

Not What It Seems? Articulations of Northern nationalism in the post-Brexit age.
Kathlyn Haskins (Ulster University)

Reflections on Initiative '92 and the Opsahl Commission: Civil society and the Northern Ireland Peace Process.
Stephen Hopkins (University of Leicester)

Peace Processes, Temporality, and Emotions: How young people make sense of a generation of peace in Northern Ireland.
David Mitchell (TCD at Belfast) P & Sarah Wallace (UCD)

American Government Intervention in Northern Ireland under the Joe Biden Administration and Wider Implications.
Richard Hargy (QUB)

Ulsterisation vs De-Baathification: The question of local defence force retention.
Daniel Chesse (University of Liverpool)

5C Roundtable – Communicating Politics

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 3

Chair: David McCullagh (RTÉ)
Jennifer Kavanagh (SETU)
Theresa Reidy (UCC)
Gary Murphy (DCU)
Kevin Cunningham (TUD)

5D Peace and Conflict SG – The Politics of Humanitarian Crises

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: Liam Kneafsey (TCD)

Humanitarian Social Protection and the Political Marketplace in Lebanon: Conflict-sensitivity concerns and opportunities for peace.
Kristina Tschunkert (University of Manchester)

Non-State Armed Groups as Food System Actors in Somalia And Haiti.
Caitriona Dowd (UCD)

Human Rights and Solidarity in the Global Cold War: The polarisation of humanitarianism in the Salvadoran refugee camps in Honduras.
Maria Cullen (University of Manchester)

Norm Diffusion as a Way to Explain How Protection of Civilians is

Institutionalised, Operationalised, and Undermined.

Walt Kilroy (DCU)

5E The Gendered Realities of Irish Electoral Politics

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Luke Field (University of Iceland)

Candidate Quotas and Women's Electoral Prospects: Comparing Ireland and Spain.

Ainhoa Novo-Arbona (UPV/EHU) P & Yvonne Galligan (TUD) P

Analysing the News Media Representation of Irish Women Politicians During the 2024 Local Elections.

Charitha Marcus (TUD)

Understanding the Consequences of Political Violence.

Fiona Buckley (UCC) P & Lisa Keenan (TCD)

The Gendered Impact of Formal and Informal Processes in Party Candidate Selection.

Mary Brennan (UCD)

5F European Policy: At Home and Abroad

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: Evans Fanoulis (University of Galway)

Platformisation of Care in Europe.

Elifcan Celebi (UCD) P & Michael Kemmerling (University of Cologne)

Resolving Controversy in EU Gender Equality Policy-Making:

The case of the 2024 "Violence against Women" Directive.

Caroline Godard (UL)

Degraded Normative Power Europe in Africa: implications for the OACPS-EU Samoa Agreement.

Mark Langan (King's College London)

5G Political Theory Specialist Group - Author meets critics - The Government of Chance: Sortition and Democracy from Athens to the Present by Yves Sintomer

Saturday 13:30-15:00 | **Room:** Field Suite 2

Chair: Alexa Zellentin (UCD)

Yves Sintomer (Paris 8 University)

John McGuire (UCD)

Joanna Podgórska-Rykała (National Education Commission, Krakow)

Peter Stone (TCD)

6A Computational Methods SG – Panel 5: Social Media and Political Communication

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:** Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Marina Schenkel (TCD)

Introducing 'Multi-Feature Classification' with Large Language Models: Measuring the ideologies of subtle news articles.

Lucas Paulo da Silva (TCD)

Visual Tropes of Social Media
Propaganda in the TMRC Database.
Marco Bastos (UCD)

How Leaders Communicate Policies on
Social Media: Insights from COVID-19
in Brazil and the US.
Marina Schenkel (TCD)

From Podium to Post: Mapping
legislators' economic ideology across
platforms.
Jihed Ncib (UCD)

6B The Union on the Brink?

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 2

Chair: Viviane Gravey (QUB)

Can a New Labour Statecraft Preserve
the UK's Dysfunctional Political Union?
Paul Gillespie (UCD)

The Great Reset? British policy under
a Labour government.
*Eamonn O'Kane (University of
Wolverhampton)*

Northern Ireland Unionisms:
Prospects, plans and partnerships.
Sarah Wallace (UCD)

Should I Stay or Should I Go?
Conditional support for Irish
unification.
Ross Wilson (University of Liverpool)

6C Voters, Parties and Elections SG – Panel 3: Information, Voting and Turnout in Ireland

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 3

Chair: Theresa Reidy (UCC)

The Differing Impacts of Knowledge of
Citizens' Assemblies on Referendum
Outcomes: The Irish experience.
*Johan A. Dornschneider-Elkink (UCD) &
David Farrell (UCD) P*

The Impact of VAAs on Vote Choice in
a Preferential Voting System: Evidence
from Ireland.
Rory Costello (UL)

Electoral Competition and Voter
Mobilisation.
*Thomas Daubler (UCD) P & Maciej
Gorecki (University of Warsaw)*

Going to Extremes? Salience,
dimensions and a test for 'Horseshoe
Theory'.
*Alex Baturu (DCU) & Eoin O'Malley
(DCU) P*

6D Policy and Authoritarianism

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:** Swift
Suite 1

Chair: Andrzej Demczuk (UMCS)

Authoritarian Conditioning in State's
Witch-hunt: The making of the friends
and foes for popular denunciations –
evidence from Turkey.
Emine Ay (DCU)

Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic in
China: The biopolitical engineering of a
nation through technologies of
security and fear.
*Evans Fanoulis (University of Galway) P
& Alessandra Cappelletti (Xi'an
Jiaotong-Liverpool University)*

Guarding Green Policies: The challenge of democratic backsliding in environmental politics.

Ecem Gacener (Izmir University of Economics)

6E Politics of Social Movements

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Gail McElroy (TCD)

Resistance in the Streets, Data in the Sheets: A conceptual and empirical appraisal of protest event data.

Christian Oswald (University of the Bundeswehr Munich) P, Christoph Dworschak (University of York), Hannah Frank (TCD), Maxine Leis (Uppsala University) & Maurice Schumann (Hertie School)

Solidarity, Civil Rights, and Anti-Racism: The Irish anti-apartheid movement.

Connal Parr (Northumbria University)

Parliamentary Activism: Northern Irish civil rights, the campaign for democracy in Ulster, and the limits of parliamentary convention.

Patrick Thompson (QUB)

Postcolonial Identity and Anti-War Activism in Ireland (20th/21st c)

Marie-Violaine Louvet (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès)

Gender and the Global Politics of Nuclear Non-Proliferation, Disarmament, and Prohibition: Feminism and the foreign policy of Ireland.

Ellie Schemenauer (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater)

6F Debating Democracy

Saturday 15:15-16:45 | **Room:** Field Suite 1

Chair: Alexa Zellentin (UCD)

Idealization, Animals, and Democracy.
Pablo Magaña (TCD)

Distribution of What? The polysemy of the term "inequality" in academic and political debates.

Lucas de Melo Prado (UCD)

Deliberative innovation according to the decision-makers.

Joanna Podgórska-Rykała (University of the Commission of National Education in Krakow, Poland)

FULL PANEL DETAILS | Sunday 20th October

7A Comparative Politics A

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 1

Chair: Lucas Paulo da Silva (TCD)

The Role of Media in the Sri Lankan
Ethnic Conflict: A critical analysis of
LTTE's strategies

S.K. Jude Dinesh Koduthor (MIC)

Taming Time and Distance:

Transatlantic majoritarianism in the
late nineteenth century.

*Lauren C. Bell (Randolph-Macon
College)*

Harris vs. Trump and the Ongoing
Russian War Against Ukraine: Does it
really matter who wins the US 2024
presidential election?

Andrzej Demczuk (UMCS)

The Struggle of the Coastal Farmer
Union (PPLP) Opposing the Neoliberal
Policy in the Kulon Progo Coastal Area,
Indonesia.

Eka Zuni Lusi Astuti (UL)

7B Comparative Politics B

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 2

Chair: Marco Bastos (UCD)

Hearing Things: Paranoia and the
Censorship of Films Act (1923).

*James Doering (Randolph-Macon
College)*

A Comparative Experiment of Museum
Narratives in Deeply Divided Societies.

*Sarah Wagner (QUB) P & Kathrin
Klausmeier (University of Leipzig)*

Local Government and Sustainable
Urban Mobility.

Gülfem Cevheribucak (UL)

Parliamentary Functions in Cross-
Border Cooperation: The case of the
Upper Rhine Council.

*Tobias Heyduk (UCC) P & Annegret
Eppler (University of Applied Sciences
Kehl)*

7C Computational Methods SG – Panel 6: Visual and Multi-modal Political Communication Analysis

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | **Room:**
Goldsmith Hall 3

Chair: Constantine Boussalis (TCD)

Comparing the News Coverage of
Female and Male Reporters in
Hezbollah.

Sofia Quaglia (UCD)

From Streets to Screens: Classifying
and understanding visual portrayals of
climate protests through automated
image analysis.

*Constantine Boussalis (TCD) P, Travis
G. Coan (University of Exeter) & Lena
Masch (Free University Berlin)*

Communication, Emotions, and
Competition: Televised debates in
Portugal.

Mafalda Zúquete (UCD)

How Do the Audio and Video from Public Hearings Impact High Courts' Legitimacy?

Andrew R. Stone (University of Mississippi) & Jeffrey Ziegler (TCD) P

7D Teaching and Learning in Politics SG – Principles, Aptitudes, and Resources: Issues in the Teaching and Learning of Politics*

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 1

Chair: Philip Murphy (UCC)

Universal Design for Learning: Truly emancipatory pedagogy?

Emma Dolan (UL)

Social Capital: The school as a locus of the development of civic habitus.

Gráinne McKeever (UCD/Lucan Community College)

Grasping a Nettle: Assessing the impact of CPD training on engagement with European politics at primary-level.

Philip Murphy (UCC)

Why Not Sages? Why Not Stages? *Peter Stone (TCD)*

**Followed by the Teaching and Learning SG meeting in Swift Suite 1, 11.30:12:00.*

7E Postgraduate SG – Panel 2: The Publishing Journey

Sunday 10:00-11:30 | **Room:** Swift Suite 2

Chair: Sarah King

Stefan Müller (UCD)

Huw Price (Taylor & Francis)

ABOUT | The Peter Mair Lecture

In 2012, the Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI) instituted the Peter Mair lecture in honour of one of Ireland's most distinguished political scientists. The lecture is delivered at the PSAI's annual conference and subsequently published in the journal of the Association, *Irish Political Studies*.

This year, the PSAI is pleased to welcome Professor Paul Webb, who will deliver the lecture at Trinity College Dublin on the evening of Friday 18th of October.

Paul Webb is Professor of Politics at the University of Sussex, and has held a number of visiting positions, including at the European University Institute (Florence), the Australian National University (Canberra), and Nihon University (Tokyo). He is an elected Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences.



His research interests focus on representative democracy, particularly party and electoral politics.

He is author or editor of numerous publications. These include: *An Advanced Introduction to Party Systems* (Edward Elgar Publications, 2024), *The Modern British Party System* (Oxford University Press, 2021), with Tim Bale (2nd edition; 1st edition with Sage Publications, 2000), *Footsoldiers: Party Members in the 21st Century* (Routledge, 2019), with Tim Bale and Monica Poletti, and *Organizing Political Parties: Representation, Participation and Power* (Oxford University Press, 2017), with Susan Scarrow and Thomas Poguntke.

He is currently editor of the journal *Party Politics* and a former editor of *Representation* (1999-2007). He contributes regularly to media coverage of politics, especially for BBC television, and national and local radio.

At this year's Lecture, Professor Webb will give a talk entitled, '*Ruling The Void, A Decade On: Reflections on Peter Mair's Legacy*'.

DUBLIN | Making the Most of Your Stay

Eating and Drinking

The conference is being held in Dublin City Centre, so there are plenty of options for eating and drinking to suit every budget.

Colleagues based locally will have their own favourites (many of which may not appear below) but here are some options to suit a range of tastes (most are within 15 minutes' walk of Trinity College Dublin):

Brunch

- Brother Hubbard (<https://brotherhubbard.ie/>)
- Elephant & Castle (<https://elephantandcastle.ie/>)
- Herbstreet (<https://www.herbstreet.ie/>)
- Isabelle's (<https://isabelles.ie/>)
- Lemon Jelly Café (<https://www.lemonjelly.ie/>)
- One Society (<https://www.onesociety.ie/>)
- Richmond (<https://www.richmondrestaurant.ie/>)
- The Fumbally (<https://thefumbally.ie/>)
- The Pig and Heifer (<https://my.flipdish.com/pigandheifer-pearse?!=en>)
- Two Pups (<https://www.twopupscoffee.com/>)
- Urbanity (<https://urbanity.ie/menu/>)
- Wuff (<https://www.wuffrestaurant.ie/>)

Cafés

- Dolce Sicily (<https://dolcesicily.ie/>)
- Il Fornaio (<https://www.ilfornaio.ie/>)
- KC Peaches (<https://www.kcpeaches.com/>)
- Keogh's (<https://www.keoghscafe.ie/>)
- Kilkenny Café (<https://kilkennycafe.ie/>)
- POG (<https://www.ifancyapog.ie/>)
- Two Boy's Brew (<https://twoboysbrew.ie/>)

Lunch & Dinner

- Boss Stop (<https://www.bossstop.ie/>)
- Chez Max (<https://chezmax.com/>)
- Chimac (<https://www.chimac.ie/>)
- Coppinger (<https://bereenbrothers.com/coppinger>)
- Cornucopia (<https://cornucopia.ie/>) [vegan]
- Dada (<https://www.dadarestaurant.ie/dadarestaurant/>)
- El Grito (Instagram: @el_grito_mexican)
- Fallon & Byrne (<https://www.fallonandbyrne.com/our-restaurants/>)
- Full Moon (<https://fullmoon.ie/>)
- Gursha (<https://www.gursha.ie/>)
- Hang Dai Chinese (<https://www.hangdaichinese.com/>)
- Kathmandu Kitchen (<https://kathmandukitchen.ie/>)
- La Maison (<https://laisondublin.com/>)
- Lemon & Duke (<https://www.lemonandduke.ie/>)
- M&L (<https://mlchineserestaurant.com/>)
- Masa Drury Street (<http://www.masadublin.com/>)
- Neon (<https://www.neon17.ie/>)
- Sano (<https://www.sano.pizza/temple-bar>)
- Shouk (<https://www.shouk.ie/>)
- Terra Madre (Instagram: @terra-madre-café)
- The Blind Pig (<https://theblindpig.ie/>)
- The Lucky Duck (<https://theluckyduck.ie/>)
- The Lucky Tortoise (<https://www.luckytortoise.ie/>)
- The Market Bar (<https://marketbar.ie/>)
- The Saucy Cow (<https://www.thesaucycow.com/>) [vegan]
- The Seafood Café (<https://theseafoodcafe.ie/>)
- The Winding Stair (<https://www.winding-stair.com/>)
- The Woollen Mills (<https://www.thewoollenmills.com/>)
- Umi Falafel (<https://www.umifalafel.ie/>)
- Xi'an Street Food (<https://www.xianstreetfooddublin.ie/>)

Fine dining

- Bastible (<https://www.bastible.com/>)
- Chapter One (<https://chapteronerestaurant.com/>)

- Dax (<https://www.dax.ie/restaurant/>)
- D'Olier Street (<https://www.dolierstreetrestaurant.com/>)
- Etto (<https://www.etto.ie/>)
- Grano (<https://grano.ie/>)
- Locks Restaurant (<https://www.locksrestaurant.ie/>)
- Mr Fox (<https://www.mrfox.ie/>)
- Note (<https://notedublin.com/>)
- Rosa Madre (<https://rosamadre.ie/>)
- Uno Mas (<https://unomas.ie/>)
- Variety Jones (<https://www.varietyjones.ie/>)

Bars

- 4 Dame Lane (<https://4damelane.ie/>)
- Café en Seine (<https://www.cafeenseine.ie/>)
- Davy Byrne's (<https://davybyrnes.com/>)
- MV Cill Airne Boat Bar & Restaurant (<https://www.mvcillairne.com/>)
- Puke & Periwig (<https://peruke.ie/>)
- The Bank (<https://www.bankoncollegegreen.com/>)
- The Mint Bar (<https://www.thecollegegreenhotel.com/the-mint-bar.html>)
- Vintage Cocktail Club (<https://vintagecocktailclub.com/>)

Pubs

- Bowe's Pub (<http://www.bowespub.com/>)
- Grand Central Café Bar (<https://grandcentral.ie/>)
- Kehoe's (<https://kehoesdublin.ie/>)
- The Bleeding Horse (<https://bleedinghorse.ie/>)
- The Duke (<http://www.thedukedublin.com/>)
- The Ginger Man (Instagram: @thegingermanpub)
- The Long Hall (Instagram: @thelonghalldublin)
- The Oval Bar (<http://theovalbar.com/>)
- The Palace Bar (<https://www.thepalacebardublin.com/>)
- The Stag's Head (<https://stagshead.ie/>)

Things to do

This year, the PSAI takes place at the same time as Open House Dublin (the Festival of Architecture), which runs from 12-20th of October. The full programme can be found here: <https://openhousedublin.com/>.

Trinity College Dublin offers tours of the historic campus (with or without a guide). These can be booked here: <https://www.visittrinity.ie/trinity-trails/self-guided-tour/>.

A list of other activities and attractions that we can recommend are below.

Museums and galleries

- 14 Henrietta Street (<https://14henriettastreet.ie/>)
- Chester Beatty Library (<https://chesterbeatty.ie/>)
- Collins Barracks – Decorative Arts & History (<https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Decorative-Arts-History>)
- Hugh Lane Gallery (<http://www.hughlane.ie/>)
- IMMA – Irish Museum of Modern Art (<https://imma.ie/>)
- MoLI – Museum of Literature Ireland (<https://moli.ie/>)
- National print museum (<http://www.nationalprintmuseum.ie/>)
- National Gallery of Ireland (<http://www.nationalgallery.ie/>)
- RHA Gallery (<https://rhagallery.ie/>)

Historic sites

- Dublin Castle (<https://dublincastle.ie/>)
- Glasnevin Cemetery (<https://www.dctrust.ie/experience-glasnevin.html>)
- GPO Museum (<https://www.anpost.com/Witness-history>)
- Kilmainham Gaol (<https://www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie/>)
- Marsh's Library (<https://marshlibrary.ie/>)
- Oscar Wilde House (<https://oscarwildehouse.com/>)
- St Patrick's Cathedral (<https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/>)
- Whitefriar Street Church – Shrine of St. Valentine (<https://whitefriarstreetchurch.com/saint-valentine/>)

Popular tourist attractions

- Dublinia (<https://www.dublinia.ie/>)
- EPIC – The Irish Immigration Museum (<https://epicchq.com/>)
- Ghostbus Tour (<https://ghostbus.ie/>)
- The Jeanie Johnston (<https://jeaniejohnston.ie/>)
- The Little Museum of Dublin (<https://www.littlemuseum.ie/>)

Day trips

- Dalkey (<https://www.visitdublin.com/guides/things-to-do-in-dalkey>)
- Glendalough (<https://glendalough.ie/>)
- Howth village (<https://www.visitdublin.com/guides/things-to-do-in-howth>)
- Irish National Stud & Gardens (<https://irishnationalstud.ie/>)
- Powerscourt Estate, House & Gardens (<https://powerscourt.com/>)
- Russborough House & Gardens (<https://www.russborough.ie/>)

Shopping

- Books Upstairs (<https://booksupstairs.ie/>)
- Chapters Bookstore (<https://chaptersbookstore.com/>)
- Powerscourt Centre (<https://www.powerscourtcentre.ie/>)
- Temple Bar Markets (<https://www.lovetemplebar.com/markets-events>)

Travelling to Dublin

Dublin city centre is easily accessible by public transport, and participants are encouraged to use it where possible.

By car

The conference venue, The Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, has a limited number of parking spaces (available to guests and non-guests). There is also a large number of car parks within walking distance of the venue. Attendees who choose to travel to the conference by car are encouraged to familiarise themselves with any restrictions for private vehicles in the city, including one-way systems, prior to setting out.

By bus

Dublin city centre is serviced by a variety of bus operating companies providing services from across the island of Ireland. The bus and coach operator Bus Éireann provides a range of routes to the city centre. Participants can view timetables and book tickets its [website](#). Services do not terminate at the conference hotel, so an onward journey by foot or by public transport will be necessary.

By train

Regular trains operate between Dublin and many of the major towns and cities across Ireland. Attendees should be aware that these inter-city trains usually terminate at the main train stations, making another mode of transport necessary for the onward journey.

Trains operate between Dublin Heuston and Galway, Limerick, Cork and Waterford. The Belfast and Sligo trains terminate at Dublin Connolly. Both of these stations (Connolly and Heuston) are serviced by one of Dublin's tram routes (the red line Luas) and by a number of buses.

By air

Dublin airport is located approximately 10km from the centre of the city.

There is no rail or tram link between the airport and the city, so attendees travelling by plane will need to take a taxi, a coach or a bus.

Taxi ranks are located outside Terminals 1 and 2. A fare for one person travelling from the airport to the conference venue in light traffic will cost approximately €35. However, this is indicative only. Rates are higher between 8pm and 8am, and all day Sunday, and routes may vary depending on traffic, which will increase the cost. Participants are encouraged to consult the Transport for Ireland taxi fare calculator.

Participants can also take a coach from the airport to the city centre. Both the [Dublin Express](#) and [Aircoach](#) operate 7 days a week. The Aircoach departs up to every 15 minutes and takes 30 minutes to reach the city. The 700 route has stops on O'Connell Street, O'Connell Bridge and Kildare Street. A return ticket for one traveller costs €9 and can be purchased on the website. When booking, participants should be aware that the ticket will not be transferrable unless they have selected the 'flexible fare option', available for a small additional charge. Alternatively, a ticket can be purchased on board using cash or card.

The Dublin Express has four routes. The 782 stops at Tara Street, Trinity College and the Pearse Street Rail Station. The 783 stops at Patrick's Street (Christchurch). The 784 stops at Eden Quay. The 785 stops at Burgh Quay. A single ticket costs €9 and can be purchased online.

Both the Dublin Express and the Aircoach offer packages for city tours and transport to and from the airport. If you would like to see more of the city while in Dublin, this is a good option. See the Airlink website for details.

Finally, Dublin airport is serviced by Dublin Bus's 16 route. Services depart 6am to 11.30pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 11.30pm on Sundays. Timetables are available on the Dublin Bus website. The standard one-way fare to the city centre is €2.

Please be aware that card payment on Dublin Bus is not accepted. Travellers can make payment to the driver in coins (exact fare only) or they can purchase a pre-paid ticket (Dublin Bus tickets or a Leap card) in participating retail outlets and at ticket machines at selected bus stops.

Travelling around Dublin

Dublin is a very walkable city, and the conference venue is within easy distance of Trinity College (13mins), and the Camden Court Hotel (13mins), where the dinner will be held. It is close to the main shopping area of Grafton Street (10mins), with a range of hotels, bars, and restaurants located nearby.

Conference attendees who intend to stay outside of the city centre are strongly recommended to download the TFI app which provides live updates and timetables across all transport links.

To avoid having to carry exact fares in coins, participants who will be using public transport should consider buying a [Leap Card](#) to use while in Dublin. An adult card can be purchased for €5, with credit being added as needed (this can be done in a newsagents, at a tram stop, or using the Leap Card app). A list of vendors can be found on the Leap Card website.

Otherwise, there is a Leap Visitor Card that visitors can buy (for more information see the Leap Card website). For €16, this will provide unlimited travel for 72 hours.

The Leap Card can be used on the Luas (tram), Dublin Bus services, the DART and commuter rail services, as well as Bus Éireann.

Where to stay

Accommodation in Dublin books up quickly, so attendees are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible.

Delegates may wish to consider staying at the Camden Court Hotel (13 minutes' walk from the conference venue) and the Trinity City Hotel on Pearse Street (15 minutes' walk to the conference venue). Please see [here](#) for details about special rates for attendees, available for a limited time.

Hotels in the vicinity include the Camden Court Hotel, Arthaus Hotel Lower Mercer Street, Marlin Hotel Stephen's Green, and Hyatt Centric Dean Street. For a three- or four-star hotel within walking distance of the hotel venue, guests can expect to pay between €300 and €450 for a two-night stay.

Hotels or guesthouses outside of the city centre (in Ballsbridge, Rathmines and Rathgar for example) usually offer more affordable rates offer easy access to public transport routes.

Hotels in Temple Bar, on Camden Street, and Harcourt Street are in walking distance of the venue.

These areas also host some of the pubs, bars, and clubs that are part of Dublin's vibrant nightlife.

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